STATEMENT OF ROAD BOND ISSUE

On May 11, 1929, a special election will be held at which every qualified voter is entitled to vote for or against pulling Kent County out of the mud this year.

The present allotment of concrete roads for Kent is 2.87 miles a year. Under this plan it will take many years to bring relief to those now living on dirt roads and to those others whose business takes them out over the secondary roads of this community.

There are now 70 miles of county roads under concrete, forming Kent's primary road system; 68 miles, comprising the secondary road system, are in need of a nine-foot concrete surface; 102 miles, or the teritary system, should be slagged. Since there are 425 miles of road in Kent, some of which are cut-offs and unused roads, the above figures leaves about 127 miles of road for the county to take care of.

As a result of the slowness of the present road program and the increasing imperative need of better transportation facilities, the $1,000,000 Bond Issue has been authorized during the past session of the Legislature.

Two bills are offered, each depending on the other: The first is the bonding of the county for $900,000 to lay concrete on the secondary roads; second, is the bonding of the county for $100,000 to lay slag on the tertiary system.

If the county approves both plans, it should be possible to possess, in not more than two years time, the very best road system of any county in the State.

The $900,000 for concrete roads will cost Kent county the interest, only, as the State pays the principle within ten years. The State will pay this amount by the application of the proceeds of the lateral road tax alloted to Kent county. The interest on these bonds will increase the tax rate 22 cents the first year, dropping 2½ cents each year, with an average increase of 11 cents over the ten year period.

The $100,000 Bond Issue will cost the county the $100,000, plus interest for a period of twenty years at an overage increase of the tax rate of 5 cents.

The current Legislature empowers our County Commissioners to apply 10 cents of the present county roads tax toward building additional slag roads and will enable the county to contsruct at least 7 miles a year so at the end of ten years there would be, from that source, 70 more miles of slag.

A summary of the program, then, would be: 70 miles of primary roads which are already concreted; 50 miles of 9 ft. concrete on the secondary system and about 120 miles of slag on the tertiary roads, making a total of 240 miles of hard surface roads which will cover every section of the county.

The remaining roads, where the traffic is extremely light, will be kept in repair by the county from the present road fund. The small number of these roads will enable the county to render much better service and keep them in first-class repair, which cannot be done now because of a small amount of funds which have to be spread over a large area.

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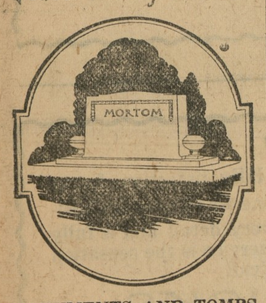

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Janet Reached a Decision

By CORONA REMINGTON

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AT LAST Janet Conrad came to a decision. With a sigh of relief she jumped up and started dressing. Only fifteen minutes in which to take her bath, put on her war paint and don the new dress she had hurriedly bought on her way home from the office.

She did not whistle as she usually did while she splashed around in the tub—instead there was a little frown between her finely pencilled brows and her ordinarily sunny face was clouded with thought.

"No, sir," she told herself, "no love in a cot for me. Jack Benton's a darling, but nothing can take the place of my freedom and my hundred and twenty per. As soon as he rings I'll go down and tell him 'no,' then he'll go away and it will all be over and I'll have escaped the noose and the kitchen sink once more. These millionaires that come around offering their heart and their bank account to little stenographers simply—ain't—except in 'movies' and novels!"

She thought back over the telegram she had received that morning. "Reach town via Chevrolet late this afternoon stop May I see you seven o'clock stop Something important to tell you, Jack."

She knew what the something important meant and at last she had reached her decision. She was glad, too, for Jack's frequent visits had caused her anxiety. She had always looked forward to them and at the same time she had dreaded them. He was so irresistibly boyish in his manner and so flatteringly infatuated that she had always felt the danger. If he had proposed to her without having given her the chance to reflect and think it over she would have probably fallen for him on the spot, but this way—thank goodness he had warned her. Now she had herself well in hand and it would be easy to resist his pleading. She wondered how he would take it. Of course, he would probably feel pretty well cut up at first, but that was natural. Nobody liked getting turned down. It must be a horrid feeling. She was glad that she wasn't a man; no one would ever get the chance to turn her down. Poor old Jack. She would be as gentle and considerate as possible.

Her thoughts ran along as she got into the little pink dress. It was alluring and feminine and accentuated her dark hair and eyes.

When Jack saw her a few minutes later he gasped involuntarily, but much to her chagrin he did not propose. And you simply can't say "no" to a man who has not said "will you?" He merely remarked after greetings were over:

"Say, I know a road by the river. I've always wanted to explore it. Shall we take a little spin in the car?"

Janet was slightly irritated. However, there was nothing she could do but consent to the ride, so they got into the little waiting car and were soon hurrying along the highway. The river road was several miles out of town and by the time they reached it dusk had crept off into the woods and had given the world over to the moon. Jack slowed down his pace and they moved quietly along the sandy road. Janet had no idea how long they had been driving when Jack stopped the car.

"Now it's coming," she thought with a little shiver. "He's going to propose right here and now. What shall I say? Goodness, I wish it were over."

But he did nothing of the sort. He said nothing, not a word. He simply took her in his arms and she felt his gentle kisses on her hair. She was hypnotized. She could not resist or utter a word. There was something electrical, magnetic about his touch and her mind whirled around in a chaos of thought. "If only he hadn't brought me here. Thank goodness, he brought me here."

After awhile he spoke. "It'll be tough sledding at first, honey, but we'll get along."

"Who cares about tough sledding as long as we're together!"

She heard herself saying the words, but still she could not believe her own ears. Then this new Janet said something else with a little lilting laugh: "Jack, I was beginning to be so afraid you wouldn't propose. You took so long to get to it."

As a matter of fact he never did actually get to it, but neither one realized it and just at that second the old dead Janet raised up her head for a last laugh as she chanted derisively: "Little trick nature plays on all of us."

But her words were entirely drowned by the voice of Cupid singing. "There is no joy that can touch the joy I give. Sorrow and self-sacrifice may come with it, too, but he has not really lived who has not loved."

United States Backward

This country is the only maritime nation of importance that has not a law fixing the load line of a vessel, but permits its ships to go to sea with no federal precautions as to the depths to which they may load. American shipping interests are dependent on foreign rules and regulations for the fixing of load lines for their vessels and must make use of such regulations if they are to avoid penalties and costly delays in the ports of nations which have recognized by their laws the importance of this safeguard to life and property.

"Q" Followed by "U"

In English "q" is always followed by "u." You cannot find a regular English word which contains "q" and which does not also contain "u." So far as I have been able to learn, no authority has ever been able to explain just why this is so. Apparently "q" never was entitled to be regarded as a complete letter.

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