



LET'S PRETEND

by WATKINS E. WRIGHT

CHAPTER XXXII  
THE next day found Loris and Carey back in Manhattan.

"Home again!" said Carey, as they came out of the Pennsylvania Station juggling their bags.  
"If you can call it that," said Loris wryly.  
Carey frowned. "Where's all the jauntiness of yesterday?"  
"I'm reacting," Loris admitted. "I feel horribly let down. The whole thing seems like a dream—our stay at Pottermore. I mean."  
"Nightmare would be a better word for it," said Carey, putting down the heavy suitcase he was carrying. "Well, where do we go from here?"  
"I'll see if I can get back my old room. And you can do the same."  
"I think housekeeping quarters for two would be better. Two can live as cheaply as one, you know."  
"That's all nonsense," said Loris emphatically.  
"Maybe so," Carey lit a cigarette and stared across Thirty-third Street. "But so long as we are really Mr. and Mrs. Carson we might as well keep up the pretense. We can find a place with an alcove or something, where I can rest my weary bones."  
For a moment, Loris said nothing. To her surprise, she found herself wishing that Carey would say something about really caring for her, really wanting to make the marriage something besides a pretense. She hated the idea of sharing limited quarters, yet she knew that rents were almost prohibitive for a two-room apartment that would give them each privacy. If she and Carey took such a place, their savings would be gone in no time.  
"I know just the place," said Carey, almost as though he had been reading her mind. "It's pretty far uptown. An old remodeled brownstone. Two fellows I once knew shared such a place."  
"Two rooms?"  
"One and a half. Fairly large room with day-bed, kitchenette and an alcove cot."  
"What about the bathroom?"  
"Opens off a little entry."  
"How much is the rent?"  
"Usually about forty-five a month. You pay your own gas and electric bills. They shouldn't run up to five if that."  
"Sounds reasonable enough—twenty-five dollars each a month," said Loris thoughtfully. "I paid six a week for my old room."  
"Six a week figures up to about twenty-seven a month," said Carey. "Come on, Loris, let's have a look at the place. It won't do any harm."  
Loris hesitated. "You understand that nothing is changed so far as our relations are concerned."  
"Yes, I understand."  
"Very well," said Loris. "We can get the subway right here. West side, I suppose."  
"Right. Up in the West Nineties."

GATHERING up their bags, they caught a White Plains express, and were roared up to Ninety-sixth Street station. On Broadway they paused to look toward the Hudson River, blue and peaceful in the late afternoon sun.  
"Good air up here, too," said Carey.  
Loris smiled. "You talk like a real estate agent."  
After a short walk, they located a brownstone where there was one vacancy. It was on the top floor, rear, and the windows looked out on the drab backs of other brownstones.

Loris turned quickly from the depressing sight and gave her attention to the room. It was neat and simply furnished—and in one corner was a three-panel screen.

Quickly she figured how it could be placed about the day-bed, giving her a minimum of privacy. She looked into the small alcove. There was a door which could shut it off from the larger room.  
"Well," said Carey, "shall we take it, dear?"  
"I think it will do very nicely." "It's quiet up here," said the landlady. "I'm sure you'll be comfortable."  
Carey paid a month's rent in advance, grateful that he and Loris had cash on hand. "I hope the marketing is convenient."  
"My, yes," said the landlady. "Good markets, and a cafeteria is at the corner where you can get reasonable meals when you don't feel like cooking."  
The landlady wrote out a receipt and handed it to Carey. "If there's anything you need to get settled, just let me know," she offered pleasantly.  
"I'll go to my old rooming house tomorrow and get some stuff," said Carey. "Plenty of room to keep it here."

"And I'll do the same," said Loris, dropping into a chair. "It's good to feel settled—even for a little while."  
Carey picked up his suitcase and went into the alcove, saying: "I presume this is my cubbyhole."  
"Unless you'd rather sleep out here," said Loris.

