Change of Heart

By JANE OSBORN

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"MADGE dear!"

"Walter."

That was the way they began. After a separation of four months Madge had written to Walter and told him that she would be glad to have him call that Saturday afternoon, and she had anticipated the little interview under the grape arbor beside her father's country house with a tenseness that somehow seemed to leave her, now that she actually saw the slender young man approach her with outstretched hands.

"I wanted to tell you, Walter—dear," she said permitting him to take her hands gently in his as they sat down together on the bench under the arbor, "that I've changed my mind entirely—about what a girl ought to do. I didn't let you know because I wanted to be sure; and I wanted to surprise you, I—"

"But Madge, dear," said the young man, "you were perhaps entirely right. I've been thinking things over myself. I realize that conditions are not what they were when our mothers were young. My cousin has been spending the summer with us—Martha Stone—I know you'd like her and I have told her all about you. She believes as you do—that in these days a girl has the right to choose—whether she wants to devote herself to domestic matters or follow some career that she's really better suited for."

Madge looked up amazed but the young man continued. "The fact is, Madge—dear—that Martha somehow put the matter so I understood it. Martha has wonderful ideas—I know you and she will be great friends. She herself says "that if she ever marries she will continue her music teachings."

Madge just sat and looked at Walter and felt the gentle pressure of his hand on hers without a bit of the thrill that she had expected. Six months ago when they saw each other for the last time they had come to a serious disagreement. They were making plans for an autumn wedding, and Madge had declared that she never intended to do any sort of housework. She had got her appointment as a high school teacher and she liked the work. Walter had protested—Walter who was ordinarily quite mild of manner had actually become quite angry. The engagement had not been actually broken, but Madge had gone off to visit an aunt and they had arranged between themselves not even to write for six months. They would think matters over in the meantime.

So Madge had gone to visit her aunt. Still wearing her engagement ring she met a nephew of her aunt's husband—Tom Bradford—and before many weeks had passed she had told Tom of her anxieties.

"I don't blame your Walter in the least," Tom had said. "I'd never want to marry a girl who wouldn't take an interest in her own home. If a girl didn't care enough for me to be willing to do that I wouldn't think she cared enough for me to marry me."

After that Madge registered in a school of domestic science and before another week had passed she was deeply interested in dietetics, cooking, household administration and was taking a course in dressmaking besides.

And here she was—Madge with Walter—waiting to tell him her great surprise—and Walter was in no mood to listen to her.

"So you see we really have my cousin Martha to thank," Walter was saying. "She showed me how absurd it would be for you—when you might be earning several thousand dollars a years even to start with—to be wasting your time on housework.

"She even suggested taking apartments—then we would both be quite free and we could get mehls out and not bother keeping any maid. Martha has wonderful ideas—you certainly must meet her. Now you must tell me what you wanted to tell me about," said Walter.

Madge had slipped the ring from her finger that she had worn faithfully for six months of her absence. "I've been thinking things over, Walter. I really do think a great deal of you. But I was thinking that perhaps after all we oughtn't to be married. We might not have disagreed the way we did unless we were a little unsuited—"

Walter released the hand he had been holding—very gently, without apparently any emotion. "Well, of course," he said, "it is better to find that out now then later. My cousin Martha has such good ideas about marriage. She says she thinks most of the divorces nowadays are due to the fact that people don't really—" Walter went on but Madge did not hear him. She was thinking of Tom that evening she left her aunt's. He had held her hand in a close grasp for a minute, then raising it impulsively to his lips he had kissed it and let it drop.

"Of course I want you to marry your Walter if he can make you happy," he said. "But he can't possibly love you more than I do."

"I think perhaps I could make Tom happier than I could you," Madge told Walter. "And of course there's your cousin Martha." She was wondering as he fingered the ring whether it would be too small for Martha.

