Kate's Conscience

By ZULA FORRESTER

"It seems that you could be not Willard before you leave town."

Kate did not look back but she felt after listening to conversation of the three above and appeared to hear as well as felt now that Imogene [illegible] was merely right and perfectly.

"If you don't make up your mind, Willard, and stay under my chaperonage, as engagement. Mrs. Van provides anyway, and is an office of this kind."

"Imogene Wiggins!" Kate's face flushed hotly. "I think you put a chaperon too enough."

"It is a serious matter." Imogene tossed off the end of her cigarette. "Kate deliberately. "If it were not [illegible] I should consider it a matter of [illegible]. Willard is the sort of man to take anything of that kind to heart. I know him well."

"I don't care a bit whether he knows or not" exclaimed Kate. "I suppose I should have told him in the first place, but he never asked me, and I didn't consider it necessary. I never thought Bart would."

"No one did," interposed Imogene with serene significance. "But the fact remains that Bart has"—

"Has what? Am I always in trouble?"

Lazily, comfortably interested, the voice sounded from the inner room whose windows opened on the veranda. Kate stood, silent, indignant, her chin upraised, her lashes downcast. From the cool shadow of the curtained window seat Bart Holman thought her sweeter and dearer than ever. And it had been nearly two years ago.

"Are you in there, Bart?" Imogene laughed. "How long have you been listening—long enough to agree with me? Whatever made you come home when everybody wanted you to stay in Japan?"

"Not everybody. I came by special request."

"And went in the first place by special request too?"

Kate flashed one single glance at her cousin. She had not known how much Imogene knew. She wondered if Bart had told her. Against her will she looked at Bart. He was smiling at her, and suddenly, vaguely, she felt more at ease. After all Bart was a good boy. He had come home the same—a trifle browner, the lines about his mouth a bit deeper, the look of his eyes steadier. The two years in Japan had done him good.

"When is the wedding, Kitty?"

No one ever called her Kitty but Bart. It was such a foolish, childish name for a girl, she thought, for the kind of girl at least that she prided herself on being. She was not the fluffy childish type. She was tall and slender with smooth dark hair, and eyes that changed like the sea with her moods.

"We are not even engaged yet," she corrected collegiately. "I can hardly say when the wedding will be."

"Bart is an optimist about matrimony, you know. He guessed apparently. Other has actually put poor Willard on probation. If he is a good boy for three months and behaves he may have what he wants—Kate."

"Bart knew it was only a matter of conscience."

"Oh I know a good deal. Willard on probation for life." Bart mused. "There would be no end to the tasks of forgiveness."

"There would be long intervals" mused Kate. "A man who cannot stand a three months' test is not worth working a lifetime for."

"Don't be cynical and unjust, Kate." Imogene gathered up her tackle of multitudinous odds and ends. "Everybody at Newpoint knows about you and Bart, and when you twit him that way it is simply bad taste. Bart, why on earth didn't you have sense enough to stay away?"

"No one sent me announcement cards of the probation," answered Bart calmly. "I like Newpoint. Willard and I are old college pals."

"Were you really?" Imogene glanced back over her shoulder to laugh again. "Bart's a sneaker, Kate, see what you get. Well, there is one thing sure. Bart, you won't be pain if Kate's conscience troubles her."

Bart was there several minutes before the silence was broken. Then Bart called.

"Kate O?"

"Go on and" Kate lifted her head, and her voice is low and excited too. "I'm a mean, bad, of course I deserve to marry Willard. The probation time is half of it. Imogene's suggestion. I only asked him to give me time to make up my mind."

"I didn't give you time enough."

"And I thought it is time enough," she answered quickly. "It is better to be sure, Bart."

"But you haven't said Willard should not?"

"Not yet." She hesitated and then added emphatically earnestly. "It isn't fair to a man called, although I suppose he would say I know I should feel if he had done such a thing and had not told me. But I thought he knew, of course, until one day he told me he didn't believe a girl ever loved more than one man sincerely and absolutely, and he was glad for that reason that I had never been engaged before."