"No, the alcove is okay."  
LORIS looked around the room. It really could be made quite attractive and homelike. Especially when she brought in her own pictures, books and music. Perhaps if she rented a small piano for practice. That space near the windows was just made for a piano.

Suddenly Loris checked her rosy thoughts. What right did she have for planning a future—a future that included the room and Carey Carson? She had no job. Neither did Carey. And their savings certainly could not last many months.

Carey finished his unpacking and came to the door. "I have some telephone to do. I imagine there is a public phone in the lower hall."  
"There usually is in houses like this," said Loris.  
Carey walked to the door and hesitated.  
"Do you know what I am going to do?"  
"Sorry, I'm no mind-reader." "I'm going to telephone. I'm Wrenshaw. She must be back from her trip by now. I think we owe her an explanation."  
"If she is home, she probably has had an explanation from Mr. Potter by this time," said Loris.  
"She needs one from us—from me, rather," Carey took a long breath. "I'm going to come clean and tell her everything. I'm going to tell her about our job at the Boulevard, about Mr. Potter firing us—everything."  
"Because it will be easier after that."  
"Easier for what?"  
"For us to go on with our plans—working together. I am sick and tired of playing a double part."  
"I see," Loris did things to the curtains. "Good luck!"  
"Thanks. I'll ask her to lunch with me in New York the first chance she has. Now that I'm no longer a carmaker, nor a nightclub entertainer, maybe I can keep my mind on architecture."  
"Unless you keep it on Loris," said Loris, and hated herself for it afterwards.  
"Don't worry," Carey waved cheerfully. "Get ready to dine out. I'm taking you to the cafeteria tonight."

(To be continued)  
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On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:  
Chain stations and where they are on the dial:  
KALE (MBS) 1330, Portland;  
KEX (NPS Blue) 1190, Portland;  
KGA (NBC-Blue & MBS) 1510, Spokane; KGO (NBC-Blue) 810, San Francisco; KGW (NBC-Red) 820, Portland; KJR (CBS-Blue) 1000, Seattle; KNX (CBS) 1070, Los Angeles; KOA (NBC-Red) 850, Denver; KOIN (CBS) 970, Portland; KOMO (NBC-Red) 950, Seattle; KPO (NBC-Red) 680, San Francisco; KSL (CBS) 1160, Salt Lake City.  
Time Shows in PWT

Sunday  
5:00 p. m.—Hello America, KSL, KOIN, KNX; Song Shop Romance, KGO; Edgar Bergen, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Christian Science Prgm., KEX; Gospel Clinic, KJR.  
5:30 p. m.—Edward Tomlinson, KGO, KEX, KJR; William Winter, KNX, KSL, KOIN; One Man's Family, KPO, KGW, KOMO.  
6:00 p. m.—Manhattan Merry-Go-Round, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Radio Reader's Digest, KSL, KOIN; Artists in Uniform, KGO.  
6:30 p. m.—American Album of Familiar Music, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Fred Allen, KNX, KSL, KOIN.  
7:00 p. m.—Hour of Charm, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Goodwill Hour, KGO, KEX, KJR; Take It or Leave It, KNX, KOIN, KSL.  
7:30 p. m.—Report to the Nation, KSL, KOIN; Three Thirds of the News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Ingwood Park Concert, KEX.  
8:00 p. m.—Crime Doctor, KNX, KOIN; Great Gildersleeves, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Karl Godwin, KGO, KEX, KJR; Soldiers of the Press, KSL.  
8:15 p. m.—Jimmie Fidler, KGO, KEX, KJR; Church and Present Day Problems, KSL.  
8:30 p. m.—Gene Krupa's Orch., KNX; Quiz Kids, KGO, KEX, KJR; Oregonian Reports, KGW; Payroll Party, KOIN; Boeing Bomber X, KOMO; Art Linkletter, KPO.  
9:00 p. m.—Paddy Martin's Orch., KGO, KEX; Standard Symphony, KPO, KGW, KOMO; William Winter, KNX, KOIN; Shining Hour, KJR; String Ensemble, KSL.  
9:30 p. m.—Rus Morgan's Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR; On Temple Square, KSL.  
10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; University Explorer, KGO, KEX, KJR; Concert Salon, KJR; Thompson, KJR; Concert Salon, KJR.  
10:30 p. m.—When Evening Comes, KGO, KEX, KJR; What's It All About, KEX, KOIN; Quiet Hour, KEX; Gospel Hour, KJR; We Believe, KOMO; Unlimited Horizons, KOMO.  
11:00 p. m.—Melodious for Uncle Sam, KGO, KJR; Many Strand's Orch., KOIN; George Olsen's Orch., KPO, KGW, KNX.

