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SWEETHEARTS IDAH W. GIBSON AUTHOR OF 'MY SON'S SWEETHEARTS CONFESSIONS OF A WIFE' etc.

READ THIS FIRST: Lynda Fenton, daughter of John Fenton, a periodical drunkard...

Her father continually harps upon Lynda's mother, how she ran away with a man who had more money than he...

Ralph Armitage has already "spotted" Lynda, and the second day in the office she becomes acquainted with Emily Andrews...

In the girls' rest room Emily gives what she terms the "low down on the new stenog." Claire Stanhope champions Lynda...

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

Chapter 7 Spaghetti at Mother Monte's. S UDDENLY Lynda heard David say: "You were foolish not to come to luncheon..."

"Yes, I had some coffee and a piece of toast this morning." "Have you anything in the house for your supper?"

"I don't know. I told father last night that he would have to bring home some things, as we were even out of bread..."

"Here's Mother Monte's." He seated her at a table and, without giving her a chance to object, said to the jolly-faced woman behind the counter: "Two spaghetti's."

"I have not enough money to pay for my share, David, and you've already fed one girl today."

"I know it," he answered, honestly. "That's the reason I'm making you eat before you get home. If your father forgets the groceries, you'd have nothing to eat tonight, and you couldn't go back to the office tomorrow hungry."

Lynda felt no shame that David should know she was hungry. They had gone hungry together too many times when they were children, and had shared each other's food when they had it, but she didn't want him to spend his money on her...

"Lyn, don't you know that I'm getting fifty dollars a week and a bonus. I got another raise last payday."

"She started in surprise, for she hadn't known it. In the excitement of her graduation, and his taking his first job on the road, they hadn't had a chance to talk things over as usual."

"Lyn, dear, I have quite a little money in the bank, and I want you to take one hundred dollars, which ought to tide you over nicely until you get your first check, then you can start giving me back a little each week, if you wish."

With no idea that even in these liberal days a girl doesn't accept money from a young man, Lynda took it as a matter of fact that David should offer to help her out. It had come to her with crushing force, all this long, hungry afternoon, that unless she had a small sum of money now, it would be impossible for her to keep on for

two weeks. She was pretty sure her father had again lost his job, and when she got home she would find neither money nor food...

"You know, David," she said, "I really haven't had enough to eat for the last week. I spent about all I had for this dress, thinking Dad would give me enough to run the house, but last night I imagined he was jobless again, and when he tore my dress I nearly gave up hope..."

"I wouldn't be honest with myself or you, David, if I didn't borrow this money from you. I would have divided with you, the same as you are doing with me. I've kept strict account of what you have loaned me, and with this hundred dollars, I owe you one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents. I'll begin to pay you back on my very first payday, and thank you, David, dear, for all you've done for me."

The speech was absolutely sexless, as of one boy to another. Before David had known Emily Andrews, he would have accepted it in kind; but today, all the time he listened to Lynda, he wondered why he had never kissed the sweet red lips, from which the words came.

David Kenmore caught himself watching the little dimples come and go at the corners of Lynda's mouth, as she talked. He found that he had all he could do to keep from touching them, they were so elusive and fascinating.

of the association's offer of \$5,000 reward for each dead bank bandit. Captain Hamer declared that the man he mentioned is planning two more jobs of the same nature to get a "cut" of the reward money.

"The two men who were killed in the Odessa job," Captain Hamer said, "had nothing with them that would enable them to get into the vault of the bank once they were inside the building."

"The reward for the Rankin job was shared in by three men but I have facts to prove that at least one other man shared in it privately."

Referring caustically to the confessed "frame up" some weeks ago in which two Mexicans were shot down as bank burglars at Stanton, Captain Hamer declared that only one professional bank robber has been killed under the banks reward. That was the one at Cisco, Texas, when three other robbers were captured.