"I agree with him." Bart swung over the barrier of the window ledge that separated them. "I don't believe [illegible]"

[illegible] almost gently.

"It isn't the question of it at all, that's what makes it different. Why, Bart, do you know you were the first man who ever made me to be his [illegible]. And it seemed so quiet. You never said a word, did you remember, just"—

"I remember it," said Bart. "It was enough. You gave it back."

"And you brought the ring the very next day to me."

"You gave that back too." He looked at her left hand as he spoke. It was ringless. Willard was certainly on probation. He reached in his inside coat pocket and drew out a small leather case. The color rose in her cheeks as he tossed it over on her lap. She opened it with fingers not quite steady. Bart was watching a figure in gray flannel walking up the board walk from the beach. It was Willard. When Kate raised her lashes from the little leather case they sparkled with tears.

"Why did you ever come back?" she asked. "What made you keep it, Bart?"

Bart bent over her quickly. The veranda was secluded and private in that particular corner. No person down on the board walk could intrude on its seclusion. He took Kate's left hand in his own strong young ones, tanned by the sun of the orient, and slipped the ring into its old place.

"I kept it so I might put it back some day—like this, dear."

He kissed the ring and the fingers, and Kate's hand rested of its own volition on the boyish head. The figure in gray flannels was close at hand. Bart lifted his head and looked her squarely in the eyes, a long, full look that admitted of no compromise even after two years' misunderstanding.

"Bart, I must tell him."

"I'll tell him," said Bart, and when Willard came up the steps he rose to meet him.

"Kate, [illegible] Willard, [illegible] just told me [illegible]."

"It isn't a surprise," said Bart [illegible]. "Kate's conscience. Kate [illegible] I would [illegible] that you might be told of it."

"Very considerate. I'm sure." Willard's face [illegible]. "I think it a little [illegible] the matter of [illegible]."

Bart's hands tightened. There was a look in his eyes he had never seen before, a look of [illegible] and gladness.

"I know I should have. It isn't [illegible]." Bart's voice was [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] know. I didn't think you would mind."

"I don't," said Willard coldly. "It's only a matter of conscience, after all. Anything else?"

Bart slipped his arm about Kate's waist in proprietary fashion.

"Yes. We've just renewed the old engagement, and I think you ought to be told of it—as a matter of conscience."

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ORDINANCE FIXING FIRE LIMITS.

Ordinance No. 51.

An ordinance to establish a fire limit in the City of Live Oak, Florida, to prescribe the manner of buildings, and the material used in buildings to be constructed therein, and fixing penalties for the violation thereof.

Be it ordained by the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Live Oak, Florida:

Section 1.—That the following described parts and portions of the City of Live Oak, Florida, are hereby established and declared to be the Fire Limits of the City of Live Oak, Florida, to-wit:

Commencing at the intersection of Comber Street with Suwannee Street, thence running South along Suwannee Street, eighty-five (85) feet, thence West through the home place of C. J. McGehee to a point on Church Street, eighty-five (85) feet south of Conner Street, thence South along Church Street to Wilber Street, thence East along Wilber Street to Pine Street, thence South along Pine Street to Parshley Street, thence East along Parshley Street to Ohio Avenue, thence North along Ohio Avenue to point on the Eastern boundry of Ohio Avenue, directly opposite the Southern boundry of Wilber Street, thence East through the home place of the estate of N. M. Parshley to a point opposite a point on Conner Street, twenty (20) feet east of eastern boundry line of the property owned by Robbins & McGehee, thence North to a point on Haynes Street to a point opposite a point, twenty (20) feet east of the Eastern boundry line of the property owned by Robbins & McGehee on Conner Street, thence West along Haynes Street to Hamilton Street, thence North along Hamilton Street to Duval Street thence West along Duval Street, to a point one hundred (100) feet west of Ohio Ave., thence South to Hayne Street, thence West along Hayne Street to the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, thence Northwest along the main line of said Atlantic Coast Line Railway to Duval Street, thence West along Duval and Third Streets to the railway track known as the "Y", thence Southwest along the railroad track known as the "Y" to Church Street, thence South along Church Street to Connor Street, thence East along Conner Street to Suwannee Street and point of beginning.

