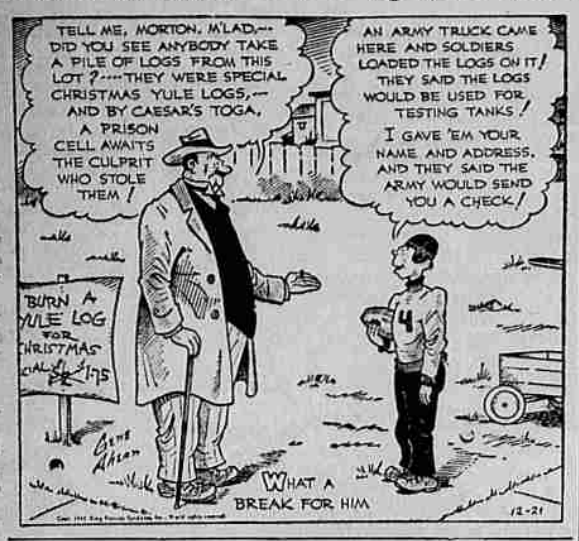
Room and Board . . . By Gene Ahern



Two Girls and a Man

By LOIS EBY and JOHN CHESTER FLEMING

Chapter 11

End of One Life

Years were crowded into that one night. Rita cried herself into complete exhaustion. She heard the old Colonial clock in the hall strike one, then two, then three—finally just as the sun was reaching long, thin fingers over the misty foothills and down between the even rows of waxy orange trees—sleep came.

The warm, fresh sunlight flooding in the windows, the sight of the long, rolling foothills sleeping immovably in the distance, poured new courage into Rita's soul. She felt it tingle through her strong, young body, giving her strength to meet the challenge that only a few hours ago had seemed insurmountable.

Rita took a cold shower and dressed quickly. As she stood surveying herself in her full length mirror a sardonic smile crept over her face. The last time she had worn this new grey tweed suit was the day that she had left for New York.

Her heart had been fairly bursting with high hopes, she was embarking on a great mission, a liberator going forth in the interest of the community —! Now she was just a girl, a country girl, girding for a lone fight against a world too busy with its own affairs to stop and lend a sympathetic ear to her small troubles.

She lifted her small chin a little, a spark of fire seemed to suddenly strike in the depth of her soft brown eyes, there was even a suggestion of grim determination in the movement of her fingers as she tucked wisps of red-gold hair under her green felt hat.

Picking up her suitcase she closed her door softly behind her and started down the hall that led past her father's room. She had closed the door before she went to bed and for an instant she felt an inner urge to open it again, to walk among her father's things, his guns on the wall, his bookshelves that sagged under their weight, she knew the pungent odor of sweet pipe smoke still lingered there. She put the thought from her mind and walked straight past.

Good-bye to Jeb

Quickly she fixed herself a bite of breakfast and ate it, mechanically, standing by the sink. Glancing at her wristwatch she saw that it was only forty minutes until her train pulled into the village. Dr. Burrows had told her to leave everything just as it was and he would see that things were taken care of. Methodically she checked the doors and windows and left.

As she went across the wide carpet of green lawn toward the garage she saw a familiar object coming down the road. She could always tell Jeb's old car long before he reached the house as he wove a zig-zag path from one side of the road to the other stopping at each mail box. Each time the car started up it sent a white plume of dust rising in its wake.

At first Rita thought she'd wait to say goodbye and then she thought the tears might come—goodbyes were always so hard for her. Resolutely she thought, much better that I wave a friendly goodbye as I pass, throw him a friendly smile, he will be about stopped at the Jarvis place then, two houses down the road.

Swiftly she threw open the garage doors and backed out the station wagon, wheeling it around suddenly so that the white crushed stones in the driveway beat a metallic tattoo under the fenders. Out the driveway and down the road she sped. Jeb had just pulled up in front of the Jarvis place. Rita bit her lip. She was abreast the old car now, Jeb was smiling and waving, a letter in his hand. Rita smiled back and waved a friendly hand—it was over and Jeb would never know what a struggle it really was. Quickly she wiped two hot tears from her eyes.

The village street was almost deserted as she drove between the rows of towering pepper trees that shaded the dozen small buildings that comprised the "business section." She turned sharply at a sign that read, "Miller's Garage" and the car rolled to a stop inside the little structure. A greasy, smiling face appeared from under a car.

"Hello, Miss Ralston, what can I do for you?"