Temptation for Pepys

Black Monday was surely as nothing to the Tuesday that follows an Easter bank holiday, writes a columnist in the Manchester (Eng.) Guardian. Mr. Pepys felt the strain of it even under the easier conditions of the Seventeenth century. "To the office," he recorded on the Tuesday of Easter week, 1666, "but, Lord, what a conflict I had with myself, my heart tempting me a thousand times to go abroad about some pleasure or other."

For the encouragement of many he was able to add: "However, I did not budge, and, to my great content, did a great deal of business."

DOROTHY DARNIT

By Charles McManus

ADVISES PUBLICISING DEL-MAR-VA

CONDEMNS STAND PATTERS AND SIT LIGHTERS

Addressing the Rotary Club at Princess Anne, Md., last (Tuesday, August 2nd) night, Edwin C. Totten, Executive Secretary of the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association, stated that "What this country needs is an unlimited number of good five-cent packages of dynamite to place beneath the coat tails of the "sit tighters" and "stand patters."

Mr. Totten stated that using the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula as a barometer, following a recent visit to every county on the Peninsula, he has found a surprising number of business men and women who are permitting themselves to become oppressed if not depressed to the extent that they quite frankly admit they are either "sitting tight," or "standing pat" and are waiting to see what their neighbor or competitor in business will do rather than exert their usual initiative by seeking to stimulate their own business.

As evidence that "sit tighters" and "stand patters" are losing personally he offered the comparison of one prominent farmer who had assumed the "sitting tight" attitude and had refused to enter this year as he had entered past seasons even though capable to do so, with a result that he has many idle acres and is making no profit as against another individual who has met not only the present day condition but who is physicaly incapacitated to the extent that he cannot leave his auomobile without assistance and who this year is giving his personal direction to the cultivation of more than 700 acres; paying his hired help by the day; and who thus far has realized on his strawberries and cucumbers a net profit running well up into four figures. This man, he stated, simply refuses to admit a depression and is an outstanding illustration of what can be done if undertaken with confidence.

Mr. Totten further stated that there is no question but what the feeling of confidence, especially throughout the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula, has developed in a pronounced manner during the last thirty days to six weeks period. He said that there has never been a greater opportunity for the people of this Peninsula to advertise and publicize Del-Mar-Va as there are thousands of substantial families seeking just such natural resources and splendid living conditions as the Peninsula has to offer. Each of these, he said, would bring in not only new money but new blood and new enterprises which would far offset any loss to the commercial producer in the form of consumers even though these newcomers would produce a portion of their own food in family gardens.

Mr. Totten stated that benefit beyond realization may be brought to the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula and its people by their sincere cooperation in promoting the work upon the sound foundation which the Del-Mar-Va Eastern Shore Association has established.

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FURROWS

BY JOSIAH ALLEN WEATHERBY

There is so much bein said and wrote about reducin taxes now that it might appear to be superfluous to write anything more about it. But the problem of taxes is so pressin now that it may not be out of place to write a little more about it.

When people have governmens they have got to pay fer them, and when they indulge in the luxury of havin a lot of government they will have to pay more. The more government you have the more taxes you have to pay. The people of this country is enjoyin the luxury of bein the most governed people in the world. We have the local governmnts spread all over the country: village, town city and county, that all cost the tax-payers a plenty. And then we have the State governments piled on top of these, and they cost a lot more. And then we have the Federal government on top of all the others addin enormous expense to what the people have to pay fer the support of their State and local governments. We could git along right well with a lot less government than we have now.

But we need somthing else besides reducin the amount of government to make things in this country livable. We need a new deal in the method of assessin and collectin taxes. The system of taxation fer State and local taxes is a carry-over from the time when landed wealth wuz the principal form of wealth, and so the main source of taxes. This system is now layin heavy tax burdens on a few and letting a lot of people git off without payin their share to support the government. I read in the papers the other day that seventy per cent of the farms in our State is bein advertised fer taxes. Now if a farmer can't git enough out of his crop fer his livin and taxes he might as well quit farmin and starve. And that is about what them farmers is goin to have to do when the State and counties sell their farms.