Section 2.—That no person, persons, firm or corporation shall be allowed or permitted to build, construct, erect, enlarge or repair any building or structure within the said fire limits as described in Section One (1) of this Ordinance, whereof the main material, including the roof, is of wood or other combustible material; but that all buildings or structures hereafter builded or constructed within the said fire limits shall be mainly of brick, stone, rock or some other material not of a combustible nature, **Provided,** That any person persons, firm or corporation, owning or occupying any wooden or other building now within the said Fire Limits, may repair the same by first submitting to the Fire Committee of said City the plans or nature of the repairs desired to be made, and obtaining from said Fire Committee their approval of such repairs, and a permit authorizing the same, **Provided,** That the Fire Committee is not hereby authorized to allow repairs to any building or structure where such repairs would be worth more than the building or structure desired to be repaired. **Provided** further, that should the Fire Committee, at any time, give a permit to either build, construct, repair or enlarge any building within the said Fire Limits, and any member of the City Council knowing of such permit or fact to the same for good reasons, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to order such work or repairs stopped pending an appeal to the City Council by the person or persons so aggrieved, and the City Council may then and there confirm or reverse the action of the Fire Committee.

Section 3.—That any person who shall be or attempt to violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, pay to the Mayor of said City, or be imprisoned in the City Prison for a fine not exceed Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for each offense, or be imprisoned thirty days for each offense.

Section 4.—The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the owner, occupant, contractor or workman on any such building or structure.

Section 5.—This Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the City Council this the 17th day of August, A. D. 1906.

COLE H. BROOKS,
President of City Council.

Attest:
S. P. MAYS, City Clerk.

I, S. P. Mays, City Clerk of the City of Live Oak, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 51 was regularly passed by the City Council on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1906, and the same is hereby certified to the Mayor for his approval.

Witness my hand and the seal of said City this 17th day of August, A. D. 1906.

S. P. MAYS, City Clerk.

(Seal.)

Examined and approved by me this the 17th day of August, A. D. 1906.

M. H. BROOKS,
Mayor City of Live Oak, Fla.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

To the Sheriff of Suwannee County.

Of the State of Florida:

Be it Known, That I, H. CLAY CRAWFORD, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that a

General Election

will be held in Suwannee County, State of Florida, on Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, A. D., 1906, the said Tuesday being the

Sixth Day of November

For One Representative of the Second Congressional District of Florida in the Sixtieth Congress of the United States.

For Two Railroad Commissioners for the State of Florida.

Two Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida.

For Two Members of the House of Representatives of the State of Florida.

For County Assessor of Taxes.

For Tax Collector.

For County Treasurer.

For Five County Commissioners.

For Three Members of the County Board of Public Instruction.

For Justice of the Peace in and for the following Justice Districts, Viz: No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12, No. 13, No. 14, No. 15, No. 16 and No. 17.

For Constable in and for the following Justice Districts, viz: No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 10, No. 11, No. 12, No. 13, No. 14, No. 15, No. 16 and No. 17.

InTestimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capital, this the first day of September, A. D. 1906.

(L.S.) H. CLAY CRAWFORD,
Secretary of State.

To J. H. Rickerson, Sheriff of Suwannee County.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

WHEREAS, The Legislature of 1905, under Constitution of 1885 of the State of Florida, [illegible] Joint Resolution [illegible] the Constitution of the State of Florida, the same was [illegible] [illegible] of all the qualified electors [illegible] State of Florida [illegible] Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Florida [illegible]

GENERAL ELECTION

SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER