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**Common Ground**  
By Mildred Kelso

THERE was a strange ache deep within Martha Morrison as she followed David out of the real estate office building where they had waited most of the afternoon. It wasn't, she told herself sternly, regret. It was, rather, the pain in David's eyes as he answered the agent's questions. To be so close to David and to know that she herself had changed that pain.

Wind struck them as they stepped out into the street. Swirling eddies of wind stung their cheeks, and their hair of bounding water filled their ears. "The lake," Martha cried. "There must be a gale out here." Blindly she started to run towards their pick-up.

Slowly and with leader feet, David followed. "No need to hurry now," he said, climbing in beside her. "It will be dark when we get home, and by morning the pears will all be on the ground."

Martha threw him a frightened look. They had counted so on those pears. "The pears were to have paid off the last of the mortgage."

It was at breakfast that she had told David of her decision. "I can't live here any longer," she had said. "Without neighbors it isn't home any more."

**LOCALS**

—Euchre sponsored by the Farm Forum in Ballinacred Hall, Tuesday, January 13th, 9 p.m. sharp. Good prizes and lunch, admission 40c.

—Another big 3-act play will be presented by Apprentice Productions in the Old Town Hall, Wednesday and Thursday, February 4th and 5th.

—Good skating at Norval Recreation Centre, afternoons 2-4, evenings, 7:30-9:15. Lots of available time for hockey practices. For information phone Frank Fendley, Georgetown 90724. Positively no skating or hockey on Sundays.

—Have your eyes examined by O. T. Walker, R.O. Optometrist, at his office over the Bell Telephone Co., Main Street, Georgetown, the second Wednesday of each month. Or you may consult O. T. Walker at his office in Brampton, Phone Georgetown 87W, Brampton 599.

**Simmons Jewellers Have New Credit Plan**

Simmons Jewellers, according to Cecil MacNamara, who is in charge of Georgetown's new Jewellery store, believe in the future prosperity of Canada and of Georgetown specifically. They have initiated a "No Work, No Pay" credit plan, announcing it in an advertisement this week.

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It was at breakfast that she told David of her decision.

"Well," David assented, "I suppose we don't have much in common. They don't farm nor raise fruit."

Martha's heart ached even then for David as he went into the yard. She knew how close to his heart was this small tract of land. David had taken the rocky hillside which sloped down to the lake and upon it he had built an orchard.

It had been a long pull, waiting for the trees to bear, but the loving concern of their neighbors had made it easy. That was the way it had been, before the rich people had discovered the neighborhood and it had become "stillaah." Since then, one by one, their old friends, and neighbors had dwindled away. "Better sell too, David," they had urged. But David had been stubborn.

Things had been harder then for Martha. She missed her friends with an aching loneliness that could not be quieted. Until today she had told David that she could stand it no longer. And so they had driven into town to the real estate office.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE FIRE AT GLEN TEXTILES**

Georgetown Fire Brigade was called to Glen Williams on New Year's Eve when fire broke out in a room adjoining the boiler room at the Glen Textiles, Ltd. plant. The blaze was confined to the one room and caused major damage to the floor, but luckily the brigade was able to quell it before it reached other parts of the mill where real difficulty would have been encountered. The run to the Glen was made at the worst of a sleet storm which made driving hazardous.

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THERE was a truck in their orchard—no, it was a station wagon. And there were figures moving about in the gathering dusk.

A woman was kneeling beside the station wagon, carefully emptying pears out of a picking bag. "There," she said, "that's the last of them."

Men, loading boxes of pears into the station wagon, turned to greet her. "Guess we're trespassing," one of them said. "But you folks weren't home and this gale came up. We decided we'd better get your pears picked before it got dark."

"We found all the equipment in your fruit shed," another man explained. "Guess it was noisy, but we couldn't see you lose this swell job. Most of us didn't know much about picking fruit, but Sue here—blessed the job. She saw that we did it right."

They could only stare then at Sue Streeter, who lived in the big house on the hill. Sue, her face streaked and dirty. "You bet I made them do it right," she said. "I wasn't raised on a fruit patch for nothing."

She walked over to where Martha stood goggling. "The others are down at the house," she said. "You know. We took the liberty of going in to make some coffee. We know you wouldn't mind. After all," she said matter-of-factly, "we are all neighbors."

For a moment Martha stared on understanding washed over her like a wave. That was the answer, stated so simply by this woman with the tired face. "We are all neighbors," she had said. And that Martha realized was their common ground.

"Oh," she cried, "hurry, I must all Mr. McLean right away. We nearly made a terrible mistake!"

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