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## Jane Finally Got Her Roses

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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JANE RYDER stared out of the dripping window into the dreary courtyard of the apartment house. The rain that trickled from the railing of the fire escape outside splashed monotonously.

It was her twenty-fifth birthday and she had only received one birthday card in the day's mail, and the package that always came from home must have been delayed.

"Not even a birthday cake—not even a rose," said Jane wearily. It had been a dull day at the office, and the dinner, eaten alone at a little table in a room, was a total failure for poor Jane. She had seen the young man who occupied the next room to hers eating his dinner at the opposite table and he looked so blithely happy over it that Jane knew that it was her own homelike self that mattered—not the rain or anything else. She did so want the fragrance of roses on her birthday—her June birthday. How they would have brightened the dull little hall bedroom she had at Mrs. Cready's! She lingered for a moment at a florist's window on the corner, and there inside was a happy, young man next door, buying roses—and lovely plumes of white lilies. The man was cramming them into a long box with lots of pale green wax paper. As she looked on, she saw the youngster passed her running for a street car. The box of roses was under his arm and he was whistling the latest love song.

"He is about my age," thought Jane. "I suppose there is some girl—I hope she likes him for he is rather a dear, and I know he has been wildly extravagant about those roses." That was as far as more, and now Jane was staring into the dripping fire escape.

"What an idiot I am," thought Jane. "I will change my dress and go to the movies and buy something—and I will have a birthday, all except the home box and the roses." She raised the window to see whether it was raining very hard, and as she did so she heard her neighbor come into his room. He was whistling. He just clumped heavily across the floor, banged up his window and threw something savagely out into the court. It struck the edge of the fire escape, splashed and fell inside, smiting Jane smartly on the cheek.

"Ouch!" cried Jane, startled. Silence, and then, "Did someone speak?"

Jane knew he was poking his head out on the fire escape. "Oh, excuse me, don't tell me I struck you with the roses," he apologized. "I am sorry—I hope you are not hurt."

"Not at all," said Jane stiffly. "I did not imagine anyone would be out there," he went on.

"I am sorry," sympathized Jane. "It was such a lovely bouquet—"

"How do you know?" he demanded brusquely.

Jane blushed. "Why, I just happened to see you buying them—I was looking in the florist's window—roses and white lilies—and I did think how glad the girl would be to have them."

"She wasn't," he went on roughly, as if telling about it hurt him and as though he enjoyed the hurt, "she was wearing his orchids. I was so mad. It just brought the box home in a dream and when I found them under my arm, I opened the window and let fly, but I am so sorry that I hurt you," he ended courteously.

"I am sorry about the other girl," said Jane timidly.

"I am not—thank you just the same. I had to find out some time. If you'll put your head in a moment, I'll toss those flowers down—make a better shot of it this time."

"Please don't throw them away," said Jane in a small voice.

"Why, I couldn't offer them to you after she had refused them," he protested.

"Certainly not," said Jane, "but it is wicked to throw flowers away." Gently, very gently, Jane closed her window and pulled the shade closely.

"The poor dear," she thought, "she was so indignant at that horrid girl—and I had been thinking how happy he was." About that time Hannah came to the door with the big box from home and Mrs. Cready had remembered that it was Jane's birthday and sent Hannah up with a rose and some sprays of white lilies.

"Young Mr. Hunter," gave Mrs. Cready a big box full," explained Hannah proudly.

Late that evening, Jane took her birthday cake downstairs to share it with Mrs. Cready and some of the other roomers. "They didn't send me any flowers," Jane explained, "so that yours are twice as welcome." A tap sounded on the door.

"Come in, Mr. Hunter—don't be harshful, Bob," said good Mrs. Cready. "Here is your neighbor, Miss Ryder, having a birthday, celebration—cake and all!"

"Well," said Mrs. Cready the next day, "they certainly took to each other right off—and, unless I'm mistaken, I'll lose two of my roomers before Christmas, mark my words!"

And Mrs. Cready was not mistaken.

