Salem Market Quotations

FRUITS
(Buying Prices)
(The price below supplied by a local grocer are indicative of the daily market prices paid to growers by Salem buyers but are not guaranteed by The Statesman.)

Apples—All varieties, C grade, per bu.	60 65c
Bananas, lb., on stalk	.06
Hands	.06½
Grapefruit, Texas pinks,	3.75
Regular	3.00
Dates, fresh, lb.	.14
Lemons, crate	4.50
Oranges, crate	2.25 to 3.50

VEGETABLES
(Buying Prices)

Beets, doz.	.40
Cabbage, lb.	.02
Carrots, local do	.40
Cauliflower, Portland	1.25
Celery, Utah, crate	1.75
Celery Hearts, doz.	.90
Lettuce, Calif	3.50
Onions, boiling, 10 lbs. No. 2	.14
50 lbs.	.80
Green onions, doz.	.40
Radishes, doz	.45
Peppers, green, Calif	.15
Parsley	.40
Potatoes local, cwt.	1.50
50 lb. bags	1.50
Spinach, Texaco	1.50
Dandelion, doz	.50
Rhubarb, lb.	.01½
Turnips, doz.	.40

NUTS
(Price paid by independent packing plant to grower)
Walnuts—Franquettes, fancy, 12c; medium, 10c; small 8c; orchard run, 8 to 10c Walnut meats 25 to 30c lb.
Filberts—Barcelonas, large, 12½c; fancy 11½c; babies, 11c; orchard run 11 to 12c. Duchilly 1 cent higher.
(Co-op Prices to Grower)
Walnuts—Price range, depending upon way nuts run in 14 different grades, 11½ to 15c.
Filberts—All moved out.

HOPS
(Buying Prices)

Clusters, nominal, 1937, lb.	10 to .12
Clusters, 1938, lb	20 to .21
Fuggles top	.23

WOOL AND MOHAIR
(Buying Prices)

Wool, medium, lb.	.22
Coarse, lb.	.22
Lambs, lb.	.18
Mohair, lb	.28

EGGS AND POULTRY
(Buying Prices of Andresen's)

Large extra	.28
Medium extras	.26
Large standards	.26
Pullets	.20
Colored fryers	.14
Colored medium, lb.	.15
White Leghorns, lb. No. 1	.12
White Leghorns, frys	.13
White Leghorns, lb. No. 2	.10
Heavy hens, lb.	.15
Roosters	.05

LIVESTOCK
(Buying price for No. 1 stock, based on conditions and sales reported up to 4 p.m.

Lambs, top	8.00
Ewes,	2.00 to 3.00
Hogs, top	8.00
130-150 lbs.	7.50 to 7.75
210-300 lbs.	7.25 to 7.50
Hogs, top (Midget Market)	8.90
Sows	6.00

Grade B raw 4 per cent milk, Salem basic pool price $2.176.
Co-op. Grade A butterfat price, FOB Salem, 29½.
(Milk based on semi monthly butterfat average.)
Distributor price, $2.32.
A grade butterfat—Delivered 29½; B grade 28½; C grade 23½.
A grade print, 32c; B grade 31c.

Beef cows	4.50 to 5.00
Bulls	4.50 to 5.50
Heifers	5.00 to 6.00
Top veal, lb.	8.00
Dairy type cows	3.50 to 4.50
Dressed veal, lb. (Midget)	.11½

MARION CREAMERY Buying Price

Butterfat, A grade	.29½
Leghorn hens, over 2½ lbs.	.10
Leghorn hens, under 2½ lbs.	.08
Springers	.13
Colored hens, over 5 lbs.	.14
Stags, lb	.06
Old Roosters, lb	.05

Rejects market value No 2 grade 5c less

EGG PRICES

Large extras	.28
Large standards	.26
Medium extras	.26
Medium standards	.24
Undergrades	.20
Pullets	.14

GRAIN, HAY AND SEEDS

Wheat, per bushel, No. 1 white, sacked	.65
Red	.60
Oats, grey, ton	29.00 to 30.00
White	26.00
Feed barley, ton	23.00
Clover hay, ton	14.00
Oat and Vetch hay, ton	14.00
Alfalfa, ton	15.00 to 16.00
Alsike Clover, lb.	.10
Red Clover, lb.	.13 to .14
Egg Mash, No. 1 grade, 80 lb. bag	1.60
Dairy Feed, 80 lb. bag	1.30
Hen Scratch feed	1.75
Cracked Corn	1.75
Wheat	1.30

