

SERIAL STORY

GHOST DETOUR

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

ROSELEE DALE and CHRISTINE PALMER—Partners in a summer tourist venture at Goldcrest.

DICK BANCROFT and FRANKLIN LARRAWAY—They also found an interest in Goldcrest.

Yesterday, before the horrified tourists, Dick and Roselee, Quait jumps from the bank window, starts for a horse. Then Christine fires, wounds him. He flies back, seconds later, Roselee rides off after the fleeing ex-convict. Dick tries to catch her but he is too late.

CHAPTER XVII

Christine Palmer would never know how close she came to death in that mad race to catch the Goldcrest convict, Carl Quait. Quait, alias John Sawyer, alias Professor York, fired once at Christine and missed his aim. The murderous hit hurt her but it scarcely missed the girl.

He was out of her sight in another instant so Christine could do no more shooting at him. She had fired four times. She saw Roselee, then a lot of other people, and then big Dick Bancroft running from the hotel. She didn't wait to see what they would do because, dominating everything else in her consciousness now was the fact that Franklin Larraway lay wounded in the dim bank building behind her.

She turned from the window, hastened across the narrow hallway and through a door into the teller's cage.

"Franklin! . . . Darling!" She was kneeling over him at once. She spoke in a hushed, tremulous whisper that revealed something of her great stress. Franklin raised his head. He had been half sitting half lying, supporting himself with his hands, and he turned to look at her now.

"Christine! Are you—are you—you?" The lad was almost inarticulate. He could only stare at her now.

"Franklin! O-o-oh! W-where are you?"

"My leg. The thigh. It's painful, but you—are you?"

"I am all right! All right, Franklin! Except that I am crazy for fear you—you!"

"Christine, you came to my rescue! You took my gun and fought that man down! Followed him! . . . Fired at him and he fired back at you!"

"You were in danger, your life! You, Franklin! He had tried to kill you!"

Her arm was around him, awkwardly but lovingly, and he was looking up at her and shaking his head a little oddly as if incredulous of what he had seen and knew to be true. His utter paleness had turned to color now. His delicately chiseled face was smudged with dirt where his hand had rubbed first the floor and then his cheek in some unconscious movement.

"Christine! You—you called me darling!"

She only nodded, sobbing a little and staring at him, very close to him, and trying to swallow and control her voice.

"Christine! You—flicked your life—for me! For me! Me! You called me—you—you told me once you loved Dick! But you risked your life for—"

"Not! No!" She almost shouted it. "I didn't say I loved him! At first!"

And then there was great commotion outside and a dozen or more persons had run into the old bank. In a moment, more men and women and young people of college age were starting down at them and at the splash of blood forming under Franklin's leg, and everybody seemed to be talking at once.

Dick Bancroft thought he would go crazy in that long five or ten seconds when he was forced to watch Roselee jump to a horse and ride in pursuit of a criminal. He was even more frantic when he finally freed himself of the tourists who had unwittingly hemmed him in, and leaped out to see Roselee a few hundred yards behind Carl Quait, pounding her horse. Unconsciously he prayed then, shouting to high heaven in his frenzy and in his stifling sense of futility. That he, a strong man, an ex-fighter justifiably proud of his strength and muscular ability, should be forced simply to stand by was, of course, maddening.

There was no other horse at hand. Only Mrs. Hogan's five sleepy burros were visible, and even they had scarcely bothered to lift their eyelids during the swift drama that had stirred men and women in the ghost town. Franklin knew not one could be prodded to more than a lazy gallop. That knowledge itself was infuriating, as if fate or something were taking a further ironic slap at him.

Then he became conscious of the cars parked farther down the street.

No cars had been allowed in the business section of Goldcrest, lest they detract from the picturesque quality of the place when tourists came. One exception was the light pickup truck used to haul supplies and as a general utility vehicle. It was parked, by chance, in front of the barber shop now, the sign glittering "FORSERIAL F. L. O. R. S." where Dick and Franklin had sleeping quarters. Moreover, it was turned down hill, ready to drive out of town.

The instant Dick saw it he started running. The truck's keys were already in it, and it was less than a block from him now. He ran as he had not run since he had carried a football the autumn before.

In scarcely five seconds he was there, had the motor roaring, and in the same breath he had the truck in motion as well. People were yelling behind him. He didn't heed. He choked and accelerated, bumping over the old rocks and ruts and litter of Main street. Away in the distance now he saw the two galloping horses, and so he pushed his accelerator to the floor.

He caught up with Roselee's horse before he dated hope. Quait was still a hundred yards ahead.

"STOP!" Dick yelled at her. "ROSELEE, STOP!"

He did not wait for her to obey his command. He had pulled up on her right at her side. Impulsively, he stepped to the running board of his truck and caught her horse's reins. Then he jumped.

