The Free Brens Short Story

A TEMPEST RAGED

Y HAL CORRELL

doesn't he?" said Don Root, jour song! Do not repeat the looking after the confident thoughtlesly through familiarity young man who walked slowly up the them; they mean something! path toward the door of the community snatched up a book and held it before

"Well" retorted another man in the group at the gate, "I suppose if we got such a good bargain as he did, and-" "And-" finished still another.

going to marry Dorine Martin to boot!" Murmurs of agreement cohoed from song: others as the speakers fell in behind the last comers and followed to the church door, where they paused to look over the

room to find seats. During the past few years the community had not been able to pay a regular minister, and when one did come, well as to enjoy the services.

Down toward the front Herb found a side. place beside Dorine, who glanced around with justifiable pride, as if to seek the gling down beside him in the coupe. "I approbation of her friends for her vio- just felt that the sermon was aimed well as that," Eph exclaimed at last, tory-over the other girls who would have right at John Palmer! I don't know why been delighted to announce Herb as their Mame ever married him, for he's always Herb. They want a good distributor. If flance. Across the room was old Squire Wilson, who had helped Herb raise the trouble." money necessary to acquire the triangular tract of land at the fork of the Swift | tempted, sweetheart," replied Herb, skill-Run road and the lane which the com- fully steering the wheels out of a skid munity hoped was to be a section of the on the wet clay of the road. proposed state highway. The old man looked across at Hero and Dorine and temptation!" exclaimed Dorine with thing Herb had dared imagine. nodded with satisfaction.

"They'll get along." - he thought. "Herb's got ideas, and Dorine'll see that passing the wonderful piece of they don't get away from him. He needs which he had acquired, called her ata girl like her to keep him ca'med down tention to the possibilitities of it. and steady. And her-well, she needs him to look after until-" The rising first of next month," he said, "to be on wind blew the big door shut with a bang the spot when the highway department be wearing diamonds before she's been curiously. "I don't see anything." and interrupted the squire's thought; authorizes the opening of the road. May- married a year." then, before he had time to devote more | be I'll go with him and order some supof them to the young couple across the plies for the building." room, the congregation rose with a rustle of garments to sing the opening hymn.

not pay much attention to that which went on. He had the proposed new filling station to think about. It was to be gloomily when the young man came to my fault if our people here are not prosthe finest one this side of the county the office in response to a telephone perous." seat: and he knew that when the road message, "but the highway department was finished, the station would be al- didn't see fit to favor our recommenda -. most as good as a gold mine. The pos- tions about that road." sibility of there being any change in the

When the filling station was finished, a rustic lunch room would be built beto build a fortune for the family-to-be. .The congregation sat down, knelt, rose

thunder. A blast of wind struck the can Dorine and I get married?" building, after which silence followed for through the trees of the church lot.

Dorine unobtrusively moved closer to ions." Herb, whose hand fell on hers in the thoughtfully.

at hand, and the wind comes. Listen! . It howls hungrily, and then is silent!"/

Herb was not listening. He was staring kets of his packet. "I'd better have let at the boards of the floor, picturing to Eph Ritter have the land and put my himself the layout of the coming busi- money into-" ness at the point in the roads. Rain Suddenly his feet came to a standstill fell suddenly, at which the men nearest in the dust. Eph Ritter! Eph had had the open windows closed them. Again the same vision that had come to Herb. the minister spoke.

"For a time there is peace; and then perous filling station and lunch room at the storm breaks angrily. Listen! The the intersection of the roads. The only wind and rain combine in an attack on trouble had been that Eph had not been the building! The wind tears—the rain able to raise the necessary money so beats! They howl ferociously—hungrily quickly as Herb. Perhaps angrily, because the men have closed The thought which came to Herb kept the windows to keep them out.

as the tempest rages outside this house learned about the hitch in the road of God, so do temptations rage around plans, perhaps Eph would come back and you, you who are the temples of God! take the land hopefully from Herb's It may be that the temptations come hands. softly at first, just as did this storm; but y on the other hand they may not mani- wouldn't be quite square." A voice fest themselves until they have mustered argued with him in the darkness. a force which may overpower and submerge you."

