

INTERESTING MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The City Street Department was well represented at the special meeting of the Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce held on Saturday evening last, Engineer M. D. Williams, Secretary of the Engineering Department, C. W. Stickle and Road Foreman L. D. Pike being present.

The meeting was opened by Vice-President G. W. Burch, President W. E. Bechtelheimer taking the chair later.

Mr. Williams was the first speaker and he made a good impression on his audience by stating that he did not expect to make any promises as to what would be done in the way of road work in this end of the valley until he had made a more comprehensive survey of the situation. He said that all expenditures beyond the most ordinary repairs must be authorized by the Board of Public Works. He stated there is no fund for the construction of new roads, which work must be done by special assessment on the property benefited. Mr. Williams said that the work had been begun on the resurfacing of the traffic side of the boulevard at Marfan and he hoped to be able to complete this work before being assigned to another point. He asked the people of the valley to take up complaints with him before appealing to the 'higher ups.'

J. L. Waring urged the people to give Mr. Williams fair chance to 'make good' before criticizing him. He expressed the hope that the new engineer would be able to complete some of the jobs which were begun several months ago.

W. E. Bechtelheimer said that the city people are usually 'long on talk,' but he believed Mr. Williams and Mr. Pike were real workers and would show good results later. He asked Mr. Williams his plans regarding the bridge promised for the wash near the hi school, but the latter knew nothing of the matter. He promised to take it up at the bridge engineer's office.

President N. A. Gray of the Chatsworth Chamber of Commerce said very little work had been done in that portion of the valley since annexation to the city. He said Chatsworth people wished a fair proportion of their tax money spent in their own district and hoped Mr. Williams would see that the funds were used in such manner that the most people would benefit by same.

Frank Goodall expressed his satisfaction with the present roads as they are so much better than during the pioneer days.

A. Schilling expressed the opinion that the improvement of Sherman Way is one of the important pieces of work in the valley. He hoped Mr. Williams would rush this job as rapidly as possible.

Being asked about the numerous dangerous ruts left in the roads by the water department men, Mr. Williams stated that the water department and the A. B. S. Co. are allowed to make

all necessary excavations, under the agreement that same are to be properly filled. He said vigorous measures would be adopted to compel the restoration of the roads to a good condition as before the pipes were laid.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Pike for his efforts in securing the new sprinkling truck for this portion of the valley.

John Hass said the road department was not to blame for all of the bad spots in the roads. He said dirt roads were very difficult to work during the dry season and that the sprinkler would be a great help during the beet and bean hauling.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Pike urged the cooperation of the farmers in keeping irrigation water from the roads.

Norman Johnson of Chatsworth called attention to the dangerous condition of the railway culvert near that place on Gangos Ave. He considered it very important that the railway company be required to enlarge this culvert before the rainy season opens, as serious damage may be done in Owensmouth by the stoppage of the water at that point.

President Bechtelheimer referred to the promise made some time ago by Fire Chief Ely regarding apparatus for the Owensmouth Fire Department, of which W. L. Waring is chief. On motion of Mr. Waring the secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Ely regarding the matter.

Norman Johnson asked Mr. Hancock, who was present as the representative of the water department, some questions regarding the future water supply. Mr. Johnson stated that serious loss had occurred as a result of the water shortage and farmers who wished to plant fall potatoes were undecided, as no assurance could be obtained that conditions would be better in the future.

Mr. Hancock said the break in the aqueduct proved more serious than expected, the water being shut off from the San Fernando reservoir some three weeks. He said some 15,000 miners' inches is now coming down the big ditch but that the water in the reservoir is so low that it would be some time before all users can be supplied. He hoped the Chatsworth reservoir would be completed in time to be used next year.

L. K. Thompson expressed the opinion that the water department should be more willing to cooperate with the farmers and help tide over the present difficulties with less friction.

A general discussion of the water situation followed, in which several cases of overcharges on the part of the water department were brought out.

Reference was made to the statement of the water department officials before the bond were voted that water would be furnished at cost—that no profit was desired on the municipal system.

PRELIMINARY WORK ON THE CHATSWORTH RESERVOIR

Actual work on the Chatsworth reservoir of the Los Angeles aqueduct system has been begun by the boring of test holes on the sites for the dams.

The reservoir which will act as reservoir storage basin for the aqueduct water, permitting the operation of the power plant at full capacity, will hold 9,000,000-000 gallons.

It will be formed by the construction of four dams, two dikes and the moving of 11,000,000 cubic yards of earth. The area of basin so formed will be 1300 acres. It will be three miles long and one mile wide.

The largest dam will be more than 3000 feet long, and sixty-three feet in height. It will be 325 feet wide at the base, and 30 feet wide at the top. More than 740,000 cubic yards of earth will be used in building this great wall.

It is estimated that the construction of the largest dam will take two years, but it will be raised to a point next summer that will increase its use in increasing capacity until the entire job is finished.

A big equipment of machinery and a large force of men is being assembled by William Mulholland, chief engineer of the aqueduct, for the construction of the reservoir. Work will be pushed steadily forward until it is completed, when Los Angeles will have such an enormous surplus supply of aqueduct water stored at its very doors that no fear of shortage need be entertained, no matter how serious a break may occur on the aqueduct.

On Monday morning the mail for Owensmouth was sent to Van Nuys thru an error in the Los Angeles postoffice. On learning of the mistake the Owensmouth postmaster brought the information from Van Nuys and Miss Thomson drove to the latter office and brought the mail there, otherwise it would have been returned to Los Angeles, as the direct pouch between Owensmouth and Van Nuys has been discontinued, all mail going to the city for redistribution.

All persons wishing to patronize the new rural route are requested to communicate with the Owensmouth postoffice at once. Owing to the postmaster's error on the Direct Exemption Board it is impossible for him to visit each patron personally and the people are expected to show their patriotism by assisting the Government employees at this time.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

The scoutage Assistant Scout Master Ralph Goodall a farewell surprise party Aug. 14, at his beautiful home. Exciting games were played at the conclusion of which a winner and a marshall were chosen and was enjoyed by all. The invited guests were Scout

Master Eric Goodall, Committee men Mr. Waring, Mr. Monroe, and Mr. Burch, Scouts Alfonso and Frank Knapp, Armour and Harold Trexler, Ellis and Marshall Cravens, Loyd and Earl Carder, John and George Burch, Arthur Schilling, Harold Sexsmith, Raymond Orton, Francis Waring, Samuel Antis, Dean Gachwind, Wayne Davis, Edwin Dickney and Fawn Peck.

75 MORE MEN CALLED

The Draft Exemption Board for this division has issued the third call to men to appear for examination next Monday morning at 9 o'clock. The numbers included in this call run from 289 to 363. If your order number is below 363 don't fail to appear at the Van Nuys City Hall before noon on Monday, whether you receive a notice or not. Several men in the city have forfeited all their rights to exemption by neglecting to obey the summons of the Exemption Board. The numbers for this locality were published in last week's issue of the Gazette and are now posted at the Van Nuys City Hall and it is incumbent on all registered men to inform themselves as to their numbers. If you fail to do this you have no one else to blame if you find yourself on the way to the training camp leaving your family to shift for themselves as best they can.

Monday morning Prof. Gerard was offered the examination and on Wednesday E. G. Harbold assisted. Who will volunteer to assist next Monday morning?

NEW WATER MANAGER

There was a change in the local office of the Los Angeles Water Department Saturday, when H. L. Zoller succeeded George T. Gilmore as the head of the department in the Van Nuys district.

Mr. Gilmore, who has rendered very efficient and satisfactory service in the office during his incumbency has been transferred to the main office in Los Angeles.

Mr. Zoller has been exclusively in charge of the irrigation in the valley since June 15.

There has been a wonderful growth in the business of the Van Nuys office since Mr. Gilmore took charge in March, 1916. Using the irrigation scheme a large force of men are required in the office to conduct the business. Van Nuys News.

DANCE AT NEWBURY PARK

Saturday Evening, Aug. 18. Good Music. All invited. Adv.

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President—Mrs. Ed Morris.
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Members meet second Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock at homes of members.

Owensmouth High School
Principal—G. W. Moore.

Owensmouth Grammar School
Principal—Joseph Gares.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Riddle had as guests on Sunday the former's cousins, Mrs. Edith Barrett and two daughters, and Mrs. Kennedy of Los Angeles.

