

Only the Brave

By PAUL EVAN LEHMAN

(Chapter 20)

Jeff made some coffee, drank two cups, then decided to make one final round before turning in. He went down one side of the street and up the other, turning into an alley, intending to circle in that manner to the back of Glenn's place. And then, just as he was about to pass Wolfanger's store, he halted in his tracks. A dim glow lit one of its back windows; so dim that only the intense blackness of the alley permitted him to perceive it.

He bent over and removed his spurs, stuffing them into a pocket, then drew his gun and tiptoed up the back steps. He pushed gently against the door and felt it give before him. He waited a few seconds, listening, then stepped inside.

He saw now that the light was in the store proper, its rays coming through a connecting doorway. Carefully he stepped across the floor to the doorway and looked through it. Against the wall was Hank's big case and before it a man, kneeling in prayer, his hands clasped. Wrapping paper had been used about the lantern, permitting only a soft glow by which the fellow could see to work at the combing. Jeff whispered up his gun—and the barrel struck a broom which had been leaning against the door frame. The broom fell with a clatter and Jeff's aim was momentarily disturbed.

Instantly the lantern wick was lowered and the light flickered out. "Stay where you are!" said Jeff sharply, and started forward.

There was a flash and a roar and he felt the slug as it grazed his cheek. He took two long steps forward and dived at the place where he thought the intruder to be. He heard the swift shift of feet, then crashed headlong into the iron safe.

Stunned, all the stars in the firmament dancing before his eyes, he fell to the floor. He was not unconscious, but for a few seconds was powerless. A foot struck him as the fellow stumbled over him, but he was too dazed to try to grab it. Then the burglar was, through the communicating doorway and pounding down the back steps.

Jeff struggled to his feet and staggered across the back room to the door. From behind the alley came the drum of hoofs which told of the fellow's flight. Jeff's horse was in Glenn's stable, two full blocks away. He shook the dizziness off and went back to the store. Tearing the paper from the lantern, he touched match flame to wick. The safe had not been opened, but on the floor in front of it was a gauntlet, riding gloves, and a pair of boots. He picked it up and turned it about, examining it closely.

A man leaped up the back steps, came rushing across the back room floor and halted abruptly at the doorway. It was Ed Wade, the night deputy, and his cocked gun was pointed at Jeff. He recognized him and lowered the weapon.

"Oh, it's you, boss. What happened?"

"Somebody tried to open Hank's safe, but he made a fire for him and found how hard it was to get in. My foot was on the door and he was trying to get a shot at him!"

"No, but he got one at me. Missed. He left his call card behind him. Look at this, Ed."

Wade took the gloves and held it close to the light. He examined its outer surface, then turned back to Jeff, exposing the lining.

"Hu! Got his initials here in ink. S. B. Why—that's Slug Benjamin!"

"S. B. stands for something else, too; but in either case it means Slug Benjamin." He picked up the lantern and started for the back door. "There's one thing I want to check on right now. Come along, Ed."

much doubt as to who shot John; but now we're certain. This glove, says Slug Benjamin to these tracks, and the tracks you found ties him just as tight to John's murderer. It's shore too bad you can't hang a killer twice."

Glenn rode into Cougar shortly before noon on Sunday and insisted upon taking Jeff to the hotel for dinner.

"Anything new in the metropolis of Cougar?"

"Slug Benjamin tried to rob Wolfanger's store last night. Caught him working on the combination of the safe."

"Caught him! You mean—?"

"No, he got away."

"But you're sure it was Slug?"

Jeff recognized him.

"Not by his appearance, but by a glove he left behind. It had his initials on the lining."

Jeff told him of the affair and mentioned the broken call on the shoe of the horse he had tracked. "Proves beyond any doubt it was Slug who killed John Stover. I found the same tracks there in the alley."

