

Two Can Sing

by James M. Cain

CHAPTER THREE

Part One

All right, if you think I'm a sap, falling in love with my own voice so I could hardly wait to work it out every day, and going nuts about music so I just worked at it on a regular schedule. Don't say I didn't warn you.

I had been at it three or four months when I found out how bad Doris really was and maybe that wasn't a kick. She couldn't read a note.

I was in bed when I heard Doris come in from a show. And what does she do but begin singing "Traviata" right in that part I had just been going over.

Well, it was murder. In the first place, she had no rhythm. I guess that was what had bothered me before, when I knew something was wrong and didn't know what it was.

I said "Wasn't that 'Traviata' you were singing?"

"Yes, I was running over a little of it for Jack Leighton. He thinks he can get me on at the Cathedral. You know, he owns some stock."

Jack Leighton was the guy she had gone to the theatre with, and one of her strings.

"That would be swell."

"Of course, it's only a picture house, but it would be a week's work, and they don't pay badly. It would be something coming in. And it wouldn't be bad showmanship for them. After all—I am prominent. Was it all right to wear his orchids?"

"Sure. Why not?"

She went over and sat down. "Six. Isn't it a crime?"

"Oh, well, he can afford them." "Even if we can't."

"If orchids are what it takes to make you happy, we can afford all you want."

"How can we afford orchids, when I've pared our budget to the bone and—?"

"First I heard of it."

"You can lie there, and look at me wearing another man's orchids, almost on my knees to him to give me work that we need—you can take that casually—"

She raved on, and I did some fast thinking. It had popped into my mind that there was something funny about those orchids and that it would be a funny thing for Jack to do—send six orchids to Doris.

"In the first place," I said, "you never paid any man his price, because you're not that much on the up-and-up with them. In the second place, if you want to pay it, just go ahead and pay it, you just go ahead and pay. I won't pretend I'll like it, but I'm not going down on my knees to you about it. And, in the third place, they're not his orchids."

"They're—what makes you say that?"

"I just happened to remember. When Jack called me up a while ago to tell me in case I missed my cigarette case, that he had dropped it in his pocket by mistake. And just before he hung up he made a gag about the swell flowers I buy my wife. I had completely forgotten it until now."

"Leonard, how can you be so—?"

"So you went out and ordered the orchids yourself, didn't you? And rubbed them in his face all night, just to make him feel like a bum. And now you come and tell me he sent them. Just to make me feel like a bum. And it turns out we can afford them, doesn't it?"

She went out and slammed the door with a terrific bang. It was the first time I had ever taken a decision over her . . .

Don't get the idea, though, that we fought all the time. One reason we didn't was the kids. Doris may have been a slution for triumphs, as Cecil said but whenever Randolph and Evelyn were concerned it was cold turkey.

Like the Sunday at Manhasset. It was the hottest summer I ever spent in New York; so week-ends toward the end of June we began going down to Ethel Gorman's beach cottage, which she turned over to us—Doris, Randolph, Evelyn and myself, and Nils and Christine, the couple who worked for us. So this Sunday we went

Girls Learn To Tell Lies Earlier

BERKELEY, Calif., March 31—(AP)—Girls learn to tell lies at an earlier age than boys, a long-term study by widely-known psychologist indicates.

Girls learn quickly how to sidestep some of the heavy pressures of society by telling outright lies or by using evasion, says Dr. Jean Walker MacFarlane of the University of California. She says boys take about two years longer to discover the effectiveness of lying.

These were among the findings in a 24-year-study of the children of 250 families. It started in 1928 and is still going on.

Dr. MacFarlane's present report is one of many made in the course of the long study.

By the time the girls in the study were four years old, lying was a problem for 50 per cent of the mothers involved. The boys did not lie in sizeable numbers until they reached the age of six, the psychologist said. The boys are ahead in one respect, however. When they throw a fit of temper it lasts longer than it does in the girls.