Second Set of Twins Born to John Budds

JEFFERSON — Mr. and Mrs. John Budd are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl, born December 22. The little boy, Vada Fayette, weighed 8½ pounds and the girl, Vollie Fay, weighed 7¼ pounds. This is the second pair of twins born to Mr. and Mrs. Budd. The baby boy and girl have two sisters named Nina Jean and Mary Jone. The family lives two miles southeast of Jefferson on the Frank Johnston farm.

Skids Touch Wheat Rally

Market off ¾ Cent After 7 Successive Days of Higher Prices

CHICAGO, Dec. 30—(AP)—After seven successive days of higher prices, the Chicago wheat market reduced ¾ of a cent today, largely on account of moderate profit-taking sales.

Three cents a bushel net gain within a week tempted numerous holders of wheat futures to turn temporarily to the selling side of the speculative pit, so as to realize cash for their ventures. Besides, lack of evidence of any fresh buying connected with United States government business served as a market drag.

Predictions of warmer weather in domestic winter crop areas, together with failure of temperatures to reach very low levels there, acted as another handicap, and so too did Liverpool quotations somewhat lower than due.

At the close, Chicago wheat futures were ½-¾ lower compared with yesterday's finish, May 68½-⅝, July 68¼-⅜, corn ¼-⅜ down, May 53¾-⅞, July 53¾-⅝, oats unchanged to ⅜ off, rye unchanged to ⅛ up, and provisions unchanged to a decline of 2 cents.

Turkey Receipts Still Light on Portland Mart

PORTLAND, Dec. 30—(AP)—Dealers noted some increase in hen offerings on the turkey market today, although receipts generally remained light. Trade leaders agreed enough turkeys remained to supply demands for immediate consumption.

Club Will Meet

HAZEL GREEN—January 4 Mrs. B. C. Zielinski and Mrs. Alexander Sharp will be hostesses to the Sunshine Sewing club at Mrs. B. C. Zielinski's home.

Quotations at Portland

PRODUCE EXCHANGE
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Produce exchange:
Butter: Extras, 29; standards, 28; prime firsts 28; firsts 27½.
Butterfat 30-30½.
Eggs: Large extras 30; large standards 29; medium extras 29; medium standards 28; small extras 27; small standards 26.
Cheese: Triplets 14; loaf 15.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—

Wheat:	Open	High	Low	Close
May	68	68	68	68

Cash Grain: Oats, No. 2-38 lb. white, 27.50; No. 3, 38-lb. gray, nominal. Barley, No. 2-45 lb. BW, 23.00. Corn, No. 2, EY shipment, 26.50.
Cash Wheat Bid: Soft white 67½; western white 67; western red 65. Hard red winter ordinary 63; 11 per cent 65½; 12 per cent 65½; 13 per cent 69; 14 per cent 73. Hard white-Baart ordinary 67½; 11 per cent unquoted; 12 per cent 67½; 13 per cent 68½; 14 per cent 69.
Today's car receipts: Wheat 58; flour 25; hay 1; millfeed 5.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—(US Dept. Agr.)—Hogs: Receipts 350, including 177 direct; market about 25 lower than Thursday average; good-choice 165-210 lb driving mostly 8.00; few choice upward to 8.15; choice carload lots quotable to 8.25; 230-260 lb. lots 7.50-75; few light lights 7.50-65; packing sows steady at 6.00-25; good-choice feeder pigs quotable 7.75-8.25.
Cattle: Receipts 50, calves 50, including 40 direct; supply mostly lower grade she-stock; market about steady; cutter heifers 4.25-75; strictly good heifers salable to 7.75 or above; low cutter and cutter cows 3.00-4.00; few common-medium cows 4.50-5.25; good beef cows 6.00-50; bulls 5.00-6.00; week's top fed steers 8.75; choice vealers salable to 8.50.
Sheep: Receipts 600, including 594 through and direct; market nominally steady; good-choice trucked in lambs salable at 7.75-8.00; choice carload lots salable upward to 8.50; good-choice ewes salable from 3.00-4.00.
North Portland livestock market will be closed Monday

