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me, Doctor?"

She turned and walked back to the opening, smiling to herself. Oliver followed, just as she knew he would. She sat down by the green pillow.

"Sit down on the pillow, Doctor." When he obeyed her without question she smiled again. "As the boy watched her as in adream he was sure that no woman had ever smiled so radiantly."

"You think I'm bad, don't you?" She gave him no chance to come back to Bee-Bee and Harry. "And because you think I am bad you are going to Africa. You are going to run away and bring disgrace to your mother, and pain and sorrow to those who love you!"

He was silent, but determination nestled in his heart.

"Why not stay here and teach poor Harry how to make dreams come true. It would be much better than killing lions and savage blacks."

Oliver laughed. "Do you think I've been reading 'Diamond Dick in Africa' or something, Suzette? Don't be foolish!"

She was quiet now, perplexed.

"Why were you going then?" she asked.

"Because every ideal that made me happy here has gone up in the smoke. Bee-Bee, Allen, Grass—everything seems to be a lie. Even you are living a lie!"

He seemed very old to Suzette then—too for a boy of his years.

"I think you had better stop reading and play." She was as serious as the boy. "Too much reading and no play make men doubt there is a God."

A song rose from the pine thicket—the drunken song of Pete Perkins. He was too close upon them for Oliver to move. Had there been time for him to escape, the look of fear which came to Suzette would have

held him. Pete staggered through the pines into the opening, the skull he had unearthed from the gravel pit under his arm. He stiffened as much as his supple body would permit when he saw Oliver. For a moment his lips twitched and he gazed uncertainly at the boy on the pillow. The man moved forward.

Oliver breathed hard. Back of against the tree Suzette stood white as death, her arm broken. Pete had twisted it until the bone had cracked when she attempted to protect Oliver. Her senses numbed as she watched the silent struggle between the giant and the boy. Time and again Oliver managed to squirm from the grasp of the drunken man. Time and again he beat on his face and kicked with all his might as Pete laughed and squeezed. Then, in an unguarded moment, Pete picked Dr. Smith up and threw him across the opening with as much ease as Oliver caught dragon-flies.

When he opened his eyes Suzette was leaning over him weeping softly. A stranger sat by the bed, his sleeves rolled up, a watch in his hand. Suzette's arm was in a sling, and a blue place swelled beneath her eye. As she looked down on him his lips parted in a smile.

"I don't think there is anything but the broken hip," the man said. "I'll be back tomorrow morning."

Silence followed. Oliver studied the room. He was not in the Home. The only familiar thing was Suzette's yard which he could dimly see through the open door. Pete was nowhere in sight. Pain came back with consciousness and he closed his eyes, strangely contented. Suzette's voice rose in a murmur at the door.

All that night he slept quietly. Chickens are cackling in the yard when he opened his eyes.

"Good morning little champion of foolish women!" Suzette's voice was cheerful and her smile made him forget the sudden pain which leaped to his right hip when he moved.

"Howdy, Mrs. Suzette. Where's your gentle little ruffian of a husband?"

She walked over to his side and sat down in a chair.

"Don't worry about him. He never comes here."

"Isn't this his home?"

She shook her head.

"No this is my home."

"That sounds good." He looked around at the cozy little room and sighed. "When are they going to take me home?"

"You're at home, Doctor. I'm going to keep you right here."

"But they'll miss me at the Home. They'll think I've run away, Suzette."

She smiled. "You have, Harry promised me faithfully he would tell Miss Mattie you had started for Africa."

He looked at her quickly. "Promised you?"

"Yes."

"Why?"

"Because."

The chickens cackled suddenly and Suzette ran to the door.

"Have you seen anything of Oliver Smith, Mrs. Perkins?"

Oliver recognized the voice of the farm superintendent of the Home.

"Not since yesterday afternoon," Suzette answered. "Is there something wrong?"

"We think he has run away."

When Suzette came back to the bed Oliver hated her as of old.

"Why did you do that, Suzette?"

"Because," she said sweetly. "Now, Doctor, I'll bring in a friend."

She walked to the door. "Zippe," she called. "You may come in now."

Oliver heard, unbelieving; but a moment later she stood in the door.

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Charter No. 11765 Reserve District No. 5

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT BIG STONE GAP

In the State of Virginia, at the Close of Business on May 5th, 1922.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c).....	\$296,562.38
Overdrafts, secured, \$856.99; unsecured \$311.56	1,168.55
U. S. Government securities owned:	
All other United States Government securities (including premium if any).....	1,724.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.....	1,350.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	20,729.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	16,418.37
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	38,464.22
Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10).....	213.94
Total of Items 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13.....	38,678.16
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank.....	265.42
Miscellaneous cash items.....	74.12
Total.....	\$377,570.00
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	50,000.00
Surplus fund.....	15,000.00
Undivided profits.....	\$7,040.92
Reserved for interest and taxes accrued.....	1,741.78
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid.....	8,782.70
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than included in Items 21 or 22)	5,109.76
Certified checks outstanding.....	143.80
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	560.00
Total of Items 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.....	2,402.72
Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):	
Individual deposits subject to check.....	192,322.98
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.....	192,322.98
Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):	
Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed).....	59,290.64
Other time deposits.....	52,445.05
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, and 35.....	111,735.69
Liabilities other than those above stated.....	295.05
Total.....	\$377,570.00

State of Virginia, County of Wise, ss:
I, J. C. Taylor, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. C. TAYLOR, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of May, 1922.
Correct Attest:
W. F. GOODLOE,
J. S. HAMBLEN,
J. H. WAMPLER,
Directors.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Wise County

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Wise County was held on Thursday, May 4th, at 10:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. W. Kemp in Norton. Those present were: Mrs. R. T. Irvine, Vice-President; Mrs. Ollie K. Stallard, Secretary; Mrs. R. W. Holley and B. H. Crizer, Appalachia; Mrs. J. K. Taggart and W. W. Kemp, Norton.

The session was called to order by Mrs. Thompkins. The next business taken up was the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, which were read by Mrs. Irvine and with a few changes was unanimously accepted.

Mrs. Thompkins then submitted the tentative programme for the meeting to be held at Wise May 11, which was agreed upon by all present as a fine prospective programme.

Mrs. Taggart asked to be relieved of the Chairmanship of the "Social Hygiene Committee" and after discussion it was decided to leave this matter open until the County meeting.

Mrs. R. T. Irvine was requested to be the delegate to our State Federation meeting to be held at Richmond, Va. It was also decided to ask Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen to be Chairman of Publicity Committee.

No further business for discussion the meeting adjourned after which Mrs. W. W. Kemp and Mrs. F. B. Kline served a delicious luncheon to those present. Mrs. Ollie R. Stallard, Sec'y.

BRICKEY-ANDERSON

Miss Bessie Anderson, of the Gap, and Mr. Charles N. Brickey, of Duffield, sprang a very pleasant surprise on a large circle of friends on Monday night, May 8, when they were quietly married at the home of Rev. A. M. Pargett, the Baptist minister, of the Gap.

The happy couple kept their marriage a secret until last Saturday when the news "leaked" out and then they admitted it.

The bride is a cousin of A. R. and W. M. Anderson, of the Gap and has a host of friends here who regret to lose her from their midst as she and Mr. Brickey will make their future home in Norton.

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