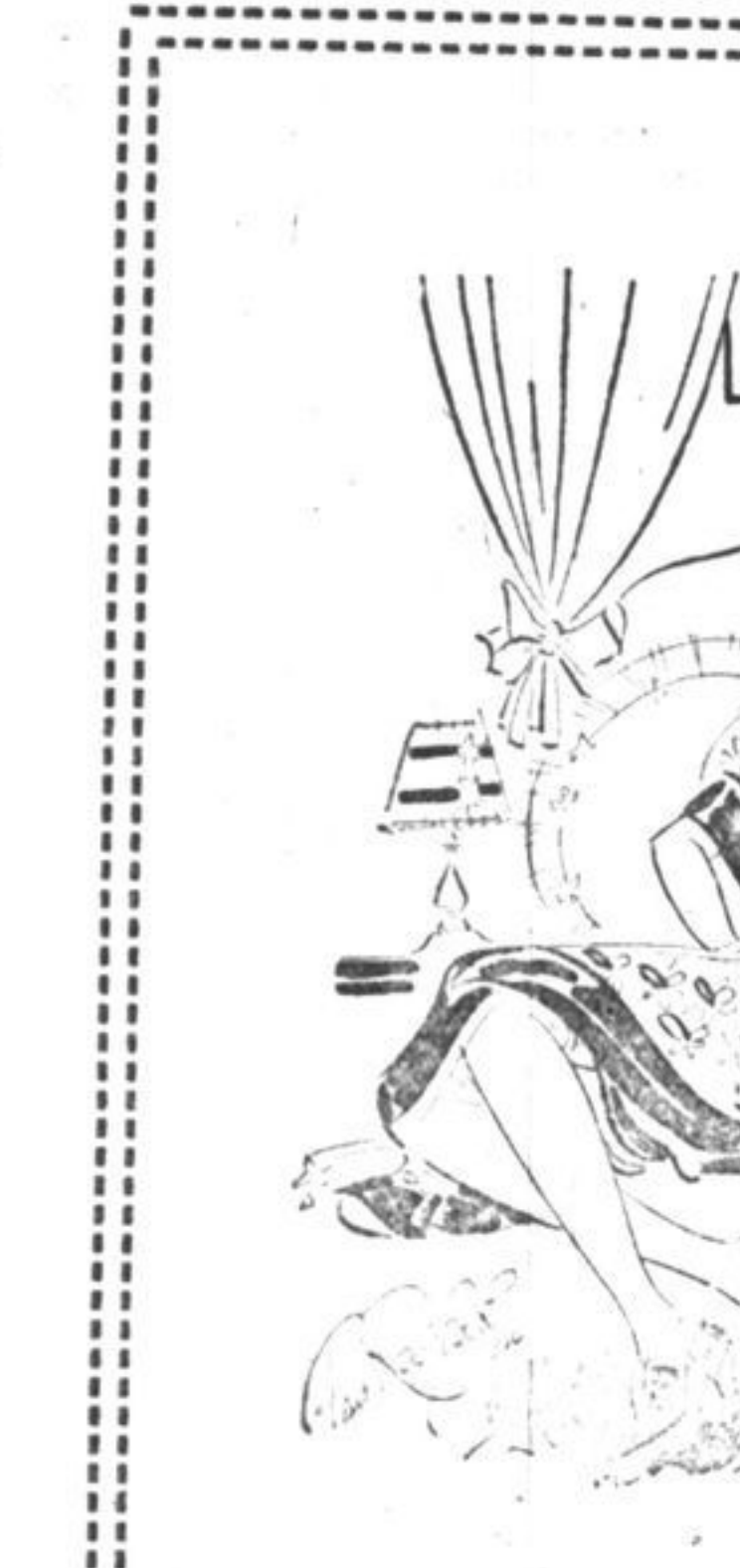




Always impulsive, the summer with its vexatious problems weighing upon my heart, had left me acting entirely upon the spur of the moment. So that evening found me on the train headed for New York—leaving at once—for, sub-consciously, I knew that another sight of Curtiss would have had its influence and I was determined not to remain with him after our interview of the morning, which had been anything but satisfactory.

We all stood chatting a minute. "Now beat it! All of you," ordered Ellie good naturedly and smiling. "Sallie and I have to catch up with our gossip and we don't care to see that we're standing on the corner of Broadway and 42nd. Besides, it isn't any time before you will be back to help me show Sallie-Alley the sights of the city."



she intensely disliked seeing people of or meeting them at piers or stations, so I only smiled to myself, as I recalled her little peculiarity and hurried into the twilight and into a waiting taxi. We swung into Fifth avenue. As usual its sidewalks, at this time of day, were alive with a stream of pretty shop girls—most of them smart and youthful in their short skirts, slender heels and gauzy silk stockings. In no other metropolis—not even in Paris are the girls of this class so alert to imitate the slightest innovation in the world of fashion.

