

QUESTION OF HONOR

by Ruth Cross

Chapter 22
THE ENEMY STRIKES
 Spurred by the knowledge of the menace to all his hopes and ambitions (that the irrigation project represented, Glenn hurried along the well worn path toward the tunnel.

His easy, muscular strides that had caused Anne to liken him to a winged god overtook Sheb who had been sauntering along. In a few words Glenn explained the significance of Anne's warning and they plunged into the subterranean passageway that led to the reservoir.

Their fears were momentarily allayed when an inspection showed nothing suspicious and the watchman said he had noticed nothing out of the ordinary. As they were talking one of the foremen came out of the tunnel and addressed Glenn.

"Every man on the job has quit," he said, "except the night shift in the tunnel there, and they're going to quit as soon as they're paid off in the morning."

Glenn frowned but made no comment. He indicated beats around the wall which Sheb, the watchman and the foreman were to take up, then he walked off quickly in the direction of the tunnel.

Inside the tunnel, the air was unquestionably charged with mutiny. The men who were pushing trucks of earth back and forth eyed Glenn with sullen, lowering hostility. Under the foreman's watchful gaze, they all kept up some pretense of work—making the least possible speed—but the instant his back was turned to speak to Glenn, every pick was dropped, every truck ceased to move. They gathered in little knots, conferring together in low tones.

The foreman explained a little more in detail to Glenn what had happened. All but this night shift had been paid off at six o'clock. They had given no notice then of quitting the job, but later one of the foremen had seen them hanging around the railroad construction camp a few miles below. On inquiry, he had learned—with considerable difficulty—that Douglas had offered them double pay for quitting the job without notice and coming over to the railroad crew.

At this juncture, the men, who had been talking in separate groups, suddenly united and moved in a body towards Glenn and the foreman.

"Well," Glenn said curtly, "what's the trouble?"

One man stepped out a little from the others as spokesman. "We're offered double pay over to the railroad construction camp if we quit tonight—right now in fact—and we're quitting that's all."

"You haven't stopped to consider, have you?" Glenn suggested quietly, "that they're only hiring you to try to cripple the work here? When they're through with you in a few days—or at most a few weeks—they'll kick you out like dogs!"

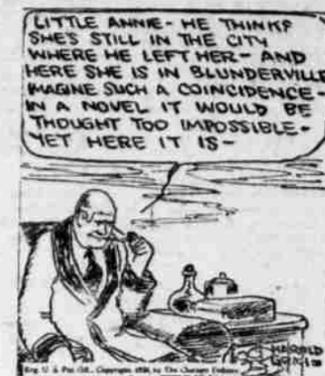
The men only shook their heads, sullenly unimpressed. "We've done got our minds made up," the spokesman said laconically. "It ain't no use wasting' words."

"No, I believe you're right about that," Glenn agreed. With a swift movement, he drew out his revolver and covered them with it. When he spoke again, his voice was quiet but very earnest. "This tunnel can be finished in 16 hours and the water turned into the reservoir—the only chance I've got to save this reservoir and the millions of dollars that are tied up in it from these devils who are trying to blow it up. Any man that makes another move to quit his job before that time—or to loaf on it—will be

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE

Strange Things Do Happen

By Harold Gray



REG'LAR FELLERS

Cons. Expert

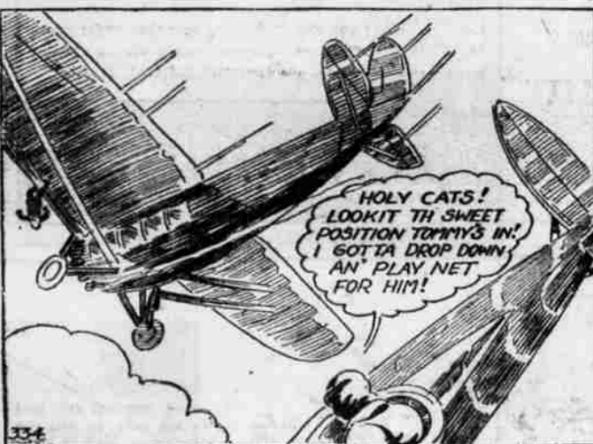
By Gene Byrnes



TAILSPIN TOMMY

Tommy's Problem

By GLENN CHAFFIN and HAL FORREST



SILVERTON SCOUTS AT COURT OF HONOR

Silverton—At the January court of honor of Boy Scouts held at Prateral temple in Salem, the following local scouts earned merita:

Second class—Roland Asboe and Harold Davis; merit badges for completion of studies were Ben Russell, electricity and chemistry; Raymond Specht, cycling; Oscar Specht, cycling; Wesley Williams, hiking and cooking; Wendell Heston, firemanship; Ralph Langley, masonry, electricity, plumbing; Roy Brady, agriculture, automobile, republic study; Harold Davis, firemanship and leathercraft; and Norman Deussen, personal health and firemanship.

LINN COUPLE WEDDED

Albany—F. W. McDaniel, 34, and Constance Trotter, 19, Lebanon, were issued a marriage license Wednesday and were married by County Judge B. M. Payne. Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel will make their home at Brownville.

DUMB DORA

By Chick Young



BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



MUTT AND JEFF

Mutt Joins The Big Parade

By Bud Fisher



ACROSS Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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 2. Prepares for publication
 3. Waxed for af- fish
 4. Egg dish
 5. Prisoner's vest- ment
 6. Ugly
 7. Consumer
 8. Malicious
 9. Deceased
 10. Loose
 11. Poem of heroic style
 12. Cautious
 13. Japanese measure
 14. Taper
 15. Habit
 16. Hoody covering the strays of a Mexican saddle
 17. Always
 18. Year
 19. Clock in the form of a ship
 20. Not typical obstruction
 21. Colonial gate
 22. Danish money
 23. Trill
 24. Keyp from
 25. Japanese coin
 26. Bow of a boat
 27. Organ by Verdi
 28. Large hall
 29. American cartoonist
 30. Hatters' graft
 31. Beauty dis- played

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