The Free Press' Short Story

Peter Lyons Dad's Substitute

BY NINDE HARRIS ...-

Spring morning to open up the store glass in Chicago. He was visiting for the day. People seemed out of the homes of members of last year's Borts from the old newspaper dealer football team to remind them of the Monor tonight." on the corner to-the Wilkins boys, big reunion the boys had planned playing marbles in the middle of the for commencement time.

"I know this is going to be some day," Peter sighed to himself. "... The blg sign, "Lyons & Son," in front of the big paint store on the corner failed to rouse his bride this morning. He looked from it to the step and saw Mrs. Sohony huddled there. In her Map were, the three cans of red paint Grandfather

Lyons had sold her yesterday. At sight of Peter she began to ed.

followed him into the store. the early morning customers ex-"But it really was Mardine who "She's studying colors at the Tech crowd listens.". High School and doing grand. Now isn't she, Mrs. Sobony?" - -

It and brought down three cans of on the biggest newspaper in murky morning, he would have studying-medicine, laughed merrily over Grandfather's constant advice to "paint garages fully measured to escape Peter. been painted."

Lawrence to deliver as soon as he Boots' father than to Boots' came to buy lingered to study years ago this coming May, the

cans of paint on the top shelves. trim tall young man, who had been his work in the traffic department center on the regular football team of Chamber of Commerce and the when he was guard at the state uni- convention he had recently attendversity for three perfect years.

hurt, asking how the other was, "x- the store for Peter's father. pressing delight over seeing him. Windy?"

cordial, though clipped and business- this morning to open bids for paint through groups of worried workers, matooned there all night."

for the store termed the office in father gave that title to Father he talked to the men in a firm, un- (Matt. 10: 17): Their attempt to courtesy to the desks grouped there, until he took him in partnership, afraid and yet friendly voice, telling hinder the preaching of the gospel easy-chair. He dropped into another the firm." himself. "Hope Jerry gets here · business is rushing on an April he had said, "Sort of an apprentice your boys, Tony, that your son's poltroon but now he is calm and morning."

were numerous. While Peter hunt- other youth had not stopped that lows you know best." ed out odd cans of linoleum paint, floor stain and a dozen varieties of varnish, the visitor watched with wondering eyes. During the lull in trade, Winslow ventured into con- Commerce," he murmured. versation. "It's that ladder that earth do you manage to skip up and university football team irritated the most healthy manner. down it so easily? And moving it him. Even while he was at the park! Suddenly his hand shot out and ed the lame man,

tackles of the team when Peter's he had been at the Sobony - home Some thy you'll be one of those Never again would Peter townt father, W. H. Lyons, the second, looking at the wall paper to give ad-, chaps about home they say. 'He's having to give up some of his own desk, shaking out his raincoat before examining the weatherboarding of in Congress or the Senate, sent by ' If Jerry were late in the morning. he noticed the visitor.

in the store a long time

When the university team met Pur- in the paint store. When he had de- I'll be envying you because, I haven't insisted upon playing on the sidedue he had been in the grand stand | cided to attend the state university a father to whom I can be a DS" walk. He would not scowl at them. "Think you sat next to me at the instead of a technical school, he had. The girl came with a fresh stack Father laughest over such things as alumni banquet last year," the older done so because of the fine com- of wheat cakes for the two young that and the children came to him man talked on. "That's been ten merce course it offered." | men. She asked some anxious ques- for advice. He was \carrying an months agor How time does fly!" Today he became discouraged tions about the strike. Her father envied title. He knew now that he He suddenly remembered to play with his work. Back at the store, worked at the factory, she said, and had to make good as Peter Lyons," the genial host. Winslow's breakfast after he had heard the park board the family could not afford to have DS. in a little country town made him refer the matter of awarding the him without work for a time. chuckle. He reached for his own paint contract to the park superin- While the visitor told about the hat and pushed the droopy one tendent, he scowled at Jerry and meeting of the evening. Peter look-

you boys across the street for some did not lift his spirits. , . , | who might come that way. of Aunt Rhody's famous flapjacks." To himself he pictured the mem- Father would have other com-

OURTH STREET looked drab Winslow told the reason for his he was to do. as Peter Lyons came down visit. He was on his way home the sidewalk early that from a hearing on freight rates on

> "Let's see, you're in the Chamber of Commerce at Northton?" Father's tone congratulated Winslow on this position. . "Transportation department, if I remember."