Dorine smiled. Temptations might you as quick as he'd look at you. Besubmerge other men, but not her Her- sides, you've got to have your money out bert! The minister waited in silence for of that place or you're sunk-completely a moment; then his voice rose in a and permanently!" Herb tried lying on thrilling warning.

Let no man smile at the thought of "If I got my money out of that place." temptation! Let him not hold himself he thought, "I could buy the Lauder in contempt of the powers of wickedness, farm, and-" for I tell you that evil is powerful! Who No letter was mailed to Eph. Herb knows the writh of the tempest, or the could not quite make up his mind to do devastating power of the temptation?" it. Instead, he went moodily about daily

TRIB LACEY feels kinds cooky, this tempest! Give heed to the words

him to read portions of the song, "Picture yourself as being tempest ossed," he cried. "But give not up hope! Picture yourself as besieged by sin-alnot up hope! Listen to the words of the

"Torrents of sin and of anguish Sweep o'er my sinking soul; And I perish, I perish, dear Master!

Oh, hasten and take control!"

A rustle of paper told that the people ervously sought the page in their books. "Let us stand and sing, my friends! sage. This was one of the fortunate led-if temptation whispers in your had been to Herb to unlead the property A moment later they were in their another group, called stem-rooting, send days when a serange was to be given; hearts-if you feel yourself sinking-let on him. "I'll tell you what, Herb!" Eph | car. Blinky swung it victously and tore out roots from along the stem as well as population of the township was present services were over and the people hur- out a paper, on which he began figuring with reckless speed. to exchange the latest bits of gossip as ried from the door to their parked cars, potential profits from the handling of

> "Do you know, Herb," she said, snugyielding to temptation and getting into you'll handle the stuff for them, I know

"But they don't need to fall for every

spirit. "I guess you and Dad don't!" Herb laughed at her confidence and.

"The squire is going to the capital the

Activities on the apot kept Herb from accompanying the squire to the state Herb, occupied with enthusiastic plans capital. It was not until the latter's re-

just tipped back against the wall for a fort and perhaps advice, but the squire comfortable chat. "Y-you mean-?"

"The politicians over Bentley way got

again, and the minister took his place strangled tone, "if they do, I'm ruined, ground and introduced the flashy man behind the pulpit. For a brief space he squife, plumb ruined! If I don't have who followed, him. nd the filling station, how'm L going to pay! Listening to their talk of big money, listening to the sound of the rising storm. back the money I borrowed? And." he Herb wavered. Money would do so In the distance he heard a rumble of voiced a more dreadful thought, 'how much!

"I don't know, Herb." The squire bed his hands.

"Well, your opinions are too much for "Yeah," continued the stranger, not seat between them. Others moved ner- me to-day squire," said Herb, trying to noticing the flash which had come yously. The minister spoke quietly, grin. "I've had enough for the present!" Herb's eyes. "All yuh gotta do, fellah, is with heavy heart and feet he walked say the word. Is it a go?" "We hear the storm coming," he said down the dusty road toward the sound slowly, resting his arm on the pulpit as of hammers and saws, down the road ed, "the word is no! And there's an- he slanced at the waiting people. "It is which he had pictured as being a wide other that rhymes with it—GO!". W. H. Lashbrook heard first in the distance-faint sounds concrete ribbon dotted with scores of of disturbance. Then it thunders nearer automobiles, toward the men who were idiot! Think of the money!" building his filling station.

"There goes my house of cards," he Dorine glanced nervously at Herb, but growled, clenching his hands in the poc-

a vision of a concrete road with a pros-

him from sleeping well that night. If he "So it is with temptation, friends! Just could get a letter to Eph before Eph

"No," he thought angrily.

"But what of it? Eph has pulled many a crooked deal in his time. He'd gy; his back

Dorine nudged. Herb, who started duties, trying to think of a way jout. guiltly and gave heed to the remainder Dorine tried to comfort him, voicing hopes which she really did not feel, that "We are going to sing, my friends! the road might go through after all. Weeks passed during which Eph made

flying visits to the village. Toward the motioning for him to leave the building. beginning of the summer be sought Herb | "Ever since you mentlened it to me, I've and greeted him wint unwonted cordial- been thinking. I've nearly gone crasy

"Listen, Herb," he said, persuasively, me again! Get out!" He was afraid. He "I know that your folks never favored feared that if they remained to argue, liquor-neither did mine. But I'm telling he might yield. He seethed with emoyou, Herb, that's about the only thing tion; but Eph had mentioned Dorine, there's money in these days!"-

him quickly. 'I know people who have managed to make quite a bit without dealing in liquor. But what do you know about it, anyway? You're not handling glanged up the road which was to have liquor of any kind, are you?"