Ralph Goodall left Thursday for Berkeley, where he plans to enter the State University for a 3 year course.

Arthur McDonald has enlisted in the 22d Coast Artillery and is at San Pedro.

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OWENSMOUTH, CAL., FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1917

Warning is given to all drafted men to promptly obey the summons of the Exemption Board to appear for examination, under penalty of forfeiting all exemption privileges. In this district it has been found necessary to issue the third call for men, the next examinations to be held on Monday, August 20. The highest number included in the final call is 963. Every drafted man whose Order Number is below 363 should appear before the Exemption Board at the Branch City Hall in Van Nuys before noon on Monday next, if he has not been examined.

The people of Owensmouth appreciate the courtesy of the representatives of the City Street Department in their efforts to ascertain the wishes of the people regarding the expenditure of the meager funds available for street purposes in this district. It involves some sacrifice on the part of Messrs. Williams and Pike to make these evening trips, which are at their personal expense. It seems to be the consensus of opinion that the street work in the valley is in competent hands and that each locality will receive its just proportion of attention. The funds available for the maintenance of the valley roads are wholly inadequate and all new work must be done under the Vroman Law, or by special assessment.

Owensmouth people were disappointed at the failure of Manager H. L. Zoller of the Van Nuys Branch of the City Water Department to be present at the Chamber of Commerce meeting Saturday evening. Mr. Hancock was present and gave some information to the irrigators present. There is considerable dissatisfaction among water users throughout the valley and it is to the best interest of all concerned that the situation be cleared up. Many ranchers have suffered serious losses to growing crops on account of the shortage of water caused by the break in the main canal. They have been unable to secure the water needed to take water thru open ditches. Necessary improvements were carried out, but considerable expense, and a large part of the property was damaged to experienced men who had best been given the man who sees the value of close-in property, not only had the soil, water and climatic conditions but had the most important factor of location as well.

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THEIR SECOND HONEYMOON

By WARREN MILLER

"Well," said Frank Egerton, "I am here."

"So am I," replied the woman who, though she had been divorced from him, was still Mrs. Egerton.

"Where are the papers?"

"There." She pointed to some documents on a table.

"The property is worth \$10,000 less than it was a year ago. Had you not refused to join me in the sale then we would have had been today \$5,000 better off."

"After wouldn't he be?"

"And if you hadn't been under mother's thumb you would have been better off in the matter of a husband," she replied, leaning herself at the table, taking up a pen and beginning to put his signature to the documents.

"How about the quarrels some husbands?"

He paid no attention to this, being engrossed in looking over the documents and signing them. He seemed to be in haste, glancing now and again at his watch. As soon as he had finished he rose from his chair, took up his hat and was about to leave when she said:

"You seem to be in haste."

"I am. I have but two hours to attend to a lot of business, pack my trunk and get to a train."

"Where are you going on a train?"

"To the seashore."

"The seashore—what delightful words to one sweating in this hot weather!"

"The Nautilus is at Marblehead," he added. "I am to reach her there, and I'm going for a cruise."

"In what water?"

"I notice no diminution in your curiosity. What difference does it make to you where I cruise?"

"Are you going among those islands on the coast of Maine where we—"

"She stopped. Her eyes were a bit wet.

"Where we went on our wedding trip? No. I'm not going to make myself miserable by going there."

He made another effort to get away, but it failed.

"Who's going with you?"

"Jim Tucker and his wife, the Thomsons and Mary Blake."

"Who's Mary Blake?"

"I can't stand here answering questions in which you can have no possible interest and catch my train."

"Are you going to marry Mary Blake?"

"What's that to you?"

"Is she pretty?"

"Yes, but—"

"I have a mind to go with you."

"Yes?"

"Come, Edith. This is arrant nonsense. Three years ago you divorced me because I objected to your mother running our affairs. Now you propose to go on a yachting tour with me, one of my guests being a girl who, I think, would not refuse an offer from me. You also intend to occupy the best room on the Nautilus, that would naturally be given to her. Could there be anything more absurd?"

She had no sense of humor, she stung him. He looked at his watch for the fourth time in five minutes.

"I suppose you have heard of poor dear mother's death," she said at last.

"I have. Please accept my sympathies."

"There was another silence, during which she showed signs of impatience to get away."

"What time does your train leave?" she asked.

