

The Great Effacer

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AN ADVERTISING woman, apt phrases came easily to the tip of Hannah Hewitt's facile pen. Every experience brought to her mind a slogan, a quotation or a platitude. So, as she sat in the shining mahogany and plate glass office provided by Limberger and Sons, "the most complete department store in Massachusetts," for their advertising manager, her firm white hand scribbled a phrase on the clean blotter before her.

"Vengeance is mine," she wrote. "Vengeance is mine. Mine. Vengeance."

Strange that she should feel so free from all emotion, when, just beyond the polished mahogany door waited the man who had ruined—well, perhaps not ruined, but certainly thwarted her life. She had no doubt that the man had come to look for a job as copy writer. Well, let him wait. The shock of seeing the man behind the desk would be the keener for his having stared tensely for five minutes at the closed door.

"Let him wait as he had waited that morning 10-15 was it 15 years ago? Time had a way of skimming by as one grew older. It seemed but a short time since she and John Schumaker had been young, in love, and engaged. John had wanted to marry her before she had known him a month. Impetuous, hot-headed John. Content to live today and let the future worry along by itself.

But Hannah had shown him that it would be folly to get married before he had another raise in salary and had salted a thousand dollars away in the bank. John had pressed passionately at first but had finally agreed.

If John had been steeper things wouldn't have been so bad. But there was no pleasing John down to routine. One might as well let the west wind to punch a time clock. He threw up his job one day in a fit of pique and was forced to accept another slightly lower salary after a month or two of idleness. That next spring he had sailed for Hawaii, leaving a note for Hannah explaining that he had gone state and that the money spent on change of scenery and climate was well invested, for he would come back primed for the biggest year of his career as star copy writer of his office.

John came back changed. Hannah was frightened. There was nothing she could put a finger on and say: "It is here. Here is the cause. The life no longer does or says this or that."

Hannah awakened on her wedding morning with a sharp fear in her heart. Small unpleasant incidents bothered her mind. . . . times when John had tried to tell her something and she had held him off in panicky knowledge that what he was about to say would hurt her. . . . times when the clock ticked relentlessly past the hour when he was supposed to call for her she knew he would not come.

"Send Mr. Schumaker in now," she said to the girl who answered the buzzer.

He came in almost timidly. A tall blonde man whose shoulders dropped in a beaten way. His blue near-sighted eyes blinked in surprise as he recognized Hannah. A dull red crept under his sallow skin. To her amazement Hannah felt herself getting to her feet, her hand gripping his cordially. "I'm not even angry," she thought wonderingly.

"This is mighty decent of you, Hannah, after everything," said John Schumaker.

"Let's say that ghost, John," Hannah heard herself saying kindly. He shrugged and made a gesture with upturned palms.

"I'm looking for a job. Got to have one. A man with four kids can't afford to be too finicky."

"How old are your children?" she asked in an awkward silence.

He was off. It was as though someone had lighted a lamp behind his undistinguished features. There was a snapshot of them, a soiled snapshot he carried in his pocket. And Carrie, his wife. She was a wonderful girl. Nothing worse for her. She could laugh even his unemployment off.

"It was a rotten trick," He switched suddenly and Hannah knew that he referred to his description of her on that day so long ago. "But you'd never been happy with me. I'd driven you crazy. I could see it. I knew how things would be if we got married. I can't please Hannah. I can't be tied too hard and fast. There's something in me that flares now and then. You would have been unhappy. . . ."

Hannah nodded wordlessly, knowing that he spoke the truth. They sat silently for a few minutes, then Hannah took a card from a pigeon-hole and wrote rapidly across the back.

"Take this over to Watkins of Black and Black's. They need a copy man. You'll get the job."

After he had gone she sat staring unseeing before her while the yellow pencil traveled over Friday's sale dummy.

"Time heals everything. Everything. . . ." she wrote. The great effacer. The great effacer.

And she felt suddenly very old and tired.

Reduction in Auto License Cost Stands Without Special Session

Any need for a special session of the legislature to retain the 36 per cent reduction granted motorists the last three years on the cost of their license plates apparently disappeared this week.

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MURRAY D. VAN WAGONER
State Highway Commissioner

LOSS FROM RATS RUNS TO AMAZING TOTAL, IS REPORT

Estimates that it costs at least two dollars to harbor one rat for a year, whether he's hiding in a grain bin, fruit and vegetable storage or just foraging, are reasons for stimulating the ridding of rats from farms in Oakland County.

Means of combatting rats can be learned by inquiry in the office of county agricultural agent, Earl D. Bailey. Proof that a rat campaign pays can easily be found on any farm or in any home where rats have held forth or are still in part possession of the premises.

C. H. Jefferson, instructor in agricultural engineering at Michigan State College, says it's rather late to be rat-proofing buildings, granaries and corn cribs. The time to have done that was when they were empty. It isn't too late, however, to kill off the rats, plug up holes and make it difficult for the rodents to gain access to feed.

Cribs set up on posts can be protected easily. Shields of tin, slanted downward, keep rats from climbing up into the rain. Fine meshed wire netting can be used to protect henhouses.