"I'm going up to Frisco for a while, Don. Would you look after old Betsy for me? Maybe you can sell the old bus. The tires are almost new, I hate to use them with the army needing rubber. Someone told me they're buying station wagons at Fort Dade and tickled to death to get them."

"I'll look into it for you and let you know," Don Miller said.

Rita walked briskly along the familiar, sleepy village street the short two blocks to the railway station. The train was already in as she bought her ticket and got aboard.

Alone in San Francisco

Old Jeb scratched his head in quiet wonderment as Rita's car raced by. He was looking hard at the letter he held in his hand. With a series of sharp jerks his old car started and traveled the short distance from the Jarvis place to the Ralston's mail box. Dropping the letter slowly in the box he muttered half aloud, "More advertisin' from that durned New York bank."

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It was late afternoon when Rita's train pulled into the busy terminal at Frisco. Like a great river suddenly overflowing its banks, streams of hurrying travelers were flowing in all directions. Rita mounted the wide stairway that led to the cab stand and was soon riding through familiar streets that led to the Chatham Club. It was a quiet, homey place, that had been established for single working girls. She had stayed there before and loved her room that overlooked the bay. It sat high on a hill with the city bustling far below. Rita remembered now how good it used to seem to get home from her work at the Taylor Publishing Company, out of the constant droning din of typewriters and huge printing presses to the quiet of her little room.

Things were just as she had hoped. The girl who had been renting Rita's old room had left two days before to go back to Washington to take a government job and she could have it. Mrs. Chatham was a round, motherly soul and welcomed Rita warmly.

"You coming back to your old job, Honey?"

"I—don't know," Rita replied.

Rita closed her door and tossed her suitcase on the bed. It was almost dark, only a trace of soft, faded light flooded in the windows. The familiarity of it all warmed her heart as she stood looking down upon the great city with its countless lights now flicking on. She drew Clark's wire from her purse and in the almost faded last glow of light read again the short, terse words that stabbed so painfully at her weary heart.

To be continued

Rock Crusher Work Making Progress

Scio—Work this week was reported progressing satisfactorily at the Bilyeu Den site of the rock crusher in course of installation under direction of E. G. Swaggart of Eugene The work would be completed within a week or ten days. Murphy Timber company and Linn county will utilize the output of the crusher on road work in that locality, according to plans announced here.

Women Protect Air Station—Miss Mildred Blackney, one of the women civil service guards at the South Weymouth, Mass., naval air station, took the firing position of an anti-aircraft machine gun on the station grounds where 25 women replaced men by taking over their duties of patrolling, guarding and checking the area. — Associated Press Photo.

Radio Programs

KSLM—1390 Kilocycles
Monday P. M.
5:00—Madison Singers
5:15—Let's Reminisce
5:30—Organ, Violin, Harp Trio
6:00—Tonight's Headlines
6:15—War News Commentary
6:20—Singing Strings
6:45—Popular Music
7:00—News
7:05—Victor Arden's Orch.
7:30—Willamette Valley Opinions
7:50—Mark Levant, Violin
8:00—War Fronts in Review
8:15—Teddy Powell's Orch.
8:30—Treasury Star Parade
8:45—Fats Waller
9:00—News
9:15—Seal Sale Talk
9:30—Szath Myri Presents
10:00—Let's Dance
10:30—News
10:45—Sign Off

KOIN—910 Kilocycles
Monday P. M.
5:00—Curtain Calls
5:30—Harry Flannery, CBS
5:45—News, Peter Paul Mounds, CBS
5:55—Cecil Brown, News, CBS
6:00—Radio Theatre, CBS
7:00—Screen Guild Players, CBS
7:30—Blondie, CBS
8:00—Amos and Andy, CBS
8:15—Ceiling Unlimited, CBS
8:30—Gay Nineties, CBS
8:55—Dick Joy, News, CBS
9:00—Camp Adair
9:30—Vox Pop, CBS
10:00—Five Star Final
10:15—Wartime Women
10:20—Air-Flo of the Air
10:30—The World Today, CBS
10:45—Soldiers of the Air
11:00—Muzzy Marcellino Orch., CBS
11:30—Manny Strand, CBS
11:55—News, CBS
12:00 to 6:00 A. M.—Music and News

