

Marian Gordon

by JEANNE BOWMAN

SYNOPSIS: Marian Gordon, the daughter of a doctor, is in love with a man who is a crook. She has come out for a night with "the boys" and returned home with a check for \$200 in her pocket. Instead of the \$100 she expected, she finds a check for \$200. She is puzzled and suspicious.

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PLAN NEEDED

"NO, Mr. McSwain," Lon answered, "I don't admit anything. I don't know that is the whole truth."

"Then you'd better find out," the man retorted. He stood for a moment. "I'll see you in the morning. You'll come to work at the usual time and say nothing to anyone of this, understand?"

"It isn't a thing I'd want to discuss," Lon answered.

McSwain turned to go, then turned back to Marian and she read triumph in his face. "And you talked about honesty to me," he said and was gone.

Lon locked the door behind him.



"And you talked honesty to me," McSwain sneered.

came into the room, sank into a chair, head in his hands. Marian waited a few moments, then knelt down before him. "Lon, dear, don't feel that way; you didn't do it."

"I'm afraid I did, Ian," he whispered. "I can't... I can't remember. I could have done anything at a time like that... drunk."

"But, Lon, you weren't. I know it. I'd swear to it. Didn't Doctor Steele tell you?"

"That I'd been drugged? Yes, he did, but he's mistaken. Those boys take their liquids pretty potent and I'm not used to it. I hadn't eaten; it was late. I'd worked pretty hard and it went to my head."

"But, Lon, a drunken person follows his natural inclinations. There's nothing about you that would impel you to do a thing like that."

"I don't know about that, either, Ian," he answered, reaching for her hands and holding them in a tight grip. "I've wanted awfully to make you see I could hold down a man's job, and make you see you were wrong. Maybe some piece deep down in my subconscious mind figured that bringing home a lot of money would do it."

"Lon, dear, I've never doubted your ability. It wasn't that; it was just mistrust of McSwain. Lon, I wouldn't put it past McSwain to have had those men drug you, then change checks on you... no, don't protest; try now to remember the pay check as you received it from the paymaster Saturday."

Satisfied he was asleep, Marian took her gun and went to the hill Stars scintillated over head as though they had been washed and polished by the weak and storm Diablo reared its placid bulk against the mosaic pattern they made in the night sky.

There was an answer to Lon's trouble. Marian knew it... perhaps if she could brush the cobwebs of worry from her mind and think clearly it would come to her. She must separate Lon from herself in her mind.

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Marian starts work on McSwain, tomorrow.

LON'S head came up. "I do remember," he said suddenly. "Why, of course, I do. McSwain had said something about a raise and I looked to see, but it was the straight one hundred. I figured he'd been called out of town and hadn't notified the office. Ian, that proves it—"

"No it doesn't, Lon, let's jump in to the car and drive down to see Murphy. He'll be able to help us better than anyone else."

Half an hour later they were at the gas station. They waited until Murphy finished serving a customer, then called him to the car and questioned him.

STATESMEN SEEK WAR SPIRIT CURB ON ARMISTICE DAY

(By the Associated Press)

Urgent efforts to conclude new armistices harassed statesmen the world over as survivors of the last great war today observed the sixteenth anniversary of the truce which ended it.

Clanking League of Nations attempts to halt the war between Bolivia and Paraguay, five nations of the Latin America—Peru, Chile, Argentina, Venezuela and Mexico—formally addressed to the belligerents a plea for peace. But almost at the same moment renewed fighting was reported to have broken out in the Chaco.

In London the naval strategists of three nations continued their struggle to reach an armistice forestalling the dangers of a competitive race of sea supremacy among the United States, Japan and Great Britain.

While League statesmen pondered the problem of patching up some kind of armistice between conflicting French and German interests in the Saar (which votes Jan. 13 to remain under League sovereignty, returns to Germany or become French), new charges of Nazi secret police terrorism there were added to the League's worries.

Be correctly corrected in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann

Use Mail Tribune want ads

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN IN LIBRARY DISPLAY DURING COMING WEEK

In observation of Book Week, November 11-17, the Jackson county library will hold an exhibit of new books for children in the juvenile department on the downstairs floor. The theme of Book Week for 1934 is "Hide the Book Trail to Knowledge and Adventure," stressing the "Hobbies" idea.

There has been a great deal of discussion recently of hobbies for adults and ways to enjoy new hours of leisure, but children's hobbies have had less attention. Children, however, have as varied a choice in hobbies as grown-ups have and the exhibit at the public library will include many informational books which supply the young hobby rider with things to do, see, and learn.