NEW STEEL RECORD

Washington, Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—The War Production board reported today that 1942 steel plate shipments set a new annual record of 11,809,938 net tons, approximately double 1941 production.

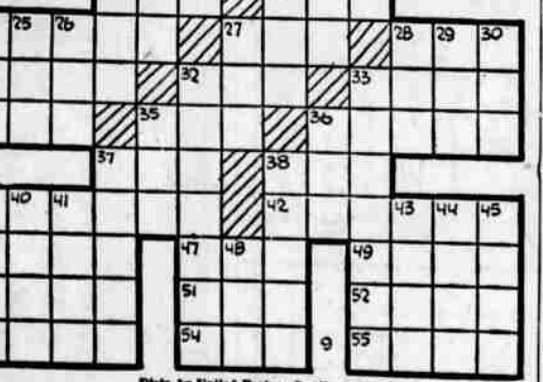
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS  
1—Onion-shaped root  
2—Sum up  
3—Cleave with a knife  
4—Cleave with a knife  
5—By way of  
6—Jack's nickname  
7—Don't  
8—Don't  
9—Top of head  
10—Vapor  
11—Jewish law  
12—Child  
13—Years of life  
14—West Point student  
15—Paid article  
16—Immerse in water  
17—Giddy  
18—Red cover  
19—Compliment  
20—Prohibit  
21—Empty space  
22—War vehicle  
23—Fist  
24—Baby food  
25—Mars with spots  
26—Unit of electricity  
27—This sword  
28—Perform  
29—Placed  
30—Far down  
31—Negatives  
32—Anglo-Saxon days  
33—Goal  
34—Plighting  
35—Observed  
36—Captures  
37—Single thing  
38—Reside  
39—Cried like goat  
40—Editor's greeting  
41—Underworld god  
42—Foolroom  
43—Fruit  
44—Ray of light  
45—U. S. island captured  
46—Joke  
47—Clever word  
48—Past time  
49—Tale  
50—Kava  
51—Notice  
52—Carbonated drink  
53—Put on  
54—Writing fluid  
55—Foot-like part  
56—Pompous show  
57—Maze with small spots  
58—Clint (clay)  
59—Unit of ball  
60—Strides  
61—Small pie  
62—Biblical warrior  
63—Sincere  
64—Set up golf ball  
65—Soliloquy  
66—Russian hemp  
67—Paradise  
68—Dove's call



DOWN  
1—Captures  
2—Single thing  
3—Goal  
4—Plighting  
5—Observed  
6—Captures  
7—Single thing  
8—Reside  
9—Cried like goat  
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THE WORLD AT ITS WORST  
By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



NOVELIST INDICTED IN SOLDIER'S DESERTION  
Miami, Fla., Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—Ursula Parrott, novelist and screen writer, today was indicted by a federal grand jury on three counts involving charges of aiding a soldier to desert the United States Army.  
If convicted, the maximum penalty would total 13 years imprisonment and fines totaling \$12,000.

LEFT BOLOGNA  
Los Angeles, Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—When police recovered a packing company truck stolen with three tons of meat, they found the hijacker had removed all choice cuts of meat and left 3,400 pounds of bologna.

Economy Advocate Would Abolish NYA  
Washington, Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—Chairman Harry F. Byrd, D., Va., of the joint congressional economy committee, charged today that the National Youth Administration had 7,816 training stations in 14 states where only 5,685 youths were registered for training.  
Byrd, at a committee hearing at which NYA Director Aubrey Williams was testifying, cited that as an example of governmental extravagance.