The truck swerved into some Joshua growth filled on one side and halted there, but Dick went bounding for a full 50 yards before the frightened animal could be brought under control. He would hit the ground with his feet, bounce and jump several feet, swing and bounce again, clinging all the while to the reins and shrieking at Roselee to hold tight.

When he could do so he literally pulled the girl out of the saddle and mounted it himself. He glanced up. Quait had left the road, heading out onto the sloping desert land studded with rocks and Joshua growth and thorny cacti. But even as Dick and Roselee watched they saw Quait's horse stumble, saw Quait somersault through the air.

"Dick—he's thrown—he's down!"

Dick caught a glimpse of Quait limping swiftly about. Evidently the man was not yet willing to be

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San Diego Halts Seattle Win Surge

By the Associated Press

San Diego's Padres, smarting from two straight spankings, banged out 15 hits and deflated the Pacific Coast league neophyte defending Seattle Rainiers at Seattle last night, 5 to 2. It ended an eight-game winning streak for Seattle.

The Padres took naps on the bases and ran like sleep walkers, but neither Webber nor Gregory could keep the ball away from their bats. Humphreys pitched a workman-like game giving eight hits.

A ninth-inning splurge was staged in Hollywood, where Luby faced out a home run with one on to give Oakland a 5 to 4 decision over the Stars. In San Francisco the Seals dropped a ten-inning contest to Los Angeles, 6 to 3.

The San Francisco club, which won the Ballou and his venerable flipper around just for emergency record, lost too long last night to call him to action.

By the time Manager O'Doul waved Gibson off the mound in the tenth, a 3 to 3 tie had been broken, two runners were on base with none out, and Angel rally was on.

Purd disposed of two batters, but the Angels went on to clinch the game with two more scores.

In Portland the deep-cedar Beavers could not solve Preita's left-handed tosses and took a 4 to 1 beating from Sacramento.

Standings table with columns for National League, American League, and Pacific Coast League, listing teams and their records.

Conscription Plan For U. S. Outlined

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—The military training camps association, which drew the draft bill introduced by Senator Burke (D-Neb.), lists these as the measure's "essential features":

1. The registration of all male citizens and male aliens between the ages of 18 and 65, with certain exceptions for members of the army, navy, the national guard, etc.

2. The division of the registrants into two main categories: (a) Men between 21 and 45, who are liable for eight months' military training and for service; (b) Men between 18 and 21 and between 45 and 65 who are liable for home defense training and service in or near their home communities.

3. From the great pool formed by registrants between 21 and 45, provision is made for the selection by lot of men subject to training and service, and for a careful selective process from among these men, whereby such numbers of men as are required for the land and naval forces will be chosen for training and service, having regard for the needs of industry and agriculture, the status of the registrant with respect to persons dependent upon him and other factors.

The provisions for registration and liability for training and service, which are sweeping in nature, are to be carefully distinguished from the provisions as to induction for training and service, which would, in practice, be put into effect with as little economic disruption as possible.

4. It is an ultimate objective of the bill that not more than 87 per cent nor less than 78 per cent of the men selected for training and service shall be between the ages of 21 and 31, that not more than 15 per cent nor less than 10 per cent shall be between the ages of 31 and 35, and that not more than 7 per cent nor less than 3 per cent shall be between the ages of 35 and 45.

5. Other features include provisions for the punishment of any person evading registration or service or abetting any such evasion, and provision for the vocational and educational training of men inducted for training and service.

6. The proposed law would become operative on May 15, 1945, unless continued in effect by Congress.

COMPOSITION singles—blue, green, red, jade, black or aluminum at Page's.—(Adv.)

Tigers' Newsom Posts Tenth Win

By JUDSON BAILEY

Associated Press Sports Writer

Newsom of the Detroit Tigers hasn't been beaten since the season's opening game with the St. Louis Browns and last night he checked off his tenth victory, a 2-1 tally against those same St. Louis Browns.

Newsom pitched a capable game, scattering seven hits and striking out six. This performance was aided, however, by Harris and Trotter, who held the powerful Tigers to exactly three hits.

The difference was simply that two of Detroit's hits were home runs by Gehring and Greenberg. That's how victories are born, sometimes at least. This one narrowed the gap on the idle Cleveland Indians to two games.

Another three-hitter last night was Schumacher's performance against the Phillies to give the New York Giants a 7-0 shutout.

In the only other action in the major leagues yesterday the Brooklyn Dodgers edged out the Chicago Cubs 5-1 in a tight game in which each team got nine hits. One of Chicago's was a two-run homer by Fogel in the eighth, but the Dodgers clambered back in front in the last half of the inning to win.

The victory brought Brooklyn within a game of the first place Cincinnati Reds with the Giants hot behind.

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Midgets, Juniors to Play Baseball

Twin Bill Between Roseburg, Eugene Teams Scheduled at Finley Field Sunday.

