

The Tracy Heirloom

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ANN NORTON turned from the telephone with a sigh. She had done a big washing for her numerous family, and was in the midst of the ironing, which she hoped to finish before supper time, when her Cousin Maud Adams called up. "Come right over. We're having a conference on the heirloom."

"I suppose somebody has made them another offer," Ann said to herself. "I don't see what they want of me. They never pay any attention to what I say. If they had they'd have got rid of that pesky old chair a long time ago. Maybe Washington did sit in it. But I'm privileged to have my doubts."

Four women were seated in Maud's softly lighted living room when Ann entered. "Now we're all here together," she said to Ann. "Nell, Julia, Carrie, you and I, the principals in the case." She laughed. "And there's the heirloom." She pointed toward the ugly and honored chair. "Mr. Jones tells me he'll give five hundred for it."

"That makes one hundred apiece," said the greedy Carrie Mains. "I don't know as I want to sell out my interest for that."

"You'll never get any more," Maud returned sharply. "I paid to have it advertised in some of the best magazines," snapped Carrie.

"Pinfathers on a humming-bird's wing!" Ann spoke softly. "Don't quarrel, girls. There have been hard feelings enough about the old thing already."

"You've never exerted yourself to sell it," Julia exclaimed hotly. "But I dare swear you'll take your hundred just the same. That's the Smith coming out in you, Ann Norton."

Ann flushed painfully at this scathing reference to her mother, who had dared to marry a Tracy although she was of no importance herself.

"Yes, I guess no one in your circumstances, Ann, is going to pass up a hundred dollars," sneered Nell Ogden.

Ann bit her lip. She was tired, she had left her work just to see a group of well-to-do women squabbling over an old chair that nobody had sat in for years.

Yes, she wanted that hundred dollars all right. But something else looked bigger still, her pride, her self-respect, which was not all a Tracy inheritance. Maybe she hadn't lured prospective buyers or paid for advertisements or photographs, but she had taken off four coats of black paint that obscured the chair's glory and pieced the little patchwork cushion which looked as natural as if it had grown there.

She stood up quietly but firmly. "I've got to go," she said. "Settle it to suit yourselves. I don't want that hundred dollars. You're welcome to my share in the heirloom."

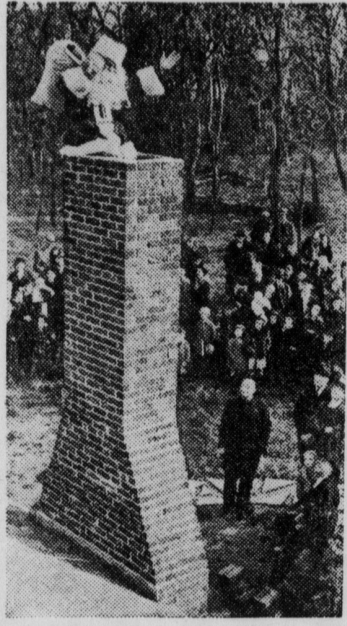
"If you feel that way—" Julia murmured. She looked meaningfully at Maud, who added coldly: "Just as you feel about it, of course." While Carrie and Nell exchanged a wink. Twenty-five dollars apiece extra wasn't to be sneezed at.

Ann had got half-way home when she missed her purse. She remembered that she had left it upon the sofa where she had been seated. She hesitated about going back after it then, but it held all the money she had.

As Ann mounted the steps of the Adams house she saw that Maud was admitting a caller, a man, stout, very stout, decidedly prosperous in his appearance. She recognized him. It was Will Owen, who had gone to school with all of them, whom she hadn't seen in years.

He saw her almost as quickly as she saw him. He grabbed her hand, pulled her into the house. There was a tremendous flutter. For Will Owen was a rich bachelor. Instead of gazing at the spinster Carrie or the widow Julia he kept his eye on Ann.

Caught in the Act!



