

# EVE'S ORCHARD

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## Chapter 43

### Judge's Sacrifice

BUT it was two days later before George came back, with Judge in the seat beside him, dusty and eye-circled but still determined to go away again the moment he got the chance.

"The police had called to say they thought it was he were holding at Philadelphia," George telephoned from the village. "But I didn't want to say anything till I made sure."

The little boy stood, defiant and pale and dirty, in the circle of anxious grown people in Eve's living room.

"Not goin' to stay, you can't make me!" he said to them, ready to cry. Eve knelt and threw her arms around him.

"Oh, you darling foolish baby, why didn't you ask before you went off? If you'd listened a minute longer you'd have heard me tell Denny I wouldn't marry him, no matter what happened to you," he said, careless of the listeners.

"Twain't that!" Judge said and shut his lips tight again.

"Well then, what the nation was it?" asked Uncle Henry impatiently. "Olivier, you ought to be paddled, big as you are, and I'll do it if you don't stop acting up like a fool. I thought you were as sensible a boy as ever I saw."

Judge looked round at the circle of eyes and desperately gave in.

"So you see you ran off all for nothing."

Judge, tired and shaken, flung himself on Uncle Henry and began to cry frankly. "He did like Eve, he did!" he wailed. "Everyone said so, Mattie and Adriano and all and Eve liked him. And now you've all changed round. I hate it, it's all mixed up—"

He went on sobbing till Uncle Henry put an end to the scene by picking the child up and carrying him to his own room.

"What you need's a bath, and supper in bed, son," he said sensibly. The three left behind stood silent a moment.

"I have to be getting back to the inn now," George said uneasily. "I'll drive you," Ellen said. She held out her hand, in its bright-colored pique gauntlet, to Eve. It was icy cold. "See you later, Eve dear," she added with just her usual smile. Eve watched Ellen's flying scarlet silk cape and gay scarlet heels going down the porch steps beside George's dusty golf clothes. Nobody was going to say anything. It had passed. Life would go on.

To Hide For A While

EVE stood watching till they were out of sight. She could hear the little boy sobbing on upstairs and Uncle Henry's voice quieting him. And there seemed nothing anywhere any more. . . . Nothing but the everlasting ringing of the telephone. She answered it. Mrs. Minturn over the Ridge: a loaf of bread, two dozen



Some of the desolate, numb misery slipped away from Eve.

"'Twas on account of George then, if you must know!" he said angrily. "I wouldn't mind about Denny, he's not so hot. But he did say any man would jib at marrying with a boy hung around his neck and I knew I was why you and George didn't get married."

Eve put a desperate hand over his mouth, remembering too late that he had been away the whole week. Ellen and George had been engaged, and in the confusion of the fire must have heard nothing of it.

"We don't want to," she began.

Judge said doggedly, pushing down her hand, "I heard you by the window break, the night of the fire. You said you couldn't, but you wanted to. You said," he blushed and avoided with a small boy's self-consciousness, any mention of love—"that you did, awfully! Then the firemen came before I made out why and when I heard Denny I knew it was me. So I went."

A Little Boy Sobs

EVE dared not look at George, standing with his hand on the door lintel, nor at Ellen, very still beside Uncle Henry. She took a long breath—Ellen was her friend, Ellen had stood by her when no one else had—

"Judge, little boys like you can't arrange things for grown people. You made a dreadful mistake. It is Ellen George wants to marry. Don't you see how silly you were!"

"George!"

Judge's cry made Eve in spite of herself turn to where George stood with a stony face, his knuckles white where he gripped the lintel.

"I'm going to marry Ellen, Olivier," he told the child, even smiling a little.

biscuits. And was the old Seymour house burnt right down to the ground and was it true that George Cleveland's experiments were all burned up too? . . . She answered civilly, she took the order and gave the information. This was what her life would be from now on, forevermore.

