

# EXIT

*by Harold Bell Wright*

**SYNOPSIS:** In Harriet Noel's dramatic talent Orchard Hill villagers seem to be stirred. Surely, they agree, her path has diverged from that of her childhood sweetheart, Tony Latour, whose parents want him to be a minister. Harriet's father, who is a miser, proposes marriage after Harriet's triumph in the academy play has drawn applause even from the intolerant gossips. But she, learning of her father's plan, flees to seek stage success in New York. Her father, meanwhile, covering the theft but telling her never to return. Tony, leaving his father's home, goes to meet her after the performance that evening. They went to her apartment, a tiny little place, she got together a little supper and they talked.

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**A FOOTLIGHT REUNION**

Harriet was inspecting the ticket she had just bought. Tony tried to compose his jumbled feelings. Then he was by her side asking foolishly if she remembered him.

There was only time for Tony to learn that she was living in New York—a student in a school of acting—and to receive her promise to meet him after the performance that evening. They went to her apartment, a tiny little place, she got together a little supper and they talked.



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Soon after Harriet graduated from the Orchard Hill Academy, the old housekeeper had become insane and was placed in an asylum, and the girl was forced to abandon her plan to study for the stage and to remain in Orchard Hill with her father. Then, "Doc" Noel died suddenly of pneumonia.

The drugist had been fairly successful and had provided for his daughter, in addition to the drug store and the home, a small income. There was nothing now to prevent the girl from realizing her dream. She sold the drug store and came to New York to study the art of the theater. This was her last year in the dramatic school. She planned to go into a stock company, somewhere, after her graduation in the spring.

Many times that evening Antonio was on the verge of pleading his love. "We can imagine how he longed to tell her why, in the eyes of Orchard Hill, he had disgraced himself and caused his parents such heartache; why he had worked so hard to win a place on the stage. Yet he could not—no dared not—speak of love. Old Tony says, 'Her spirit held me off. If you had known Harriet Noel as I know her,' he always adds, 'you would understand what I mean.'"

The old actor's analysis of Harriet Noel's character is probably the best: "When I speak of Harriet Noel's spirit I do not mean that she was one of those athletic females who are so often found among the devotees of athletics. And she was as far from being a saint. She was the most human, vital, flesh-and-blood woman imaginable. And yet, there was a saintlike quality which compelled one to feel one's self in the presence of a woman who had set herself apart to some holy cause."

"She had, literally, given herself so without reserve to her chosen art that she was capable of making any sacrifice for it. It was this capacity, I think, which had enabled her, even in her girlhood and particularly after it disappeared from Orchard Hill, to go her way with serene indifference to the disapproval of the village gossips. And it was this spiritual strength which

enabled her to deny her love for me, even sacrificing both herself and me on the altar of her career."

The two young artists worked very hard that winter—Harriet in her dramatic school and Antonio on the stage—but, for all that, they managed to see each other frequently. And they must have felt very close to one another as long-time friends from a country village naturally do in big New York.

"I have sometimes thought," Old Tony said one evening, "that perhaps, had I not been actually on the stage in such a distinguished company while she was only a student, Harriet might have accepted me during those months."

Then the old blue eyes twinkled as he continued, "but you see, it had always been tacitly accepted between us that she was the great artist and that whatever merit there might be in my work as an actor it had all been acquired through her. For me to be so far ahead of her now, brought that characteristic pride of hers to the front. At least, she sometimes spoke of my success in a way that made me think of this. I confess, too, that I was not above teasing her over the situation."

Harriet graduated in the early spring and joined a small stock company in Rochester, Antonio, at the close of the winter season, accepted a place for the summer in a Cincinnati stock company.

During the months immediately following their newly established friendship they exchanged frequent letters, but stock company work is exacting and gradually, as the weeks passed, they found that in Harriet found—less and less time for correspondence other than brief notes about their professional activities.

The following winter, Antonio was again with Augustin Daly's company. Harriet was given a good part in a road company under the management of Roy Donovan, the boy, Bruce Carey, about five years old, was still with his step-father and played a child part in the cast. All that winter, Antonio, in New York, watched the theatrical papers for news of the road company with which Harriet, Donovan and the child, Bruce, moved from city to city. He wrote to her as often as he dared.