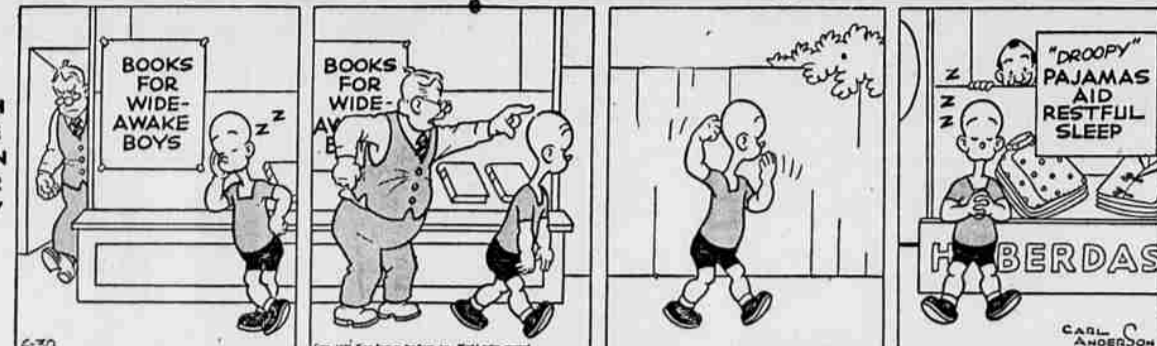
"Well, it's contributory evidence. Better watch your step, Jeff. Well, I'll be making tracks for the Crown. Sure you won't come along?"

"Capt. Today's my turn on duty. 'Jeff, my boy, how'd you like to have a lifetime job as foreman of the Crown one of these days?'"

"As definite as that, huh?"

"Well, I don't like to take too much for granted; but I'm feeling pretty good about it. I'll give them your regards—and you regrets. So long!"

(To Be Continued)



RADIO PROGRAMS

THURSDAY—P.M.

KLSM 1390	KGW 630	KOCO 1490	KOIN 870
5:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr. News	Woman's Secret News	Rhythm Ranch News	Curt Massey News
5:30 Frank Hemingway News	Richard Harkness News	Rhythm Ranch News	Club 16, CBS
6:00 B-Bar-B Ranch News	Sizing Serenade	Candle Light and Silver	Ed. R. Morrow
6:30 B-Bar-B Ranch News	String Serenade	Pat O'Brien	Knox Manning
7:00 Gabriel Heatter News	Elmer Peterson	News	Chet Huntley
7:30 Northwest News	Nelson Eddy	Pat O'Brien	Suppene
8:00 Northwest News	Nelson Eddy	Bandstand	Crime Photo.
8:30 Northwest News	Youshi Lamour	Dorothy Lamour	Orme Photo.
9:00 Hop Along Cassidy News	Supper Club News	News of World	Baseball
9:30 Coast Survey	News of World	T. B. A.	Baseball
10:00 Select Local News	News Sports Final	Baseball	Baseball
10:30 Select Local News	Baseball	Baseball	Baseball
11:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr. News	Sam Hayes	Track 1490	Baseball
11:30 Bob Foote Show	Wax Museum	Track 1490	Baseball
12:00 Coast Survey	Wax Museum	Track 1490	Baseball
12:30 Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off

FRIDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

KLSM 1390	KGW 630	KOCO 1490	KOIN 870
6:00 News	Hodge Podge	KOCO Klock	KOIN Klock
6:30 Dawn Patrol	Hodge Podge	KOCO Klock	KOIN Klock
7:00 Dawn Patrol	Farm Time	TEX Bitter	KOIN Klock
7:30 Dawn Patrol	Farm Time	News & Sports	News
8:00 News	The Old Songs	Top o' Mornin'	News
8:30 Music	News	Fred Beck	Consumer News
9:00 Top Trades	Fred Waring	Western Melodies	Robert Baker
9:30 Barzani Counter	Riders of Sage	Western Melodies	Robert Lewis
10:00 Victor Lindhart	Sam Hayes	Church in Wild	Vocal Varieties
10:30 Sons of Pioneers	Second Cup	Melody Time	News
11:00 Northwest News	Second Cup	Melody Time	Grand Slam
11:30 Kate Smith Sing	Jack Welch	Words	Rosemary
12:00 Wiles Walts	Hostess House	Coffee Cup	Wendy Warren
12:30 News	Tommy Dorsey	Northwest Reports	Ant Jony
1:00 News	Tommy Dorsey	News	News
1:30 Gospel Singers	Tommy Dorsey	Rhythm	Our Gal Sunday
2:00 Wiles Walts	Loper Orch.	Glass Wax	Ria Sister
2:30 Top Trades	Loper Orch.	Glass Wax	Ma Perkins
3:00 News	Tommy Dorsey	Glass Wax	Yea Dr. Malone
3:30 News	Tommy Dorsey	Glass Wax	Goulding Light
4:00 News	Tommy Dorsey	Glass Wax	News