"At 3:30."

"I think you will need to take a later one."

"What! Have my guests on hand and I absent?"

"You might telephone them that you have been delayed."

"What reason can I give for the delay?"

"Why, you might say that you have invited me to be of the party and I will need time for preparation."

"But I have not invited you."

At this stage of the argument tears came to bring about a crisis. He went to her and put his arms about her.

"Edith, have you come to see your error?"

"There was no reply to this, only tears."

"Very well, get ready to go with me. We will take a later train."

"But—"

"What?"

"We must be married."
"I will arrange for that."
When they arrived at the yacht, now man and wife, they found no one but the crew.

"Where are your guests?" she asked.

"I telephoned them that you were to be of the party. Doubtless they preferred not to stand in the way of our second honeymoon."

"This second honeymoon may not have had the zest of the first, but it was a great relief to both. Providence had removed the cause of their separation, and there was now nothing to interfere with their happiness."

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Picking the Better Man

A Thrilling Episode Embled Polly to Decide.

By AGNES G. BROGAN.

I shall never forget that summer, the most important season of my life. David was then twenty-five, tall and straight as an arrow, cool of disposition, never flustered, while I was not only full of whims, but impulsive and never certain of doing the right thing at the right time.

I had known him since I was a little girl and had always looked up to him as something too far above such a chit as I. Cyril Marston I did not meet till that eventful summer, but as soon as he saw me it was plain that I had made an impression.

My uncle—my dear uncle who loved me as his own child—was with me, or, rather, I was under his care, and I knew he was watching me, knowing that I had two strings to my bow. I tried to get out of him which was his choice, but he would not tell me. I have since known that he preferred to leave it to me to choose instinctively the better man.

My uncle bade me goodbye as I stood on the steps of the summer hotel. "Have a good time, Polly," he said at parting, "and may the best man win."

I laughed, but my face flashed hotly, and my uncle had gone. I sat there upon the veranda thinking things over. You see, David had been asking me to marry him, both in and out of season for a long time, but why hurry to decide so important a question, for David would always be waiting patient and faithful, immovable as the Sphinx.

So through this one long summer vacation at least I determined to think no more of the vexing question of marrying or giving in marriage, and then Cyril Marsden appeared on the scene.

It was very gratifying, I must admit, to be the one chosen above all others by a man so greatly admired, and we were soon jolly good companions, he and I, always enjoying together the little excursions and fetes which the guests had planned.

One day David came and startled me, and I said: "What, you here?"

"Yes," he answered placidly, "it is I. You do not seem pleased to see me."

"If I had known that you were coming, I had answered differently. I would have met you with a brass band. As it is—"

David's face grew very stern. "Yes," he said questioning, "it is I?"

"I have made another engagement for this afternoon," I finished.

David studied me reprovingly. "Then, Polly," he said slowly, "I will not stay to interrupt your plans."

His glance followed me down the roadway, where Cyril Marsden came swinging along, looking very handsome in his yachting flannels.

David barely acknowledged the introduction as I presented the two men, but Cyril was charming and gracious as ever and thoughtfully invited David to accompany us on our pleasure trip—an invitation which was curtly refused.

"Goodby, Polly," David said in a low voice. "I think that I understand everything now."

That summer upon the lake shore was one round of gayety, but I did not see or hear from David again.

It was after we had returned to the city that Cyril disappointed my summer time friends by proving that upon his part at least one had not been an idle flirtation, for he asked that thrice old question, and, listening, I thrilled at the beauty of his language.

He had driven me about in his electric as I shopped one glorious morning, and we stopped to dine at a restaurant on the ninth floor of a great department store building.

It was when we had settled ourselves in a secluded corner that my raving eyes fell upon David. He had evidently finished his meal and was leaning back with ease.

Now white and thin he looked! Working steadily all summer with

out rest or recreation had been too hard on him.

The pianist began to play something weird and sad, and the violin joined in solemnly. I looked down on my corage bouquet of white violets tied with silken cord, and my intense resentment rose within me at the thought that with all his unceasing labor David could not hope to buy the violets which Cyril bestowed so lavishly.

Then above the hum of conversation, even above the crash of the music I became conscious of an air of subdued excitement. The little waitresses hurried about with white and frightened faces, men talked quietly together, then hastened from the room.

