

**"BLACKSHEEP"**

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In love with each other ever since we went to school together, really and truly lovers. He was at college when I was, so I know him very well. But pop doesn't like him, and when he found how matters stood he refused to allow me to see him any more. And he's been waiting for a chance to run away and get married. I met him last night in the lane and everything's arranged for us to leave tonight, run into Brattleboro and be married there and then go on to Boston and wait till pop's disposed to be reasonable. He wants me to marry a preacher at Saxby Center who's almost as old as pop, and has three grown children. I thought maybe you could pretend to take me out for a little ride in your car, and pick up Abijah and give us a lift. My things are all packed and hid away in the garage; so all I need to do is get my hat."

"Of course I couldn't come back here," Archie suggested. "Your father would be sure to vent his wrath on me."

"Oh, I'd thought of that!" she exclaimed. "But you could go on and wait somewhere for the Governor to catch up with you."

"I'd have to make sure he didn't catch up with me! He'll be mighty sore about this."

"Well, if you're afraid of him—" "Pooh! I certainly am not afraid of him," he declared contemptuously. "He and I were bound to part sometime."

Through the cajoleries of a girl he had known only a few hours he was ready to break with his comrade by mischievously upsetting the domestic affairs of a host who doubtless had not forgotten how to kill men who incurred his displeasure. Sally had affected him like a strong cordial and as they walked to the house he grew increasingly keen for the proposed adventure. Sally, like Isabel, had dared him to be brave, and he screwed his courage to the sticking point.

"If you don't mind I'll take Sally for a little run down the road," he suggested casually when they found the Governor and Mrs. Walker still gossiping on the veranda.

No objection was raised by Mrs. Walker beyond an injunction not to be gone long and a warning not to go without her jacket.

"No joy riding," the Governor called after them. Sally's a valuable asset to this family and I'll hold you personally responsible, Comly, for her safe return."

**CHAPTER VIII.**

At the garage Sally produced a satchel which Archie tossed into the car, and they were quickly humming through the lane and into the highway.

"Run by the school house when we come to it and then stop. Abijah will be there."

When the car stopped Sally jumped out and was immediately joined by a young man to whom she spoke rapidly out of Archie's hearing. Her explanations finished she brought him to the car and presented him as Mr. Strong.

"Mr. Comly is going to the minister's with us and then give us a lift toward Boston. That's ever so much better than anything we'd thought of, 'Bijah!"

"Whatever you say, little girl! I'll shut off the lights on my machine and get my traps."

Archie, testing his searchlight, let its beam fall upon Abijah as though by accident and found Sally's lover a

very well-dressed, decent-looking fellow. All his life he would be proud of his daring in saving Sally Walker from marriage with an odious widower and mating her with the youth of her choice. The bride and groom elect were established in the back seat and he experienced a sharp jealous twinge, when, turning to ask her a question about the road, he caught them in a rapturous kiss. This was what it meant to be young and free, and youth and freedom were things he had never until now appraised at their true worth.

"How long do we stop at Brattleboro?" He asked over his shoulder.

"Only long enough to get the knot tied," Abijah answered. "I was in town this afternoon and everything's set."

"I hope," said Sally, "you'll give the bride away; it would be just fine of you, Mr. Comly."

"I was hoping you'd ask me," he flung back. "I want to be as prominent in the wedding party as possible."

Sally's nuptials were blessed in a little parsonage, with the minister's wife and daughter and Archie as the sole witnesses. The minister had only lately come to town and therefore confined his inquiries to the strict requirements of ecclesiastical and Vermont law.

"Well, Sally," Archie remarked, as he joined them, "for better or worse you are married. I certainly wish you all good luck."

"We'll be back in a week and everything will be smooth as butter," Sally declared lightly.

The wedding journey from Brattleboro to Bennington was marred by tire trouble and freakishness on the part of the engine, and as neither of his passengers knew the roads Archie's good nature was severely tested by the exigencies of the night drive.