KGW—620 Kilocycles
Monday P. M.
5:15—H. V. Kaltenborn, NBC
5:30—Richard Crooks, NBC
6:00—Kyes Aloft, NBC
6:30—Dr. I. Q.
7:00—Contented Hour, NBC
7:30—Furlough Fun, NBC
8:00—Fred Waring Pleasure Time, NBC
8:15—James Abbe Covers the News
8:30—Cavalcade of America, NBC
9:00—The Telephone Hour, NBC
9:30—Hawthorne House, NBC
10:00—News Flashes, NBC
10:15—Labor News
10:20—Moonlight Sonata
10:45—Ray Mace's Music, NBC
10:55—News
11:00—Your Home Town News
11:10—Musical Interlude
11:15—Biltmore Orch., NBC
11:30—War News Roundup
12:00-2 A. M.—Swing Shift

KEX—1190 Kilocycles
Monday P. M.
5:00—Don Winslow, BN
5:15—The Sea Hound, BN
5:30—Jack Armstrong, BN
5:45—Captain Midnight, BN
6:00—Henderson & La Vere, BN
6:15—News
6:25—The Lion's Roar, BN
6:30—Spotlight Bands, BN
6:55—Gracie Fields, BN
7:00—Raymond Gram Swing, BN
7:15—Alias John Freedom, BN
7:45—A Man and His Music, BN
8:00—Earl Godwin, News, BN
8:15—Lum and Abner, BN
8:30—Everybody Every Payday
9:00—True or False, BN
9:30—News
9:45—Dawn Memory Lane
10:15—Novatime
10:30—Broadway Bandwagon
10:45—Joseph James, Singer, BN
11:00—This Moving World, BN
11:15—Organ Concert, BN
11:30—War News Roundup

KALE—1330 Kilocycles
Monday P. M.
5:15—There's the Barrs, MBS
5:30—Bulldog Drummond, MBS
6:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS
6:15—Movie Parade
6:30—The Better Half
7:00—Raymond Clapper, MBS
7:15—Our Morale, MBS
7:30—Lone Ranger, MBS
8:00—Toast to the Allies
8:05—Candlelight & Silver
8:30—Double or Nothing, MBS
9:00—News
9:15—You Can't Do Business with Hitler
9:30—John B. Hughes, MBS
9:45—Fulton Lewis Jr., MBS
10:00—Jan Garber Orch., MBS
10:15—Wilson Ames
10:30—News
10:45—Henry King Orch., MBS
11:00—Benny Carter Orch., MBS
11:30—Jan Garber Orch., MBS

KOAC—550 Kilocycles
Monday P. M.
4:00—Symphonic Half Hour
4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls
5:00—Elementary Education
5:15—On the Campuses
5:30—Evening Vesper Service
6:45—It's Oregon War
6:15—United Press News
6:30—Farm Hour
7:30—4-H Club Program
8:00—Springtime Program
8:30—Memory Book of Songs
9:45—United Press News
10:00—American Melodies
10:30—Melodic Songs
11:00—Concert Hall
12:00—Sign O.

KXL—750 Kilocycles
Monday P. M.
5:00—News
5:05—Billboard of the Air
5:30—Silent.

Tuesday Programs

KSLM—1390 Kilocycles
Tuesday A. M.
7:00—News
7:05—Rise 'n' Shine
7:15—On the Farm Front
7:30—News
7:45—Your Gospel Program
8:00—Bert Hirsch Novelty Band
8:30—News
8:35—Singing Strings
9:00—Pastor's Call
9:15—Music a La Carter
9:30—Popular Music
9:45—Henry King's Orch.
10:00—World in Review
10:05—Sleepy Heads
10:30—Women in the News
10:35—Anita Boyer & Tomboyers
11:00—Music to Remember
11:30—Willamette U. Chapel
12:00—Organalities
12:15—News
12:30—Hillbilly Serenade
12:55—Willamette Valley Opinions
12:55—Interlude
1:00—Lum and Abner
1:15—Johnny Long's Orch.
1:30—Miladi's Melodies
1:45—Melody Mart
2:00—Isle of Paradise
2:15—Salem Art & Recreational Center
2:30—Lanzworth Hillbillies
2:45—Broadway Band Wagon
3:00—Old Opera House
3:30—Harry Owen's Orch.
4:15—News
4:30—Lanzworth Concert Orch.

