

SYNOPSIS

Allan MacNally, young divorce attorney and his wife, Jerry, split when the latter feels that he pays more attention to business than to her. After a heated argument one night, she leaves him. Meanwhile, her divorced sister, Wanda, commits suicide, when her former husband marries another. Jerry is heartbroken.

CHAPTER XII

Jeff was wonderful, Jerry realized at the time, and even more later. She had collapsed hysterically, right after she found Wanda, and realized that her sister's grief had driven her to suicide. Jeff had taken Jerry downstairs, made her lie down, and then he had gone about the business of notifying Grandmother Brokaw and Mac.

Her grandparents arrived very shortly after, but Jeff had reported that Mac was not in his office. Jerry was amazed at the calm way both Brokaws accepted the tragedy. They were plainly grief-stricken, yet they controlled themselves marvelously. So well in fact, that it made Jerry ashamed at the way she had given way, but she couldn't make herself stop crying. Finally, after Grandma Brokaw and

A month or so later, Jerry was on her way down town to pick Mac up at his office and drive him home for dinner. "He's in the courtroom, Mrs. MacNally," the secretary told her, "and he asked to have you come in there."

Jerry walked through a door lettered COURT OF CHILD CONCILIATION. Allan MacNally, Commissioner. Mac was questioning a little girl of about seven. "And what have you to say about all this," Allan asked her.

"All I know is that I love my Mummy and I love my Daddy and I want to be with both of them," the child answered.

"See what I mean?" Mac said, turning to a man and woman seated nearby. "Look, Mrs. Edwards," he smiled at the woman. "Suppose once in a while Bill does stay out half the night playing poker with the boys. Instead of shouting at him when he comes in, why don't you just try charging him for a new dress or something? And Bill," he continued, walking over toward them. "Suppose Irene does break out with a new hat that looks like a headless duck, don't criticize her for it. If she likes it, let her have it her way. Want to try it?" he smiled at them again.

"You're right," Mrs. Edwards said. "I don't know why we couldn't have figured this out for ourselves,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Articles of Incorporation will be filed with the Department of State at Harrisburg, on January 14, 1941, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation, to be organized under the Business Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved May 5, 1933. The name of the corporation is The J. & R. Construction Company, Inc. The purpose for which it is organized is to carry on and conduct a general contracting and construction business, including therein the constructing, enlarging, repairing, excavating, removing, or otherwise engaging in any work upon all kinds of buildings, roads, highways, manufacturing plants, bridges, waterworks, and all iron, steel, wood, masonry, and earth construction.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

Friday, January 17, 1941, ten o'clock A. M., Court Room No. 2, Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., execution from Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, Pa., real estate of Mary Eckert, situate in Ross Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

THE FIRST THEREOF: Beginning at the southeast corner in line of lands late of Silas Nevel, formerly lands of Joseph Nevel, and also in line of land of one Beckhorn; thence North 7½ degrees East along lands of said Beckhorn, thirty-five (35) perches to a corner in line of lands of W. Parry, now or late of J. E. Snyder and formerly of Anthony Benscoter; thence along lands of said Snyder, North 65 degrees West one hundred thirty-three (133) perches to a corner in line of lands of Mary Wandel, it being the east line of the John Murray survey; thence along the same South 25 degrees West, thirty-five and five-tenths (35.5) perches to a corner in line of land now or late of Silas Nevel; thence along lands of said Nevel, South 65 degrees East one hundred forty (140) perches to the place of beginning; containing thirty-four (34) acres and sixty-five (65) perches of land be the same more or less. Coal and other minerals excepted and reserved as in former deeds in chain of title.

THE SECOND THEREOF: Beginning at the South corner, a stake and stone corner in line of Isaac Brown and Asa Nafus, late of Kazimierz Kolendowicz and Jacob Bookus; thence along lands of said Kazimierz Kolendowicz and wife, North 65 degrees West, one hundred fifty-five (155) perches to the line of Andrew Sutliff, now or late of Will Ortwine; thence along lands of the said Will Ortwine, North 25 degrees East, thirty-five and five-tenths (35.5) perches; thence South 65 degrees East one hundred thirty-nine (139) perches along lands of Henry Long to land of A. Nafus, now Clark Benscoter, South 11½ degrees West thirty-seven and one-half (37½) perches to the place of beginning; containing thirty-one (31) acres of land, more or less.

Being the same premises conveyed to George Callender by deed dated the 26th day of April, 1940, and recorded in Deed Book No. 791, page 524. The said George Callender subsequently reconveyed said premises to Mary Eckert by a deed not recorded.

IMPROVED with a farm house, barn, outbuildings, fruit trees, fences, etc.