Finally she could go from the house and the sound of the child's crying. She could hide for a while. She ran down the hall, her light skirts flying behind her, she fled out and between the tall rosebushes, the thick border of tall late sweet peas, to the rough stone steps that would give her the blessed shelter of her orchard.

The narrow path among the gnarled trees received her like arms around her. The heavy scent of sun on ripening apples was in her face. Something of the desolate numb misery slipped away as she went blindly on among the tree trunks. This was the place which spoke most to her of George, where she should have been most miserable; strangely it comforted her, as she felt the last sunlight on her shoulders and the twigs underfoot.

She dropped beside an old tree whose crooked made a low wide seat, and crouched in it, her head buried in her arms, as if it had been a living friend to whom she could come for comfort and protection. Far away she heard the sleepy birds; the wind was sweet across her curls. If she stayed here for a while perhaps she could be steady on her feet.

A twig snapped under someone's foot. She lifted her wet face.

George.

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The final scene takes place in Eve's orchard, tomorrow.

## STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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### MYSTERY OF THE PYRAMID!

THE APEX OF THE GREAT PYRAMID IS THE CENTER OF THE EARTH'S LAND SURFACE!!!

TWO LINES DRAWN THROUGH ITS TIP AND CIRCLING THE EARTH FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AND EAST TO WEST DIVIDE THE WORLD INTO 4 SECTIONS EACH CONTAINING THE SAME AMOUNT OF LAND!!!

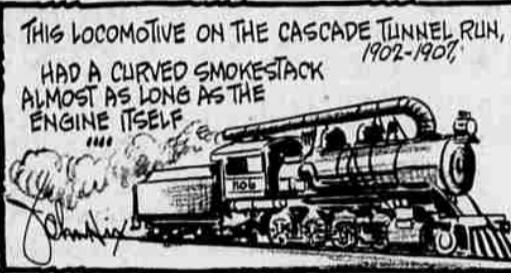
AND EACH LINE TRAVERSES MORE LAND THAN CAN ANY OTHER SIMILAR LINE ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE!!!



NOW DID THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS, WHO ERECTED THIS PYRAMID THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO WHEN THE REST OF THE WORLD WAS SUPPOSEDLY UNKNOWN TO THEM, HAPPEN TO SELECT SUCH A DEFINITE SPOT?

WAS IT A SCIENCE UNKNOWN TODAY? WAS IT A MERE COINCIDENCE?

BOSTON, N. L., LOST 4 SHOOTOUT GAMES IN A ROW, HAVING 29 RUNS SCORED AGAINST THEM!!! -1906-



THIS LOCOMOTIVE ON THE CASCADE TUNNEL RUN, 1902-1907, HAD A CURVED SMOKESTACK ALMOST AS LONG AS THE ENGINE ITSELF.

Great Pyramid Mystery.

Of all the unexplained mysteries of the past, the question of how the Egyptians came to choose the site for the greatest monument to their civilization stands among the foremost. It has completely baffled the world's leading authorities on the subject for years—and will probably continue to mystify their successors for centuries to come.

Was the selection of the site due to sheer coincidence? If so, it was perhaps the most amazing coincidence in all history. Scientists consider the odds against it having been a matter of chance too great to consider it as such.

The tip of the pyramid marks the almost exact pivotal land balance point of the earth's entire land surface. Lines drawn through it from east to west and from north to south would, if extended around the globe, divide the world into four sections of equal land area. The lines would travel along the greatest land area over which any similar line could be drawn.

Did the Egyptians know that they were selecting the earth's land center when they chose the Great Pyramid's site thousands of years ago when most of the world was supposedly unknown to civilized man? Many authorities are convinced that they did know. The fact that the pyramid is slightly off center only emphasizes their belief. The exact

Negro Robs Messenger. NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 5.—(AP)—A negro brandishing a nickel-plated pistol held up a bank messenger of the National Life and Accident Insurance company today and escaped with a sack containing \$140,000 in checks and money orders and \$315 in cash.