Fertilizers For Pastures

OTTAWA, March 31—With present day high feed costs, production of the maximum possible yield of top quality pasture is essential for every dairyman. Good pasture is by far the most economical high-protein dairy ration available, says J. S. Lefe, Senior Agronomist, Experimental Station, Kentville, N. S.

Tests at the Kentville Station show that very profitable returns can be obtained by the application of commercial fertilizers to pastures. During a fifteen-year period in one test, a fertilized pasture field produced over 15,000 pounds of green herbage per acre per year, while a comparable unfertilized field produced 2450 lbs.

In addition to the difference in yield, the protein content of the herbage from the fertilized field was more than twice that of the herbage from the unfertilized pasture. Fertilizer has therefore produced a large increase in herbage yield and a large increase in herbage quality as measured by protein content.

This increase was brought about by applying the equivalent of 500 pounds of a 3-8-3 mixture each year. Larger yields than the one quoted above have been obtained with heavier applications of commercial fertilizer. Experience shows that applications of 300 to 500 pounds per acre per year of 6-12-6 will give profitable returns in increased yield of herbage.

On a cost basis, pasture is a cheap feed to produce and to harvest. In the pasture tests described here, each dollar spent in fertilizers has returned between four and five dollars worth of protein alone at present day feed prices.

BRISTOL SCHOOL

Report for the month of February.

Grade VII: 1, Racheal Sinnott; 2, Theresa Kenniff; 3, Merlin MacDonald.

Grade VI: 1, Bernadette Kenniff; 2, Lucy Gauthier.

Grade V: 1, Reggie Johnston; 2, Racheal Kenniff; 3, Pauline O'Brien.

Grade IV: 1, Joe LaPierre; 2, Genevieve Kenniff; 3, Augustine MacDonald.

Grade III: 1, Sheila Sinnott; 2, Lauretta Mosher; 3, Paul O'Brien.

Grade II: 1, Kenneth LaPierre; 2, Linda MacDonald; 3, Carl Perry.

Grade I: 1, Geraldine O'Brien; 2, Theresa O'Brien.

Highest average, Kenneth LaPierre, 94%.

FRANCES SINNOTT, Teacher.

out to look at some yacht races on Hank Ward's boat. We were supposed to go on his cruiser, but before we even got away from his buoy the motor went on the blink and we rowed over to his catboat. We hadn't been out a half-hour before Doris said she wanted to go in. Hank kept sailing out over the sound, and I wished Doris would shut up.

To be continued

Two Islanders On Latest Army Casualty List

OTTAWA, March 31—(CP)—The army has issued its 98th casualty list of the Korean war, reporting four men killed in action, 10 men wounded, and one man injured in action. The last previous list was issued yesterday.

This brought to 728 the number of casualties suffered by Canadian troops in Korean action, including 138 dead, 527 wounded, 61 injured, four missing and one prisoner-of-war.

Killed In Action

Cote, Joseph Raymond Ivan, Pte.; 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry; Mrs. Hope Cote (mother), St. Leonards, N. B.

Erb, Kenneth Irvine, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; Mrs. Beatrice Erb (mother), Annapolis Royal, N. S.

Gilmore, James Francis, L./Cpl.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; Brookline, Que.; Mrs. Rita Gilmore (wife), 498 2nd Ave., Verdun, Que.

Williams, John Harold, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; Mrs. Nellie Gladys Williams (mother), Verona, Ont.

Wounded In Action

Forbes, William Ross, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; J. L. Forbes (father), 19 Marjorie St., Moncton, N. B.

Grady, Jennie Joseph, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; Mrs. Eleanor Grady (wife), 468 North Market St., Summerside, P. E. I.

Johnston, Robert Norman, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; Mrs. Alla Johnston (mother), 27 East 17 St., Hamilton.

Morris, Murray Everett, Tpr.; "C" Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) (1st Armored Regiment); Mrs. Mildred Morris (mother), Sussex, N. B.