Giving his theory as to how the "murder machine" originated, Captain Hamer said the bankers reward has "aroused the greed and desire of a small group of men who love money better than human life."

When Lynda had eaten the last string of spaghetti with a consuming appetite, she asked Mother Monte for a sheet of paper and pen and ink.

"What's the idea, Lyn?" asked David, although he knew perfectly well what she had in mind.

"I'm going to give you my note, David," and she wrote carefully: "For value received, I promise to pay David Kenmore, One Hundred Eighty-seven Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents, two years from date."

"LYNDA FENTON." (To be Continued.)

'MURDER MACHINE' LAID TO OFFICERS

Texas State Ranger Makes Drastic Charge Against Law Officials

AUSTIN, Texas, Mar. 12.—(A.P.)—State Ranger Captain Frank Hamer offered here today to prove that four men for whose deaths the Texas Rangers association has paid \$20,000 were lured into the Odessa and Rankin, Texas, bank robbing jobs by a man who directed them, "tipped" officers and then shared privately in the rewards.

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Two Salem Girls Elected On Council at Centralia

Two Salem girls were selected on the council of the Northwest Junior Business Girls' association at the spring conference held in Centralia, Wa., Saturday and Sunday.

The local group making the trip was accompanied by the adviser, Miss Elizabeth Baker, Y. W. C. A. secretary, and Miss Evelyn Scuck, teacher at the Englewood school who directed the pageant which the Salem and Portland girls presented at the Centralia meeting.

In addition to Miss Baker and Miss Scuck, Salem junior business girls who made the trip were: Virginia Best, Roxanna Zelle, Ethel Milburn, Bessie Tucker, Eileen Gilson, Wilma Finster, Florence Watts, Lella Park, Opal and Eve Bumphrey, Elizabeth and Anona Welch and Mildred Judson.

Members of the Salem delegation report an enthusiastic and profitable gathering, with 175 members present from Utah, Vancouver, B. C., Washington and Oregon, comprising the northwest district of the order.

The summer conference of the northwest group will be held at the decision of the council at the meeting.

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THE MORNING ARGUMENT

AUNT HET By Robert Quillen

"You find about what you're lookin' for, an' when a man comes back from the city talkin' about how wicked it is, I know what he's been up to."

met with Mrs. B. F. Ramp on Thursday, March 8 for an all day meeting with a pot-luck lunch. The day was spent most enjoyably quilting for the hostess.

A large number of members were present and the following special guests: Mrs. G. A. Miller and Mrs. Jay Vibbert of Salem; Mrs. Jerry Wyant and Mrs. Erwin of Independence.

A short business session was held with the president, Mrs. Walter Fuller, presiding. At the social hour several responded with humorous readings.

The club will meet with Mrs. F. X. Mozian on Thursday afternoon, March 22, for a silver tea. This being guests' day, each member is requested to bring a guest. Mrs. John Dunlary and Mrs. Willard Ramp assisted the hostess, Mrs. B. F. Ramp.

NEW GARB HAZARDOUS NANTUCKET, Mass.—Just because Albert S. Chadwick changed his coat his bull charged and injured him. The bull, ordinarily tame, failed to recognize him in the different coat.

POOR PA By Claude Callan

"I helped at the church bazaar, an' Ma says the women got me because they wanted their own husbands to tend to business."

NERVOUS WOMAN FINDS RELIEF

By Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Rose, Kansas—"I was so weak and nervous and had such a tired, worn-out feeling that I had to go to bed. Friends had taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and told me how much good it had done them, so I thought I would give it a trial. I couldn't get a difference after I had taken the first bottle. It has done worlds of good. I am gaining strength and recommending it to Lydia E. Pinkham's Pills for Constipation."—GOLDIE McFADDEN, Rose, Kansas.

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THE IRRIGATION DISTRICT MIDDLE

Rhea Luper, state engineer, explained to the Salem Chamber of Commerce at the noon meeting yesterday the irrigation district muddle that he, as secretary of the state reclamation commission, created by the last legislature, is charged with clearing up.