Los Angeles, Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—The laws of two states tonight stood between red-haired Jeanne Scroggins, 19, Sacramento, Cal., would-be bride, and marriage by proxy to Izzy Tamres, U. S. air service warrant officer in North Africa.

FRENCH AVIATORS IN HOLLAND RAID ON STEEL WORKS

London, Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—American-built Vega Ventura B-34 bombers raided the iron and steel works at Ijmuiden, Holland, today, following up another heavy attack on German industry in the Ruhr by the Royal Air Force last night.

"Bursts were seen in the furnaces and the coke ovens," an air ministry communique said. It disclosed that Spitfires, flown by fighting French pilots, fought off 14 German Focke-Wulf 190s near Abbeville, escorting the big American bombers to Holland.

The air ministry said the fighting French pilots were flying Spitfires. The British Press association's air correspondent pointed out that this was the first mention of the Spitfire-9, a new and improved model. Details of the new plane were not available.

RAF mosquito bombers attacked targets in northern France and Belgium while fighter squadrons carried out offensive sweeps over northern France, the air ministry reported.

HORSE MEAT SALE AS FOOD RAPPED

East St. Louis, Ill., Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—Men who live on, by and for horses spoke in unison tonight against horse meat on the dining room table, declaring that people who had developed an appetite for "man's most useful servant" were downright unpatriotic.

Hard-boiled dealers in this great horse and mule market, one of the largest in the world, emphasized that the horse is capable of more work per pound than any other domesticated animal with the possible exception of the mule, which is half horse anyway. Such energy, they suggested, is well worth preserving for the war effort.

They charged categorically that the practice of selling horse meat is (1) unpatriotic, (2) unhealthful, (3) impractical, and (4) inhumane.

PACKAGE RESTRICTIONS INTRODUCED BY W.P.B.

Washington, Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—The war production board today placed restrictions on the packaging of food, clothing and other commodities sold in retail stores, and warned that "consumers may have to carry some products home unpackaged."  
To save some 225,000 tons of cardboard and other pulp products, the WPB eliminated dummy boxes and boxes used for packaging alcoholic beverages.

CARVER RITES SIMPLE

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—Brief and simple funeral services, in keeping with the life he lived will be held at 2:30 p. m. today for Dr. George Washington Carver, the former slave who became one of America's greatest scientists.

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Ready to Fire!



THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF A GREAT N.Y. ADVERTISING AGENCY  
"I COULDN'T HOLD 'EM," SAID "SIR."  
"LOOK HYAR! THEY THAR'S FIVE MODELS IN 'EM WORLD—EACH HAVIN' ONE PUFFICK FEATURE—NAPPELY, PUFFICK EYES, PUFFICK NOSE, PUFFICK LAHS, ARMS, AN' HAIR!"  
"WE GOT ONE MODEL GOT ALL FIVE PUFFICK FEATURES!"  
"WHAT DO YOU BARBOONS KNOW ABOUT BEAUTY? GET OUT OF HERE, OR I'LL CALL THE POLICE!"

POLICE IS BIG CITY BARBOONS! LE'S GO!  
"AH GOT TIED WAITIN' OUT THAR!"  
"W-WAIT!! GREAT SCOTT!! YOU WEREN'T KIDDING!! SHE'S PERFECT!"  
"AH'LL HIRE HER OUT—CHEAP!"  
"SHELL WORK LIKE A HORE, AN' AWLL COLLECT TH' MONEY!"  
"AH IS HER LEGAL—AM KNOWS WHUT'S BEST FOR HER!"