"Father's a vice president of the chamber here," Peter's voice proud. "The other members wanted him to be presidnt, but-"

"The paint business is too strenuout for that," the older man chuckl- dow in his-dog house.

"The old man" had been all wrong the conversation from his work. and Peter had been all right. "My ! "Great idea, these reunions," he apold man. Mike, he say red barn paint proved. "You'll understand what a no goot for garages," she finished. A real reunion is twenty-five or thirty He white hair will be at your table. talked, knowing very well that all but the old spirit of pride for school will still hold on. Why, when we pected conversation as well as paint | get together Ves Umstead nlways Inglets upon boasting of his batting turned thumbs down on the red average and George Cotton sings

The fellows of last year's class, as Winslow saw it, would want to talk fall about the strike, the park super-Quickly he pushed the ladder over about their jobs. Joe Grant, the intendent, who happened to be pasto the house paint shelves, ran up team center, was now sport writer dull green paint for the Sobony capital. Keith Harmon was coach garage. Had it not been for the at Briston and Bones Lomax was cause of the high grade of paint of-

Finally he said in words too carered like sensible barns always have "Boots Burton is with his father ments to be made at the parks. like you are Jerry. And from what

busier one at the store. People who bonsted. "It was just fifty-four guest." minute Peter did not recognize the selected questions to Winslow about stop them," he mourned. The two went into a huddle in- the guest about freight rates, inter- had followed him from the room. mediately, shaking hands until they rupted only when a call came from "I guess I'll have to leave you again

Finally Peter asked in a humorous two, Winslow," he invited as he manner, "How did you happen to rose. "Jerry will take you down to discover the trains ran westward, the house so Mother can fix you captain went into action striding up with a room. I'd let Pete off, along beside his erstwhile guard. "I drove." Winslow's answer was but the park board holds a caucus. He kept step with rapid Peter like to the core. "Planned to be for the park rest stations and stad- hesitant strikers, to the very mut-

Father chuckle. "Dad's substitute." | their committee,

"Selling paint seems rather a

They were laughing over famous traffic managers in Chicago. While the fellows of the old team I know

orders with the evident intention of Ever since Peter had been a small; turpentine without spilling a drop waiting on the steps with cans of making everyone think he had been boy he had planned to follow in his and rushed that ladder better than paint in her lap father's footsteps. He had run you ever did the opposing team on . Peter knew he would probably Father remembered Winslow well away from home many times to stay, the football field. And then as now stumble over marbles if the children

Peter kept for rainy days toward spoke sharply to him about tate de- ed through the window at the paint liveries. Father's note on the desk store across the street. Electric "Jerry can watch the store until telling him that he was taking Wins, lights were flashing off and on, blaz-Clark comes," he said. "I'm taking low to the Rotary Club Juncheon ing the name, "Lyons & Son," to all

that day. He would receive applause never given Peter when h

accompanied his father. The afternoon trade was at his best when Father returned. Hardly had the older man told Peter To take the rest of the day off to show his guest the town when the telegram arrived summoning the older man-to-the capital for a meeting with the governor, relative to the Home Building Committee.

Murmuring a hurried apology for having to recall his permission for a vacation, Peter's father handed ils son his memorandum book as he left the store to drive to the capital. Aloud Peter rend the list of tasks

about the paint job at the infirmary; The disciples but been bidden, not dinner with the other trustees of the to depart from Jegusalem - last -- to

most upset Grandfather's chair in Peter helped the two clerks with the trade, measuring out gallons of linseed oil and turpentine, packing

your town, too," Winslow remarked 8:15-17). They did not regard the ultmately to the conversion of some as the two of them are dinner at the positive promise of Christ (1:5) as of his hearers (ch. 6, 7). restaurant across the street because relieving them from the necessity the hospital board meeting had been of prayer, but as an incentive to and called off. "Didn't mean to caves- foundation for prayer. The women Peter unlocked the door and she years from now. Bald heads and drop, but I heard the mayor say were there as well as the men (1: something about your father being 14). Ten days passed without an appointed to serve on an arbitration answer. The day of Pentecost, the

"Father often sekves on commit- of the church (Lev. 23:13-21) came tees like that. He's been in busi- at last. ness longer than any other man 4n paint and wants green," he laughed. 'Casey Jones' whether or not the town. He knows everybody, and 25, 26; Mal. 3:1; Luke 2:13). 'There well, you know what it is."