"What is it?" I asked of Cyril, and he went to see.

Presently he beckoned me from the doorway. "Something is wrong," he said nervously. "We had better get out."

But as we made our way to the elevators we found them already surrounded by a crowd pushing and struggling restlessly to get nearer the iron doors, clerks hurried down the narrow stairway, disorder and confusion prevailed.

Then I saw David's tall figure. He had been speaking to one of the managers. Now his voice rang out clearly, commanding:

"There is no cause to be alarmed," he said. "A slight fire in the front part of the building will soon be under control. This one great danger to be averted at this time is a panic. The elevators can easily carry every one here to safety in a short time. Coolness and obedience are all that is required."

He went about quickly, and with the aid of men who followed in the directions long lines of people were reaching to the doors of the elevators, which worked swiftly as the orderly rows of people moved slowly forward or patiently awaited their turn.

There was no sound within now save David's voice encouraging, reassuring. Cyril clutched my arm frantically. "We will be next," he exclaimed. "Make a run for it."

Then David approached. "Polly," he said very gently, "I am glad that you are near the door."

"Oh, just two more," called the elevator man as Cyril hurried me forward. We had entered the car when I saw a woman look up at Cyril beseechingly and then step back in sudden disappointment.

She had a little child in her arms. "Then it all happens very quickly," she—the woman had my place in the elevator, the iron door clanged shut, and I stood coughing a little with the smoke and smeling up at David.

"Oh, Polly," he said sternly, "why did you do that?"

And I slipped my hand through his arm and answered honestly, "I did it, David, because I could not bear to be outside while you were here, and I am going to stay with you to the last."

I have read in stories of faces being illuminated, and I understood the full meaning of the word as I looked at David now.

He did not speak, but held me close to his side as our life over came lying up again. The people were growing unruly now and pressed forward roughly.

Suddenly David lifted me in his arms, the iron doors closed again, and this time I was going down down with the fortunate one to safety.

As we came out into the fresh air I saw that we had the place beyond the protecting rope a chair went up from the crowd, and I raised my smoke smarting eyes to the windows of the ninth story, where the little tongues of flame leaped and curled.

Sick with fear, I waited, knowing that David would be the first person to leave the burning floor. From time to time faint cheers sounded as the elevators unloaded their precious burdens; then with a wild and glaring light the flames burst forth untrammelled. Tremblingly I covered my eyes, but soon a mighty resounding cheer seemed to shake the earth. "All out safely!" called a triumphant voice, and the people all about were telling me how the presence of mind and the bravery of the man who prevented a panic.

"Who is he?" asked a young man who stood near with notebook and pencil in hand.

And I heard myself answering him proudly, almost unconsciously,

"He is David Gray," I said, "the man I am going to marry." Then I turned to find David's eyes looking into mine.

"Come, Polly," he said softly and hastily drew me away. As we walked down a quiet side street I looked up into his dear grimy face with its tired lines.

"David," I asked reproachfully, "why did you not let me stay with you up there until the last?"

"Because, Polly," he answered, with a happy, boyish laugh, "I wanted you to stay with me down here until the last."

And that is how we became engaged.

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Submarine cables consist of thin wires covered with insulating, water-proof layers of paper, metal, rubber, hemp and pitch and on the outside a sheath of lead and steel. They taper toward the middle, being thickest at shore ends. These cables lie on the ocean bed.

All They Wanted.

A late party given at Owensmouth was approached by two ugly looking jags, with this greeting from one, while the other meannigly wheeled a stack of bank notes from a number boy.

"Say, feller, we 'ud my partner was a plankton' on plankted steel. We got you to plank, 'ad all we ast of you is a stake"—Boston advertiser.

The English tree sparrow is said to be the exact species referred to in Psalms lxxxiv, 3.