"You'd be surprised at some of the things I've been doing the last few months, Herb," grinned Eph. "One of the things I've been thinking about is He this: that place of yours will make a dandy place to distribute stuff when you get it finished."

"Why, your crazy! You know the people around here wouldn't touch it!" "You know I don't mean the natives most overcome by temptation. But give Herb, I mean the people who will come through when the road is finished."

Herb almost gasped. Evidently Eph had not heard about the road proposition. Immediately a voice seemed to whisper, "He doesn't know! You can sell the place to him. Get it off your hands! With a little shiver Herb thurst the idea from him and told the sad news.

"Huh! Don't let that stop you," urged Sing and pray! If your spirits are troub- Eph, not knowing what a temptation it may know me." Dorine clung close to Herb's stalwart liquor in a place such as Herb had hoped

"There isn't a place in the state that would suit the fellows I know, half as thing!" "They don't want to buy it, understand, that they can say the word to the proper "It seems to be the lot of man to be people that will get the read through all right. Beer's back now, and you can handle it with the other stuff." 'Ite pictured money flowing into Herb's pocket. money that would come easier than any

> "I'll be back a week from to-morrow Herb." Enh said, rising to his feet. me. If you say the word to him, he's the boy that can get the road through here, and if he does-you're made! Give ful?" The squire snapped his fingers. my regards to Dorine and tell her she'll

uneasy than he had been before. He pened ... Them booze-runners up here argued with himself constantly. "Why temptin' you while their political friends shouldn't I do it?" he muttered. "It's a in Bentley was losin' their roa'd because business, just like any other business. for the development of his new tract turn that dire news caused the young I do it, they'll get their political friends papers down to the capital was full of before the state road came through, did man's heart to feel like a lump of lead in to put the road through, and this whole, the scandal." district will profit. If I don't, the road "Sorry, Herb," the squire announced will go through Bentley, and it will be the road go, if the Bentley

. The reasoning did not quite satisfy him, and he was torn by conflicting emotions on the day when Eph was to re-"Wh-what?" Herb slid forward quickly turn and bring his companion. Her proposed road plans did not occur to to the edge of the chair which he had would have gone to the squire for com-

was in the capital again. "Well, son," exclaimed Eph, stopping neath the huge locust trees. Dorine was their oar in, lad, and it looks to me that his expensive car in front of the partlyto supervise affairs there and do her bit more'n likely they'll get their road finished filling station which sat outside the village at the fork of the roads, "have "But if they do," gulped Herb in a you thought it over?" He jumped to the

"Boy, what a chance, Herb!" Eph ruba time-before another gust roared shook his head sadly. . "I'm not offering having to run that lunch counter, she explanations. I'm just voicing my opin- can sit around in style, or drive a fancy car around the country; and -"

"Well," grated Herb, his hands clench-

Eph blinked. "But, Herb don't be an

"I've been thinking," snapped Herb, ACTON

thinking of money! Don't mention it to

Dorine would never wear clothing bought "Oh, I don't know," Herb glanced at with money derived from such an unclean business. Herb test that he could not sleep in peace or face his friends if his pockets -carried such money. He been a ribbon of concrete. Some one

> Eph and his companion moved slowly toward thir car, while Boh turned his head to argue. "You'd make enough in a year, Herb, to clear everything," he said urgently. "Understand, I'm not thinking of myself. I'm thinking of you

and Dorino-

was driving along it, his car raising s

"Shut up!" roared Herb, stepping forward quickly, "Don't mention her name again, you dirty dog! Got out-quick!" Almost involuntarily his fist swung and caught Eph on the jaw. The other man made a suspicious movement toward his pocket, at which Herb's other first shot Eph recovered time:f and grabbid his friend's arm.

