Sallie's Temptations

TED BILLINGS—AT HIS WORST

"Boy Howdy!" I finally managed to exclaim when I saw that the strange visitor was Ted Billings. "Gosh, you gave me an awful start," I continued. "I didn't recognize you, Ted, your're so squiffy."

He caught my shoulders. This was the second time that night they had been held firmly. Curtiss Wright has pressed his hand to them a few moments before, but this time the touch was different. Ted's grip was so in tense.

"Ith awright, Thallie," he stammered, "all that innocent, baby-doll stuff ith over. I love you, you lil' devil!" he concluded, at the same time trying to force his kisses upon upon me. I had never seen Ted drunk before and he was revolting. A bit of Marjorie Chenoweth's philosophy came across to me at that very moment. "Laugh, Bambina," she had told me in one of her heart to heart confessions, "men can't stand to be made fun of in their love-making. They want to be serious and a sense of humour is sometimes more protection to a girl that a chaperone, or even a virtue!"

"Where'd you get that pre-Volstead jagg, old Scout?" I laughed up at Ted Billings. "Come off, Teddy, you aren't a shiek and this isn't the Garden of Allah. It's Atlantic Beach and much nicer."

"This is no joke, stop that infernal kidding," he commanded, and his fingers sank deeper. "You've had a pretty good time playing with me, but that don't go tonight. D'ye hear, you lil' beauty?

He crushed me to him and I felt a wave of repulsion that was overwhelming. Our shadows made wierd distorted blotches, like giants on a string, in thee moonlight.

"Don't be so squirmish," he admonished. "Wassa matter, Tallie, you never have minded a lil' loving. Don't be so stingy with your kisses. Ah! saving 'em for your archiect friends," he sneered. "The rest of the bunch arn't dumbells, Thallie; we all knew you were pullin' a pettin' party."

I flinched, and the picture of Curtiss Wright paraded before me. I could not help comparing the two men. Curtiss Wright hadn't even permitted ME to kiss him when we were playing a silly game earlier in the evening, and while Ted's words wounded me deeply, I couldn't bear having Curtiss Wright accused of something he was above doing. I hated the injustice of his implications.

"Listen, Ted," I tried to summon a tone of raillery, "you're tight and you're not being a good sport, either. You can't find this in the book of etiquette. It isn't being done this season!" and I smiled faintly, until I noticed that he wasn't paying the slightest attention to what I was saying.

Then I struggled desperately, but he twisted my head up with his arm and forced more of his offensive kisses upon me.

"Ted, you dag!" I screamed at him. "Let go or I'll holler!" There was no need now of pretense of humour.

"Go ahead, and holler your head off," he suggested, grabbing me closer. "No one can hear the pretty lady."

Hed panted. "I've got you! Whee! What a lil' mermaid!"

"Tell you what let's do, Ted," making my voice as natural as possible. "Sit down, we'll have a good old 'fag' and talk it over."

"Talk, hell," he laughed harshly.

"Come on, now, lil' Thallie"—I'll never forget the disgusting way he said my name—"be the life of this party. Don't chew wanna love me?"

He didn't even look like the Ted Billings I had always known. Gone was the good-humoured boy with whom I had laughed and danced and frolicked since childhood. I looked across the lonesome sand dumes and realized the situation for the first time in my life I was frantic.

"I'm not like that, I'm good, really I am, Ted; please, please let me go." I began to sob.

"Stuff don' go, Thallie, you're spoofin'!" And with that he gave one tug at my shoulder strap and I could hear the taffeta splitting.

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SUNDAY SERVICE and Lodge Meetings

CHURCHES

Henderson Methodist Episcopal
Henderson
Rev. S. L. Hanby, Pastor
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school
11:00 a. m.—Preaching
7:45 p. m.—Epworth League
8:00 p. m.—Preaching
8:00 p. m.—Thursday, prayer service.

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Prospect Methodist Episcopal
Near Vernon
Harry Bailey, Pastor
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school
8:00 p. m.—Epworth League
Preaching every other Sunday evening.

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Methodist Episcopal
Farmington
Harry Bailey, Pastor

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Ebenezer Methodist
Hillsboro
W. T. McGuire, Pastor
9:30 a. m.—Sunday school
10:30 a. m.—Preaching
7:00 p. m.—Junior League
7:30 p. m.—Preaching
7:30 p. m.—Wednesday, Prayer service.

