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## Excerpts from 'The Hillsboro Story'

### ***It's Hard to Get a Date if You're a Communist***

*I was called a Communist. Even worse than being a nigger lover was to be a communist. Anyone who was white and involved in civil rights in those days, believe me, was up for suspicion. It was the Commie threat that J. Edgar Hoover talked about. Anyone involved in civil rights was obviously a Communist.*

### ***People Talk***

*Hillsboro, Ohio didn't act like Alabama on the surface; but at the Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis movies on Saturday, colored kids had to sit in the back of the Colony Theatre, off to one side. I ducked out during the newsreel to buy my Good and Plenty candy, clueless.*

### ***The Brown Promise***

*If Philip Partridge was the spark that ignited the school fight, Imogene Curtis carried the torch. Imogene was educated in the nearby village of Samantha in an integrated Quaker school and saw no reason for complacency on the issue of equal education. Her cousin Junior Burns said, "Imogene had the brain power."*



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### **Take Charge**

*Elsie Steward Young: "I didn't have sense enough to be afraid. The women were the ones to take charge. We'd all march down together, snow or blow, and the children would go up to the door to try to get in, and they wouldn't let them in. The principal would turn us away."*

### **The County Engineer**

*Phillip Partridge, poised and particular, was short on patience when it came to people trying to fold the same old attitudes into whole new possibilities. America was in motion. The country had developed the Bomb and fantastic ad campaigns for Lucky Strikes. Why not apply all that intelligence and persuasive energy to developing the heart?*

### **The Style Show**

*The High Priestess of Law went on to win nine of the ten cases she argued before the Supreme Court. But her style seasoned over time. Then, in 1955, the young attorney with cropped hair swept to one side, skin the color of West Indies Mahogany, wearing a tailored black dress, white pearls, and black high heels, was just hitting her stride.*