It's about time fer State legislatures to git busy and make some needed changes in our taxation system. One State has no property tax at all, but it has a tax on incomes. It seems to me that our own State Legislature had better consider changin its method of assessin and collectin taxes, as well as considerin the need fer reducin the cost of government. The farmers of Maryland is now havin to bear too large a proportion of the government's expenses. Some farmers is not even makin a livin, and when their crops is all in they ain't got the money to pay their taxes. If they have anything to sell they don't git nothin fer it, and it takes about all a farmer can make to keep his family from starvin.

The farmers of this State cast a right heavy vote, and if they don't git some relief from this heavy tax burden they will have to vote fer somebody that will go to the Capital and make some changes. Change has got to come sooner or later, and the sooner the better.

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KENNEDYVILLE

Joe Weer is visiting relatives in Washington, D. C.

Service as usual in the M. P. Church next Sunday morning. No service in the evening. The congregation is invited to St. James.

Mrs. W. S. Hurlock is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hitch in Queenstown.

Miss Emma Shafer entertained friends from Wilmington on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Copper, Mrs. Pumphrey and daughter and Mr. Copper, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Pearl Walls and family sent Sunday at Tolchester.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lusby and friends spent Sunday at Tolchester.

Mrs. George R. Rasin has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Clara Dorney, of Baltimore, is visiting Mrs. Harper Carter and other relatives.

There will be no service in the Presbyterian church until September.

Miss Lula Van Dyke is visiting her sister, Mrs. Crew, near Chestertown.

The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hill on Tuesday and left a baby boy.

Master Donald Fisher, of Baltimore, is visiting his grand father, Mr. Robert Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Minner and son and Mrs. Robinson, of Camden spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. William Lipscomb.

Mrs. Cain, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Othoson.

Miss Catherine Haggerty is visiting Mrs. Gerald Myers.

Joe Weer entertained some friends on Thursday evening in honor of his twelfth birthday.

WOULD ELIMINATE SMOKE SCREENS

SEVEN ARRESTS MADE IN MARYLAND

During a ten-day campaign against the use of smoke screens by bootleggers transporting liquor on Maryland's highways the State police have arrested seven men and seized as many automobiles.

The concerted effort to halt the use of the screens was begun after three of the highway patrolmen almost had been forced from the road by speeding bootleggers. The prohibition violators, Lieutenant R. M. Ridgely of the State police, said, traveled 70 to 80 miles an hour in some instances. A Washington Negro, driving a big costly car equipped with a smoke screen, has been the subject of several chases but each time the smoke screen was used to halt the officers in their work.

The seventh auto was seized last Saturday night on the Washington Boulevard, near Savage, Md. There was no liquor in it. The driver, a Negro was taken before Magistrate Howard U. Gosnell at Savage and the maximum fine of $50 and costs was imposed.

Each of the seven men arrested during the campaign were taken in custody near Washington and charged before a magistrate with using a smoke screen. In each instance, the accused, according to Lieutenat Ridgely, posted $51.45 collateral and was released. None appeared for a hearing and the sums posted were declared forfeited.

Lieutenant Ridgely said smoke screens were being used principally on the Washington Boulevard, the Columbia Pike and the Frederick Road.

He made it clear that the activities of his men were being directed against speeding and the use of smoke screens by bootleggers and not against the activities in violation of the prohibition laws.

PERCY SHELLEY

"The trumpet of a prophecy! Oh, Wind, if Winter comes can Spring be far behind?" To aid another in his need, to bring one's abilities to the caretaking of another's perplexing problems is a worthy aim.

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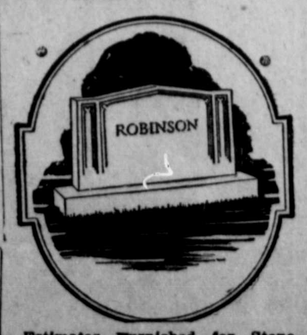

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