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Country meats—Selling price to retailers: Country killed hogs best butcher, under 160 lbs., 10 10½ lb.; vealers 12½c lb.; light and thin 8 10 lb.; heavy 6-9 lb.; lambs 14 14½c lb.; ewes 4-7c lb.; bulls 8 9c lb.; cutter cows 7-7½c lb.; canner cows 6-6½c lb.
Live poultry—Buying prices: Leghorn broilers 1¼ to 1¾ lbs. 16c lb.; 2½ lbs. 16c; colored springs 2 to 3½ lbs., 15c lb.; over 3½ lbs. 17c; Leghorn hens over 3½ lbs. 14 15c lb.; under 4½ lbs 14c lb.; colored hens to 5 lbs., 19c lb.; over 5 lbs. 18c lb.; No 2 grade 5c lb. less.
Turkeys—Selling prices: Dressed, new crop hens, 26 28c lb.; toms, 23 25c lb. Buying prices: New hens 25 26c lb.; toms 22 23c lb.
Potatoes—Yakima gems 1.20 cental; local 1.00 1.10; Deschutes gems, 1.20 1.40 cental; California sweets, 1.25 1.60 for 50 lb. crate
Onions—Oregon, No. 1, 1.20-1.30 cental; Yakima 80-40c per 50 lbs.
Wool—Willamette valley, nominal; medium 22-23 lb.; coarse and braids, 22-23 lb.; lambs and fall 20 lb.; eastern Oregon 18-22 lb.
Hay—Selling price to retailers: Alfalfa No. 1, 16.00 ton; oat vetch 12.00 ton; clover 11.00 ton; timothy, eastern Oregon 19.00; De valley 14.00 ton Portland.
Hops—New crop Clusters 20 lb; Fuggles 23 lb.
Mohair—Nominal; 1938, 26-27 lb.
Cascara bark—Buying price, 1938 peel 5c lb.
Sugar—Berry and fruit, 100s, 4.80; hale 5.00; beet 4.70 cental.
Domestic flour—Selling price, city delivery, 1 to 25-bbl lots: Family patent, 49s, 5.15-5.75; bakers' hard wheat, net, 3.70-5.15; bakers' bluestem, 3.95-4.30; blended wheat flour, 4.20-4.45; soft wheat flour, 4.15; graham, 49s, 3.90; whole wheat 49s, 4.60 bbl.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—(US Dept. Agr.)—Inquiries for fine western grown wools were fairly numerous today in the Boston market and frequent bids were being made. Buyers, unable to secure wools at their recent low bids, were inclined to raise their offers, thus gradually closing the gap between and asking prices on sizable quantities of wool. Only a moderate volume of wool was sold in the past week but sentiment has shown improvement because of the lengthening of buyers' resistance to asking prices. Graded combing bright fleece wools were quoted steady during the past week at 28 to 31 cents, in the grease, for fine Delaines, 29 to 31 cents for half-bloods, 31 to 32 cents for ⅜ bloods and 30 to 31 cents for quarter-bloods.

Stocks and Bonds

December 30
STOCK AVERAGES
Compiled by The Associated Press

	30 Indus	15 Rails	15 Util	60 Stocks
Net Chg.	A .3	A .1	A .2	A .2
Friday	76.9	23.2	35.8	52.9
Previous day	76.6	23.1	35.6	52.7
Month ago	73.8	20.2	35.0	50.4
Year ago	60.6	19.1	32.3	43.0
1938 high	79.5	23.2	37.8	54.7
1938 low	49.2	12.1	24.9	33.7
1937 high	101.6	49.5	54.0	75.3
1937 low	57.7	19.0	31.6	41.7

BOND AVERAGES

	20 Rails	10 Indus	10 Util	10 Forgn
Net Chg.	A .6	A .1	A .5	A .4
Friday	60.4	98.7	92.0	62.3
Previous day	59.8	98.6	91.5	61.9
Month ago	58.3	98.4	92.7	63.5
Year ago	71.8	95.8	90.8	65.4
1938 high	70.5	100.8	95.1	67.0
1938 low	46.2	93.0	85.8	59.0
1937 high	99.0	104.4	102.8	74.7
1937 low	70.3	95.5	90.3	64.2
1932 low	45.8	40.0	64.6	42.2
1928 high	101.8	98.9	102.9	100.5
Low yield	*110.6			

*—New high.

