

### SHORT STORY

#### Blind Date

By FERN ABLE

"Rod, dear," Mary Trent patted at the foot of the stairs as the invisible lung of the front door announced the unmistakable arrival of her 17-year old son.



"It's just me, effervescent spirit, man."

"Oh, Rod," she said, giving her a quick kiss.

"He shuddered," she said, laughing in spite of herself, "you're impossible."

"He struck a pose and sighed heavily, "It's just me, effervescent spirit, man."

Rod followed his mother into the living room, where she sprawled down into a chair, his long legs stretched out before him.

She looked at him speculatively, wondering just how to broach the subject uppermost in her mind right now.

"He plunged in, "Rod, dear, your father wants you to ask Mr. Billings' daughter to the Festival Dance."

Rod looked at her unbelievably and then bolted upright, indignation in every line of his lanky frame.

"What?" he exploded. "That trip?"

"You haven't asked anyone else yet, have you?" his mother asked.

"N-not exactly, but I thought I'd drop it, do I have to Mom?"

"No, son, you don't have to, but I would like a very friendly gesture. After all, the Billings are fairly new here and Anna Marie probably hasn't made many new friends."

"That I can believe," he muttered darkly, a mental vision of his father's boss in his mind's eye.

He turned to his mother now, despair darkening his face. "Did Dad tell you Mr. Billings that I'd take her?"

"I'm afraid he did, Rod, I'm sorry, son, but after all, you haven't asked anyone else and your father would be pleased."

"Nuts!" He shoved his hands deep in his pockets and kicked at the rug disconsolately. "Oh, all right, she's a creep, but tell Dad I'll give her all for the family."

The next three weeks sped by as Anna Marie under pressure, reflected gloomily as he dressed for the dance.

A half hour later, he was ringing the Billings' doorbell. The door opened and a sweet-faced woman was smiling at him.

"Oh, you must be Rod," she said, opening the door wide. "Come in, won't you? Anna Marie will be down in just a minute."

Rod stepped inside and stood nervously waiting for Anna Marie to come down. He looked up quickly as a faint sound reached him. He literally stopped breathing as he beheld the vision of loveliness descending the steps.

Her skin was as smooth and creamy white as the petals of a newly-opened magnolia. Her hair, caught up in a soft cluster of curls, was like a sheaf of sunbeams caught and held by the gardenias he had seen her, under pressure from his mother. Her blue eyes were like confetti falling from a cloud of stars.

Almost three-fourths of the 4,000-mile boundary between Canada and the United States is

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### CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

By Gwendoline F. Clark

### ... TABLE TALKS ...

#### On "Regular" List

Here are two timely recipes that you will add to your "regular" list if you try them once. The kidney stew with fresh dumplings makes an ideal dish when strains and chops are unavoidable. Made with 40% bran flakes they have a flavor worth remembering.

For the soups, stir in 1 T.B. of a single dinner into a feast. It's a favorite you will serve promptly—easy to prepare yet tasty and full of good, important food values.

#### Kidney Stew with Cereal

1 pound beef, veal, lamb, or pork kidneys  
2 tablespoons butter or other fat  
4 tablespoons flour  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup minced onion  
1 teaspoon salt  
Dash of pepper  
1 cup Worcester'shire sauce  
1 recipe Cereal Dumplings

#### Cereal Dumplings

1 cup milk  
1 tablespoon shortening  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 cup milk  
Dash of pepper  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups 40% bran flakes; finely crushed  
1 tablespoon minced onion  
1 egg and 1 egg white, beaten  
Remove from fire. Add salt, pepper, and egg, mixing well. Add flakes and onion, and mix thoroughly. Shape into 1-inch balls. Drop dumplings into simmering Kidney Stew, cover and simmer 15 minutes. Serve immediately. Makes 5 to 6 servings.

### GIRLS! WOMEN! TRY THIS IF YOU'RE NERVOUS

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### Resourceful Girl Snatches Drowning Boy From Rapids

#### WINS DOW AWARD

She saved a young boy from drowning in the rapids of a river in the town of Marmora. Her quick actions were rewarded with a Dow Award.

### GISELE CRÉTÉ

shows coolness and courage in gallant rescue

The waterfall near St. Caude, Que., drops approximately 15 feet and then runs over a series of rapids which run into the North Bay. The young girl, Gisèle Crété, was sitting on a rock near the falls and saw a young boy who had slipped into the churning waters. She immediately jumped in and rescued him.

### Take Spots Out With Cornstarch

Grandmother turned to her pantry shelf in many minor household accidents and we can do so similarly today. A simple dusting of cornstarch can remove many spots and stains from fabric.

### Sour Milk Substitute

What do you do when the recipe calls for sour milk and there is none at hand? Home economists suggest making up substitute by adding acid in the form of lemon juice or vinegar to "sweet" milk.

### POP—Must Be Fit

IF YOU'RE THINKING OF A GRAMPHONSHIP POP

You'll have to reduce waistline!

By J. MILLAR WATT

### TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

By BARRY MURKAR

Three Lanny, columnist and writer of the Montreal *St. Lawrence* has written this column for the youth of our country. He mentioned the two young men connected with a bank robbery at St. Louis.

### Marmora—A closely contested race at Marmora. Here the "ponies" are seen going into the home stretch.

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

### Sports — And One Thing or Another

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(A Sixth City)

The other day a friend, who is not too athletically-minded, asked me why it is that sports stuff comes over the air so much as a rule, rather more sickening than matter appearing in print regarding the same subject. As one who has been guilty of a considerable amount of material that has been used in both these forms, the only honest reply we could make was that the reason is exactly the same as the one for the black cover of the paper.

### TEEN-TOWN REPORTERS

They are a Friday-Nite Club and they are the majority of the readers of this column. They are the ones who are most interested in the news of the town.

### SPRAY KEEPS FRUIT HANGING ON TREES

Freight trains, jammed to the roof with boxes of B.C. apples are leaving the bustling Ontario fruit-growing centres every 15 minutes bound for the fresh fruit markets of the Prairies and the United States.

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