At Santa Claus, Ind., where they run a school for Santa Clauses, the instructor shows his students how to handle one of Kris Kringle's most important duties. A measuring stick, to make sure there is enough clearance, is one of the requisites.

Follow the Rules When Addressing Christmas Cards

How do you address a Christmas card to a widow? A divorcee? A business acquaintance? Here are some tips on cards:

Generally speaking, greetings fall into two classes, formal and informal. If you use printed or engraved cards for formal use, the title Miss, Mr., or Mrs. should preferably appear above the greeting. For instance: "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stanton wish you a Merry Christmas," rather than "A Merry Christmas from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stanton."

On informal cards, signed in ink, the husband's or wife's name should come first, although ordinarily the person signing would put his own name last. In general, the husband's name comes first. These can be signed "Bob and Betty," or "Bob and Betty Bentley," depending on how well the acquaintance knows you.

No card should ever be sent without a Mr., Mrs. or Miss prefix. An unmarried woman is always addressed as "Miss." A married woman, whether her husband is alive or not, is addressed with "Mrs." prefixed to her husband's full name. Since a woman's maiden name is used only on legal papers or when she uses it professionally, a divorcee's maiden name may be used if it's been established by legal procedure after the divorce was granted.

Cards to a married couple should be addressed Mr. and Mrs., even though you may know only one of them. If it's a business acquaintance and you haven't met the recipient's wife, it's permissible to send the card in his name only. Business addresses are quite all right, though there's a bit more courtesy and more personal touch to find out the home address and send the card there.

A family in mourning may send and receive Christmas cards as usual unless the bereavement is very recent—within the last two or three weeks.

Kiss the Maiden Under Mistletoe—But Follow Rules!

IT'S still a nice custom this Christmas to kiss the young lady under the mistletoe, but your efforts are in vain unless it's done properly.

Every time someone kisses under the mistletoe a berry should be plucked from the branch, for only so many blessings are bestowed as there are berries. And don't let the mistletoe fall to the ground. Otherwise its properties of good luck and healing will be destroyed.

Many a romantic story surrounds this plant. The berries represent tears from this legend: A Scandinavian god, Balder, dreamed he would die. When he told his mother, the goddess Friga, she made earth, fire, air, water and all animals and plants promise they wouldn't harm her son.

But she overlooked the mistletoe, for its roots were neither in the earth nor air. So one of Balder's enemies fashioned an arrow from the plant and that was the end of Balder. The tears of the heartbroken goddess fell thick and fast, and froze into the berries.

Having such a heathen origin, mistletoe is seldom included in church schemes of decoration. But despite this ban few maids care to risk making the legend come true that "she who is not kissed under the mistletoe at Christmas will not be married in the year which follows."

GRAND THEATRE PATTON

Friday and Saturday

She Had to Fear
The Man She Loved!

BETTE DAVIS ERROL FLYNN
"The Private Lives of ELIZABETH ESSEX"
IN TECHNICOLOR
OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND
Donald Crisp • Alan Hale • Vincent Price
Henry Stephenson
A WARNER BROS. Picture • Directed by MICHAEL CURTIZ

Sunday and Monday

LINDA LOOKS LOVELY IN TYRONE'S ARMS... BUT HIS ARMS AREN'T ALWAYS THERE...!

...so she's out to learn what secretaries have that a wife hasn't!
Tyrone Power Linda Darnell
"Day-time Wife"
WARREN WILLIAM • BINNIE BARNES
WENDY BARRIE • JOAN DAVIS
Directed by Gregory Ratoff
A 20th Century-Fox Picture
Matinee Sunday at 2:30

Tuesday, Bargain Night THE SCREEN MASTERPIECE LOVED AND CHEERED BY MILLIONS!