And he said to the credit of that commission, greater and more rapid progress has been made than was thought possible. In fact, little faith was placed in the effectiveness of the method adopted by the legislature, which provides a way more in the nature of arbitration than any other.

But in the ten months of work under the new law the commission has undertaken to assist in the reorganization of six irrigation districts, involving bonded indebtedness of \$5,860,800; an additional debt to the state of \$1,584,595, and directly affecting the title to 94,233 acres of irrigable land owned by 1727 people.

This is a big task. The bonds are not registered. The holders must be found. They must agree to accept as the value of their bonds the amount the district can pay.

And each district presents an entirely separate problem; different methods must be applied to each.

In Oregon 62 irrigation districts have been formed. These districts have issued bonds in the amount of more than \$12,000,000, and \$11,275,000 of these bonds are still outstanding. Fifteen districts have defaulted in payment of principal or interest.

Some of the districts will pay their debts in full if given extensions of time and a chance to get more settlers. Some will pay 75 cents on the dollar; some 50 cents, some as low as 25 cents, and Mr. Luper thinks there are two that are entirely hopeless and may be considered of no value.

Much patience will be needed; much time. But the reclamation commission is functioning. It is getting the loose ends together. These problems concern mostly eastern Oregon, but all the people of the state are interested, because the credit of the state is involved. The state at large may be paying taxes for a long time in the future on the losses of the commonwealth in aiding the irrigation districts.

Mr. Luper called attention to the fact that in the east there is a movement along the idea that reclamation should not be further fostered by the United States government. This would be unjust. The money for reclamation work by the federal government comes from the sales of public lands in the west, and from leases of public lands, and the products of these lands.

And in reclamation work is the only way the west, in which the public lands are located, can benefit. The people of the west should jealously guard their rights in this respect. It is their money. The east has no public lands left. The people of the east ought not to be allowed to block the development of the west, by depriving the people of this section of what rightfully belongs to them.

IT IS A VICIOUS BILL Initiative petitions are being circulated for placing on the ballot a constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from modifying or otherwise acting upon any initiative legislation approved by the people, and preventing the use of the emergency clause by the legislature.

And this should certainly fail in getting enough names to clutter the ballot at the primary election of May 18, or any future election. Oregon has gained an unenviable reputation as a state of freak legislation.

Though it is not deserved, because most freak proposals have been voted down in this state, and many attempted to be placed on the ballot have failed of getting sufficient names. It is inconceivable that any thoughtful person would harbor an idea of depriving the legislature of the power of declaring an emergency.

It might bring a state of anarchy. And it is inconceivable that any one would listen to the proposition to deprive the legislature of the power of correcting by proper amendment any legislation that might in times of undue excitement, or by accident, get onto the statute books.

That, too, would be bordering on anarchy. Do not sign such a petition. In case the proposition gets onto the ballot, smother it with a deluge of negative votes.

A leading Salem man came in last night to protest against the idea of the abandonment of the municipal camp grounds. He said 59 families were located in and around Salem last year as the direct result of the city owned camp grounds. He asserted that all first class tourists inquire for the municipally owned camp grounds, because they have protection there. The grounds are guarded. They have a night watch, and a care taker. This matter is to be debated on Friday evening at the Y. M. C. A. forum.

Augusta Newton, both of Marion county. In order to relieve the housing situation, the upper floors of several downtown buildings are being fitted up as living quarters for families.

WAR VET DIES MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 13.—(AP)—George W. Frey, a veteran of the Modoc Indian wars, who resided for 43 years in the Lake creek district of Jackson county, died yesterday aged 83 years.