PICKING UP

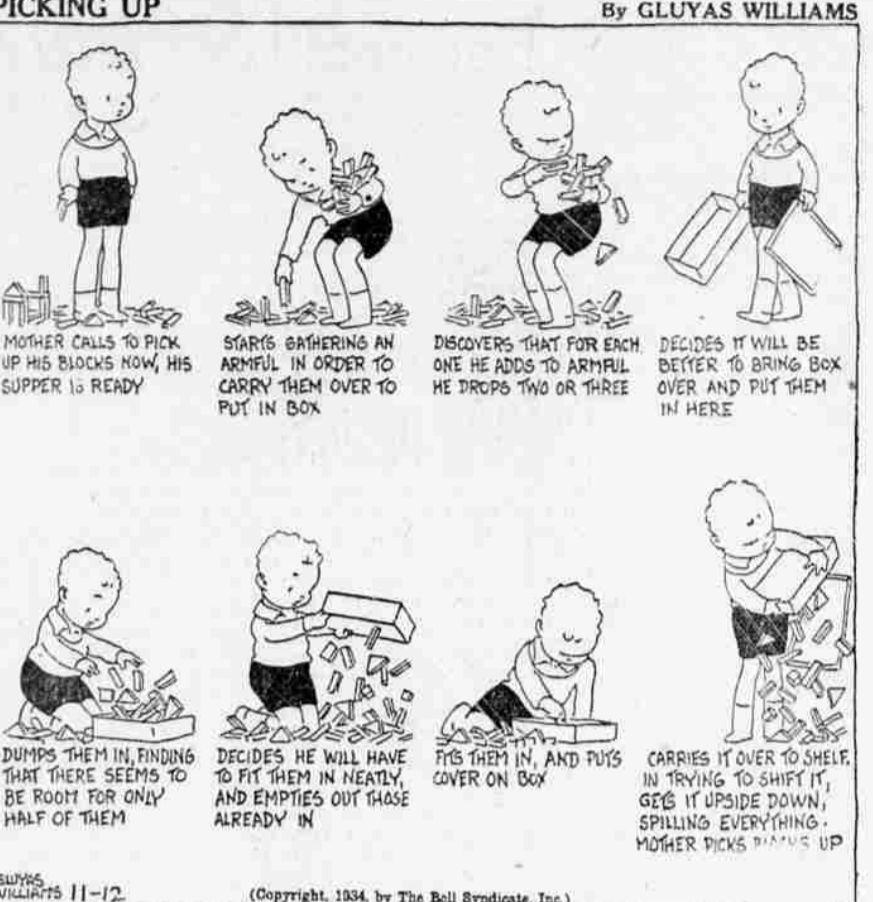
Following is a suggested list of the new children's books which have been selected for the library:

Baker, When the Stars Come Out; Brown, Crazy Quilt; Bufano, He a Puppet Showman; Aida, Hop, Skip and Jump; Choate, Dance of the Hours; Roland the Warrior, Collier; Ola and Blakken, D'Autaire; The Black Spearman, Fitzgerald; Good Wind and Good Water, Osborne; Prouditt, The Ugly Duckling; Hans Christian Anderson; Seeger, Pageant of Chinese History; Untermyer, The Last Pirate.

Parents who are planning to include children's books among their Christmas gifts are urged to take this opportunity of examining some of the better books for children. The children's room is open to the public daily between the hours of three and six, and all day Saturday. The children's librarian will be glad to assist in any way.

Veteran Editor Passes

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Nov. 12—(AP)—James H. Wilkins, 80, veteran northern California newspaperman and prominent democrat, died at his home here early today. Death was pronounced due to a heart attack.



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BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Now Go On With the Story

BEN WEBSTER, A COURAGEOUS, UPSTANDING BOY OF SIXTEEN AN HIS INSEPARABLE COMPANION, BRIAR, A NOBLE AIREDALE, ARE EMBARKED ON A NEW ADVENTURE!