The Roseburg and Eugene Legion Midget and Junior baseball teams will play a doubleheader Sunday at Finley field. John Collins, manager, announced today. Coach Hod Turner announced the signing today of Gordon Dyer, Myrtle Creek southpaw pitcher and first baseman, who is expected to be a valuable addition to the squad.

Applegate, the rangy Yoncalla lad, the number one pitcher for the local Juniors, so far has had to bear the brunt of the pitching duties, with Cox, also of Yoncalla, in relief roles. The addition of Dyer to the squad is expected to greatly strengthen the team in the pitching and hitting departments. Dyer will be able to play only this season, as he becomes 17 years of age in September.

The Roseburg players have all been certified for eligibility and the team now is in readiness for the opening of the elimination series.

Under the tutelage of Coach Turner, the squad has been making excellent progress and it is expected that the Indians will be the team to beat in district competition.

3 Teams in This District

Roseburg, Medford and Marshfield will play for the district title, with the winner to meet the leading team in the Lane-Lincoln-Benton district. The winner of the inter-district play-off will go to the state championship play-off.

The district eliminations will get under way next Sunday when Medford plays a single game at Marshfield, July 4, the Marshfield team will play a doubleheader at Medford, July 7, Roseburg will play a doubleheader at Marshfield and on July 11 will play a single game at Medford.

Play a doubleheader at Roseburg July 21, and a single game will be played here with Marshfield at some mid-week date, not yet fixed. The game, however, will be played prior to the 21st.

The district arrangement is considerably different than has been used heretofore, when straight eliminations were played. Under this year's schedule, each team will play six games and three games at Medford. Medford will play one doubleheader and one single game in each town, and the winner will be determined by percentage of wins over losses.

The American Legion baseball committee of Umpqua post, sponsoring the Junior baseball activity for Douglas county, is urging support for the local team. So far in two exhibition games, both against Melrose, the team has given fans a fine show and well worth the price of admission, the committee declares, and support for the team, through attendance at games, is urged.

Bill Hodson, RHS Grad, Works at Oregon Caves

OREGON CAVES, Ore., June 25.—(Special)—Bill Hodson, a graduate of the Roseburg high school, is spending his first summer at the Oregon caves resort, where he is employed at the service station.

Aside from his regular work, he participates in the group singing

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Oregon Public Aid Fund to Be in Red This Year

SALEM, June 27.—(AP)—Oregon's public assistance fund will be about \$650,000 in the red at the end of the year because liquor revenues failed to keep up with the demand for relief and pensions, State Treasurer Pearson said today.

Pearson estimated public assistance expenditures for the last half of this year would be \$2,358,000, while revenues would be \$1,720,716.

"From now on, we'll have to live on borrowed money," Pearson said. The 1939 legislature appropriated \$1,205,229 as the state's share of the public assistance bill for 1939 and 1940, but liquor revenues did not provide enough money to meet the appropriation.

Butchers, Elks Are Softball Victors

By EVERETT CROUCH

The Elks club softball team chalked up its third straight win last night by halting a desperate seventh inning rally by the National Guard. The Elks won the contest 16 to 8 by virtue of 12-run splurge in the fourth inning. The Guardians got to Ellison for seven hits and six runs in the seventh inning before the lodgemen could quell the uprising.

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Each team collected nine hits, but eight free passes, coupled with five errors by Oakland players, counted heavily in favor of the Butchers.

Radigan's homer, coupled with three walks, gave him a perfect evening at bat. Pengra garnered two for four, for the Butchers. While for the Gobblers, Roberts and Fay Stearns each collected three for four.

Score: R H E Elks Club 12 12 0-16 13 8 Natl. Guard 8 20 6-8 10 8

Elkman and Holt; Mathis, Crites and James. R H E Tomcock's 314 400 0-12 9 2 Oakland 821 910 1-5 9 5

Merritt and Meyers; Reeves, Jacobs and Roberts.

Widow of Conan Doyle, Noted Novelist, Passes

LONDON, June 28.—(AP)—Lady Conan Doyle, widow of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of the master detective, Sherlock Holmes, died yesterday in a clinic near Baker street which her husband frequented as the home of his hero.

The British House of Commons once adjourned to see 11-year-old William Betty, boy prodigy, play in Hamlet. Betty could master the most difficult Shakespearean role with ease.

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U. S. Forced to Bar Ford From Plane Motor Order

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau upheld today the government's insistence that any American manufacturer who makes Rolls-Royce airplane engines for his own country should make them as well for the British. "I just can't imagine the British being shut off from their own engines," said the treasury secretary, who himself obtained from the British American rights for manufacture of the engine.

"As a matter of fairness and policy," Morgenthau told his press conference, the administration had to cancel negotiations with Henry Ford for a 5,000 joint British-American engine order, when Ford re-

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