"Come on, Blinky, no dirty work here!

therefore practically the entire scattered this song be your prayer!" When the drew Herb to a table with him and spread along the road past the approaching car from the base of the built. The stem-- "Jiminee. Herbi" exclaimed . Squire spring, since the stem roots help to pro-

Wilson, stopping his car in front of the building, "them fellows seem to be in a hurry-like they were fleein' from some-

"They are," commented Herb with a wry attempt at humor, "they are temptation fleeing from me, instead of me fleeing from temptation!"

"Why, what do you mean lad? Sounds kind of crazy to me." Herb briefly told what had happened.

"When Enh began to talk about Dorine." he said. "I suddenly remembered that sermon we heard last spring-you member, about temptation raying like a tempest, and how we could get the best of it? I-well. I just let Some One else take control and I came through all

"What?" usked Herb, looking around

In the following days, Herb was more slowly. "Just a cur'ous thing that hap-

get it Through—through here?" "Ain't no place else for it to go, lad.

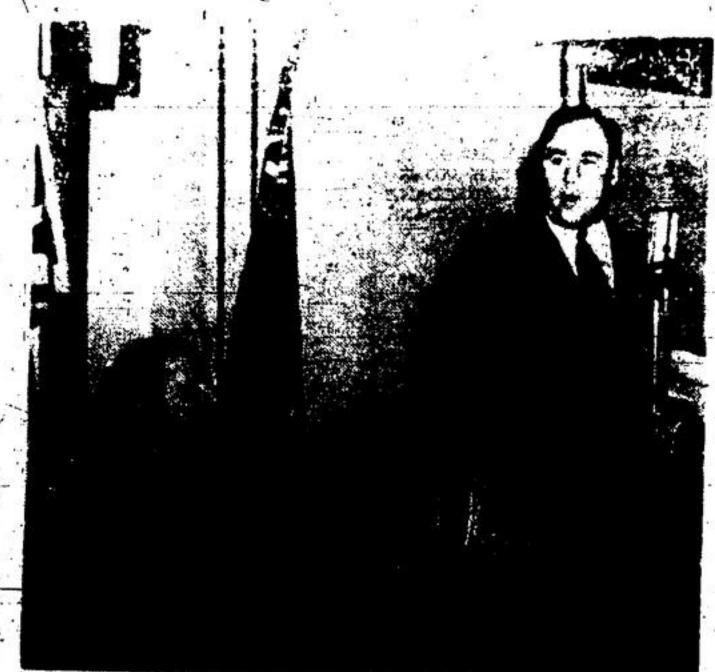
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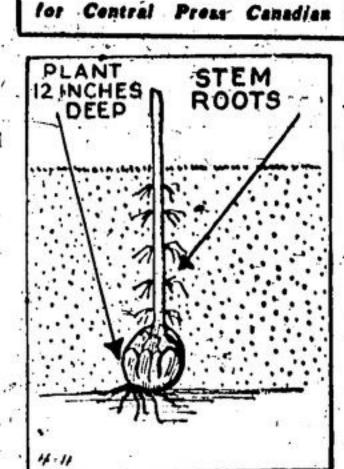
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Promoting Use of Canadian Fish



Promoting the consumption of more Canadian fish, the Hon; J. E. Michaud, Dominion Minister of Pisheries, Left, attended a fish luncheon at the joint meeting of the Progress and Lions club in Toronto. Dr. Frank Wood, is pictured, Right, as he addressed the huncheon. To celebrate the occasion, fish luncheons were held in over 100 service clubs from Yarmouth, N. S., to Duncan, B. C.

Weekly Garden-Graph Written by DEAN HALLIDAY



Lilies for spring planting

If you did not plant lilles in your garden last fall they can be planted now, or at least certain varieties can now be out with safety. Some lilles grow rooting lilles can be safely planted in the As shown in the Garden-Graph, the bulbs of stem-rooting lilles should be planted 10 to 12 inches deep. Each bull

should be set on a handful or two of The stem-rooting group of liltes in cludes the Auratum-Elegans. Longiflorum, Regale, Rubellum, Specios-

um and Tigrinum.

nothing!" Suddenly Herb laughed. car, speaking as he did so. wouldn't say that, exactly, my lad. A least you know now how much you car stand, and where to go when things seem about to get beyond your control He stepped on the starter, 'Want to

"I'll say I do!" exclaimed Herb, leap ing forward. "I've got several things to tell her. Go ahead, squire, and drive

Translent (in haystack) - Say, Sam, do

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