Now you can see it—and see it again—the greatest heart-drama of all time. Laughs and tears are yours as a lad with heaven in his face puts his trust in a fallen idol...as he fights his father's fight...with a smile on his lips but an ache in his heart!
Wallace BEERY
Jackie COOPER
A Metro-Goldwyn Picture
The CHAMP

Wednesday and Thursday

LOOKA THEM! THEY'RE SOJERS!
THE DEAD END KIDS "ON DRESS PARADE"
Presented by WARNER BROS.
with JOHN LITEL • FRANKIE THOMAS • CISSIE LOFTUS
Directed by WILLIAM CLEMENS
A WARNER BROS.—FIRST NATIONAL PICTURE • Original Screen Play by Tom Reed

DEATH NOTICES

MRS. AGNES PALCHO.
Mrs. Agnes Palcho, aged 68 years, died at 7:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning at her home in Patton. She had been in ill health the past year.

Mrs. Palcho was born in Europe and immigrated to this country many years ago. Her husband, John Palcho, preceded her in death. Surviving are these children:

John, Theodore and Dr. Frank Palcho, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. J. W. Brooks, Des Moines, Iowa; Edward Palcho, Pittsburgh; Julie Palcho, Atlantic City; Mrs. Robert Rickabaugh, Altoona, and Agnes Palcho, at home. The deceased also leaves a number of grandchildren.

The funeral services will be conducted at nine o'clock on Friday morning in St. Mary's Catholic church with a solemn high mass of requiem, celebrated by Rev. Father Basil Balko, O. S. B., pastor of St. George's Church, Patton; assisted by Rev. Fathers Bertrand McFadyen, O. S. B., pastor of St. Mary's church and Adrian Krakowski, O. S. B., pastor of St. Bernard's church, Hastings, as sub-deacon. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

MRS. MARY RYAN.
Mrs. Mary Ann (Nagle) Ryan, 79, lifelong resident of Northern Cambria County, died at one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the home of her son, Arnold Ryan of Patton, where she had been ill the past few months.

Born in Clearfield township on the 24th of June, 1860, Mrs. Ryan was the daughter of John and Catherine (Little) Nagle. Her husband, Silas A. Ryan, who conducted a farm for many years in the St. Augustine section, died 12 years ago. Mrs. Ryan is survived by these children: Walter Ryan, Mattoon, Ill.; Mrs. C. B. Martin, Altoona; Leo Ryan, Irwin; Bernard J. Ryan, residing on the old homestead at St. Augustine; Arnold Ryan, Patton, and Vincent Ryan, Altoona. A brother, Charles Nagle, Saginaw, Mich., and 24 grandchildren, also survive. Mrs. Ryan was one of the oldest members

of St. Augustine's Catholic church at St. Augustine and also a member of the Altar Society.

The remains are at the Bernard J. Ryan home. Funeral services will be conducted at nine o'clock on Saturday morning in St. Augustine's Catholic church, with a high mass of requiem to be celebrated by the Rev. Father Pollard Farren, pastor. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

CHARLES GRYSBOSKY.
Charles Grybosky, aged 58, a prominent farmer of Susquehanna township, died on Monday evening at his home after an extended illness. He was born in Poland on Aug. 6, 1881.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Anna Beltosky Grybosky and the following children: Miss Regina Grybosky, Philadelphia; Anselm Grybosky, Cherry Tree; Erem Grybosky, Detroit; Mrs. Ruth Anthony, New York City; Miss Agnes Grybosky, Pittsburgh; David, Leo and Zymend Grybosky, all at home.

MISS JOSEPHINE ROSMUS.
Funeral services for Miss Josephine Rosmus, 31, formerly of Olver, whose death occurred on Wednesday of last week at the Philadelphia Episcopal hospital were conducted on Sunday afternoon in the Holy Family Church at Colver by the Rev. Father J. J. Gura.

Interment was made in the Holy Name cemetery at Ebensburg. Born at Colver, Miss Rosmus was the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Rosmus. Her father died in 1931. Surviving are her mother and these brothers and sisters: Mrs. Mary Zajdel, and Mrs. Julia Morris, both of Chicago, Ill.; Miss Mildred Rosmus, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Victoria Carme of Philadelphia, Stanley, Joseph, Alex and John Rosmus, all of Colver.