"What's the matter? Miss sack-cloth-and-ashes? I could see that she did not think I was in earnest. "It's just that I feel differently about things since I've been married to Curtiss and I'd rather just go along as an extra person with you and your date, if you don't mind, or even stay at home and read or go to matinees in the afternoon—or something," I concluded lamely, for Ellie gave me no assistance.

"Oh, I'll tell you about her later," she said, "No, I want to know now," I declared, retreating into the bathroom and turning on the hot water. Ellie followed. We talked from one room to another. "Well, Carmen came up to New York from Cuba. Was born and raised on a lovely old ancestral estate owned by her father. Her mother was of the Spanish aristocracy and her father an Englishman who had spent his entire life in Cuba. Though I believe it was Carmen's mother who inherited the estate—"

out on Warren Fisher? The married Beau Brummel who made furious love to us both at the same time and that he could get away with it?" she laughed in reminiscence. "Did you ever see him any more?" I questioned.

"No, his jealous and devouring wife carried him off to see some army post in China. We were both at the age when we would fall for such exper love-making." Back in the boudoir I slipped into a negligee before I began dressing. "What'll I put on?" I demanded. "All the way," was her rejoinder. I knew she meant a real evening gown instead of a simple one with sleeves that I had put on the bed for her inspection.

She got up from the luxurious chaise longue upon which she had been reclining and putting her hands to my head felt it carefully all over, at the same time regarding me with grave concern in her huge round eyes, which were as blue as china. "Answer me, Sallie-Alley, have you really gone crazy?" "No," I smiled as I took her hands from my head. "I'm serious and I might as well be frank with you, honey. "Things are not going any too well with Curtiss and me and, I just think perhaps, while I'm here I'd better be sorter quiet."

Long after she had gone into her own room I sat on the edge of the bed considering both sides of the question. Should I obey my own inclination or should I follow the advice of Ellie? (To be continued next week) Does Sallie decide to yield to Ellie's influence and become a part of her jazz-mad set -- or -- read next week's Press.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TREASURER

Statement of the Finances of Township No. 43, Range 12, in Lake County, Ill., from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1926

Table with columns for Permanent Fund Receipts, Expenditures, and Distributive Fund Receipts. Totals are listed for each category.

District Funds

Table showing Receipts and Expenditures for various districts (107-113). Includes items like Salaries, Tuition, and School Supplies.

Summary of District Accounts

Summary table with columns for Receipts, Total, Expenditures, and Balance on hand July 1, 1926 for districts 107-113.

COUNTY BOARD HAS APPROVED BOND SALE

Expectation That Contracts For Road Work Will Be Soon Awarded. The board of supervisors today approved the action of the finance committee in selling the \$750,000 bond issue to H. C. Spear and Sons, Chicago, while at the same time R. M. Lobdell, county superintendent of highways, announced that the advertising of bids for Green Bay road and Wadsworth road would start today.

LAKE FOREST DAY IS SET FOR AUGUST 4TH

One of the interesting announcements of the past week comes from the George Alexander McKinlock Jr. post No. 264, American Legion in Lake Forest. In connection with their fourth annual "Lake Forest Day" they are to give a Buick standard six sedan, fully equipped, and ready to bring more than the ordinary amount of pleasure to the party who shall drive it away from the West Park grounds on Wednesday, August 4th.

LATE PROCEEDINGS IN PROBATE COURT

Action Taken In Settlement of Estates: Orders and Docket Entries. Recent proceedings in Probate Court are reported as follows: Scott S. Love, Deerfield. Letters of Administration issued to Martha U. Love, Bond of \$200. Proof of Heirship taken. Annrainers appointed.

valued at \$350,000 personal and \$100,000 real. Chattel property given to wife; \$1,000 to each grandchild, balance to wife and Joseph Ryerson and Northern Trust Co. as trustees; the income to be given to wife until her death; after her death the estate to be divided between his two daughters, Annie Lawrie McBirney Ryerson and Isabelle McBirney Stimson.

John W. Besley, Waukegan. Letters of administration issued to Frank W. Besley, son. Bond of \$1100. Proof of heirship taken. Lawrence H. Starkweather, Lake Forest. Will admitted to probate. Estate valued at \$10,000 personal and \$5,000 real. All property given to mother, Mary Morgan Starkweather. Letters testamentary issued to Mary Morgan Starkweather. Bond of \$20,000. Proof of heirship taken. Appraisers appointed.

Maybe the reason Jack Dempsey doesn't fight any more is that he has joined the League of Nations.

Advertisement for Robert W. Pease, 'The Best Place in Town' for cool drinks and sodas. Includes contact information for the Northwestern Depot in Highland Park, Ill.