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St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal
Hillsboro
Rev. I. A. McGrew, Pastor
2:00 p. m.—Sunday school
3:00 p. m.—Preaching

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Thawley's Methodist Protestant
Denton
C. F. Cummins, Pastor
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school
11:00 a. m.—Preaching—every other Sunday
8:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor

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Pilgrim Holiness
Denton
Rev. G. L. Helsby, Pastor
11:00 a. m.—Preaching
2:00 p. m.—Sunday school
7:30 p. m.—Preaching
8:00 p. m.—Tuesday and Friday evenings, prayer service

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Baptist Church
Greensboro
Rev. Melvin G. Morris, Pastor
Rev. J. E. Berkstresser, Associate
10 a. m.—Bible school
11 a. m.—Morning worship
7 p. m.—Jr. and inter. and Sr. B Y. P. Vs.
7.45 p. m.—Musical program by orchestra and chimes
8 p. m.—Evangelistic service.
Mid-week service, Wednesday 8 p m.

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St. Paul's Reformed Church
Reformed Church of the United States
Ridgely
Rev. George Fitz, Pastor
9:30 a. m.—Sunday school
10:30 a. m.—Preaching
7:30 p. m.—Preaching

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Cordova—Denton—Greensboro Parish
St. Paul's Lutheran
Cordova
Rev. H. Drewa, Pastor
9:30 a. m.—10:30 a. m. — Sunday school, German and English
10:30 a. m.—Preaching, German and English, alternative
Note: Ladies Aid every 4th Wednesday in the month, 2:00 p. m. in the respective homes. Services every other Sunday at the home of Drew's Manor at 2:30 p. m. These services are German.

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Methodist Episcopal
Denton
Rev. C. N. Jones, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school
11:00 a. m.—Preaching
7:30 p. m.—Epworth League
8:00 p. m.—Preaching
8:00 p. m.—Wednesday, prayer service.

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Church of the Brethren
Denton
Rev. S. I. Arnold, Pastor
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school
11:00 a. m.—Preaching
7:30 p. m.—Christian Workers
8:15 p. m.—Preaching

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Methodist Protestant
Denton
Rev. G. J. Hooker, Pastor
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school
11:00 a. m.—Preaching
6:30 p. m.—Epworth League
7:30 p. m.—Preaching
8:00 p. m.— Wednesday evening, Prayer service.

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Christ Church Protestant Episcopal
Denton
Rev. Irving A. McGrew, Pastor
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school
11:00 a. m.—Preaching

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Ridgely Baptist
Ridgely
Rev. Melvin G. Morris, Pastor
2:00 p. m.—Sunday school
3:00 p. m.—Preaching

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Methodist Episcopal
Ridgely
Rev. Melvin E. Wheatley, Pastor
9:30 a. m.—Sunday school
10:30 a. m.—Preaching
6:30 p. m.—Preaching
8:00 p. m.—Wednesday, prayer service

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Dunkard Church
Ridgely
Rev. L. R. Brumbaugh, Pastor
9:30 a. m.—Sunday school
10:30 a. m.—Preaching
7:15 p. m.—Preaching

St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic
Denton
Fr. Eugene Kreamer, Rector
10:30 a. m., 9:30 a. m.—Preaching alternative Sundays.

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St. Benedict's Catholic
Ridgely
Fr. Eugene Kreamer, Rector
9:00 a. m.—Service 1st and 3d Sundays.
10.00 a. m.—other Sundays.

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LODGES

Caroline Chapter No. 62 O. E. S.
Masonic Hall
7:30—First and third Thursday evenings of each month.

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Caroline Council No. 175 J. O. U. A. M.
Carter Building
8: p. m.—Monday evening.

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Temple Lodge No. 128 A. F. and A. M.
Denton
Masonic Building
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month
Note: Closed July and August

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Patriotic Order Sons of America
Henderson
Eden Hall
Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

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Thawley's Farm Bureau
Thawley's Hall, Tuckahoe Neck
8:00 p. m. on the second Monday evening of each month.

Thawley's Ladies' Community Club
Thawley's Hall, Tuckahoe Neck
8:00 p. m. on the second Monday evening of each month.

RECORD HAY CROPS IN MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

Farmers of Maryland and Delaware may hang up new high records for hay production this season, says John S. Dennee, federal crop statistician at Baltimore, who bases his opinion on September 1 farm reports to United States Department of Agriculture. If the present crop outlook will be realized, and it will be he says, allowing for average variations from now till the hay is finally gathered, a crop of about 718,000 tons will go into the barns of Maryland. This big total has never been exceeded since the Department began to keep records of hay production in Maryland, he adds. Average production of the past five years is 551,000 tons. During the season 1923 only 420,000 tons were made. The growing season this year was distinctly favorable most of the time to haylands and meadows. Many farms report bumper yields. Condition September 1 in Maryland was given as high as 100 per cent of a normal.

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