sing the restaurant, came in to tell Peter the contract for the paint work was to go to their firm befered He accepted Peter's invitation to cat at their table and the conversation turned to the improve-

With Mrs. Sobony gone, Peter he- I hear they're building up a pretty through the shabby streets of the gan to check off orders for Jerry good radio station thanks more to west side to the mission, where the 17, 18). The blessing was not to the Court of Honor was to be held, church as a body but to "each one arrived. A rainy day might give Woll, we're holding our own in There Peter introduced Scouts, their painters a holiday, but it meant a the paint business," the elder Lyons parents and leaders alike to his fulfillment of Ch. 1:5. So the ex-

About that time Mike Sobony colors, ask questions and look at the Lyons paint store opened on this called Peter from the room to tell corner with my father, as a young him the box factory strikers were He had just finished checking off man, in charge." For a few min- planning to rush the building in less that the Holy Spirit takes complete yesterday's orders when Winslow utes he reminisced, only to remem- than an hour's time. "If your Hunt-walked into the store. For one ber he was host. He put carefully father could go down there he might hopin' he'd be here."

"Father's on the arbitration board the mayor named today," Peter ed. This brought a monologue from hesitated, looking at Winslow who to go down there and tell them. "You're staying with us a day or They'll listen to me after I an-

here last evening, -but something ium. Peter's going to be there. You tering and threatening, who want- sembly, composed for the most part went wrong with the engine at a see he's earning his title of D.S." | ed to rush the building because the

Peter led the way to the corner Peter himself explained. "Grand- Winslow stood beside Peter while fulfillment-of-the-prediction-of-Jesus and scated the visitor in Father's I'm bearing it now until I get into them about the new committee of really gave, it wings. | Peter had which his father was chairman, seen this body together once before Back at the store Peter tried to "This is the time for arbitration, not when Jesus was tried and condemnearly this morning," he chuckled; forget the chuckle Winslow had violence, Jerry," he talked to the "otherwise you'll learn that paint given over the title, "D.S., the way burliest man in the crowd. "Tell oughly frightened and played the at the paint business," but still it ir- Scoutmaster is on the arbitration fearless. The resurrection of Jesus Jerry was late and the customers ritated him until he wished the board. And you, Erik, talk to the fel- from the dead and his own baptism

"For a time I thought that men wonder workers were accustomed humble occupation to the assistant were going to rush us," Winslow to perform their marvels by the traffic-manager of a Chamber of confessed near midnight as the two power of some name the the name of them again sat at the white-cov- of Solomon, or the unspeakable All through the morning the ered tables at Aunt Rhody's ten name of Jehovah) so the council gets me, Peter," he said. "How on chuckle of the former captain of the room, eating flapjacks and sirup in very naturally asked Peter and

while you're on it seems a real art board session be pictured in con- gripped Peter's "You've a real job." Peter's answer is skilful. But its to me. It's better than tackling" trast to that scene the conference of old fellow. A bigger one than any of came into the store. He was in his vice about paint for the woodwork, standing on his father's shoulders' plans to help his father. the garage at the O'Rourke home to the fellows to whom you talked to-, he would have to sweep out. If

While they are the famous flap- bers applauding when Winslow was mittee meetings tomorrow, and he jacks soaked in thick maple sirup, introduced with the other visitors might have to substitute at them.

wisdom was due to the spirit. Left to himself Peter was a blunderer. The Sunday School Peter was deferential and courteous. The Holy Spirit does not make the Lesson men He controls rude und

Jude 8, 9). Yet Peter was

frank, felfries and outspoken. There

was no compromising of the truth,

no glossing over of their guilt. Th

council had spoken evasively of the

thing done is "this.". It is a keen and

discomforting thrust of Peter in hi

deed done to a strengthless man

reply to say, "If you refer to a good

(Jno. 10:32). Then without hesita-

tion Peter tells that it was in the

name of Jesus Christ, the one they

scere has changed Peter the accus-

III. The Council Were in a D

frankness of men who had never en-

Joyed the teaching of the rabbinical

schools and would be overnwed in

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is their own. Holy Chost boldness

in untutored men is always a per-

plexity to mere scholastics. Peter's

sermon and bearing probably led

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FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 20

USING WITNESSING POWHR Golden Text .- They were the fiffed with the floly Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness. Acts

Lesson Text. Acts 2:1-4:31. Acts 2:1-4; 4:8-20.