THROUGH NO FAULT OF HIS OWN, BEN FINDS HIMSELF OUT OF WORK AND VIRTUALLY PENILESS - HIS ONLY LIVING RELATIVE, COLONEL NATHANIEL BARNES, WHO ONCE WAS WEALTHY, HAS MET FINANCIAL REVERSES, AND IN ADDITION IS ILL - ONLY ENOUGH FUNDS REMAIN TO INURE THE OLD COLONEL'S RECOVERY - AND BEN INSISTS THAT THEY BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE - THIS LEAVES THE BOY WITH JUST TWENTY DOLLARS

AFTER MILETS AN EXTRAORDINARY CHARACTER, MR. ARCHIBALD CHIRP, A ONE-LEGGED MAN, WHO STRANGELY ENOUGH IS THE OWNER OF A THREE-LEGGED DOG WHICH HE CALLS MISS GWENDOLYN CHIRP - MR. CHIRP WAS ONCE SUPPLY, A FAMOUS CIRCUS CLOWN, AS WELL AS THE SOLE OWNER OF CHIRP'S WORLD-RENOWNED DOG, PONY,

MR. CHIRP NOW HAS A HOUSEWIFE CALLED THE "SAWDUST QUEEN" AND IS ABOUT TO START ON A SHOW TRIP DOWN THE GREAT RIVER - WHEN HE LEARNS THAT BRIAR WILL JOIN WITH GWENDOLYN IN A LONG, DRAWN-OUT HOWL WHICH MR. CHIRP TERMS SINGING, THE OLD-TIME CLOWN ASKS BEN TO GO ALONG AS MANAGER OF CHIRP'S CANINE CIRCUS - AT FIRST BEN IS RELUCTANT BUT WHEN MR. CHIRP PLEADS THAT WITH THE BOYS HELP HE IS SURE HE CAN REGAIN CONTROL OF HIS ILLNESS, BEN AGREES - TOMORROW THE "SAWDUST QUEEN" STARTS ON HER LONG JOURNEY!

THE NEBBS—Sold!

WELL, I'M ON MY WAY AND I'LL LOOK FOR YOU FELLOWS NEXT FRIDAY

YOU WON'T HAVE TO LOOK HARD - I'LL BE THERE

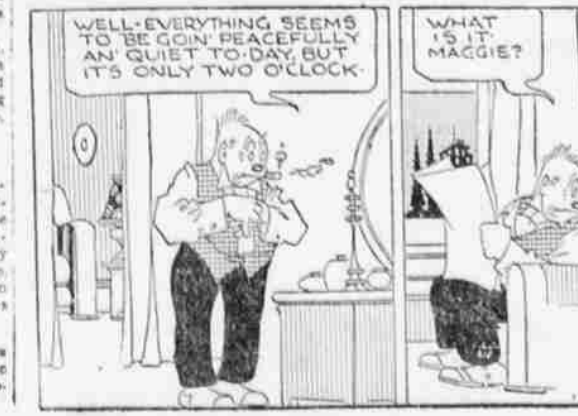
I JUST GOT THIS LETTER FROM MY CARETAKER - HE SAYS NEVER WERE THE FISH BITING - SO YOU PULL IN A FISH AND A COUPLE MORE ARE HANGING ON TO HIM WHO WANTS TO GO BYE-BYE WITH HIM... THEY'LL EVEN BITE ON A GAG

OH BOY! THAT BABY HAS ME SOLD - IF HE'S LYING NINETY PER CENT, IT'S STILL A GOOD FISHING STORY

WHAT DO YOU CARE? EVERY TIME I SPLASH THE WATER WITH MY BAIT THERE IS A CERTAIN EXPECTANCY GOES WITH IT WHICH YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF ANYTHING ELSE IN LIFE

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BRINGING UP FATHER



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'LIVING CORPSE' TICKETS READY

ASHLAND, Nov. 12.—(Sp.)—The production of Tolstoy's "The Living Corpse," the chief dramatic activity sponsored by Southern Oregon Normal and Junior College this year, is planned to do justice to the creative genius of Tolstoy. Both the student group of Southern Oregon and the people of the community are enlisted in presenting this great drama portraying the degeneration and spiritual rebirth of a man.

The play will have orchestral accompaniment, reflecting the mood of the action. Gordon Clayburn, who for several years was a student of

Auto Fatality

SEATTLE, Nov. 12 (AP)—His roadster demolished in a head-on collision with a truck near Snoqualmie Falls, Harold O. Gilbert, 33, prominent Yakima attorney, former county prosecutor and superior court judge, and a member of the state judicial council, was fatally injured. He was riding alone.

WINDOW GLASS—My window glass and will replace four broken windows reasonably. Tronbridge Cabinet Works.

Music in Vienna, will direct the orchestra. During the play there will also be chorus singing by the Medford Gleemen, directed by James Stevens.

Two performances will be given, November 23 and 24. Reservations for seats are now being made, and tickets may be had by addressing Robert Dodge, manager of dramatics, Ashland, Oregon.