Has Michigan Post

AURORA — Miss Nina Kitts who taught in the Aurora schools several years ago, now holds a fine position as physical education and history teacher in the high school at Birmingham,

Rails, Utilities Bolster Stocks

Traders Swing to Profit Taking in View of Long Holiday

NEW YORK, Dec. 30—(AP)—Selective buying of rails, utilities, amusements and specialties helped keep the stock market on balance today despite shakiness of other groups due to profit taking and last-minute "cash" tax selling.

There was little diminution in Wall Street's business optimism, but many traders, looking to the forthcoming lengthy holiday—the market will recess after tomorrow until Tuesday—apparently decided to lighten commitments or stand aside to await the birth of a new year. Others, however, collected favorites sufficently to offset liquidation.

Among stocks emerging with plus signs there were a number of new highs for the year. Losses, on the whole, were confined to fractions.

Several aircrafts continued to exhibit strength, but most retreated. Steels and motors were in arrears after a fairly firm start.

Dealings in the first hour were the fastest, dwindling thereafter. Transfers totalled 1,400,010 shares against 1,882,760 the day before. The Associated Press average of 60 issues was up .2 of a point at 52.9.

Gardeners' Mart

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—(AP)—(US Dept. Agriculture).
Apples—Oregon Delicious, medium to large extra fancy, 1.60-1.75; fancy 1.25-1.50, C grade F & F 50-60c; Spitzenbergs, medium to large extra fancy, 1.50-1.60; fancy, 1.25-1.35; Newtowns, medium to large extra fancy, 1.60-1.65; fancy 1.35-1.50; C grade face and fill, 50-60 Washington Delicious, medium to large extra fancy, 1.85-2.00; winesaps, medium to large extra fancy, 1.50-1.60; fancy, 1.35-1.50; Romes, C grade face and fill, 75-85c.
Artichokes—Calif., 3.60-3.75.
Avocados — Calif. fuerte 1.75-1.90.
Bananas—Per bunch, 5-5½c lb.; small lots, 5½ 6c
Beans—Limas, 13-15c.
Brussels Sprouts — 12-cup crate, 85-90c; Calif., 8-9c lb.
Cabbage—Oregon ballhead, new crates 2.00; ordinary 1.10-1.10; broken lugs, 1½-2c.
Cauliflower — Local, No. 1, 1.00-1.10; No. 2, 60 75; Calif., 1.15-1.25.
Celery—Oregon, Utah type 1.40 1.50 per crate; white 1.75 2; hearts, fcy., 1.00-1.25 doz.; Calif., Utah, 2.15-2.25; white, 2.10-2.25; hearts 1.25 doz.
Citrus Fruit—Grapefruit, Texas marsh seedless, 3.25 3.50; Arizona, fancy, 2.00-2.25, choice 1.75-2.00; Florida, 54 64s, 3.25-3.50.
Lemons—Fancy, all sizes, 3.50-5.25; choice, 2.75-3.50. Limes, flats, 1.40.
Oranges—California navels, all sizes, 265-310; fancy 126s, 2.75; choice, 2.25-2.50; place pack, 2.00-2.25.
Tangerines—Calif., 1.10 bundle.
Cranberries—¼-bbl. Wash. McFarlands 4.00-4.25.
Cucumbers—Hothouse, per doz., fancy 1.15-1.20; No. 2, 40 60c; Fla., 85-90c doz.; Calif., 2 doz., 2.75-3.
Eggplant—Calif., 12-14c lb.; per lug. $2-2.15.
Grapes—California, lug boxes, Emperors, US No. 1, 1.50-2.00; Almerias, 1.60 1.75.
Garlic—Local, best, 7-8c lb.; poorer 5-6c lb.
Lettuce — California, 5 dozen, iced, 2.00-2.50; 6s, 1.50-2.00; dry, 5 doz., 2.50-2.75; Imperial, iced, 4-5s, 3.00-3.25; Arizona 5s, iced, 2.90-3.25.