Time: K. D. 30. Place: Jerusalem.

Exposition: 1. The Disciples Filler "See the county commissioners with the Holy Spirit, 1-4.

hospital; the west side Court of walt for the promise of the Father, the baptism with the Holy Spirit Winslow leaned forward and al- (ch. 14:4, 5). They had faithfully obeyed this command. After the ashis eagerness to see the list. While cension of Jesus they had returned at once to Jerusalem (1:12), to wait God's time and God's blessing. Though "they continued steadfastcans of paint and white lead, he ly" in prayer (1:14) the entire time studied the list. Sometimes he look- was not spent in prayer (1:15-26; ed from it to the customers, who Luke 24: 53). There was absolute ranged from the mayor to the smal- unity in their prayer. It was "with lest Barusky boy, who wanted two one accord." Their minds were all cents' worth of putty to put a win- united in one thing, "the promise of the Father," the haptism with "I see you have strike troubles in Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13; Acts 4:31; day of "first fruits," the gathering

The blessing came "suddenly" (16 was not a moment's warning. There Before he could go more into de- was a roar as of a hurricane. Emphasis is laid upon the fact this sound came from heaven.

There was not only "wind" from honorary dog license from the Lawheaven, but fire as well (Matt. 3: rence County Conservation Associa-11; Isa. 4:4; Jer. 23:29). The fire tion when the members learned the was in the form of tongues, the new little fox terrier shared their power was to manifest itself in a tongue of fire granted to them (v 4). The tongues parted asunder of portioned themselves out to "each Later the two youths walked one of them." They rested upon the women as well as on the men (vs. of them" as individuals. This is a pressions-"filled-with-the-Spirit" and "baptized with the Spirit" are practically synonymous. The expression used here brings out the thought possession of the faculties. The immediate-result-was-that-they bewas gan to speak with other tongues (10:46; 19:6). The baptism with the Spirit did not always manifest itself in this particular gift but always in new power for Christ (1 Cor. 12:6-10, 30; Ac. 4:31: 9:17-22). II. Peter's First Answer to the

Sanhedrin, 8-12.

The Jewish Sanhedrin was the great court of Jewish law, composed "I'm going along." The football of seventy-one leading men of the nation. Calaphas, the nominal high priest by Roman appointment, Annas, the real high priest, according to the Jewish way, were both there. It was a very august asof Sadducees. Peter and John's belittle town down the road and I was The visitor's mystifued look made board at first named did not meet ing brought before it, and their treatment by it was an exact literal ed. On that occasion he was thorwith the Spirit has wrought this great change. The Jewish and other John "in what name" they had heal-

Before he could reach Winslow's tell Dan how much hassed oil to use night and those Rotarians at noon. Mike Sobony did not happen to be in hand, Jerry, the delivery boy, had in mixing his own paint, Winslow, "Then I'll be telling the .boys a mood for green paint for the slipped in. He was noisily filling had been at each meeting. . . about this day when you measured garage, Mrs Cobony would again be

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bearing, but gentle (Cal. 5:22, 23; Portland Sells to Devonshire But Still Owns Mere 183,000 Acres Or So

> LONDON, (CP) - The Duke of Portland, one of Britain's bleges andowners, is selling 1,000 acres of his estates in Derbyshire, and Not-Inghamshire to the Duke of Devon thire. The real estate deal between two holders of centuries old titles is one of the largest in this country since the war began. The purchase price is not disclosed.

The property, only part of the Portland estates in the district. cludes 43 farms manted in the Domesday Book, 22 smallholdings and 290 flow of smuggled opium to Amneres of woodland. Some of the crica's inland cilies according to Roy farms have been in the possession of Bridges, federal parcetics officer in of God's hammer, the Scriptures Dukes of Portland for many years Oklahoma (v. 11; Jer. 23:29; Ps. 118:22), Peter

It was planned originally to auction the property but the Duke of Devonshire made an offer which was ac-

The Duke of Portland, who was Master of the House twice during the reigns of Queen Victoria and King Edward, VII, owns . altogether about 183,200 acres. He has a restdence in London and another in Berriedale. Caithenesshire.

The Duke of Devonshire, son of a former governor-general of Canada. is parliamentary under secretary of state at the India Office and-chairfrom of the Oversen - Settlement Board. He is a veteran of the First Great War and was M.P. for Derby-

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