

SERIAL STORY WAR AND A WOMAN BY BETTY WALLACE

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CHAPTER I "IT'S queer," Linda Storm said thoughtfully, as she stood beside Marcia King near the car that was parked on the flying field at Pensacola.

loved them for it, but she had been just a little lonely. She had promised herself two weeks of gaiety. This was hardly an auspicious start.

"I'll say it!" Marcia answered. "The toughest air course in the world. Baby, we turn out flyers! Pride rang in her voice. Her eyes swept skyward, to where a long line of airplanes flew across the cloud-banked sky.

That night, as Marcia flew excitedly from her own room to the guest room in every imaginable state of undress, Linda shook off the first chill doubting. She had a new evening dress, white and gauzy and beautiful as a dream. Looking into the mirror, she knew that she was beautiful. As Marcia said, playfully envious.

"You've always backed me right off the map. I shouldn't have asked you! You'll steal my wedding scene, you're so lovely."

BUT downstairs, in the room that was filled with white naval uniforms and the bare shoulders of gay Navy girls, Linda felt out of place. Everyone knew everyone else. Their very talk was unintelligible to her.

"Linda smiled at her. Her own eyes, wide and golden, followed the clean, swift flight of those ships overhead. But she thought, helplessly, that Marcia didn't quite understand what she meant. Marcia was a Navy girl. This was thrilling, glorious, to her. But to Linda, who had been taught to see behind the scenes, it meant only one thing. The same thing she always heard, shuddering, behind the strains of martial music. The same thing she always saw, sadly, behind columns of marching men. War.

After a while, Linda drifted out to the porch. There were great white stars overhead, and the warm tropical night was so beautiful that she put her head against a post and stared out, dreamily, to where a palm tree swayed against the sky.

"BUT maybe I'm wrong," she murmured. "Maybe those are Daddy's ideas, cropping out in me. And where they're wrong. But she had never thought so before. It was confusing to find herself questioning and doubting, when Marcia was so proud; when this whole air station was so solid and impregnable, when every officer and every student here was so sure.

"Queensville" was asked a masculine voice beside her, startlingly. "Oh!" She jumped, and turned around quickly. A tall man in uniform was smiling down at her. His lean, tanned face, and the look in his brown eyes did something strange to her heart.

EQUIPMENT LOST IN RANCH FIRE AS HOUSE SAVED

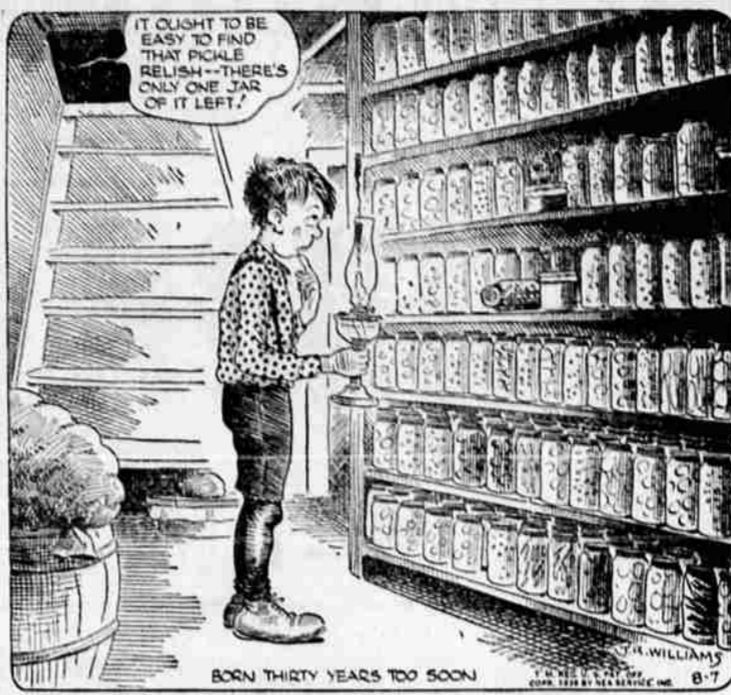
DORRIS—The Bernath ranch, as it has been known for a decade, had what might have been a serious fire last week. Two young men coming through Dorris from Klamath Falls about 11 o'clock that night saw the flames down on the ranch. They decided to investigate so drove their car over to the confusion which was burning unnoticed in the outbuildings.

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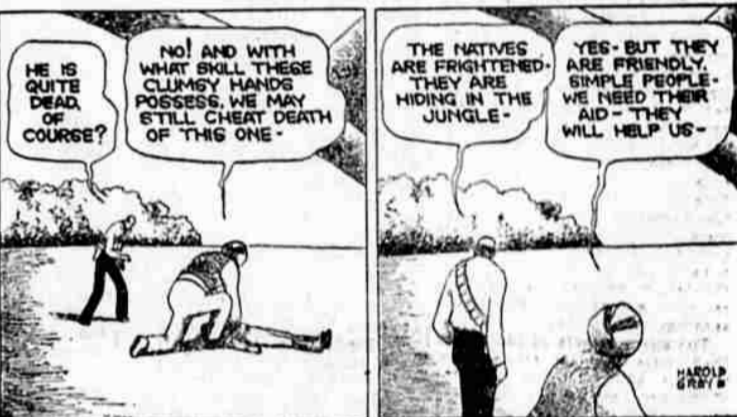
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"I wasn't so-cared to sleep out here, Fan. I j-j-just hol-lered to be sure you were all right."

MAP PUZZLE

Map puzzle grid with crossword clues and a map of the United States.

"And I've loved him since I was knee-high to a duck. When we were kids, our fathers served on the same stations, you know. I've played with Jimmy Cooper or naval stations from Norfolk to Hawaii and back."

"There's not much to tell, Marcia. He's sweet and serious and all wrapped up in his experiments and—and—" Her voice trailed off. And he was devoting his life to fight against microbes, so that men could live longer and more useful lives.