Murray, Albert, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment; Mrs. Gilberte Murray (wife), Sawyerville, Co. Compton, Que.

Orton, Albert Daniel, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; Watford, Ont.; Mrs. Mildred Elva Orton (wife), Upper Cornwall, Lunenburg Co., N. S.

Ouellet, Jacques, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment; Omer Ouellet (father), St. Antonin, Co. Riviere du Loup, Que.

Rushnell, William Dorrington, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment; Mrs. Shirley A. Rushnell (wife), 181 Dundas St., Trenton, Ont.

Verreault, Joseph Jacques, Pte.; 2nd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment; Joseph Verreault (father), Mechins, Co. Matane, Que.

Zwolak, Edward, L./Cpl.; 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry; Mrs. Olga Zwolak (mother), Meadow Lake, Sask.

Injured In Action

Henry, Herbert Clark, Pte.; 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry; Joseph Henry (father), Vernon Bridge, P. E. Island.

Home After Accident



Hon. George H. Doucett, above, Ontario's Minister of Highways for nearly nine years, has returned to his Carleton Place, Ont., home, after 29 weeks spent in the Ottawa Civic Hospital, Ottawa, where he was taken following a highway crash near his home town in Lanark County Riding on Nov. 8, 1951. Report is that, despite terrible injuries suffered, Hon. Mr. Doucett will regain full health and that initial threat of permanent injury has been avoided.

AUGUSTINE COVE W. I.

Mrs. Kenneth Dawson entertained the members of the Augustine Cove Women's Institute at their home on Thursday evening, March 6th, with the president, Mrs. Donald J. MacDonald, presiding.

The meeting opened with the "Ode" followed by the "Creed" in unison, and 17 members responded to the roll call with a quiet patch. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and six new members joined.

Teachers were appointed to collect for the Red Cross and \$10.00 was voted for Red Cross and \$5.00 was paid as a share for the up-keep of the projector. A bill of \$2.20 was paid for quilting material, and more cotton and quilt bats were ordered. One quilt was reported finished.

It was decided to meet at Mrs. K. Dawson's on Wednesday afternoon to pack woollens to be made into blankets. It was also decided to send roses to a lady in the district who was celebrating her 94th birthday. Mrs. Alban Gaudet and Mrs. Bryce Clarke kindly volunteered to piece quilt top.

Reports of committees were then heard and new ones appointed as follows: Sick and program, Mrs. Roy Boulier and Mrs. Alban Gaudet; school, Miss Ruth Murray and Miss Margaret Murphy; lunch, Mrs. Bryce Clarke, Mrs. Elph Clarke, Mrs. Eric Robinson, and Mrs. Elmer Dawson.

Next meeting is to be at the home of Mrs. Edward MacFadyen with roll call to be answered with "sneeze or pay".

Articles from a grab-bag were auctioned and the sum of \$2.57 was realized. Meeting then closed with "The Queen", after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by committee in charge. Collection amounted to \$1.40.

W.C.T.U. NOTES

SOME PEOPLE ARE TOO BROADMINDED

There is beyond any question, a great need in our confused and perplexed world for broadmindedness, and by that we mean a state of mind that views other people's opinions with a degree of tolerance and that goes some distance along the way toward making allowances for attitudes and opinions from which we dissent. If there were none of this thing we call broadmindedness, it seems difficult to understand just how society could function in any harmonious manner. The present sadly disturbed state of the world would be made vastly worse if it were not for the exercise of some degree of some broadmindedness. Differences of creed, often buttressed by a wealth of tradition; differences in political opinions which regrettably may often be no more than so many different compounds of family prejudices and personal grouches; different ways of looking at common, everyday problems that can so often be irking in the extreme to those about us—in these and so many other matters of our everyday relationships, there is a demand for broadmindedness. Yet, even in view of all this, we make the claim that some people are entirely too broadminded.