Mushrooms—Cultivated, 1 lb., 35-40c.
Onions—Washington yellows, 50-pound sacks, 65-75c; large, 80-90c; commercial, 50-60c; Oregon Labish yellows, 50-pound sacks, 75-90c; 10-pound sacks, 17-18c; boilers, 50-pound sacks, 55 60c; 10-pound sacks, 15-16c; sets, brown 4½c.
Pears—Oregon, Bosc., loose, 50 60c, ex. fcy., 90c-$1; Anjou ex. fcy., 1.10-1.50, 80-88s, med., 1.20-1.35; ½ box, 70c; C grade 80-90c Winter Nellis, orchard run, 40 60; Comice, ex. fcy., 2.85 3.
Peas—Calif., 15-17c; hamper 4.00-4.25
Peppers—Calif., green lugs, $1 90 1 40, loose, 9-10c lb.; Florida, 16 18c.
Potatoes—Oregon, local Russets and long whites, No 1, $1.10 1.15; No. 2s, 50-pound sacks, 37½ 40c; Deschutes No 1 Russets, 1.25 1.40; Klamath No. 1 Russets, 1.40 1.50; No. 2, 50 lbs., 45 50c; Wash. Russets 1.35-1 40; 25 lb. sacks, 35-37½; No. 2, 47½ 50c per 50 pound sack bakers, 100 pounds, 1.60 1.80.
Rhubarb—Calif., 1 50 1 60; Ore., 1.15-1 25 for 15 lbs.
Rhubard—Ore., 15 lb. box, 1.15-1.25.
Squash—Oregon Washington Danish crates, $1.10-1.25; Marblehead, 2-2½c.
Sweet Potatoes—California, 50 pound crates, $1.50 1 60 No 2, $1.20-1.30; Louisiana yams, 1.75-1.85.
Tomatoes—California, lugs, repacked, 2.00-2.25; Oregon Hothouse, 16 20c lb.
Spinach—Oregon 1.20 1.40 orange box; local 85c-1.00; Wash., 1.25 1.35.
Bunched vegetables—Oregon per dozen bunches: Beets, 25-30c; carrots 25 30c; green onions, 30-35c; parsley, 20 25c; Jap radishes, 45-50c lug; radishes, winter, 20c; kale, 30-35c; leeks, 25-30c; turnips, 25-30c per dozen; celery root, 50c per dozen; broccoli, lugs, 40-45c, 50-55c per dozen; Calif. parsley, 35c; Swiss chard, 35c dozen; radishes, 30-35c; broccoli, 6½ 7c pound; 45c doz. bunches; carrots 45-50c.
Root vegetables—Carrots, lugs, 40-45c; sacks, 1.00-1 25; rutabagas, 1.35-1.50 hundredweight; beets, 1.10 1.25; 35-40c for lugs; turnips, 1.25 1.50 per hundredweight; lugs, 35c; parsnips, 45-50c lug; horseradish, 20c per pound.

Closing Quotations

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Today's closing quotations:

Al Chem & Dye	191	Coml Solvent	10⅜
Allied Stores	11	Comwlth & Sou.	1⅝
American Can	100⅝	Consol Edison	30⅝
Am For Power	3⅜	Consol Oil	8⅞
Am Power & Lt.	6⅛	Corn Products	66¾
Am Rad Std San	17¾	Curtiss Wright	7⅝
Am Roll Mills	21¾	Du Pont de N.	154⅜
Am Smelt & Ref	51¾	Douglas Aircraft	78⅝
Am Tel & Tel	149⅞	Elec Power & Lt	11⅝
Am Tobacco B	88½	Erie RR	1⅞
Am Water Wks.	13⅝	General Electric	44
Anaconda	34⅞	General Foods	40
Armour Ill	5½	General Motors	50⅛
Atchison	41¼	Goodyear Tire	37¾
Barnsdall	18¾	Gt Nor Ry Pf	29⅞
Balt & Ohio	7¾	Hudson Motors	8
Bendix Avia	29¾	Illinois Central	19⅝
Beth Steel	77¾	Insp Copper	16¼
Boeing Airp	35	Int Harvester	59½
Borge-Warner	31¾	Int Nickel Can	55⅞
Budd Mfg	6⅞	Int Paper & P Pf	50¾
Calif Pack	16½	Int Tel & Tel	9¼
Callahan Z-L	1⅝	Johns Manville	105¾
Calumet Hec	8	Kennecott	43½
eign6hwK 3:	12378	Libbey-O-Ford	54
Canadian Pacific	6⅛	Ligg & Myers B	103⅝
J I Case	89¼	Loew's	53¼
Caterpil Trac	46⅝	Monty Ward	52⅛
Celanese	23¾	Nash-Kelv	8½
Certain-Teed	11⅝	Natl Biscuit	25
Ches & O	37¼	Natl Cash	24⅝
Chrysler	82½	Natl Dairy Prod	12¾