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Leave Owensmouth	Arrive L. A.
4:20 a. m.	7:45 a. m.
8:00 a. m.	9:04 a. m.
10:00 a. m.	11:04 a. m.
12:00 p. m.	1:04 p. m.
2:00 p. m.	3:04 p. m.
4:00 p. m.	5:04 p. m.
6:00 p. m.	7:04 p. m.
8:00 p. m.	9:04 p. m.
11:00 p. m.	11:43 p. m.
12:10 a. m.	1:03 a. m.
Leave L. A.	Arrive Owensmouth
5:11 a. m.	7:36 a. m.
5:55 a. m.	8:20 a. m.
8:25 a. m.	10:50 a. m.
10:20 a. m.	11:33 a. m.
12:20 p. m.	1:33 p. m.
2:20 p. m.	3:33 p. m.
4:20 p. m.	5:33 p. m.
5:20 p. m.	7:33 p. m.
8:00 p. m.	9:09 p. m.
9:45 a. m.	10:24 a. m.
11:35 p. m.	12:39 a. m.

* Express and passenger combination car. Sundays passenger car only. † Transfer at N Sherman Way to and from San Fernando. ‡ Transfer at N Sherman Way to or from Owensmouth. § State from Highland Ave. to North Sherman Way only. ¶ To Van Nuys only.

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The following schedule of rates of fare over the Pacific Electric Railway is announced:

Between Owensmouth and Los Angeles	1.00
35-ride family book	33.00
65-ride individual book	55.00
95-ride individual book	80.00
Single fare	.70
Round trip fare	1.15
Between Owensmouth and Van Nuys	1.00
35-ride family book	33.00
65-ride individual book	55.00
95-ride individual book	80.00
Single fare	.70
Round trip fare	1.15

Van Nuys, 19.30 miles; Hanna, 21.84 miles; Balsa, 23.64 miles; Marick, 25.43 miles; El Nogal, 27.53 miles; Owensmouth, 35.48 miles.

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AT OWENSMOUTH, CAL.

TIME TABLE

No. 11 Mixed for Oxnard, 9:55 A.M.
No. 49 For Oxnard, Mixed, 11:56 A.M.
Nos. 47 and 41 run between Los Angeles and Oxnard via Chatsworth, Owensmouth, Van Nuys and Leekershim, and carry passengers.

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TIME TABLE

Shawward.
No. 10, 16—From San Francisco, 1:37 pm
No. 79 Santa Barbara, 4:57 pm
No. 47 and 41 run between Los Angeles and Oxnard via Chatsworth, Owensmouth, Van Nuys and Leekershim, and carry passengers.
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The Local Association advises that they are quoted 100 lb. Standard Bean Bags at 15c each. FOB San Francisco, this being the manufacturer's price to dealers, also that no new orders can be taken for delivery before October 1st. Standard 80 lb. Bags are 11c each. As has been noted in these columns, our growers are certainly fortunate in that the Association purchased a goodly supply of bags early in the season.¹

M. J. Whitley.

The Syndicate was organized April, 1915, and served a double purpose. First, it enabled the Los Angeles Suburban Home Company to close up its affairs and the Board of Control, as such, to retire from active participation in the development of the tract. Second, it afforded a few faithful workers an opportunity share in the benefits of the effort being made to promote the general welfare.

The Syndicate took over the whole of the remaining un-

FAREWELL PARTY FOR MR. AND MRS. HULL

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hull were the recipients of most delightful surprise party on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hass. The affair was in the nature of a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Hull, who left on Wednesday for an extended trip to the east. The couple had been invited to dine at the Hass home and the odd-bodden callers congregated on the lawn, entering the house at an opportune moment to take Mr. and Mrs. Hull by surprise. During the evening music was rendered by Mrs. Harbold, singing and playing, followed by a duet by Miss Ruth Morris and Warren Hull; later in the evening Ruth and Mrs. Morris sang a duet.

A most enjoyable evening was passed socially and when the hour of departure arrived all joined in wishing the travelers a pleasant and safe journey. The guest list included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Trexler, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hyden, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Antes, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCreoch, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Harbold, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Graf, Mrs. Wm. A. Driscoll, Mrs. Anna Bridges, Mrs. A. Paulsen, Mrs. E. Morris, Mrs. Helen Mitchell, the Misses Jessie Beckstead, Lura Hyden, Zula Bridges, Ruth Morris, Mary and Lillian Thomason, Miss Ralph, and the Messrs. F. Schildmeyer, Earl Bridgess, E. U. Qdell, Warren Hull, Beem Hyden.

CYNTHIA'S WOOING

By PAULINE D. EDWARDS

When mother died and left me the farm, I found it mighty hard to run the household.