DALLAS C. SHOBERT, Sheriff.

Patrick J. O'Connor and J. Q. Creveling, Attorneys.

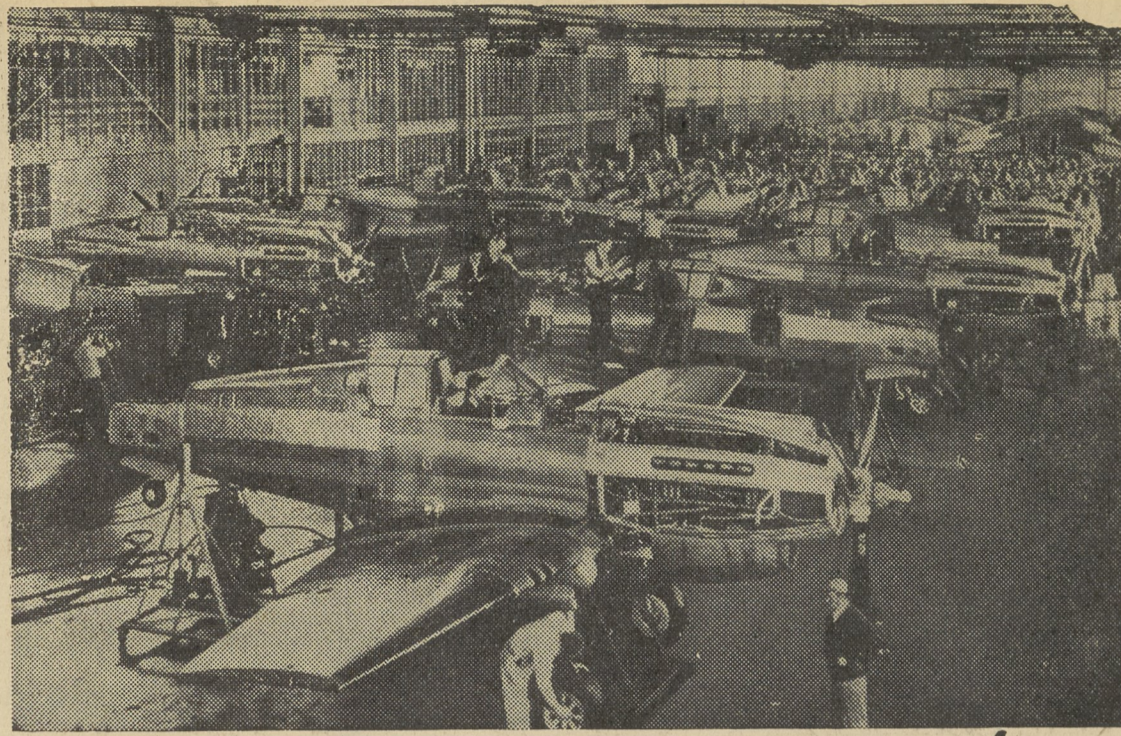
SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, I will expose for public sale for cash at Court Room No. 2, Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on Friday, the 17th day of January, A. D. 1941, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate, to be sold to the highest bidder:

All those certain pieces or parcels of land situate in Franklin Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, described as follows:

THE FIRST THEREOF: BEGINNING at a point on the North side of a public road leading from the Orange Road to the Carverton Church, said point being two hundred twenty-two feet northeasterly from the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Charles M. Parrish and land now or formerly of Frank Hiltosky; thence North nineteen degrees twenty minutes West, two hundred fifty-two and forty one-hundredths feet to a point in the dividing line between lands now or formerly of Charles M. Parrish and lands now or formerly of

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Robert M. Walp; thence along said dividing line North seventy-one degrees twenty-five minutes East, one hundred sixty-eight feet to a point; thence South nineteen degrees twenty minutes East, two hundred eighty-nine and ninety one-hundredths feet to a point in the public road aforesaid; thence along said public road South eighty-four degrees West one hundred sixty-eight feet to the place of BEGINNING. Containing forty-five thousand five hundred fifty-three square feet of land be the same more or less.

IMPROVED with a frame dwelling house, garages, outbuildings, fruit trees and other improvements thereon.

