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**SHORT STORY**

**An Orchid For Mariamne**  
 By ELLIACE MITCHELL

MARIAMNE clasped her hands tightly beneath the oiled silk shampoo apron. It was useless to let Wally's telegram out of her bag again. She already had memorized

Wally was passing through Chicago on his way to a new job in Hawaii. That was all Mariamne needed to know.

Every penny she had in the world went into this sudden beautification. Every cent she had in the world went into this sudden beautification.

**3 Minute Fiction**

Wally almost kissed the heart out of her in the station. Then, "You're looking swell, Mariamne. Swell, how's the job?"

"Oh—grand," she lied. "Forty a week only—but they promise me a raise pretty soon."

They were walking now, shoulder to shoulder, along the ramp.

"And your new job, Wally," she was asking him. "Tell me about it."

"Not much to tell," he replied. "Manager of a sugar plantation. Five thousand a year and maintenance. They let me out of the old job Thursday and I clicked with this Friday."

HE HAD stopped before a florist's window. Wally always admitted he couldn't pass a florist's window. In New York every time they passed a florist shop, Wally insisted on stopping in to buy her a single orchid.

"Gardenias are just as nice—and so fragrant," Mariamne always told him.

"Say, you must take me for a piker! An orchid for Mariamne, nothing less, woman!"

Now he stopped, true to form, staring in the window. There was a display of orchids with the price marked \$1.75. And a box lined with creamy gardenias marked, too Special 25 cents each.

"Come on," he said. "We'll have to have a — flower, honey."

Inside he drew a twenty-five cent note out of his pocket and flung it on the counter. "A gardenia for the lady," he said. "A fresh one!"

The clerk selected a very fresh one. "Twenty-six cents, please. Penny sales tax."

Wally flushed. He patted his pockets. "—er—Mariamne, honey — have you a penny change? — I —"

Mariamne made a pretense of opening her purse. She knew there was no penny there. But this was an emergency. She took Grandmother's old envelope and broke the seal.

**Social and Personal**

Mrs. Fred McNally spent the Easter week-end in Detroit, Michigan, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ern Hedell.

Mr. Spence McKinnon of the Bank of Commerce staff spent the holiday with his parents at Wingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benner spent Easter week-end in Windsor with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cavanagh and son Bobby, of New Hamburg were Easter visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Cavanagh.

Mr. Edward Wiggott, of the teaching staff of Richmond Hill School, spent Easter in town with his mother, Mrs. R. Wiggott, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barber.

Mrs. Robert Roscoe of St. Catharines spent the week-end in town with Mrs. R. Waldie.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGillvray and family were in Kitchener with her parents for the Easter week-end.

Mrs. C. E. Biehn of Chesley is visiting in town with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn.

Mr. Max Hughson spent the holiday week-end at his home in Ottawa.

Miss Freda Herbert of Toronto spent Easter week-end in town with her mother, Mrs. D. L. Herbert, Edith Street.

We are pleased to know that Mrs. E. Harris, Ontario Street, is home from hospital and improving nicely.

Mr. Jack Duncan of Hamilton spent last Thursday in town with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Peart of Toronto were week-end visitors with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Barber, Market St.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Orr of Hamilton were visiting in town for Easter with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Orr.

Miss Vi Molesworth of Toronto spent the holiday week-end with her sister, Mrs. D. W. Baxter and Mr. Baxter.

Miss Dorothy Thompson of Brantford spent the Easter week-end in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyler.

Miss Doris Armstrong was home from Brantford for Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong.

Miss Rhoda Blyth of Toronto spent the week-end in town with her brother, Mr. G. H. Blyth and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Wilson.

Mr. Thomas Lake of Toronto was a visitor on Easter Sunday with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Feller at their home on Emery Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Eason, June and Betty of Campbellford spent the holiday week-end in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carter.

Mrs. W. C. Anthony of Brampton and her cousin, Mr. Robert Clarke of Toronto were visitors last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bingham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Dodgson, Pat and John of Toronto spent the Easter week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bonathan and Judy were in Toronto for Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hayward, Judy remaining there for Easter week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gibbens and son Peter of Callander spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibbens.

Mrs. D. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurley and daughter Georgina of Toronto were holiday visitors in town with Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurley.

Lynne Hyde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hyde, celebrated his fifth birthday yesterday with a party at his home. His guests were Barbara and John Finlay, Brenda, Rosemary and Peggy Anne Robertson of Hornby, Stephen Saxe, Carolyn Biehn, Donnie and Diane Golden and his brother and sister, Monty and Pat.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Maitland of Toronto spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Deans.

Mrs. S. P. Chapman spent the week-end in Grafton. Her sister, Mrs. G. T. Clitheroe and niece Marilyn returned with her to spend this week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fraiser and son Brian and Miss Elizabeth Caldwell of Niagara Falls were here for the Easter week-end at the home of Mrs. J. McDougall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ireland, Douglas and Elizabeth, spent Easter week-end at Hyde Park with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ireland.

Sgt. and Mrs. Lyle A. Gower and son Teddy were in town for Easter with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Gower. Sgt. Gower is stationed at Rockcliffe with the RCAF.

Holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. William Bullivant included Mr. and Mrs. William Clements of Strontsville, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Page, David and Peter of Preston and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Day and daughter Maryanne of Woodbridge.

Mrs. Eileen Schweg and daughter Patsy of Montreal are spending two weeks in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bullivant.

**STEWARTTOWN**

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harris, Evelyn, Pat and baby son of Toronto were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. E. Hodge, Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jenkinson Herbie, Maralyn and baby of Mount Dennis visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. Humphries Sunday.

Miss Betty Humphries is spending Easter holidays with her grandparents in Toronto.

Miss E. Appelbe of Georgetown spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Grant.

Miss Davison, our teacher, is attending the O.E.A. session in Toronto.

The services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday were well attended.

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"Oh—grand," she lied. "Forty a week only—but they promise me a raise pretty soon."

"I'll need change, anyhow," she said to the clerk

(OUTSIDE on the boulevard again. Wally was silent red-faced. "C'mon, Wally, tell Mamma —" said Mariamne quietly. "You haven't a job."

"That's right — you're right!" he exploded. "But I did have. Got it Friday like I told you, honey, but an hour later they got a radiogram out the plantation had been flooded! No job!"

"And that quarter was your last cent. And you'd spend it on—me—ears were in her eyes.

"Yes, just a cheap skate—that's me," he admitted. "Orchid for Mariamne, I always said. But I got own to a gardenia!"

"A Har," she said accusingly. "We're both liars. Me, I have a job. es. Fourteen dollars — not forty a week. Piling. And I've got nine-ten dollars and ninety-nine cents. Wally, it'll buy the license—"

"What license?" he asked.

"Marriage license, darling," she said coolly.

"You mean you'd marry me—and me with no job?"

"Would I? You mean will I—and—thank you, sir, yes. What's the matter?"

"There's another florist shop," he said huskily. "This is a moment that calls for an orchid, darling. Gimme some money for it."

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