JOHN CONSTANT.
John Constant, Jr., aged 25 years, of Spangler, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday night of last week in the Miners' hospital after an extended illness. He was a son of John and Roem (Swanewy) Constant and was born in Windber on April 21, 1914.

Surviving are his parents and these brothers and sisters: Michael Constant,

residing in Panama; Stephen, Julian, Stanley, Jennie and Helen Constant, all at home.

LEO BUCK.
Leo Buck, aged 52 years, one of Allegheny township's most prominent citizens, died on Sunday night in the Altoona hospital, where he had been a patient for two weeks. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Buck had served as an auditor in Allegheny township for many years and was also a member of the board of directors of the Farmers' Telephone Company in Northern Cambria county. He was engaged in farming all his life.

Leo Buck was a son of Jacob L. and Margaret McGough Buck, both deceased and was born on April 3, 1887, on the farm on which he always resided. He held membership in the Knights of St. George of Chest Springs for many years.

Mr. Buck was unmarried. Surviving are these brothers and sisters: Alvin Buck, Chest Springs; Walter Buck, of Carrolltown; Misses Irene and Gertrude Buck, both at home. Funeral services will be held this Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in St. Monica's Catholic church at Chest Springs. Rev. Father James Padden will officiate at the requiem mass, and interment will be made in the church cemetery.

MRS. JOHN MCNEELEY.
Mrs. Elizabeth (George) McNeely, aged 90 years, a former resident of Bakerton, died on Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Bowman of Turtle Creek, with whom she had been living for the last two years.

Mrs. McNeely had resided for many years with her son, A. W. McFeeley of Bakerton and moved to Turtle Creek two years ago. Her husband, John McFeeley died many years ago.

Besides the son and daughter mentioned, Mrs. McFeeley leaves a daughter, Mrs. William Carl, also of Turtle Creek. She also leaves 31 grandchildren, 66 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday morning in Turtle Creek and the remains were brought to the A. W. McFeeley home. Interment took place on Tuesday in St. Thomas cemetery at Ashville.

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MRS. IONA FLOOD.
Mrs. Iona (Sanford) Flood, a former well known resident of Patton, died on Saturday at her home in Rahway, N. J., after an illness of several months.

She was born in Philipsburg, a daughter of W. H. and Ellen (Steiner) Sanford. The Sanford family moved to Patton many years ago and William H. Sanford served as president of the old First National Bank of Patton for a number of years. Her parents died a number of years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Henry Flood, and a daughter, Iona, at home. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Rachel Dinsmore, of Washington, D. C. A brother, Duncan Sanford, died several months ago in Texas.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon in Redbank, N. J.

JOSEPH KORMAN.
Joseph Korman, aged 43, a past dictator of the Barnesboro Lodge, Local Order of Moose, died suddenly early on Monday morning at his home in North Barnesboro. Death was attributed to a coronary thrombosis.

Mr. Korman had visited the lodge rooms on Sunday night and complained of feeling ill when he returned to his home. He died a short time later. The deceased was a son of Nicholas and Anna Korman and was born in Beaverville in 1896. His father passed away five months ago. Mr. Korman was a member of Barnesboro Local No. 617, United Mine Workers of America, and the Barnesboro Sokol Lodge No. 231.

Surviving are his mother, his widow, Mrs. Mary (Mott) Korman, and these children: Mary Martha, Helen Louise, Dorothy Elizabeth, Joseph Jr., and Robert Korman, all at home. He was a brother of Andrew and Margaret Korman, both of Barnesboro; Mrs. Ella Bradley of Akron, Ohio; Anna and Sue Korman, both of New York City.

Funeral services will be conducted this Thursday morning in St. John's Greek Catholic church and interment