THE SECOND THEREOF:

BEGINNING at a point in the northerly side of the public road leading from the Orange Road to the Carverton Church, said point being in the easterly line of lands now or late of Frank Hiltosky; thence in a northwesterly direction along lands of the said Frank Hiltosky two hundred sixty-five feet more or less to a point in line of lands of Robert H. Walp; thence in a northeasterly direction along line of lands of the said Robert H. Walp two hundred twenty-two feet, more or less, to a point in line of lands of Lewis H. Dixon, et al., thence in a southeasterly direction along lands of the said Lewis H. Dixon, et al., two hundred fifty-nine feet, more or less, to the northerly side of the public road aforesaid, and thence along the aforesaid road in a southwesterly direction two hundred twenty-two feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

THE THIRD THEREOF:

BEGINNING at a point in the northerly side of the public road leading from the Orange Road to the Carverton Church, said point being in the easterly line of lands of Lewis H. Dixon, et al., thence in a northwesterly direction along lands of the said Lewis H. Dixon, et al., two hundred fifty-nine feet more or less to a point in line of lands of Robert H. Walp; and thence in a northeasterly direction along lands of the said Robert H. Walp one hundred fifty-three feet to the line of a reserved road leading from the public road aforesaid to lands of the said Robert H. Walp; thence in a southeasterly direction along the easterly line of the said reserved road two hundred seventy-one feet more or less, to a point in the northerly line of the aforesaid public road, and thence along the northerly line of the aforesaid public road, in a southwesterly direction, one hundred fifty-three feet, more or less to the place of beginning.

FOURTH THEREOF:

BEGINNING at a point in line of land of Robert Bachman, said point being on line of land now or late of William Vosburg, and said Robert Bachman, and being the southeasterly corner of a parcel of land purchased by said Bachman from John J. Williams, August 7, 1929, and recorded in Deed Book No. 686, page 328. Thence from said corner along line of land of said Bachman North 32 degrees 30 minutes West three hundred seventy-three and eight-tenths feet, more or less to a point in the center line of a public road; thence along the center line of said public road North 70 degrees 30 minutes East a distance of two hundred feet, more or less, to a point in the center line of said public road, thence South 32 degrees 30 minutes East a distance of three hundred thirty-four feet more or less to a point in line of land now or late of William Vosburg, thence South 56 degrees West along line of land now or late of said William Vosburg, a distance of one hundred ninety-six feet more or less to the place of beginning.

Improved with a frame dwelling house, outbuilding, fruit trees, etc. thereon.

THE FIFTH THEREOF:

BEGINNING at a corner in line of lands of Grace Atherton and William Vosburg, said point being distant three hundred forty-five and four one-hundredths feet more or less from a corner of Robert Bachman plot and the farm known as the Jonas Frantz farm, measured along the course North 56 degrees East between said Robert Bachman

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the Township of Kingston, Pennsylvania, the same being a lot of land 100 feet in width by approximately 130 feet in depth, being lots Nos. 15 and 16 on plot of lots known as "Ferguson Heights" recorded in Map Book 2, page 384, particularly described in two deeds of record in the Recorder of Deeds office of Luzerne County, one in Deed Book 646, page 563 and the other in Deed Book 656, page 444. Improved with a 2½ story frame dwelling and garage.

DALLAS C. SHOBERT, Sheriff. H. Monroe Houtz, Atty.

SHERIFF'S SALE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1941, AT 10 A. M.

By virtue of a writ of Fi Fa No. 40, January Term, 1941, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, to me directed there will be exposed to public sale by vendue to the highest and best bidders, for cash, in Court Room No. 2, Court House, in the City of Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, on Friday, the 17th day of January, 1941, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the said day, all the right, title and interest of the defendants in and to the following described lot, piece or parcel of land, viz:

DALLAS C. SHOBERT, Sheriff.

George L. Fenner, Sr., George L. Fenner, Jr.

SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of writ of Fi. Fa. No. 45, January Term, 1941, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, there will be exposed to public sale on Friday, January 17th, 1941, at 10:00 A. M., in Court Room Number Two, Court House, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the property of A. George Prater on Powell Avenue, now East Franklin Street, in Shavertown, in

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ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the City of Wilkes-Barre, County of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a corner of the lot No. 33 and McLean Street; thence along said McLean Street 20 feet to a corner on McLean Street and Beech Streets; thence along said Beech Street 127.45 feet to a corner of lot No. 29; thence along lots Nos. 29 and 30, 56.91 feet to a corner of lot No. 33; thence along lot No. 33, 122 feet to the place of beginning. Containing two thousand four hundred and eighty-four (2484) square feet of land more or less. Being lot No. 31 on plot of lots of the Estate of Alexander McLean, deceased, in the Fourteenth Ward of the City of Wilkes-Barre, aforesaid, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Orphans' Court of Luzerne County, aforesaid in Partition Sales Docket No. 7, Page 414.

BEING same premises conveyed to Frank Rowker and Mary Rowker, mortgagors, by deed dated June 29, 1929, recorded in Deed Book 686, Page 201, and conveyed by said mortgagors by deed dated December 3, 1929, recorded in Deed Book No. 688, Page 588 to Joseph Grubunas and Mary Grubunas, his wife, terre tenants.