Plant More Trees. ST. PAUL (UP)—Prediction that 1937 would set an all-time record for tree planting on Minnesota farms was made here by Parker O. Anderson, extension forester at the University of Minnesota farm. Farmers of Minnesota's prairie region have pooled orders for from 20,000 to 60,000 windbreak trees per county.

Rivalry Grows. HONOLULU (UP)—Rivalry is still on for the biggest plantation in Hawaii or even the mainland itself. The purchase by the Kohala Sugar Company of the Niuhili mill and plantation properties for more than \$1,000,000 gives it a plantation of 12,000 acres that ranks as the second largest in the islands.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

### TAILSPIN TOMMY—Paul Co-operates!



YESTERDAY TOMMY TOLD SKEETER, WHO IS IN HOSPITAL, THAT HE HAS DESIGNED A NEW TYPE OF SPEED PLANE THAT MAY BE CAPABLE OF WINNING THE MUCH COVETED BENDIX TROPHY. BUT THE NEXT PROBLEM... IS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHIP.

### BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Trouble Brewing?



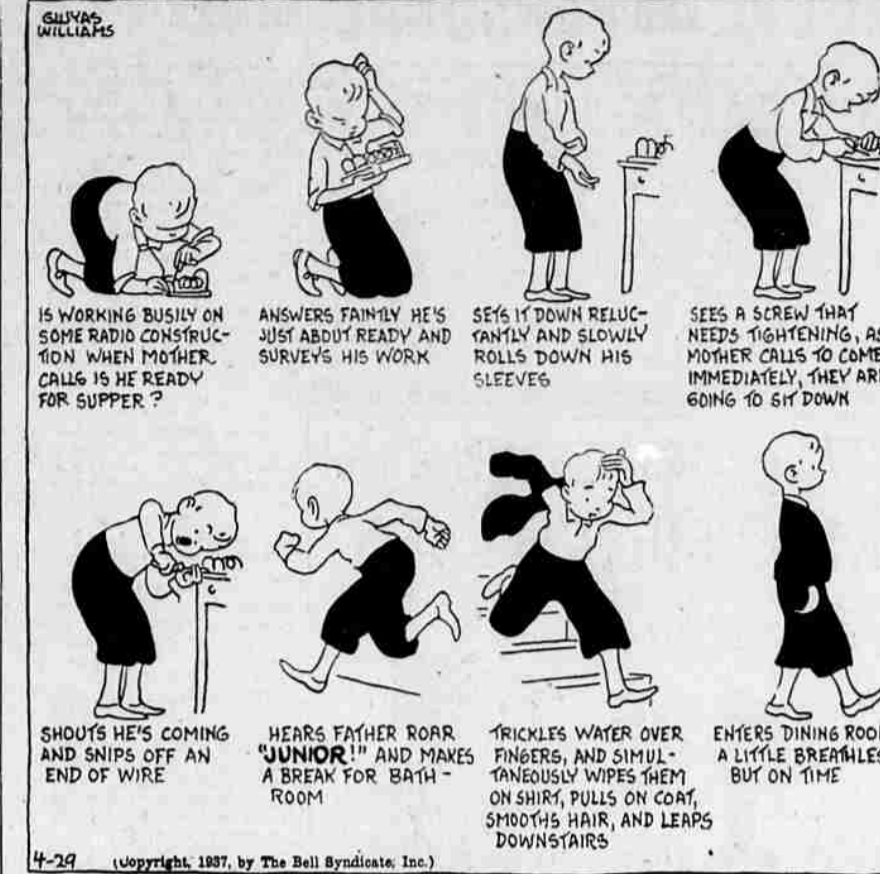
GOSH, MRS. HIGGING, WHAT IF LEM AND OS PILLINGS ARE RELATED TO BANKER CRUNCHER? THEY SURE WEREN'T DOING US ANY GOOD AROUND HERE—

### THE NEBBES—Lucky Dog



HERE YOU ARE LUTHER—64 BUCKS—THAT FOR TWO BUCKS AINT A BAD INVESTMENT

### READY FOR SUPPER



IS WORKING BUSILY ON SOME RADIO CONSTRUCTION WHEN MOTHER CALLS IS HE READY FOR SUPPER?