Abijah helped with the tires but only stared helplessly while Archie poked at the engine. Sally was far more resourceful and lent her assistance with her usual good cheer, a cheer which Archie felt he would miss when he bade them good-bye at Bennington. As a mark of special favor she moved to the front seat to keep him company and facilitate the study of sign posts.

"I've put you to an awful lot of trouble," Sally remarked with real contrition. "And you've left your friend the Governor far behind. I suppose they started out to look for us in pop's machine when we didn't show up and they may be close behind us now. The only thing I'm sorry about is missing hearing pop swear when he found I had skipped. It would be funny if they thought I'd run off with you, wouldn't it! I'd just love that!"

"I don't think it's so funny you didn't," Archie answered. "I think it was my mistake!"

The groom had drawn up his knees and was attempting to sleep on the back seat. It was quite improper to flirt with the newest of brides, but Sally gave tolerant ear and even encouraged Archie's protestations of admiration while Abijah bumped about in the tonneau and now and then rolled off the seat when the enraptured driver negotiated a sharp turn. But for Sally's disposition to make the most of her last hours with him the drive would have bored Archie exceedingly.

Sally and Abijah were eager to leave Bennington as soon as possible.

"Don't think we're not appreciating what you've done for us," said Abijah, "but Sally and I had better shake you and that machine right here. Sally's folks'll be sure to be after us and

they'll just about argue we came this way."

**(TO BE CONTINUED)**

**Woman Breaks Arm**

Slipping on the back step of her home, Mrs. Margaret Campbell of Springfield, route 2, fell and broke her arm yesterday. She was brought to the office of a local physician for treatment.

**House Broken Into**

Bert Larue reported to police yesterday that his house had been broken into by burglars, who stole several sheets and a table cloth. No trace of the thieves has been found.

Many Here Saturday—Among out-of-town visitors here Saturday were Mrs. Hubert Stevick, Walthamville; Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Rainbow; A. F. Meyer, Wendling; Mrs. Beryl Thayer, Oakridge; Ira Baldwin, Pen-gra.

**Springfield Loses**

In the last football game of the year, the Springfield high school team was beaten, 14 to 0, before a good-sized crowd at the Brattain field Thanksgiving day. The winners were the Junction City footballers, who previously had been held to a scoreless tie by Coach Mayfield's proteges.

**Local Club Items**

The Needlecraft club meets this afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. C. Wright.

Yesterday, the Chrysanthemum club was entertained at the home of Mrs. W. R. Dawson. An enjoyable afternoon was spent, followed by refreshments.

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Signed  
R. W. SMITH, District Clerk,  
Springfield, Oregon. D 1

**FOOTBALL MEN FETED BY CLASS IN COOKING**

Honoring the Springfield high school football team, the domestic art class, No. 3, taught by Mrs. I. M. Peterson, gave a dinner at the high school last night. Special guests were Leonard Mayfield, coach; Principal A. J. Morgan, and Oscar Gladish, member of the faculty.

**Two Accidents Reported**

Two accident cases were treated at a local physician's office this morning. A piece of steel was removed from one of the eyes of M. P. Bonnell, mechanic at the Danner garage, and Carl A. Johnson, employed by the Fisher Lumber company of Marcola, was here for treatment of a dislocated wrist.

**August Larson Dies**

August Larson, father of Jack Larson, local theatre operator, died yesterday at his home at Newark, N. J., according to word received by the local man. The elder Mr. Larson was 67 years of age. He had been ill for some time. John Larson will not go east for the funeral.

**Ladies Aid Meets**

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold its annual chicken dinner and bazaar sale in the church parlors on December 14. The sale will begin at 2 P. M., and dinner will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock.

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Mr. Hamlin has been visiting his parents here and other relatives in Oregon while on a 60-day leave of absence from his duties with the foreign service.

**Chicken Pox Reported**

There are four cases of chicken pox in Springfield, according to Dr. W. H. Pollard, city health officer. All cases have been investigated, and the children taken out of school, he said.

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