Improved with a two story frame building designated as No. 1 McLean Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., also double garage, fences and fruit trees.

Seized and taken into execution at the suit of Michalena Kral vs. Frank Rowker and Mary Rowker, with notice to Joseph Grubunas and Mary Grubunas, terre tenants, and will be sold by

DALLAS C. SHOBERT, Sheriff. Felix W. Bolowicz, Atty.

NOTICE

In re: Estate of William F. Steinhauer, deceased. Letters testamentary in the above Estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands, to present the same, without delay, to 1121-1123 Miners Nat'l. Bk Bldg.

ERNEST L. STEINHAUER, Wilkes-Barre, Penna. Richard C. Davis, Atty.

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"You were wonderful, darling," she said when he finished the details and came over to her.

Jeff had made some necessary but sordid arrangements, her grandmother came over and sat down beside Jerry.

"Geraldine," she began, smoothing Jerry's forehead. "You're hurt, and hurt bad, and if what I say now hurts more, it's only because I can't bear to have you heading the same way Wanda went. If poor Wanda's life and death is to mean anything at all, if it's to stand for something worthwhile," the old lady explained, "then it's got to mean something to you, now."

"What do you mean, Grandma?" Jerry asked.

"What's happened today is a black speck of pain that will be in our hearts forever," Grandmother Brokaw continued. "When poor Wanda divorced David she broke a promise she made to the Lord, and she started something that grew big and evil and finally was too much for her. I'm not going to let you do the same thing," she said determinedly. "Wanda wouldn't listen, while she was alive. She was stubborn. But I know, wherever she is now, she would want to tell you these same things. She would tell you not to do what she did to her man. And she would tell you to go half way seeing things his way. I want you to think about this, and somehow I want you to make up with Mac, and go back to him. Will you do that, for me . . . and for Wanda," she asked.

"Gladly," Jerry promised. Mac came to the house, finally, and Jerry couldn't realize it was he. He looked as though he hadn't slept in weeks. His eyes were hollow and his cheeks sunken in. He went first to talk quietly with Grandma Brokaw, and then, after a few minutes he walked over to Jerry.

"I can't tell you, ever, how sorry I am," he began. "I'm sorry about so many things, darling, and this seems to crystallize it."

"I know what you mean, Allan," Jerry told him. "I guess we both feel pretty much the same way."

And as she started to cry again, his arms were around her, he pulled her head to his shoulder, and kissed her hair tenderly.

Mr. MacNally. We don't want a divorce. We just want a little more patience with each other. And it's certainly worth trying for the baby's sake," she agreed.

"You're both right," her husband agreed. "I'll do my part, you can bet."

Jerry glowed all over. This was her husband, the man she loved, who was patching people up, putting their lives together, and sending them off happily. It was Allan, the same gent, she laughed, who had been just as bent on tearing them apart.

"You were wonderful, darling," she said, when he finished the details and came over to her. "I'll have to come down more often, and listen to more of these cases. It should give me ideas, in case I ever start getting rambunctious."

"I'll see that you don't do that," he promised her. "But darling, you are so right. You were so right all along. This business may not pay off in the heavy money, but it has its own kind of reward. I feel that I'm contributing something worthwhile to the world. When people file cases for divorce, and I talk them out of it and set them together again, I know how happy it makes them."

"Look how happy it made us," she pointed out. "It's a fine thing, Allan, darling, and I'm proud of you. I'm proud of us both in fact. We're solid."

"You just bet we are," he agreed. "What about having dinner out tonight? It would be a change, no?"

"Can't do it tonight, baby." "Two reasons," Jerry said. "First the budget isn't up to it this week, and for another reason, we have a guest."

"Yes, who," he wanted to know.

"Jeff," she told him. "It's the anniversary of the night we met him and it was that night that he told us he could tell we were made for each other, remember?"

"I'll never forget it," Allan laughed. "Very bright man Mr. Gilman. He certainly was right," he added as he kissed her. "Happy anniversary."

The End.

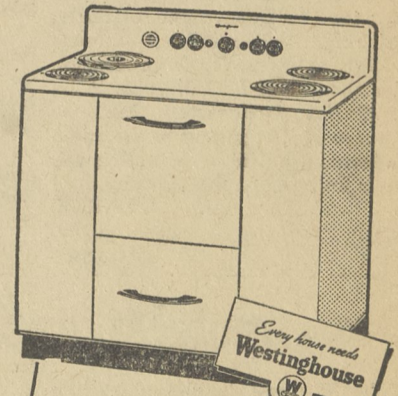


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