Natl Power & Lt	8		
Northern Pacific	14		
Packard Motor	4⅝		
J C Penney	76¾		
Phillips Petrol	43⅜		
Press Steel Car	14		
Pub Service NJ.	32		
Pullman	38½		
Safeway Stores	28¾		
Sears Roebuck	73½		
Shell Union	14⅞		
Sou Cal Edison	23¾		
Southern Pacific	20½		
Standard Brands	7		
Stand Oil Calif	28¼		
Stand Oil NJ	53¼		
Studebaker	7¾		
Sup Oil	3⅛		
Timk Roll Bear.	52¼		
Trans-America	6⅝		
Union Carbide	89		
United Aircraft.	42⅞		
United Airlines.	12⅞		
US Rubber	51⅛		
US Steel	68⅜		
Walworth	8⅜		
Western Union	24⅛		
White Motors	12½		
Woolworth	50		
New York Curb			
Cities Service	7¾		
Elec Bond & Sh	10⅞		

"MY LOVE IS NEW"

By Iris Bennett

CHAPTER XXI

Ruth Darby was washing vegetables as Constance came in the kitchen the following morning and sat at the white table and cupped her chin in her hand.

"Can't you do that later, Mother? I've something to tell you, something I'm afraid you aren't going to like very much."

"Of course, dear. What is it?" She dried her hands and pulled out a painted white chair and sat down. Her eyes did not waver from the grave young face opposite her.

Constance touched the hand that wore the heavy gold wedding band.

"I'm not going to marry Terry. I'm going to marry Gordon Keith." And gripped her mother's hand. "Please try to understand. I love him. Don't tell me I don't know what I'm doing because I've thought about it for so long. . . ."

Ruth nodded. "And you've been miserable. I know. Somehow mothers always know, Constance. But have you realized what marriage to this man means and how different it will be from marriage with a boy like Terry? He's a man of the world and you aren't the first girl in his life and you probably won't be the last. He's been married before and his marriage failed. You must consider all those things."

"All I can think of this morning is that I'm going to hurt Terry. I'm going to the camp today and tell him. I've got to tell him! Is that all you have to say?"

"This is one time when I can't advise you." Her advice would be futile. You taught them all you knew but you could not tell them whom to marry because they would not listen and in the end they always listened to the music in their own hearts. Her own heart ached now with fear. . . . "Marriage is a gamble even with men you think you know well. I just want you to be sure, very sure, that you really love this man and aren't just blinded by his good looks and reputation. I only saw him once and he is good looking and fascinating."

"I love him. That's all I know. I love him and I want to be with him. I can't stay away from him."

Sleepy-eyed, Rosalind appeared in the doorway.

Quietly her mother said, "Constance has just been telling me she is going to marry Gordon Keith, Rosalind."

Constance said, "I don't want anyone to know just yet except Terry. I'm going to the camp today and tell him."

Rosalind's dark eyes sprang awake angrily. "I didn't make a mistake when I married Van. I loved him. I still do. But you're making a mistake you'll pay for for the rest of your life. You're all wrong! Why can't you see it? You're crazy, Constance. You don't know what you're doing."

Looking from the dark-haired girl to the fair-haired one, Ruth thought, "If she is making a mistake, she won't know until it's too late. Gordon Keith has come between Terry and her. Will Terry, whom she has loved for so long, come between her and Gordon when they are married?"

"I'm only trying to do what I think is right," Constance said in a tired voice. "I'm only trying to be honest with you and with myself. It hasn't been easy to know what to do."