"One evening when I'd weeded the boxes and milked the cows, I went alone to the house and got my supper. By the time I'd washed the dishes I was dead tired and, not knowing a word of the five, got to thinking 'what a lot of work I had to do that was usually done by women. I could stand it all till it came to washin' dishes, and that I always hated.' There came a rap at the door, and Cynthia Jones came in to ask me if I wouldn't lend her mother a quart of milk. The Joneses have the next farm to mine. There's one boy and five girls. I've often wondered what Farmer Jones I'd do with all his girls. There's only one boy left at the farm, and that's go to the boy. I went to the spring-house and got Cynthia the milk, and as I handed it to her she said:

"You're very comfortable here, Mr. Crabbs, ain't you?"

"Well, yes," I answered, "I'm comfortable enough."

"Don't you ever git lonesome livin' all alone?"

"No. I don't git lonesome at all. You see by the time I git the dishes washed it's pretty nigh bedtime."

"Do you like dishwashin'?" Most folks would say "no."

"I hate it."

"Why don't you get a woman to do it for you?"

"I don't know anybody that would like to hire out for that purpose."

"You ought marry some one. She could do all the woman's work—the sweepin', the cookin', the milkin' and all."

"I don't know any one that would marry me."

"Don't mean it! Why, there's lots of nice girls who'd be glad of the position. I know a girl that would marry you and make you a good wife."

"Who's that?"

"Why, Mr. Crabbs, you wouldn't have me tell you? She wouldn't thank me for doin' so. If she did it would be immodest of her."

"Is it Susan Park?"

"No."

"I ain't Melis Billings, is it?"

"No; I don't refer to Melis. But I won't give you any more guesses."

"Sisest to that's kin's name?"

"I'll tell you what I'd do. Come in to our house Sunday night and I'll give you the first letter of her first name."

I made the call on Sunday evening and found all the family except Cynthia gone to church. There was a fire burnin' on the hearth, and the leasest Cynthia shone beautiful. Cynthia had some apples and cider on the table waitin', and altogether everything looked first class. Cynthia said she'd never make my flyin' rovin' look like that, and I told her so. She said men couldn't do such things; only women could.

"I can't make no feel at home and I forget all about askin' her the letter she was p'ntin' to tell me, and I went away without it. I met her on the road the next day, and I said:

"What was the letter you was goin' to tell me? I don't forget it."

"You'll have to come for it next Sunday," she said as she hurried on.

I went the next Sunday night, and the first thing I did was to ask for that letter before I forgot it. Cynthia said she'd tell me just before I went home, only I was to remind her of it.

The family was mostly at home this time, and Cynthia took me into a little room off by room of the dining room. There was only one easy chair in that room. Cynthia set herself down in that and let me get a chair with a wooden seat. 'Round 10 o'clock I got up to bed and I didn't stand it any longer. I got up and walked around to rest myself, and Cynthia moved aside, and, seein' she didn't intend to be mean about it, I set down beside her.

"Would you believe it? I went away without thinkin' to remind her of the first letter of the girl's name who would like to marry me! I met her in a few days in the store and asked her for it, but she said I'd have to try it again and if I didn't remember this time she wouldn't tell me at all.

I went round the third time to get that letter and found not only the family at home, but a lot of friends there. So Cynthia had to take me to a closet where they kept old books and magazines, and we set on the pile with our new sticks out like the ball. The closet was narrower than the room was there, and there wa'n't no easy for my arm, so I had to put it around her. We sat there that a way from 7 till 10 o'clock.

"By crackin', I said just as I was comin' away, 'if I didn't p'ntin' I'd forget ag'in to ask for that letter!'

Cynthia looked and said that the first letter I'd missed by not askin' for it at my first call and the second I'd

missed on my second call. So I was only entitled to the third letter, which was "C." I didn't like that way of puttin' me off and went back and set down ag'in to persuade her to tell me the whole thing. She wouldn't, but we had our heads pretty nigh together, and a lock of her hair brushed my cheek. I kissed her. Then I said I didn't care a rap for all the letters of the other girl's name. I wanted her to come in and do the woman's work on my farm for me.

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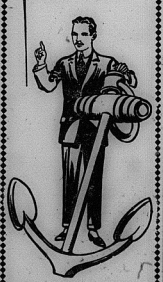
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