### S'MATTER POP



POP, MAY I ASK JUST ONE QUESTION? WILLYUM, HE WILL COUNT IT!

### EDWIN ALGER



ALL RIGHT, TOMMY, THREE-POINT WILL FINANCE YOUR RACING PLANE... BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO FLY IT!

### BY EDWIN ALGER



THEY TELL ME CALEB CRUNCHER IS JUST ABOUT THE MOST ORNERY MAN IN HILLSIDE, ESPECIALLY WHEN HE HOLDS THE WHIP HAND IN MONEY MATTERS!

### BY SOL HESS



I'LL GET A GAL AND GO OVER THERE MYSELF. I'LL SHOW THAT KITCHEN ACROBAT SHE CANT GIVE ME THE RUN-AROUND—SHE MAY NOT GET JEALOUS BUT IT WON'T DO HER NO GOOD!

## JVILLE SCOUTS LEAD AWARDS IN COURT OF HONOR

At the regular monthly court of honor of Medford district Boy Scouts of America, held Monday evening, troop 35, Jacksonville, again took the honors for having the largest number of awards. Don Newbury, chairman of the district court of honor, presided, assisted by the following scouters of the district: Dr. B. R. Elliott, deputy district commissioner; Seth M. Bullis, district chairman; Jack Thompson, assistant scoutmaster; troop 3: L. Clifton Gulp, scoutmaster; troop 5: Eric R. White, scoutmaster; troop 35 and the explorer patrol of Jacksonville; J. E. Vincent, scoutmaster; troop 40 Central Point and Irving P. Beesley, local scout executive.

The following presentations were made:

Second-class badges—Howard Renner, troop 5 Medford; Clifton Jones, troop 7 Medford.

Second-class merit badges—John Baglien, troop 5, for handicraft; Warren Baglien, troop 5, for handicraft.

First-class—John Baglien, troop 5; Albert Brewer, troop 5; Allan Buckingham, troop 5.

First-class merit badges—Richard Schuchard, safety and painting, troop 3 Medford; Jerry Vawter, troop 3 pathfinding and public health; Richard Nelson, troop 16 Medford, farm

home, farm layout and pathfinding; Joe Beach, troop 35 Jacksonville, first aid to animals; George Edens, troop 35, public health; Stuart Forbes, troop 35, farm mechanics, camping; Carol Lewis, troop 35, marksmanship; John Salabury, troop 35, public health and personal health.

Star Scout award—George Edens, troop 35 Jacksonville; Vernon Hamaker, troop 35.

Special award for four-year perfect attendance—George Gillings, troop 8, Medford.

The following scouts received den chief warrant certificates: Warren Baglien, pack 1, den 2; Douglas Janney, pack 3, den 4; Bob Pope, pack 3, den 3; Jerry Vawter, pack 3, den 4; Clifford Bishop, pack 8, den 2; Roger Olmscheid, pack 8, den 1; Hal Jewett, pack 40, den 4; Bobby Vincent, pack 40, den 1; Edgar Row, pack 40, den 2.

Grange Burns

CLATSkanie May 5.—(AP)—Fire destroyed the Fred Mallory garage and about a dozen automobiles this morning. The loss was estimated at about \$30,000, partly protected by insurance. Origin of the blaze was unknown.

Portland Port Busy

PORTLAND, May 5.—(AP)—Portland's water borne trade in April showed a six per cent increase over the corresponding month last year, the merchants exchange said in its monthly report. A gain of 8,430 short tons was shown in all trade except coastwise.

SALEM, May 5.—(AP)—Attorney-General I. H. Van Winkle stated in an opinion today the state land board has authority to purchase the \$100,000 refunding issue of Oregon farm credit bonds for the irrevocable school fund. The bonds are to be issued June 1, 1937.