She was wearing a yellow dress and a small knitted yellow hat when she came downstairs that afternoon feeling that her heart was like a weight dragging her down. Wasn't love supposed to make you happy? Loving Terry had made her happy. Wouldn't loving Gordon ever make her happy or would it always be like a storm raging within her?

Her mother looked at her gravely. "Are you *sure*? . . ."

"I'm sure I'm doing the honest thing by telling Terry."

"You're not happy." Gordon Keith's words and his kisses last night didn't make you happy, child. Marriage is more than tender words and passion and romance in the moonlight. Marriage is sharing little or much, understanding, being faithful, giving and taking. . . .

"I'll be happy when it's over, I think." Her lips brushed her mother's face. "I think you understand. I'm sorry for getting myself into this mess when Rosalind's affairs are as they are. You've been through enough."

"Be very sure you aren't hurting yourself—*most*."

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A storm that had been brooding angrily broke just as Constance reached Mike Flaherty's camp. In a flash of lightning she saw Donna Flaherty's trim little figure go from window to window. The shaggy black and white dog, soaked to the hide, hurried to the shelter of the porch, shook himself, and crouched in the corner. The happy shrieks of the little boys came from the river.

Terry's cabin was close. Leaving the car, she hurried over the soggy ground to the porch, opened the door, and went in. But she stood quietly on the threshold of the room, looking at her photograph on the desk. It was soiled from handling. "I was another girl then," she thought, pulling the yellow hat slowly from her hair. "I wish I were that girl again." How to tell him. . . . When he came in, she knew she would be weak and aching.

But he did not come in for quite some time. She could not be quiet and sit and wait. The high brown heels of the brown and white sport shoes walked back and forth. This room. . . . She would always remember it. There was a desk and a studio couch and several deep shabby chairs and many books. Terry's brown riding boots, very muddy, were in the corner. His sweater was thrown over a chair and his pipe was a 'marker' in a thick book half-read.

He came in just as lightning illuminated the room.

His brown face and hair were wet and his dark trousers and white sweater were clinging to him. Seeing her, his eyes lighted up the way they always did when he saw her after weeks and sometimes months of separation.

"Constance! I saw the car and knew it must be you!" He came to her and put his arms around her. "Why didn't you let me know you were coming?" And kissed her and laughed and drew away. "I'll get you wet! I couldn't get those little devils out of the river. They thought it was great fun to swim in the rain."

"How are you, Terry?" Stupid thing to ask. He looked strong and happy.

"I'm great. Will you wait until I get into some dry clothes? Won't be a minute."

Standing by the window, she waited. Her forehead was moist and hot. Nothing had ever been as difficult as this. Nothing. He would hate her with the intensity with which he had loved her. Oh, Terry, in there humming, you don't know! But in a minute you will know. . . .

And all at once she thought she would prefer never seeing Gordon again rather than hurting Terry like this. The sudden sharp thought made her heart jerk. "But I can't marry Terry when I'm in love with Gordon. That's not fair. I've got to see this through."

Wearing dark trousers and a yellow sports shirt that accentuated his tanned face, he came out of the bedroom, got his pipe from the thick book, filled it, and lighted it.

"We're going to have a long talk before feeding time," he said. "Sit down here beside me and tell me all about yourself. Tell me about Rosalind. Mother wrote me. Awfully tough on your mother—what happened." Again lightning illuminated the room. "Not frightened, are you? You never used to be."

Her voice was soft but strained. "Terry, you sit down. I—I want to stand." And when he sat on the studio couch and crossed his long, thin legs and put his pipe between his teeth, she came quite close to him.

He frowned. "What's wrong? Don't try to kid me. There is something wrong." She was standing so still and her eyes were frightened and she spoke as if it were a labor to speak. He nodded. "Bad news? What is it? Tell me."

She took a deep, tired breath.

"Terry, I'm—I'm going to marry Gordon Keith." And paused, thinking, "I can't go on with it! I can't!" because the light died in Terry's eyes and his jaw sharpened and an expression she hoped never to see again in anyone's eyes came to his. Jerking up her head because that seemed to relieve the tightness in her throat, she said softly, "I love him and he loves me. Last night he asked me to marry him in October. He hasn't been making love to me all these weeks you've been up here. I haven't seen him. I wouldn't go near him. I—I left the job with him because I thought it was something that would pass and I hoped and prayed that it would. But it didn't. I . . ."

