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A True Story
White-Haired Lady
By MARGUERITE GILBERT

(Continued from last week)
It was some years ago—people who remember it don't talk about it much any more. I guess every one wanted to help Angela forget, but forget is the one thing she will never do. You know, she was the only girl and she had one brother. Jim was five years younger than she. Their mother had long been a widow, and the three of them made an extremely devoted family. The young people used to say that the Brennans got more out of life than most people knew there was in it. And then, when their mother died Jim was sixteen, which would make Angela twenty-one—that drew the young boy and girl even closer together. Angela looked after him like a mother and yet never lost any of her own youth and gay spirits. The young folks had grand times those days and Angela and Jim were in everything that was going on. The years went by in a hurry as years have a way of doing, and the tall, dark-haired young man and his beautiful sister were just a part of our everyday life around here.
Then, one Saturday night in early summer, Jim came in rather late he had been helping another fellow work on a boat. Knocking on Angela's door, he told her not to tell him the next morning, as he wanted to rest up some and would go to the late Mass. Well, Angela always went to Holy Communion at the early Mass and later in the morning she and Jim enjoyed a leisurely breakfast together. Soon afterwards, Angela and all the Sunday papers were comfortably arranged in the coolest corner of the porch. Old Jim, who had been with the Brennans for years was in the kitchen, doing mysterious things to the chickens and the lima beans and strawberries. Jim went whistling down the walk on his way to ten o'clock Mass. That delightful atmosphere referred to as Sabbath calm prevailed everywhere.
Jim had gone only a few blocks when he was hailed by a group of young people in Larry McDonald's old car there were six of them and Larry was taking them all out to the station to catch the excursion train to Cedar Point where they would have lunch, swim all afternoon and return home on the excursion that night.
"Hello," Jim waved, and Larry came to a stop.
"Hey, come on, jump in join the crowd."
"What's going on?" inquired Jim.
"Does that sound good?"
"Sorry, old top, can't go. I haven't been to Mass. Wish I'd known about it sooner." Then he added: "Jim, can't run me around to church, if you want to." "Aw come on Jim, get in the car."
Well, somehow the minutes dragged by and Angela was on the platform as the wheels of the train screamed to a stop. She flitted from car to car looking for a familiar face. And there it was—"through the window she saw Tom Shannon then Bob Murphy. Then they were down the steps, standing together silent. Joe Collins joined them then Frank Reagan, and the Morrison boys. Still, no one spoke. What was the matter? And where was Jim? Angela suddenly felt that she was going to scream and just then, Tom saw her. Off came his hat. The boys looked at one another, walked over to her and their faces were white, every one of them. Angela did not scream. Instead she said, very, very low: "Where's Jim?"
"Angela, Jim now don't get all upset," as he noted the queer expression on her face.
"Tell me, Tom."
"Well, we had an accident and..."
The others tried to help Tom, in his efforts to relay the tragic message, but something in Angela's face told them it could not be done. "Tom," there was no denying the command in that voice "tell me the truth."
"Well, Angela, the truth is Jim's dead, drowned."
"Dead? Her Jim? Her brother, who had grown to manhood, so fine and clean, who seemed to have no desire for the drinking and other wild things that some young men set their fancy on. So good, always, until today. He had..."
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F. H. A. RULES TO GRANT NEW CHURCH LOANS
Amounts Up To \$50,000 For 'Modernization' May Now Be Borrowed

WASHINGTON (NC)—The Federal Housing Administration here is conducting an intensive campaign to make known through the country the fact that, because of a recent amendment to the National Housing Act, churches may participate more largely in its benefits.
Prior to the amendment of the Act last April, churches were listed in the "Class B" group of properties. This limited to \$2,000 the amount of money which an accredited lending agency might advance to a church for improvement of its property. The amendment agency wanted the National Housing Act insurance.

By the recent amendment, churches are included in the "Class A" group of properties, which extends to \$50,000 the amount of money which accredited lending agencies can advance to them and still have Federal Housing insurance.
"Churches, therefore, are now eligible for 'modernization' loans up to the extent of \$50,000 for making repairs, alterations or additions. These purposes cover such things as structural changes, painting, decorating, landscaping, re-wiring, heating and air-conditioning systems, the erection of apartment structure, and other work of this character. Under the terms of the act, loans can now be made for new construction; that is, for the erection of a new church."
Where they seek a "modernization" loan for the purchase and installation of equipment, churches are now eligible to obtain such loans where the amount borrowed is more than \$2,000 and less than \$50,000. Loans of this type are for such items as altars, pulpits, starrails, auditorium and other institutions approved by the F. H. A. The Federal Housing Administration encourages the making of these loans however, by insuring the lending agency against loss of the loans up to 10 per cent of the total amount of all loans made by the agencies.