## Horse Not Dying Out

In 1920 there were 3,400,532 farm horses in Canada and in 1930 there were 3,205,023, a decrease of only 105,509.

## Walled Lake Choir Head Named State Leader Of Music Directors



CHARLES HUTTON  
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\* Mr. and Mrs. G. Rosenbloom are the parents of a seven- and a half pound baby girl.

Mrs. A. Zeigler, Mrs. Otis Jensen and Mrs. Minnie Tunney of Farmington spent Wednesday in Detroit where they visited Mrs. Lockwood a former resident of Clarenceville who is ill at her home in Detroit.

Miss L. Thompson of Detroit, with her uncle, Otis Jensen, motored to Nashville, Michigan where they attended the school reunion. Mr. Jensen went to school there.

Mrs. Otis Jensen spent the week end in Lansing where she visited Mrs. Gertrude Joseph. Ray DeLuell and son Bobby of Louisville, Kentucky were Friday evening dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers later going to the home of Otis Jensen where they spent the night.

(Additional Clarenceville news news on page 1, section 2.)

Students who cheat at examinations, feel mighty smart to have cheated themselves out of the education their parent have paid for.

An unusual honor was brought to Walled Lake during the past week when Charles Hutton, leader of the Methodist church choir was elected president of a newly-formed organization of church choir leaders of the State. Formation of the group, known as the Michigan State Town and Country Church Choir Conference, was largely due to the efforts of Mr. Hutton, who originated the idea and had given considerable thought to the possibilities of such a conference.

Organization of the choir leaders followed holding of the annual church choir contest, at which Walled Lake won third place. As this was the first time the Walled Lake choir had attempted a rendition under these conditions, it is regarded as especially to their credit that they could continue to finish among the prize winners.

### Officers Chosen

Action taken at the first meeting included organization of the choir leaders and officers of individual choirs throughout the State. Mrs. Geo. Gaffield of Howland City is vice-president, and Arthur E. Apple, Farmington, secretary and treasurer.

Among the suggestions made by Mr. Hutton in his address at this meeting was one that an unusual concert be held each year as a part of the contest day program in which each of the contesting choirs would participate as one massed chorus.

This suggestion was adopted and will be put into effect at the next annual meeting.

### To Increase Interest

The object of organizing a choir conference is for the purpose of stimulating interest among the many town and country church choirs throughout the State, in the choir contests.

### "THE VOICE WITH THE SMILE" SETS GOOD EXAMPLE

In an editorial in a recent issue of the American Independent Baker entitled "Wanted: More Smiles in Business," reference is made to the Bell System's slogan, "The Voice With The Smile." This doctrine, declares the editorial, needs more emphasis today than ever before, because American business has lost its smile.

## CANADIAN CITY MAKES MUCH USE OF TELEPHONE

The City of Toronto gained 5,759 telephones during 1930. Of these, 4,203 were residence telephones. Toronto, at the beginning of the present year, had a total of 207,218 telephones, of which 65.4 per cent are in residences. An average of 1,600,000 local calls is now handled daily in Toronto, while the number of daily long distance conversations approximates 7,000.

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However the event turns out, the Wisconsin pastor who has offered to pay \$5 to any person who can sleep while the sermons proceed should have a raise in salary.—The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

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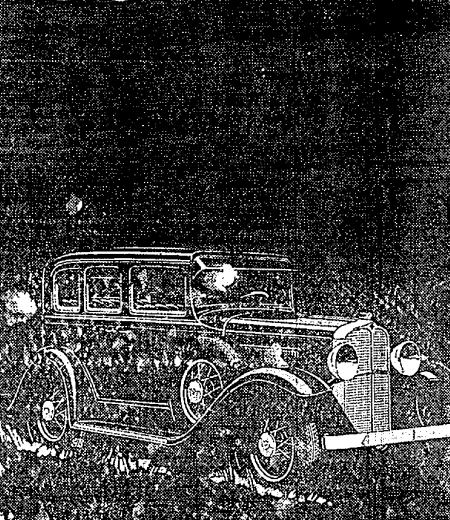
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