Antonio's work in Cincinnati, the fact that he had been engaged for a second New York season by Augustin Daly, and the favorable notices which the New York critics gave him that winter, led the owner of the Cincinnati company to offer him an engagement as leading man for the summer season.

Then came the news almost too wonderful to be true: Harriet Noel was booked to play leading parts with him.

That Roy Donovan was to be their manager did not in the least dim Antonio's happiness. He had never liked Donovan, but he had not seen the fellow for several years and, well, he, Antonio Latour, would be leading man and Harriet Noel the leading lady; that was all that mattered. Their names would appear together on the billboard, in the newspapers, on the programs—everywhere it would be for all the world to see—Antonio Latour and Harriet Noel.

In that which meant so much more to him than his career on the stage, this Cincinnati engagement was Antonio's great opportunity. (Copyright, 1931, by H. B. Wright and Co.)

**MUSEUM VISITORS AT JACKSONVILLE**

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., July 3.—(Special)—Out-of-town visitors at the museum this week were Mrs. J. E. Reddy and son Jack, Dorland; Freda and A. H. Mack, San Diego, Cal.; Gertrude Harwood Betting, Portland; Edith and Mary Reynolds, San Francisco; Mrs. W. A. Grant, Donald Grant and Ada East, Sams Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beilwey, Selo, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Robinson, Hixson; Misses Paul Ross, Daly City, Cal.; Catherine Long, Mrs. Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Vetch, Klamath Falls;

**GRANGE CELEBRATION AT WILLIAMS CREEK**

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# COUNTY BRIEFS

## TALENT

TALENT, Ore., July 3.—(Special)—Ellis Beeson arrived Tuesday from Ellensburg, Wash., to visit relatives.

Lester Rathbun motored to Canyonville Tuesday and returned Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rathbun, Sr. Mrs. Rathbun is ill with heart trouble and came to Medford for medical treatment.

Clarence Holmes started working for Copco at Prospect Wednesday.

Sunday after service of the Bethel Baptist church of Medford, the Bible class and their families motored to the home of Mrs. Ida French, member of the class at Talent, and enjoyed a basket dinner and social day.

Mrs. Freeman Wedge, who underwent a major operation at the Community Hospital at Ashland, was able to be moved to her home Friday.

Miss Pauline Estes of Oakland, Calif., arrived in Talent by train Saturday to visit her father and other relatives.

Misses Marie and Ruth Miller left Friday on a motor vacation which will include stops in eastern Oregon, central Washington, Rainier National park and Canada.

Mrs. Winkelman was taken to the Community hospital in Ashland Tuesday for medical treatment. Her infant daughter is being cared for by relatives in Grants Pass.

Miss June Connor spent several days this week as guest of Mrs. Belle LeVander at her country home.

Marion Sowash who was recently taken to Sacred Heart hospital in Medford is reported improving.

Mrs. Lee Connor and children of Lincoln, Ore., spent Wednesday with the R. Connors here.

C. L. Elliott and family of Long Beach, Calif., have purchased property of Beeson lane and taken possession.

Friends of Jeff Bell are glad to hear he is recovering from his serious illness and hopes to be out soon.

Mrs. Kathie Mason and daughter, Velma, Miss Lavilla Long, Mrs. Clarence Holmes and daughter, Clarice, spent Thursday in Medford.

## JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., July 3.—(Special)—Saturday evening the home of Mrs. Thomas Dunnington was the scene of a pretty wedding when her niece, Miss Leona Phillips became the bride of Clyde Moore of Butte Falls. Miss Phillips is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ramey Phillips of "Squaw Lake" Mr. and Mrs. Moore will make their home in Butte Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Bowman and two daughters of "Freswater," Ore., are visiting Mr. Brother Archie Bowman and family and are planning to locate here.

Elder Taylor Bunch of Loma Linda, Calif., preached to a large audience at the Seventh Day Adventist church Saturday. His brother, Claude Bunch, also of Loma Linda, sang.

Dr. D. A. Forbes and sons and Mr. and Mrs. James V. Forbes picnicked in Ashland Sunday.

Mrs. Norman and sons are repairing the interior of their home.

Mrs. G. O. Sandien and daughters, Lily and Eunice, spent the week-end at the J. G. Vial home at Phoenix.

Mrs. S. D. Nason and daughter, Margaret, accompanied by Mrs. H. K. Hanna and mother, Mrs. Alice Ulrich, motored to Klamath Falls Wednesday, where they were luncheon guests of Mrs. Rola Chapman.