THE NEBBS—Changing Their Luck  
"A SEVEN FROM HEAVEN! GIVE HER TWO COBARS EMBERT."  
"BEGINNERS LUCK... DAT ALWAYS GETS 'EM."  
"SHE WANTS THE WHOLE BOX."  
"PUT UP DAT CLANNET AND HESSE YOU WINS DE BOX OF SEBAGAS!"  
"SHAKE EYES, SISTAH, LET DAT BE A LESSON. WE GET SEARED LIKE A FISH IN A BARREL!"  
"GIVE HER THE BOX BEFORE WE GET SEARED LIKE A FISH IN A BARREL!"  
"NOW WE'LL SEE IF HIS LUCKY CLANNET IS LUCKY FOR US."  
"IF WE GET HER LEGAL, I'LL BELIEVE IN HIS BOOBIE-BAZOOKA FOREVER AFTER!"

Heil For Hitler Costs Autoist \$100 Court Fine

Omaha, Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—It cost John A. Nelson, foreman at an ordinance plant, \$100 and costs to "heil Hitler" in police court today.

Nelson was arrested on a charge of running a stop sign, a \$1 rap.

As Court Bailiff Glenn Teal finished his "hear ye, hear ye," cry opening court, Nelson arose from his seat on the mourners' bench and cried, "Heil, Hitler!"

"What's that?" snapped Judge John W. Battin. "Heil, Hitler!" repeated Nelson. "Contempt of court—\$100," said the judge.

Four Die in Crash Of Planes in Sky

Tulare, Cal., Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—The midair crash of two army training planes from Rankin field near here yesterday killed two civilian flight instructors and two army air cadets, Rankin field officials announced.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS



WAR MOTHER—HELEN BAXTER, THOUGH HAVING NO SON OF HER OWN, WRITES 152 LETTERS EACH WEEK TO BOYS IN THE SERVICE!  
New York City...

FIRE FLIER

SET ABLAZE FROM BOMB DOORS TO REAR TURRET BY ACK-ACK FIRE IN A RAID ON BREMEN, A BRITISH WELLINGTON BOMBER PUT OUT THE FIRE BY MEANS OF A STEEP DIVE!  
THEN, WITH WIRELESS AND NAVIGATION INSTRUMENTS USELESS, THE PLANE RETURNED SAFELY TO ITS HOME BASE!

Monday—WORLD WEIGHING MACHINE!

BLAZING BOMBER  
The plane caught fire a few seconds after it dropped its bombs on a German city. The pilot went into a steep dive which put out the fire, but only after a quantity of fabric was burned. The pilot landed his machine and crew safely on English soil.

Miss Baxter knows personally each of the boys to whom she writes. She first met them in connection with her work as an official of the Children's Aid Society. Each letter is different.

FRENCH GENERAL GETS JAIL TERM

London, Jan. 9.—(U.P.)—Gen. Jean De Lattre De Tassigny, a French general accused of attempting to hold a beach in Southern France so as to aid an American invasion he believed imminent, was sentenced at Lyon today to 10 years imprisonment for abandoning his post, radio Vichy reported.

De Tassigny was tried for his life by a secret Vichy state tribunal. He was accused of attempting to hold the beach at Sète, Southern France, on November 8, when he believed the American forces invading French North Africa also would move into France against the Germans.

It was charged that he organized 200 French patriot troops to hold the beach until the Americans arrived. In addition, there were intimations that he had organized a secret group to aid the expected American landing.

The next meeting will be for enlisted Masons of the army and will be Thursday, January 21, at Service Club No. 1 at 7:15 p. m. A buffet lunch will be served. The Camp White Masonic Club was organized through the efforts of E. L. Lenox and William Bishop of the Medford lodge.

Camp White Masons Hear Prof. McNeal At Supper Meeting

Professor Roy McNeal of Ashland, deputy grand master of the Masonic lodge for this district, spoke at a meeting of the Masonic club of Camp White held Friday night at Service Club No. 1. The meeting followed a southern barbecue supper served under supervision of Mrs. Curtis Hopkins, hostess of the club.

In his talk Professor McNeal mentioned several famous soldiers who have stood fast to Masonic principles while serving the army. He particularly dwelt upon the career of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and urged the soldiers present to uphold the fine principles which the famous general expected of men serving under him.

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