

Marian Gordon

by JEANNE BOWMAN

Chapter Nine
COACHING SILVER

MARIAN gave the reporter the bare story, being careful not to say anything that might destroy the possibility of getting down to the essentials of the tangle.

She also gave him Anne Stanton's name as the best intermediary, watching Silver twist and squirm in her effort to release herself from Hamilton's arms. Hamilton's face was a curious combination of interest and disgust.

"Hush, Silver," he repeated over and over. "Hush; it's better this way."

"It's a lie!" screamed Silver, but Marian, who had seen her struggle loose from her friends, placed her finger on the receiver bar and destroyed the connection.

For a moment it looked as if she would vent her fury on Marian, and again Max stepped in, shaking Silver as if she were a toy doll.

"For your own sake, Silver, calm down."

"But she lied."

"She certainly did," agreed Max. "That he was a masterpiece. You ought to get down on your knees and thank her. She kept the work from knowing just what kind of a woman you are, and if that ex-husband of yours has fighting chance for life, he'll make the grade. If he hasn't he'll go out happy."

"You told me you wanted to be an actress. All right, here's your opportunity. Play up and I'll see you have a chance in my next show."

"Now let's sit down and discuss the future. But first I'm going to telephone the lodge and have them send over some hot coffee and sandwiches. That friend of yours looks like she's about to pass out on her heels."

Marian didn't need a second invitation to zip into a chair before the hearth. Now that her story was on, the scene with Silver over, she felt physically and emotionally exhausted.

"Now, Miss Gordon," Max had seated himself opposite her, the subdued Silver between them, "do you think the other newspapers will send up their representatives?"

"They may," Marian answered. "The Haddons represented one of the oldest, finest families in the State, and Cliff was the last of the line. Silver's father has been an important figure in politics, and she's been copy ever since she was born."

"Then we'd better coach Silver to uphold your version of this tragedy."

"Please," Marian intercepted, "you asked me if I were here as a friend or a reporter. I wonder if it wouldn't be fair for me to ask a similar question. Are you here as a friend or a fiancé? I don't even know your name."

"Fiancé," murmured Max. "My name is Hamilton. I am merely a friend. I came up here to take the matrimonial cure. It is permanent. My wife, or ex-wife, doesn't like cold weather, so I obliged her by getting a divorce for desertion, while she went to Florida to be with her next—or, husband."

"My interest is more or less impersonal. I started my play-writing career by being a stage manager and I've never recovered from the desire to pull strings and watch the puppets dance."

"Thank you," Marian smiled at his frankness. "Then would you mind pulling a couple of those strings to make Silver pose for a picture?"

Hamilton turned to Silver, thought a moment, then spoke. "Miss Gordon is at Oak Grove today. Askie from a straited back and numerous bruises, he was none the wiser for the experience."

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SOCIAL GROUPS AT ASHLAND NORMAL SELECT OFFICERS

Student activities are now underway at the Southern Oregon Normal, with the recent election of officers of social organizations and classes. A total of 11 students has registered this year, which shows an increase of 50 per cent over last year. Dr. Walter Redford, president, expresses much satisfaction over the increase, which he says is shown to the greatest extent in junior college work.

Elections of junior class officers, held yesterday, resulted as follows: President, Robert Stedman, of Phoenix; vice-president, Edwin Butte, of Portland; secretary, Nellie Broadlove, of Glendale, Cal.; senior class officers were chosen as follows: President, Bill Courtney, of Portland; vice-president, Dave Adamson, Myrtle Creek; secretary-treasurer, Olivia Todd, of Medford; sergeant-at-arms, Al Bradford, of Chiloquish, Okla.

Elections of social organizations and clubs, which sponsor various types of activities throughout the year, resulted as follows: President, Al Bradford, Chickasha, Okla.; vice-president, Bill Courtney, Portland; secy., Gretchen Mouton, Junction City.

Art club—President, Tashiko Takao, Medford; vice-president, Ray Lewis, Jacksonville; secretary-treasurer, Beulah Heath, Portland; faculty advisors, Miss Aty and Miss Burris.

Josephine County Club—President, Wilma Coppel, Grants Pass; vice-

AUTO CAMP MEN ELECT OFFICERS

OREGON CAVES, Oct. 10.—(AP)—With reelection of officers and election of Eugene as their convention city in 1935, the Oregon Motor Court Trade association ended a two-day convention here this afternoon.

Officers reelected are: Edward N. Fehler, Corvallis, president; C. B. Ashton, Albany, vice-president; and Clinton A. Ashmore, Portland, secretary-treasurer.

Seventy-five members of the Oregon and California auto camp owners were in attendance, the Californians coming north after their state convention near Denver.

GOLD DREDGE OFFERS BUY ENTIRE VALLEY

COVE, Ore., Oct. 10.—(AP)—Should the fine valley be controlled by gold dredging operations?

That is the question being asked since John Robertson received a letter from an Idaho mining company stating it was prepared to buy the entire valley, if the price is right, and dredge it for gold.

Some are anything but enthusiastic over the prospect when they recall the Sumpter country as an example of how the place would look after the gold has been taken out and the working abandoned.

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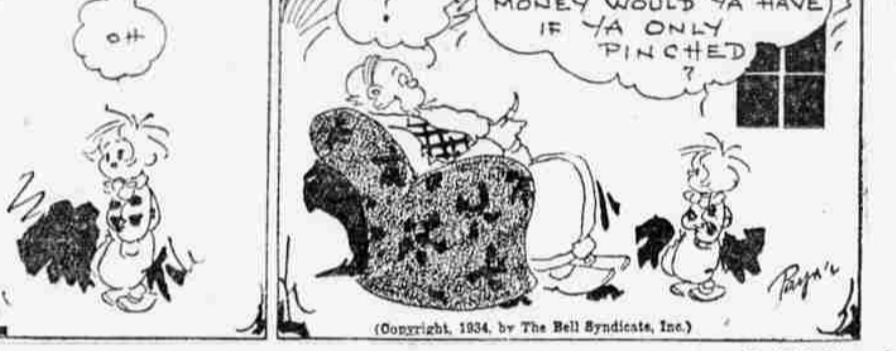


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TAILSPIN TOMMY—Eagle's Eye View!



UNCLE SI, HOW MUCH MONEY WOULD YA HAVE IF YA ONLY PINCHED?



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BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—The Campfire



THE NEBBS—Oh—Happy Day



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