Mrs. Charles Hines and son, Willis, and daughter, Margaret, of Forest Grove, home guests of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Cantrall, have returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Yeager and son of Bakerfield, Calif., visited at the home of W. H. Bunch this week.

Malcolm Jones has returned home after several days with friends in Portland.

Herbert Arthur and orchard thinning crew picnicked at Dybes bridge Tuesday.

Mrs. May Watson of Portland spent several days this week with her friend, Mrs. May Forbes.

Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church met Thursday. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed.

Mrs. Archie Parrish and two children of Monroe, Ore., left Wednesday after spending three weeks at the A. L. Jones home here.

Mrs. Josephine Donegan Shaw of Portland, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pat Donegan, visited Miss McCully Wednesday, en route to Los Angeles.

Dr. and Mrs. Summerville and two children from Myrtle Point were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bunch.

Miss Helen McGrady of Ross Lane was a week-end guest of Miss Lucille Fetters.

C. E. Dunnington spent Sunday in Merrill.

Miss Minnie Bunch arrived home Saturday evening for a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bunch. She is training for nurse in a Portland hospital.

Miss Jessie McCully, Miss Alice Hoef and George Merritt motored to Hornbrook, Calif., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dunnington and daughter, Margaret, of Klamath Falls, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Josie Day and sons who have resided in the George Little house, have left for California.

Mrs. Agnes Hines and son, Willis and daughter, Margaret, of Forest Grove are visiting at the Miles Cantrall home.

A few friends were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Hall on Sunday in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary. They received several beautiful bouquets from friends and neighbors.

## WILLIAMS CREEK

WILLIAMS CREEK, Ore., July 3.—(Special)—Ernest Conrad and Marguerite Hibbard of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Richardson of Provoit picnicked Sunday on upper Williams creek.

Miss Maebel Woolfolk of Central Point is spending part of her vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Letcken and other relatives on Williams creek.

Hobbie Boyce of Grants Pass is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. House this week.

Roy Lofland and "Al" Linquist went to Huro one day last week and brought back a crusher which they installed in the Humdinger mine.

Everyone is busy making hay since the rain. Quite a lot of hay was down and was injured by the rain.

Mrs. John Pence and children of Klamath Falls are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cougle and other friends on Williams creek.

Mrs. Matilda Lofland and daughters, Marie and Ruby of Medford spent Sunday with her son Roy and family. They picnicked at the Humdinger mine.

Mrs. A. L. Blodgett has received word that their daughter Eunice who is on a trip in the east, had arrived safely in New York city after a delightful trip on the Atlantic from New Orleans.

Mrs. R. F. Lewman and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Badger, have returned from Salem where they went last week to attend the Badger family reunion.

## GOLD HILL

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Among Medford visitors last week were Mr. and Mrs. George Hammersley, Mrs. William Force, and daughter Mary, Mrs. Ray Centers, Mrs. Elmer Dungey.

Louise Shoemaker returned last Wednesday from a Medford hospital where she had been recuperating from injuries received in an automobile accident near here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Merriman have returned from a trip to northern California, covering the Klamath river route from Hornbrook to the coast, thence to Eureka, and return by way of Redding, Astoria, Lakeview, and Klamath Falls.

After spending several weeks visiting relatives in this city Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steelman have returned to their home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Hayes and Mrs. Hattie Hall of Gold Beach, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hayes last week.

Miss Opal Hayes was guest of Mrs. John Haskins of Trail last week.

Among those who accompanied the Gold Hill baseball club to Crescent City Sunday were: Mesdames Pauline Thompson, John Logan, Wilmer Bailey, Marlon Emory, Della Shaver, Minnie Stichel and Misses Suzanne Koske, Doris Smith, Jean Chisholm, Lucille Hittle.

Mrs. C. L. Dusenberry and small son Donald spent the forepart of this week at Mr. Dusenberry's camp on Elk creek.

Miss Eva Coy spent last week end at Grants Pass, guest of Mrs. Nelson Bloomster and family.

Arthur Iverson of Medford spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. C. L. Dusenberry, and brother, Wallace Iverson.

Mrs. Millie Walker and daughter Sybil, returned last week from Seattle and Portland, where they spent a month visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Maude Robinson spent Wednesday at Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Mathews of Portland visited Mrs. Mathews' mother, Mrs. C. L. Dusenberry last week.

