

Born of the Storm

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Chapter 23
Tom stood in the doorway. "Telephone for Mrs. Kent," he announced.

"Thank you, Tom," said Priscilla. The ringing of the telephone seemed like a warning of some danger. The old familiar numbness began to spread itself around her heart as she walked to the telephone and listened with every word as she listened and talked.

Priscilla thought, but she's Kenneth's mother and her heart has broken over this.

"I'll go on up," she said in a matter-of-fact tone. "And in a few minutes you bring the soup you've prepared. I'll feed it to him. I know how they do it in the hospital."

Priscilla, leaving her suitcase in the hall, went upstairs to the bedroom that had cost her so much time and money to decorate.

"Hello," she said. "Yes, Viola. Darling, what is it? I can't understand you."

"I'm sorry to have to call you," said Viola, her voice jagged with nerves, "but Kenneth's been brought home."

A glance at Kenneth sent a chill through her. His face was more bronzed than ever but he looked extremely worn and haggard. His eyes were tightly closed and his brows knit in a deep scowl, as if he were in great pain. Streaks of gray marked the waves of his hair and his sunken cheeks twitched nervously, as she watched. He looked like an old man. As Priscilla approached the bed his eyes opened and his shoulders moved as if he wanted to rise. Then, as he looked up at her, a flicker of a smile replaced his frown.

"Brought home?" exclaimed Priscilla. Her mind broke up into a thousand bits. Perhaps Kenneth was dead. But Viola went on talking.

"Yes, Priscilla. He's paralyzed," Viola stopped, but Priscilla didn't say anything. "Priscilla, you know I never cared for Kenneth—in fact, I hated him after what he did to you—but I can't hate him now. I've just been over there and he's pathetic, Priscilla."

"Hello, Priscilla," he said in a flat jaded tone. Priscilla found that she pitied him. Viola had been right. You couldn't hate a man who had changed like this. She forgot completely her terror the last night when he had been in this room together. She forgot her pain and the loss of her baby. She stood there, instead, thinking of Kenneth's devil-may-care eyes as she had first looked into them at Lorraine's wedding. She thought, too, how different his "Hello, Priscilla" was from the old, boisterous "Hi-Ya Babes!"

"Do you . . ." she asked hesitantly, "do you have much pain?"

"It's my legs," he said, dully. "Sometimes they get no feeling at all and I gotta touch 'em to see if they're still there, and then awful pains shoot through 'em. I can't sleep nights, I just lie here and think. That's the worst part. Priscilla, forgive me . . ."

"All right," said Priscilla. She put a soothing hand on his forehead. "It's all right now," Mrs. Kent came in at that moment and Priscilla pulled up a chair to the bedside. She did not dare sit on the side of the bed as she fed him. She could sense that every touch, every movement, gave him pain.

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Only the muscles around his mouth told her what the news meant to him. He saw her decision at once. "I'll get the car," he said briefly. "I'll wait for you to pick your things. Should Mrs. Wilson's and then I'll take you to the Kents."

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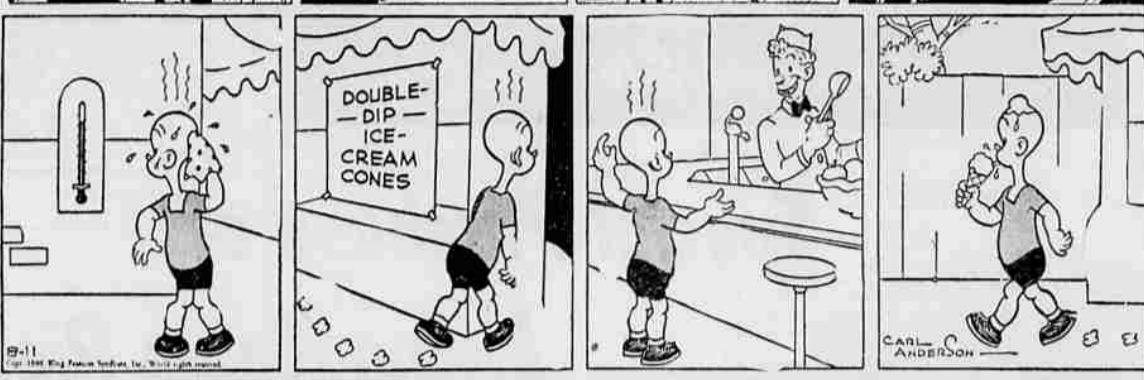
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RADIO PROGRAMS

THURSDAY—P.M.

Time	Station	Program
5:00	Walter Trohan	Woman's Secret
5:15	Frank Hirsinger	Starry Side
5:30	Passing Parade	Richard Harkness
5:45	News	News
6:00	H-Bar-B Ranch	Sirine Serenade
6:15	H-Bar-B Ranch	Sirine Serenade
6:30	Adv. of Champ.	Symphony Salute
6:45	Music	Elmer Peterson
7:00	Gabriel Heatter	Nelson Eddy
7:15	Northwest News	Nelson Eddy
7:30	West Coast	James Mason
7:45	Rambles	James Mason
8:00	Medicine Drama	Fred Waring
8:15	Music House	Fred Waring
8:30	Morgan Manner	Dragnet
8:45	News	News
9:00	Hop Along Cassidy	Supper Club
9:15	Hop Along Cassidy	Supper Club
9:30	Coast Surfer	News of World
9:45	Coast Surfer	News of World
10:00	Local News	News
10:15	Local News	News
10:30	Local News	News
10:45	Local News	News
11:00	Walter Trohan	Sam Hayes
11:15	Bob Poole Show	Wax Museum
11:30	Bob Poole Show	Wax Museum
11:45	Bob Poole Show	Wax Museum
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off

FRIDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

Time	Station	Program
6:00	News	News
6:15	Dawn Patrol	News
6:30	Northwest News	News
6:45	March Tim	News
7:00	Dawn Patrol	Farm Time
7:15	Dawn Patrol	Farm Time
7:30	Dawn Patrol	The Old Songs
7:45	News	News
8:00	News	Smooth Music
8:15	Breakfast Gang	Smooth Music
8:30	Top Trades	Smooth Music
8:45	News	Smooth Music
9:00	Bargain Counter	Second Cup
9:15	Rise and Shine	Second Cup
9:30	Music	Second Cup
9:45	News	News
10:00	Northwest News	Hostess House
10:15	Kate Smith Sing	Hostess House
10:30	Wiles Wait	Hostess House
10:45	News	News
11:00	News	News
11:15	News	News
11:30	News	News
11:45	News	News
12:00	Top Trades	Double or Nothing
12:15	News	Double or Nothing
12:30	Queen for a Day	Double or Nothing
12:45	News	Double or Nothing
1:00	Ladies First	Life Beautiful
1:15	Ladies First	Life Beautiful
1:30	Northwest News	Life Beautiful
1:45	News	Life Beautiful
2:00	Top Trades	Life Beautiful
2:15	News	Life Beautiful
2:30	Top Trades	Life Beautiful
2:45	News	Life Beautiful
3:00	Top Trades	Life Beautiful
3:15	News	Life Beautiful
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4:45	News	Life Beautiful

DIAL LISTINGS: KEX, 1190; KOAC, 850

KEX Thursday P.M. — 5:00, Squirrel Caper; 5:15, Johnny Lark; 5:30, On the Kneepin Up With Sports; 6:15, Home Edition News; 6:30, Modern Romances; 7:00, Headline Edition; 7:15, Tomer Davis; 7:30, Dance Music; 8:00, The Music of the 1930's; 8:30, First Hundred Years; 9:00, Original Amateur Hour; 9:15, Music for Dreaming; 10:00, Night of the Stars; 10:15, Concert Hour; 10:30, Concert Hour; 11:30, Memo to Tomorrow; 12:00, Xtra Hour; 1:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Thursday P.M. — 5:00, Sports Club; 6:00, News; 6:15, Dinner Music; 6:30, 'Round the Campfire; 7:15, Evening Farm Hour; 8:00, You and Your Security; 8:15, Great Songs; 8:45, Leathers; 9:00, Weather Forecast; 9:00, Music That Endures; 9:45, Lift Up Thy Voice; 10:00, Escour; 10:15, Music; 10:45, Serenade; 10:45, News; 11:00, Sign Off.

KEX Friday A.M. — 6:00, Early Bird; 6:15, Dirt Doctor; 7:00, Washburn News; 7:15, Band Box; 7:30, Bob Hannon; 8:00, Stars of the 1930's; 8:15, Martin Agronsky; 8:30, Zeke Manners; 8:45, Tropicana; 9:00, Breakfast Club; 10:00, News; 10:15, Time Tenor; 10:30, Jolly Fraternities; 11:00, Ted Maloney; 11:15, Galen Drake; 11:30, My True Story; 12:00, Best of the Stars; 12:15, Nancy Craig; 1:00, Northwesters; 1:30, Kay West; 2:00, Breakfast in Hollywood; 2:30, Exer

KOAC Friday a.m. to 4:45 p.m. — 6:00, The News; 6:15, News; 6:30, Special for Women; 11:00, The Concert Hour; 12:00, News; 12:15, Noon Farm Hour; 1:00, Ride 'em Cowboys; 1:15, Varieties; 1:30, Melody Lane; 2:00, Cavalcade in Drama; 2:45, Memory Book of Music; 3:00, News.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- State
- Hypnotic state
- Not so good
- Recover
- Behold
- Staying power
- State; abbr.
- United
- Slender
- Unit of electrical resistance
- Nothing more
- Before
- English
- Spanish gentleman
- Turn rapidly with the fingers
- Degrees

DOWN

- City in France
- Long drink
- Pass, as time
- Lionlike
- Soms
- Pedal digit
- Obstruction
- Slender coins
- Tool with electrical resistance
- Title of a play
- Abundant creation of the imagination
- Island position
- Branded cord; variant
- Spanish gentleman
- Assurance of manner

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

- Exciter
- Therefore
- Plant of the vetch family
- Steps
- Inquiries for lost mail
- Threefold
- Hire
- Turkish commander
- Symbol for sodium
- Zero
- Hard glossy
- Feminine name
- Rubber
- Benignly
- Important occurrence
- Exact match
- Close
- Number
- Proposals
- Intervals
- Sturdy
- Rise threateningly
- Market of metal fasteners
- Heron
- Foot covering
- Great Lake
- Touch
- Massachusetts cape
- Egyptian deity
- Word of refusal

ROOM AND BOARD

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By Gene Ahern

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