

ONE OF OURS

By WILLA CATHER.
Famous Nebraska Author.

(Continued from Yesterday.)

SYNOPSIS.
Claude Wheeler, son of a Nebraska rancher, finds no realization of his dreams in his mother's old home, Frankfort, Neb., where he lives with a half and his mother, who goes to China, where her younger sister, Caroline, a missionary, is. During her absence, Claude joins the army officers' training camp. Claude has three years in a small denominational college, in Lincoln. While there he became friend of Ketch family, motherly widow and five sons. Claude has friends in Ernest Fanning and Leonard Dawson, young Nebraska farmers, living near Wheeler property, on which Claude built home for his bride. He has older brother, Ralph, his mother is proud of her sons. Claude, home on leave from camp, in the east, finds he loves Gladys Farmer, high school friend of his wife. He is on board a transport bound for France.

CHAPTER III.
All the first morning Fanning showed Claude over the boat — not that Fanning had ever been on anything bigger than a Lake Michigan steamer, but he knew a good deal about machinery, and did not hesitate to ask the deck stewards to explain anything he didn't know. The stewards, indeed all the crew, struck the boys as an unusually good natured and obliging set of men.

The fourth occupant of No. 96, Claude's cabin, had not turned up by noon, nor had any of his belongings, so the three who had settled their few effects there began to hope they would have the place to themselves. The third bunk was assigned to an officer from the Kansas regiment, Lieutenant Bird, a Virginian, who had been working in his uncle's bank in Topeka when he enlisted. He and Claude sat together at mess. When they were at lunch, the Virginian said in his very gentle voice:

"Lieutenant, I wish you'd explain to me. He seems very immature. He's been telling me about a submarine destroyer he's invented, but it looks to me like foolishness."
Claude laughed. "Don't try to understand Fanning. Just let him sink in, and you'll come to like him. I used to wonder how he ever got a commission. You never can tell what crazy thing he'll do."
Fanning had, for instance, brought on board a pair of white flannel pants, his first and only tailor made trousers, because he had a premonition that the boat would make an English port and that he would be asked to a garden party! He had a way of using big words in the wrong place, not because he tried to show off, but because all words sounded alike to him. In the first days of their acquaintance in camp, he told Claude that this was a falling he couldn't help, and that it was called "anaesthesia." Sometimes his falling was confusing; when Fanning sentimentally declared that he would like to be on hand when the crown prince settled his little account with Plato, Claude was perplexed until subsequent witticisms revealed that the boy meant Plato.

At 3 o'clock there was a hand concert on deck. Claude fell into talk with the bandmaster, and was delighted to find that he came from Hillport, Kan., a town where Claude had once been with his father to buy cattle, and that all his 14 men came from Hillport. They were the town band, had enlisted in a body, had gone into training together, and had never been separated. One was a printer who helped to get out the Hillport Argus every week, another clerked in a grocery store, another was the son of a German watch repairer, one was still in high school, one worked in an automobile livery. After supper Claude found them all together, very much interested in their first evening at sea, and arguing as to whether the sunset on the water was as fine as those they saw every night in Hillport. They hung together in a quiet, determined way, and if you began to talk to one, you soon found that all the others were there.

When Claude and Fanning and Lieutenant Bird were undressing in their narrow quarters that night, the fourth berth was still unclaimed. They were in their bunks and almost asleep when the missing man came in and unceremoniously turned on the light. They were astonished to see that he wore the uniform of the Royal Flying corps and carried a cane. He seemed

the fiery sunlight. After long months of intensive training, the sudden drop into an idle, soothing existence was grateful to them. Though their pasts were neither long nor varied, most of them, like Claude Wheeler, felt a sense of relief at being rid of all they had ever been before and facing something absolutely new. Said Tod Fanning, as he lounged against the rail, "Whoever likes it can run for a train every morning, and grind his teeth before we get over, and damned little of anything else!" He drew a bottle from under his pillow. "Have a nip?"
(Continued in The Morning Bee.)

Husband of Louise Gets 90 Days in Jail

Sebastiano Vinciguerra, husband of Louise Vinciguerra, was sentenced to jail for 90 days yesterday by Federal Judge Woodrough. He was found guilty two weeks ago when he and his wife were tried on charges of keeping and selling liquor in their home, 810 Forest avenue.
Louise, who is alleged to have boasted she made \$45,000 in two years of bootlegging, was acquitted on two charges. She is to be tried soon on another charge.

Residence Worth \$75,000

Construction work on a \$75,000 residence for Edgar M. Morsman, attorney, has started at Thirty-eighth and Jackson streets. It will be of the English Tudor type of architecture.

Our Children

By ANGELO PATRI.

So Early.
Two little girls, scarcely 4 years old, were walking along the street, heads close together, absorbed in discussion. Each gripped a roll of candy done up in shiny brown paper lettered in gold.

The stout rather plain one clutched a penny in her other hand. It was soon evident that she had treated the pretty, slender one, who was coaxing, "Come on! Let's spend it!"

"No, no," said the other. "Mother said bring it home."
"But, listen," said the tempter. "You could buy a lot of chocolate buttons and"—dramatically, as though rooted stock still with the shock of the brilliant idea—"we could eat them."
Not a spark from the staid one! "But my mother said to bring it home."
"And we could sit on the park bench and eat them all up! Let's."
"Uh-hu," waggling her sturdy head and marching on, "but mother said to bring it home."

"Spose you lost it. Then you'd never get any good of it! You'd wish you'd spent it right away."
"Mother said I was to bring it home and put it in the bank."
"Have you got it yet? Let me see. Maybe you've lost it."
"No, I'm holding it in my tight hand."
"If I had a penny I'd spend it and then ask my mother for another to put in the bank."
"My mother told me to take it home, and I'm goin' to." And she did.

The lovely thing about it was that she was perfectly unconscious of her righteousness, her sturdy determination to follow orders. She was taking it home because mother told her to and that was all there was about it. Her mind was closed. She was deaf to the tones of the tempter. Her calm decision was never slightly joggled.

I wondered about the pretty tempter. I wondered why she wanted to spend the penny for more candy when each of them held a roll of it untouched. Was she trying her power over the other or was she just greedy? Or what? What instinct was at work in her alert mind?

They both went into the house across the street and I didn't find out. Copyright, 1922.

Kennel Club to Meet

Members of the Nebraska Kennel Club will meet at the Chamber of Commerce tonight at 8:30. W. T. Matthews, Omaha, license superintendent of the National Kennel club, will speak on exhibiting dogs and will recount some of his experiences as an official of the national organization. M. A. Tancock, manager of publicity of the Chamber of Commerce, will speak.

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