KOIN—910 Kilocycles
Tuesday A. M.
6:00—Northwest Farm Reporter
6:15—Breakfast Bulletin
6:20—Texas Rangers
6:45—Victory Front
7:00—KOIN Klock
7:15—Wake Up News
7:30—Dick Joy, CBS
7:45—Nelson Prinzie, News, CBS
8:00—Consumer News
8:15—Valiant Lady, CBS
8:30—Stories America Loves, CBS
8:45—Aunt Jenny, CBS
9:00—Kate Smith Speaks, CBS
9:15—Big Sister, CBS
9:30—Romance of Helen Trent, CBS
9:45—Our Gal Sunday, CBS
10:00—Life Can Be Beautiful, CBS
10:15—Ma Perkins, CBS
10:30—Vic and Sade, CBS
10:45—The Goldbergs, CBS
11:00—Young Dr Malone, CBS
11:15—Joyce Jordan
11:30—We Love and Learn, CBS
11:45—News
12:00—Carnation Bouquet, CBS
12:15—Bob Anderson, CBS
12:30—William Winter, CBS
12:45—Bachelor's Children, CBS
1:00—Galen Drake, CBS
1:15—Old Chisolm Trail
1:30—Living Art, CBS
1:45—Mountain Music, CBS
2:00—Newspaper of the Air
2:30—Sing Along, CBS
2:45—Ben Bernie, CBS
3:00—Troubadours, CBS
3:15—Edwin C. Hill, CBS
3:30—Mary Small, CBS
3:45—News
4:00—Second Mrs. Burton, CBS
4:15—Sam Hayes, CBS
4:30—American Melody Hour, CBS

KGW—620 Kilocycles
Tuesday A. M.
4:00—Dawn Patrol
6:00—Everything Goes, NBC
6:30—Sheppard's Serenade
6:55—Labor News
7:00—News
7:15—Music of Vienna
7:45—Sam Hayes, NBC
8:00—Melody Time
8:15—James Abbe Covers the News
8:30—Symphonic Swing
8:45—David Harum, NBC
9:00—The O'Neills, NBC
9:15—Everything Goes, NBC
9:30—Mary Lee Taylor
9:45—Kneass With the News
10:00—Air Breaks, NBC
10:15—Tapestry Musicale, NBC
10:30—Homekeeper's Calendar
10:45—Dr. Kate, NBC
11:00—Light of the World, NBC
11:15—Lonely Women, NBC
11:30—The Guiding Light, NBC
11:45—Hymns of All Churches, NBC
12:00—Story of Mary Marlin, NBC
12:15—Ma Perkins, NBC
12:30—Pepper Young's Family, NBC
12:45—Right to Happiness, NBC
1:00—Backstage Wife, NBC
1:15—Stella Dallas, NBC
1:30—Lorenzo Jones, NBC
1:45—Young Widder Brown, NBC
2:00—When a Girl Marries, NBC
2:15—Portia Faces Life, NBC
2:30—Just Plain Bill, NBC
2:45—Front Page Farrell, NBC
3:00—Road of Life, NBC
3:15—Vic and Sade, NBC
3:30—Against the Storm, NBC
3:45—Judy and Jane
4:00—Frank Hemingway, News
4:15—The Personality Hour

KEX—1190 Kilocycles
Tuesday A. M.
6:00—Moments of Melody
6:15—National Farm and Home, BN
6:45—Western Agriculture, BN
7:00—Market Reports
7:05—Texas Tunes
7:15—Freedom of the Land
7:30—Gene and Glenn, BN
7:45—Curley Bradley, Singer, BN
8:00—Breakfast Club
8:45—Keep Fit Club with Patty Jean
9:00—Roy Porter, News, BN
9:15—Clark Dennis, Singer, BN
9:30—Breakfast at Sardi's, BN
10:00—Bankhead Talking, BN
10:15—Andy and Virginia, BN
10:30—The Great Melody, BN
11:00—Wartime Periscope
11:15—Geographical Travelogue
11:30—Golden Gate Quartet
11:45—Keep Fit Club with Patty Jean
12:00—News
12:15—Livestock Reporter
12:30—The Three R's, BN
12:30—Between the Bookends, BN
12:45—News
1:00—The Victory Hour
1:30—Club Matinee, BN
1:55—News, BN
2:00—Clancy Calling, BN
2:30—Singing Strings, BN
2:45—Little Jack Little, BN
2:55—Labor News
3:00—Music of Lou Bring, BN
3:15—Kneass With the News
3:30—The Gospel Singer, BN
3:45—Pages in Melody, BN
4:00—The Latest Word, BN
4:05—Stars from the Blue, BN
4:30—Texas Jim Robertson, BN
4:45—Letters to Santa Claus