Plans for "the greatest state fair Oregon has ever known" were made by the fair board at a meeting here. The premium list was much enlarged over previous years. A marriage license was issued yesterday to W. H. Downing and

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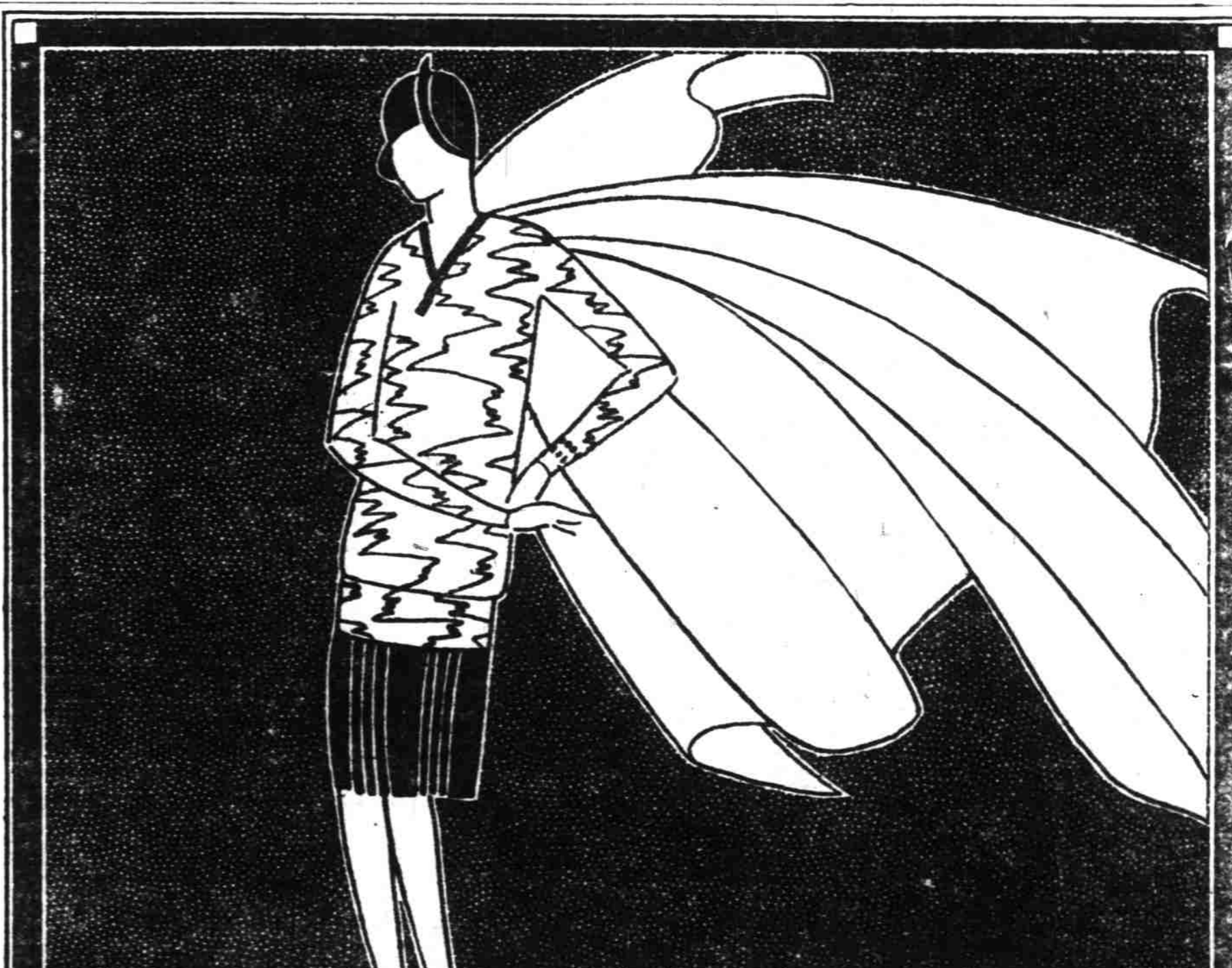
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