A surprising lack of results with respect to claims was revealed. "One possible explanation," Mr. Redman says, "is that the amounts available to the first persons reaching retirement age appear to be too small to induce active workers to call at the office to execute their claim and, in many cases, it is felt that they think it is necessary to retire from active work in order to collect this payment which amounts to 3 1/2% of their earnings since December 31, 1936. A great number of people are scarcely aware of it, and are not familiar with their rights under the Act. We have found in many cases where the wage-earner has died that the next of kin has thought, the amount of the claim being small and a large amount of expense involved, it is not worthwhile to come in and make a formal claim. Many have thought it necessary to hire someone to handle their claim."

Mr. Redman desires to correct both of these errors because there is no expense involved and Mr. Redman and his office force will assist in making out the necessary papers. We have already handled claims for several people who have reached the age of sixty-five and have worked in covered employment since January 1. These people are continuing to work and

their employers are cooperating in completing the necessary claim forms. Attainment of the age sixty-five is not a bar to continuing employment.

There is a need for a much wider educational publicity of the Social Security Act. Although the Act was upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States as being constitutional, changes in its operation are admittedly desirable and inevitable.

Five Boats Now in Service on Straits

Five boats are now in operation at the Straits of Mackinac to handle the annual deer-hunting season traffic rush.

The hunting schedule went into effect November 10 and will continue through November 30. During this period the four state-owned and one leased boat will run at random schedule night and day.

State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagener predicted a 20 per cent increase in hunting season traffic at the Straits over that of a year ago. On this basis the boats will carry 17,600 hunters this year using nearly 6,000 cars.

More than 200 miles of new hard-surfaced highways have been built in the northern deer country since the 1936 season, the commissioner said. The greatest improvement has been the opening of U.S. 232 from Oscoda to Harrisville providing an all-paved highway from Detroit to Alpena for the first time.

Norwest To Show Hilarious Comedy

"On Agan-Off again," a hilarious comedy with Wheeler and Woolsey and "Windjammer," a vehicle starring George O'Brien, will be the double feature starting at the Norwest Theatre Friday, November 26, and continuing until Saturday.

Mad, merry and mirthful—tune, toe-ticking and tantalizing—gorgeous girlies and glamorous guys—that's "Artists and Models," the new Jack Benny girl-gang music romance which opens Sunday for a three day run at the Norwest Theatre.

The story opens with Jack Benny, head of the dirtiest advertising agency in the world, torn between the fires of approaching bigamy and a breach-of-promise suit. He has promised to marry Ida Lupino, beautiful model whom he has "sold" to Richard Arlen for use in Dick's advertising campaign. But in the meantime, Jack has fallen in love with Gail Patrick, Dick's fiancée (and just to give him a few additional headaches, Jack remembers that he has promised both Ida and Gail that he will have each of them elected Queen of the Artists and Models Ball, of which he is chairman.)

Arlen, who is now in love with Miss Lupino, is hurt by what he considers a lie from her, and goes to Europe to try to forget. He cannot, however, and returns just before the Ball.

One of the most entertaining pictures of the season, "Wife, Doctor and Nurse" starring Loretta Young, Warner Baxter and Virginia Bruce, will be shown Wednesday and Thursday, December 1 and 2.

WEST FARMINGTON

Lois Baker spent Thursday evening with Dorothy Booth. The annual chicken dinner of the North Farmington Auxiliary, which was held Tuesday at West Bloomfield Town Hall, was well attended.

Mrs. Edith Graham received word that her niece, Mrs. Leslie Franks, of Highland is seriously ill. Mrs. Franks was formerly Nettie Davis and at one time lived in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heliker and sons Richard and Starr motor ed to Hartland to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giegler.

Wendell Green, Alden Green and Dufield Bigelow are among the many hunters who went north deer hunting.

News items are always welcome by this newspaper.

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Film Hit at Redford Theatre



Louise Rainer and Paul Muni in "The Good Earth"

Calendar of Coming Events

FRIDAY, NOV. 26, 7:30 p. m.—Dancing School, Farmington High School gymnasium.

TUESDAY, NOV. 30, 8:00 p. m.—Installation of Officers, Order of the Eastern Star.

WED. DEC. 1, 12:15 p. m.—Farmington Exchange Club meeting.

WED. DEC. 1, 2:30 p. m.—Farmington Woman's Club meeting, residence of Mrs. G. K. Checketts.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3, 10:00 a. m.—Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs meets at Birmingham.

MONDAY, DEC. 6, 1:45 p. m.—Farmington Garden Club meeting, R. E. McCurdy residence.

MONDAY, DEC. 6, 7:30 p. m.—Boy Scout County of Honor, Farmington M. Church.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9, 2:00 p. m.—Soul Conservation meeting, farmers of this area, Farmington Town Hall.

MONDAY, EVENING, DEC. 13—Annual Meeting, Farmington Masonic Lodge.

Mrs. Fredway of Lansing spent last Wednesday afternoon as the guest of Mrs. Harry Moore.

Floyd and Mrs. Nichols are spending Thanksgiving Day in Port Huron with the son, Hinman Nichols and family.

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Roaring Adventure on the Raging Sea! GEORGE O'BRIEN IN WINDJAMMER with CONSTANCE WORTH WILLIAM HALL

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HARRY CAREY and EDWINA BOOTH in "TRADER HORN"

CHARLES STARRETT in "WESTBOUND MAIL"

SATURDAY MATINEE ONLY—Kiddle Cartoon Party and "S.O.S. Coastguard", Ep. 5.

SPECIAL SATURDAY MIDNIGHT FEATURE—Re