Mrs. George Meisinger entertained the W. R. C. at her home June 24.

## LAKE CREEK

LAKE CREEK, Ore., July 3.—(Special)—Clyde Plymire of Los Angeles and Mrs. Raymond Camps of Springfield, California, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Charles Wilkinson at the Dead Indian soda springs. Mrs. Jesse Plymire and two sons, of Seattle, are also visiting Mrs. Wilkinson.

Word was received from Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Nichols, who left last week for Arizona, that they arrived safely.

Otto Fox of Berkeley, Calif., is guest of his brother, H. H. Fox and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tyrrell of Perrydale, are camping at the Dead Indian soda springs.

The William Hooff family spent the week end with relatives in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pech shopped in Medford Monday.

Loren Farlow spent the week-end with Mrs. Farlow in Medford.

Raymond Rasgado was a week end guest at the Cowden home at Eagle Point.

Recruit Dellans and Harry Tonn motored to the Dead Indian soda springs Sunday.

## BUTTE FALLS

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Clyde Moore and Leona Phillips were married last Saturday in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoover and son are spending the summer here and at Prospect. Frank is working at Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Olds and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spencer attended the Copco dance at Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Porter and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spencer of Medford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edna and daughter went to Oakland Wednesday.

Mr. Eringer left for Seattle July 1. He will be back about the 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown of Medford were here July 1, also Mr. Whaley.

The Hustler's club gave a reception for Rev. Smith and family Tuesday.

## RIVIERA

RIVIERA, Ore., July 3.—(Special)—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Boling of Gold Hill, Route 1, at a family home, Tuesday, June 29, a six-pound daughter.

## CENTRAL POINT

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., July 3.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gleason are parents of a son born July 1 at the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford.

Everett Faber and Otto Bohnert were business callers in Klamath Falls, July 2.

Mrs. Randolph Glass entertained July 1 in honor of her son Gerald's birthday. The little folks enjoyed games on the lawn. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Marjorie Jones and Sylvia Case. Those attending were Charlotte Richardson, Hill Jewett, Marjorie Jewett, Stanley Jones, Ray Glass, Evelyn Hickeys and Chetta Glass of Medford.

William Holcomb, employed at Savage Rapids on a fish survey, last summer, called in Central Point Thursday. Mr. Holcomb is now working at Gold Hill dam.

Miss Elizabeth Southwell, who was operated on for appendicitis

## BEAGLE

BEAGLE, Ore., July 3.—(Special)—Vernon Harper, who has been in a hospital in Medford for the past eight days, is able to come home and will spend several days with his parents here, before returning to work in the Crater national forest on the pine beetle crew. He was struck in the face by a falling limb, breaking his jaw bone and bruising his face.

Mr. Blaine is binding grain for neighbors and himself this week.

Mr. Paul is home again for a time. He has been in Washington since last summer.

Those who were Medford's business visitors Monday were Mr. Ellis, Mr. Bankhead, Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, Mr. Rice, Mr. Zuck and Mr. Sweet.

A gospel team from the Portland Bible Institute, consisting of three ladies and three men were at the Antioch Sunday school Sunday morning.

Mrs. Dick Straus and Mrs. Crawford of Sams Valley attended the Friendly Neighbors meeting here Sunday evening.

Miss Dorothy Straus of Sams Valley spent the week-end with Marie Seegmiller.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gray visited Beagle last Sunday and the young folks of the family attended Sunday school.

Mrs. Richards led the meeting of the Friendly Neighbors Sunday evening. The subject was "Pride." Mrs. Richards had an instructive and interesting evening prepared for those present. Memory verses and Bible references were also part of the evening service. Mr. Lucas will lead the meeting next Sunday.

Luck Solly had the misfortune of running a pair of thinning shears through his hand last Friday.

Mrs. Viola Pomeroy spent the week-end at her home in the Meadows. She is attending summer school in Ashland.

The young folks gave a party in the Grandpa Hoekersmith house in the Meadows Saturday evening. All reported a fine time.

Clarence Case is binding wheat this week.

Mr. Sparks and small son of Medford spent Tuesday with Ray Blaine.

Rev. D. D. Randall of Medford held preaching services at the Antioch school house on Tuesday evening.

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