KALE—1330 Kilocycles
Tuesday A. M.
6:45—Good Morning Club
7:00—News, MBS
7:15—Memory Timekeeper
8:00—Haven of Rest, MBS
8:30—News
8:45—Old Songs
9:00—Beake Carter, MBS
9:15—The Woman's Side of the News
9:30—This and That
10:00—News, MBS
10:15—Navy School of Music, MBS
10:30—A P News, MBS
10:35—Strictly Personal, MBS
10:45—Buyer's Parade
11:00—Cedric Foster, MBS
11:15—Baron Elliott Orch., MBS
11:30—Concert Gems
11:45—Luncheon Concert
12:25—On the Farm Front
12:30—News
12:45—Shady Valley Folks, MBS
1:00—Walter Compton, MBS
1:15—Sweet & Sentimental, MBS
1:30—Bridgeport Ensemble, MBS
2:00—Sheelah Carter, MBS
2:15—Don Lee Newsreel, MBS
2:45—Northwest News
3:00—Philip Kerne-Gordon, MBS
3:15—Hello Again
3:45—Bill Has Reads the Bible, MBS
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS
4:15—Johnson Family, MBS
4:30—News
4:45—Paul Decker Orch., MBS

KOAC—550 Kilocycles
Tuesday A. M.
6:00—Old Time Music
6:30—Popular Melodies
7:30—Swing Time
8:00—Band Concert
8:30—Sacred Music
9:00—Organ Memories
9:30—Light Concert Music
10:00—United Press News
10:15—The Homemakers' Hour
11:00—School of the Air
11:20—Music of the Masters
12:00—United Press News
12:15—Farm Hour
12:45—Neighborhood Leader Question Box
1:15—Variety Time
1:45—Pan American Melodies
2:00—AAUW Half Hour
2:30—Memory Book of Music
2:45—The United States Navy
3:00—The Drum Parade
3:15—Great Songs
3:45—United Press News
4:00—Meet the American Composer
4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls

KXL—750 Kilocycles
Tuesday A. M.
6:00—News
6:05—Along the Oregon Trail
7:00—News
7:05—Shop the Clock
7:30—Sunrise Express
7:55—News
8:00—Amen Corner
8:30—Parade of the Bands
8:45—House of Peter McGregor
9:00—News
9:05—Dusty Records
9:55—News
10:00—For Women Only
10:30—Your Government Speaks
10:45—Your Neighborhood Calls
11:00—News
11:05—Morning Moods
11:30—Little Things in Life
12:00—War Bond Highlights
12:15—Cowboy Caravan
12:30—Agriculture Today
12:45—Band
12:55—War Commentary
1:00—The Quiet Hour
1:30—Lest We Forget
1:45—Spotlight on Vocal
2:00—News
2:05—Dance Matinee
2:30—Yuletide Sleigh Ride
3:00—News
3:05—Symphony Hour
3:30—Treasury Star Parade
3:45—Melody and Thought
4:00—News
4:05—Club 750
4:45—Crimson Trail

U-Boat Caught in Gulf, Bombed—Caught on the surface of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, this German U-boat crash-dived and a Royal Canadian air force bomber dropped depth charges on its swirling wake a few seconds after this picture was made. Other planes reported a "mile-long oil slick" resulted. — Associated Press Photo.

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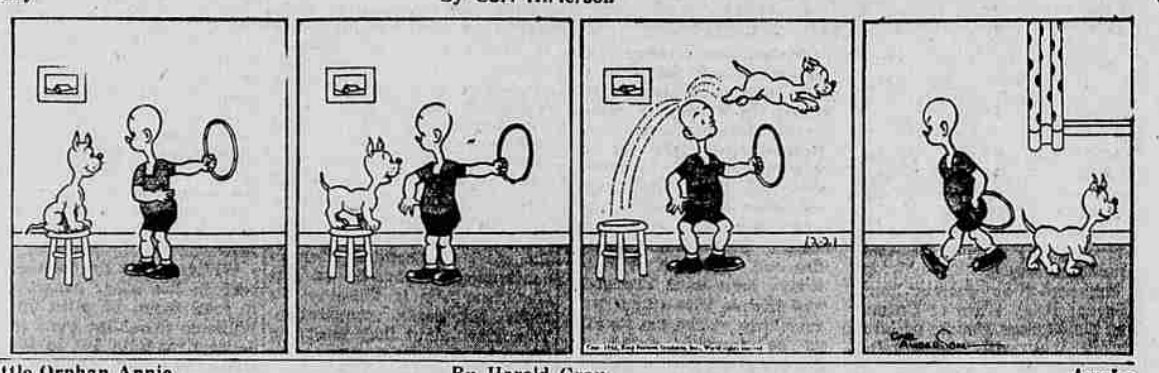

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