"Wait!" he said.

Getting up, he went to the window and stood for a long time with his back to her. His silence and the beating rain and the thunder and lightning were maddening. Trembling, her heart feeling that it would burst, she waited for him to speak.

At last he faced her.

"There's a lot I could say, Constance," he said evenly. "But I don't know that it would help any."

"Terry, I know I've hurt you terribly."

"Think of yourself. Think of your life with him." He was thinking of her. Not until later, not until she was gone and he realized that she would never come again, would he think of himself and his hurt and his loss. But now he was thinking of her and of a man who had lost the respect of his friends and who had come running like a man who had committed a crime to hide in a town that continued to feed his vanity. Now he could think of nothing except Constance whom he loved tenderly and passionately living out her life with Gordon Keith. Should he tell her about him? Or should he let her go to him, loving him blindly? It would not dissuade her to tell her. She would defend him as she had always defended the people she loved. No good would come of telling her of Gordon's past and his marriage. . . .

Constance said, "I loved you, Terry. I loved you with all my heart and I didn't want anything to come between us. I was the happiest girl alive. I still love you. I always shall."

His smile was grim. "If I didn't know you so well, I'd tell you that you never loved me. But you did. I know that."

"Do you hate me?"

"I don't now. But I probably shall."

"This is going to be very embarrassing for you."

"Don't worry about that." He spoke sharply because he had tight reins on his emotions. "Is there anything more to say?"

She raised her eyes. "No. I guess not. Suddenly we're strangers who have nothing to say to each other." She reached for her hat on the desk. "Terry, I hope . . ."

His hand gripped the pipe. "Let's not have any post-mortems, please, or any sad farewells. Don't wish me luck or tell me you hope I'll find another girl to take your place." Another girl to take *her* place! "Don't feel sorry for me. I don't want regrets over me to spoil anything for you."

Her eyes filled. "You do hate me."

But he shook his head. "I am sorry for you, Constance. Much sorrier for you than for myself."

She went to the door and put her hand on the knob.

"You tell me not to have any regrets. But I shall. And, Terry, thank you for not being angry and accusing. I don't suppose we can be friends after this. . . ."

"If we can't be more than that, then we can't be anything."

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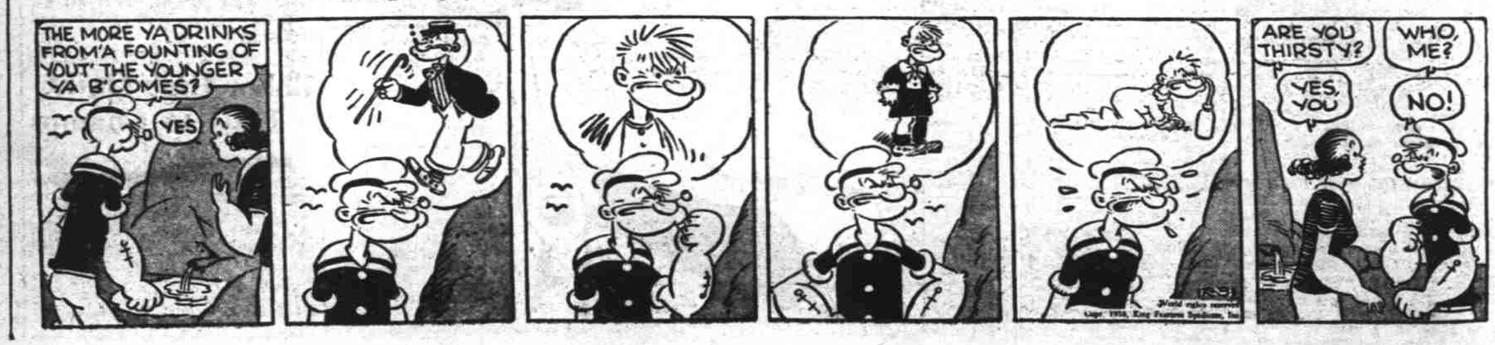
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