DIAL LISTINGS: KEX, 1190; KOAC, 650

KEX Thursday P.M. — 5:00, Squirrel Cuts; 5:30, Sky Kings; 6:00, Keep-Ins; Up With Sports; 6:15, Home Edition; 6:30, Green Hornet; 7:00, Edwin C. Hill; 7:15, Elmer Davis; 7:30, Name the Movie; 8, Countdown; 8:30, Time for Music; 9, Million Diner; 9:30, Damon Runyan Theater; 10, Richfield Reporter; 10:45, Intermezzo; 10:50, Concert Hour; 11:30, Memoirs; 12:00, Xtra Hour; 1:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Thursday p.m.: 5:00, Upbeat; 5:30, Sports; 6:00, News; 6:15, Dinner Melodies; 6:30, Round the Campfire; 7:15, Evening News Hour; 8:00, Artistry in Glasses; 8:15, Evening Meditation; 10:15, Excursion in Science; 10:45, News; 11:00, Sign Off.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Skin disease
- Crystalline rock
- Constituent
- Of illuminating gas
- Electric coil
- Stretch river
- Pirm
- Down: prefix
- Biblical character
- Drive
- Open
- The whole creation
- Copper coin
- Third tone
- Scale
- Social gathering

DOWN

- Wearisome
- Everlasting; archaic
- Article
- Symbol for tantalum
- Type measure
- Comes back
- Theatrical professions
- Grant
- Winter toddler
- Exists
- Sitting
- International
- Placid
- Longing
- Article of food
- Blowing toward
- Youngest son
- English
- Scout
- Parts of flowers
- Effect of a body falling into water
- Small wig
- Turkish flag
- Senseless talk
- Scottish
- Screened from the sun
- Witness
- Down: prefix
- Small candle
- Victory
- Land measure
- River in Italy

ROOM AND BOARD

By Gene Ahern

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY LUCK TODAY JUDGE, SELLING YER CORNIN GADGET! I WALKED TUEH SO MANY HOUSES 'MATH FEEL LIKE DEY HAS BEEN BARBECUED! TOOK ALONG DIS PERTATTI TUEH SHOW HOW DA GADGET COULD CORE OUT VEGETABLES—BUT NO DICE!

A TUNNEL THRU A POTATO... SA-AA-AY... EUREKA! I HAVE AN IDEA!

LET'S HEART JUDGE!

Weidmans Entertain Friends With Party

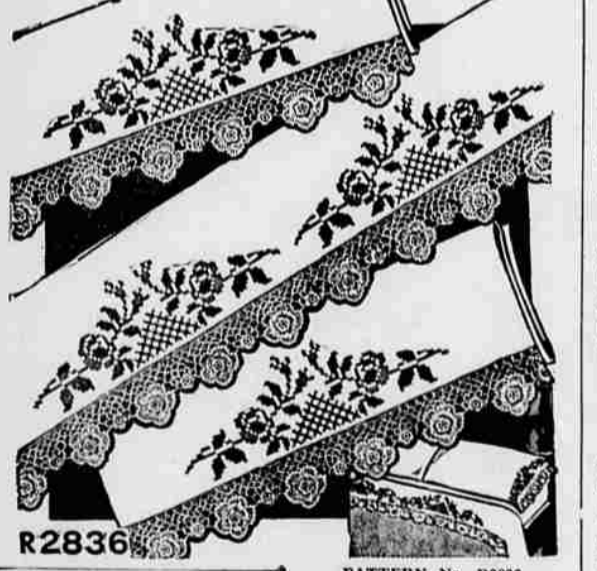
Lyons—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Weidman entertained a group of friends with a party held at their home. The evening was spent informally and a no-host supper served. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harley Scott, Maxine, Lynn and baby daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Julian, Mr. and Mrs. John Worden and Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. John Kunkle, Joanne, Judy, Juanita and Johnnie, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mohler, Shirley and Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCrear, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Julian and Thumper, Mr. and Mrs. George Nydiger and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Humphries, Betty, Leland and Clarice, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston, Kathryn and Kenton, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Chamberlain and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Weidman and family.

Bridge Club Guest

Dayton—The Krowledeen Bridge club met with Mrs. Harry Gray with 12 members present. Mrs. Harry Sherman held the high score and Mrs. Herman Louis held low. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Fred Matchess, McMinnville, July 7. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Gray also entertained the Past Matron club at her home last week.

Price Trading Jobs

Monmouth—Delbert V. Price leaves the first of July to take a position as school bus inspector, a new division in the secretary of state's office required by a new law passed by the 1949 legislature. Price a former member of the state police has been in the real estate business here the past three years.



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