If we examine the matter a bit we discover that some people have carried the exercise of broadmindedness to the place it endangers the good that may be achieved by the right exercise of it in the proper spheres. For instance, our Christian faith, teaches the sacredness of marriage and that while divorce may be allowed under certain conditions, it is not to be countenanced otherwise. Yet we

have a good many people boasting of their broadmindedness who would allow all sorts of radical marriage experiments and carry divorce so far that everything pertaining to the sacredness of the matrimonial bond and family life is shown away completely. Other members of the clan of the very broadminded tolerate all sorts of careless relations between the sexes until the time-honoured notions of modesty and decency have gone entirely by the board. Again, these very broadminded people refuse to impose disciplines upon and demand standards for the rising generation with resultant devastating effects on the development of personality. These same people are almost without exception quite prepared to go all out in what they call their broadmindedness when it comes to the matter of consuming alcoholic beverages. Here they brook no limits and think of liberty only in terms of license.

We cannot have the right kind of homes unless we have standards regarding marriage and family life to which we feel ourselves unalterably committed. We cannot maintain respect for personality unless we have a code of decency and honor in the relation between the sexes that we consider as sacred as life itself. If we are going to do right by the rising generation there must be an effort to maintain some sense of discipline and enforce some restraints. Take any sphere you like in which there has been and is the exercise of too much broadmindedness and you will find that the parties responsible have gone way beyond the place one would normally have expected them to draw a line. And, if there is to be anything worthy about life at all, a line must be drawn somewhere, and every time before things have gone too far.

A sense of values, a distinction between right and wrong, an honorable set of standards, cannot be maintained if we are so broadminded that we accept everything as of equal worth.

There is, however, one very

Outstanding Architect Dead

MONTREAL, March 31—(CP)—Funeral services were held Saturday for William Sutherland Maxwell, 78, one of Canada's outstanding architects who died last Tuesday.

He was educated in Canada and France and before the turn of the century was connected with a firm of architects in Boston, returning to Montreal in 1897. At the time of his death he was a partner in the firm of Maxwell and Pitts.

He was a fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, a fellow and past-president of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, an Academician of the Royal Canadian Academy and its vice-president in 1938, a member and past-president of the Province of Quebec Association of Architects and a member of the Beaux Arts School of Design, New York.

strange thing about almost anyone of these very broadminded people, and that is how narrow minded and intolerant they can be when it comes to the opinions of the people who disagree with them. They have no patience whatever with people who insist on drawing a line and setting up standards.

Yet, how reluctant they are to concede any rights to those who see things from the viewpoint of the larger good of society as a whole. Their myopic way of looking at things is shockingly distorted. On serious reflection one has little difficulty in understanding why some people indignantly protest being called broadminded. We need this quality in the right proportions and in the right places, but we have entirely too much of the extravagant use of it today, and that is bringing the whole business of being broadminded in disrepute.

B-H PAINTS

last longer!



EASTER HOLIDAYS

April 10-14th

For information as to fares and train times apply to your local Agent.

CANADIAN NATIONAL

Pick your suit for EASTER

We've a full deck of suits sure to capture hearts . . . and be winners always. For full skirted or slim . . . our suits are tailored to Parade perfection! Make your selection, early!



A. Slim silhouette wool gabardine. Curved sham pocket detailing.

B. Soft ottoman suit. Gently flared skirt. Doubled-tab trim.

C. Texture-some shantung dress suit; fitted jacket; slim skirt.

D. Novelty closing nubby wool suit. Contrasting piping.

Just in time for Easter PARADING



2.98 to 8.95



1.59 to 3.98



1.25



1.00 to 2.25

The GLORIA

"WHERE SMARTER WOMEN SHOP"

179 Grafton St.

Phone 614

TOOTAL FABRICS

FAMOUS FOR QUALITY THE WORLD OVER

Available at better stores everywhere!

Moore & MacLeod Ltd.
119 Queen St. Charlottetown
S. A. McDonald
129 Queen St. Charlottetown
Smallman's Ltd.
Summerside

S. A. McDONALD'S