

EVE'S ORCHARD

By MARGARET WIDDEMER

SYNOPSIS: After five working years in New York, Eve Mannersfield goes back to her 200-year-old house and orchard in Connecticut. Uncle Henry, an old family friend, moves in to help run the place. The penniless Featherstones come to board, stay several weeks and leave without paying Eve, deserting their serious young son Judge. George Cleveland, Eve's calm, practical neighbor, loses her though she is engaged to gay city-loving Denny. Returning from a trip to the city, accompanied by Denny and Judge, Eve finds Marilyn Featherstone's farewell note.

Chapter 31 Denny Walks Out

"WELL, the worthless panhandlers!" Denny, tall and furious, the sun shining across his tanned face, took Eve in his arms. "My poor darling little idiot, to think of your letting them spy you that way! How far back were they on board?" Eve laughed a little hysterically against his shoulder. "All the way! And she didn't even put away the butter."

Denny released her, and whistled as they took in the wrecked dining room Marilyn's hospitality had left in its wake. A split glass of Eve's precious wine dripping across a big dish of limp lettuce. A vegetable dish with the remains of the peas. The big gray coffee-pot in the middle. A big stain that spread across Aunt Lina's best damask tablecloth, meeting Jimmy Katz's usual cigarette hole. A slop of red-and-white that had been ice cream; a wooden dish with the butter melted by the warmth of the day. Marilyn had tried both the chickens Uncle Henry had killed for Sunday, and the remains were on one end of the biggest platter. Jimmy Katz had been hospitably given of Eve's best.

Denny followed Eve in as she began mechanically to tidy the table. He laughed, too, though he swore "Hollywood orgy!" he said, and reached for a chicken leg as he perched on a chair arm. Then he frowned. Eve felt better. Denny's anger for her was comforting. "Hollywood orgy," she agreed, piling plates. "Precious, this leaves you in a hell of a hole."

She realized as he spoke just how deep the hole was. Her own savings nearly gone, and no Featherstones money till goodness knew when—if ever—for repayment or expenses ahead. She could expect Denny to pay everything for this big house even if they married on the spot. Taxes—repairs—well, thank goodness, she had Denny behind her, gnawing his chicken bone gaily in his white shirt and gray trousers on the chair arm in the sunset light. As she passed, piling the dirty plates, making the table a little less dreadful, he put his unoccupied arm around her again.

"Judge is 'he Bother'!" "UNCLE HENRY can be given back to the Indians any time, of course. Judge is the bother," he said, frowning in thought. "Wonder if there's anybody who would advance the kid's carfare to Hollywood? Trouble is everybody knows the Featherstones never pay their debts."

"But, Denny, I can't turn an invalid child out like a cat!" "Sweet, you talk as if he wasn't a Featherstone! That kid has been checked around and left on people's hands all his life. He's led the life of a library book! He doesn't know anything else."

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She leaned against him, feeling suddenly tired and confused. "But I can't break my promise to him." He looked at her in surprise. "Darling, you don't care more for Judge than you do for me, do you?" "Of course not. But throwing him out now might smash him for good. The doctor said—"

and out—by Jove, bright thought! And Monday, what do you say we get all married!" She could only say helplessly again. "But I promised him I'd keep him. A child who trusts me, Denny—"

"For the matter of that, I promised Mitz and I would turn up for the old regatta. I thought you could pack what you wanted and tie up some strings. I like my promise best." He was smiling at her winningly, Denny's own flashing smile of happiness over a good party.

"You Don't Love Me Enough!" "Denny, can't you see it's different?" he said despairingly. "You mean you won't go to Mitz's and get rid of the child, after I make these arrangements for us?"

"But how can I?" "Denny—just because I can't put that poor little child out!" "I never saw anyone so stubborn!" Denny said angrily. "Once for all, Eve, it's the only thing to do—unless you feel he's more to you than I am."

"That isn't the point, Denny!" "It is the point," Denny had suddenly flared up into one of his moments of resentful anger. He came

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TOOLS AWAY

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MARTIN OPPOSES BONNEVILLE BILLS

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(AP)—Three bills designed to create an administrative authority for Bonneville dam brought down criticism today from Gov. Charles Martin, Oregon, who said they failed to meet the needs of industry.

The governor, a former member of congress, arrived here at the head of an Oregon delegation to testify at a Thursday hearing of the house rivers and harbors committee.

Each bill would provide an administrator to control power distribution. They were introduced by Reps. Honeyman, Portland, Pierce, La Grande, and Martin Smith, Hoquiam, Wash.

AGREE TO REOPEN OSHAWA PARLEYS

OSHAWA, Ont., April 21.—(AP)—General Motors of Canada agreed today to resume negotiations with a committee of 1,300 striking employees at Oshawa.

The company issued the following statement: "The company at the request of C. H. Millard (of the strikers) has agreed to meet the negotiating committee to discuss a basis of negotiations which would follow return of the men to work."

GEN. DENHARDT DENIED VENUE CHANGE IN TRIAL
NEWCASTLE, Ky., April 21.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Charles C. Marshall late today overruled a defense motion for a change of venue in the case of Brig. Gen. H. H. Denhardt, charged with the murder of his fiancée, Mrs. Verna Gary Taylor of La Grande.

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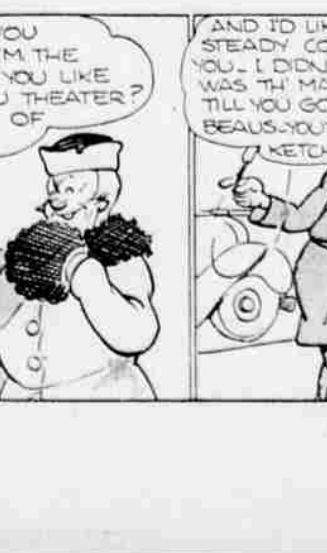
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