In the eleven months from August, 1935, to June 1936, inclusive, the F. H. A. insured 1,333 notes for the modernization and repair of church property. These notes had a total value of \$779,561.

Friest's New Book Out
Montreal (NC) A new book, "Montcalm and His Historians," by Abbe Georges Robitaille of the Diocese of Jollette, is an important contribution to the history of the Seven Years' War. The author has collected rare information on the French general who debarked at Quebec in 1758 and on his companions in the war.

turned away from Mass that very morning, and gone on the way that ended, so soon, in eternity.
There, on that station platform, Angela Brennan's heart broke. Fainting, she was caught in the arms of those boys, still shaking from their contact with Death that day in the internment camp. At that night, she had fainting and screaming spells. Father Hagan and the doctor never left her. Lay feared for her reason. But in the morning she was calm, dry-eyed. Weakly, she sat up and reached over to the dresser for her rosary and then, in the mirror she saw it her hair—it had become snow-white!
And that, my dears, is the true story of Angela Brennan.
(The End)

Mrs. Madigan Says: Says Single State Can Be A Happy One

By MRS. GERTRUDE MADIGAN
"Dear Mrs. Madigan: For some time I have been reading your column—sometimes with amusement, sometimes with impatience. (We hope always with interest.)
"Will you please make it plain just what kind of single women you refer to? You seem to think it is sinful to remain single. Well it is if one cannot refrain from dreaming about having a husband. In that case it is better to marry than to burn. We read in St. Paul's Epistle. That Epistle also tells us that in order to avoid sin, it is better for each man to have a wife, and each woman to have her own husband. That is not a precept. That chapter is as plain as the noses on our faces to those that seek the truth; but we must practice in order to understand.
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"I am unmarried and in my younger days I dreamed much of having the right man and a home and family, for what girl does not? It is only natural.
"But Mr. Right did not come along and one cannot keep on dreaming and be happy and contented. Little by little I finally got my gray brain unwarmed, until now I find that a single woman can find happiness only if she dismisses the subject entirely and directs her thoughts to other things. One cannot do that without God's help and much watching and praying to God and the Blessed Virgin. One need not lock oneself in a convent for this, and convent walls will not help much if one does not have the proper spirit.
"Women will not admit what any man will, if you just ask him, and that is the deceitfulness of carnal affection. One may learn to like the person one marries in time, and to get used to him but romantic love in most cases ceases soon after marriage. I do not know this from personal experience, but from information and observation of the experiences of others.
"It is true that even today religion helps to keep couples together, giving the appearance of the permanency of marriage; but where are the large families of other days? Are not many of our married friends making a mockery of religion?"
This letter recalls a spinster I knew years ago who was postmistress in a college town. It was a tradition to impress upon freshmen that the postmistress was Mrs. Brown. She has long since left this world, but her reply is a college tradition and by-word: "Miss, by the grace of God and not by the will of man!"
But let anyone might think me

440,000 Catholics In German Capital
BERLIN—(NC)—Of the present population of the German capital, 440,000 are Catholics, 500,000 Protestants, 130,000 Jews and 50,000 members of smaller sects, while 900,000 do not belong to any religious community.

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BETTER HOUSING MEANS BETTER HOMES
NEW PAINT ENHANCES LOOKS, IMPORTANT IN UPKEEP OF HOME
Painting is one of the most important operations in the work of the new house, both from the standpoint of appearance and of upkeep. Skimping in painting is for the poorest kind of economy. The outside paint is the skin that protects the structure, and it is the most conspicuous feature of the house. Discolored or cracked or peeling paint will spoil the appearance of the best-designed house.
As soon as the paint coat starts to give way the whole exterior structure is open to the attacks of the elements. If the owner is particular about the appearance of his house and its structural integrity, he will repaint the exterior as soon as he sees the slightest tendency of failure of the paint surface. If he lets it go until real deterioration sets in, the expense will be far greater in repainting, because all the failing paint must be removed before the new paint is applied.
To put new paint over disintegrated old paint is only a waste of time and money involved in putting on the new coat, for paint has only the strength of its base coat; if that has lost its grip on the surface to which it is supposed to cling, no amount of new paint put on top of it will avail to strengthen that hold.
Next to poor workmanship and materials, moisture is the greatest factor in paint failure. Moisture comes from within the house as well as from without, so to insure a good paint job the back of all outside wood should be painted before it is erected.
The original painting job, therefore, is of the greatest importance. First-class materials expertly mixed and placed are the only insurance against large future repair bills.