

DOUBLE TROUBLE

By WILLIAM HOBSON

(Chapter 11)

"So that's why one or two of the men were giving me queasy looks," Jay said. "I guess the fact in the fire now. It'll be just a matter of time until Mike Randall finds out. You can't keep anything like that quiet. I'm afraid Joe's in for trouble."

"No, necessarily," was the reply. "First of all, I spread the word around that you only got mugged in that fracas at Randall's ranch, not shot up like the boys first reported. Second, Hank slipped Joe in here after every body was in bed last night. Again my orders. He's in my cabin now, and none of the men ever dare to enter it."

"How is he?"

"A little better but still a sick boy. That long ride dragged behind a horse didn't help things a bit."

"What's Peg Smith doing here in camp? Turk said you don't welcome strangers."

"Since you're in with us, you might as well know, Peg is my stranger. He works for us. But he's on Mike's payroll as a sort of scout to keep an eye out for horse-tracks that the line riders miss and—well, you might as well have said it. Mike's a little suspicious about you for some reason, and Peg's keeping an eye on you, too, with orders to make reports to the ranch."

Jay granted. They were approaching a large two-room cabin built of red sandstone hauled up from the creek. "He's doing a good job, all right. I saw him a couple of days ago snooping around on my run east of Old Sandstone. I'm pretty sure it was him. But when I went after him he burned the breeze over a ridge and out of sight. I still think it was him took a shot at us that night."

"At you, not at us," Swinnerton chuckled. "He admitted it this afternoon when I accused him of it. He says that orders or no orders from Mike, as well as myself, he's going to square up for that whack over the head."

"He had approached the front door of the rocky cabin which was closed. Swinnerton opened it and Jay followed him into a comfortable living room."

"My housekeeper usually sleeps in the other room, but Joe has her bed," the lawyer explained. "She'll sleep in the front room when I'm not here so to be able to look out after Joe. You've nothing to worry about, boy. This last was spoken in a good-fellow tone of voice."

Brother, Jay Allison thought, I've got plenty to worry about.

A middle-aged Mexican woman appeared in the doorway leading to the next room. She looked at Jay, her eyes widened, and she froze in sheer astonishment.

"Madre de Dios!" she exclaimed. "It is—the ghost!"

"No, Mrs. Sanchez, it's not a ghost," Swinnerton laughed. "It is the twin brother to the wounded one. A secret that you must keep. How is he?"

She stepped aside and beckoned. Jay followed the lawyer into the second room that was part kitchen. Jay lay on a clean bed between sheets. He was freshly bandaged, shaved, and was propped up high on pillows, reading a book.

He put down the book on top of the sheet and grinned. Jay was relieved at the sight of him. He was still a badly shot up man but he was far different-looking from the other time Jay had seen him.

"How are you feeling, Joe?" he asked.

"A little tired and sore from that long haul on the travois, but Hank took it slow and kept me rest. And then Mrs. Sanchez fed me and gave me something to make me sleep a while. I'll be up and around in no time. How's things at the ranch?"

Jay set down and told him everything in detail, feeling himself get a little red in the face as he related his parting with Ellen, after the quarrel.

Joe Allison let out a laugh. "She's strictly a one-man woman, that sweetest of mine. You say she's got a real pretty friend? Must

be tough on you, having to stay away from the ranch. Hot dog!"

"I'm very happy about it," Jay jumbled, and meant it. "You can save your women. I'll ride solo."

"That grinning jackass don't know what he's missing, Jim," Joe said to Swinnerton.

Jay changed the subject. "We've got to have an understanding now. I'm sticking out my neck to help you get out of this mess. There was a gent even took a shot at me the other night, thinking it was you."

"Peg Smith, eh? Took a shot at my brother, eh? I'm going to kill him if it's the last thing I ever do, you wait and see."

Jay rose. "You'll do no such fool thing. Aren't you in enough of a mess as it is? Smith is on Mike Randall's payroll as a scout for horse thieves and to keep a check-up on me. You kill him and Randy will forbid you a foot on the ranch. You get that idea right out of your head, Joe."

"Out into the lecture, professor," chuckled Joe Allison. "You just stick to line riding until I get back into the saddle; then watch my smoke."

They talked on for a few minutes, and then Mrs. Sanchez, the buxom Mexican housekeeper, moved into the room.

"Enough," she said. "He will sleep now. I turn out the light."

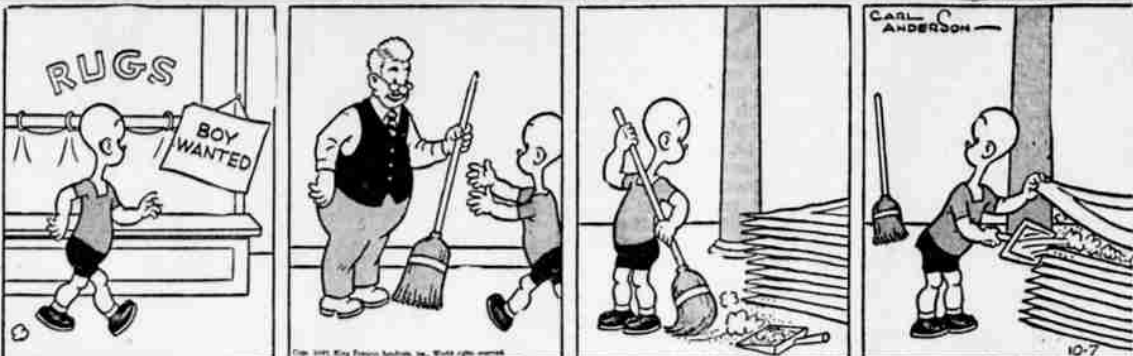
Jay bid him good-bye and went out into the night again, Swinnerton walking beside him.

They passed the cabins again and the dog began to bawl, but remained out of sight back of the cabin. A fiddle was scraping and Jay saw two or three couples on the floor. Turk was walking with Leticia, the glowering Miguel leaning his back against the front wall by the door. His gun sheath was still empty.

Jay, however, had eyes only for one man.

At the bar, gulping a big shot of whiskey, stood the angular form of Peg Smith.

(To Be Continued)



RADIO PROGRAMS

	KGW	KOIN	KEX	KSLM	KOCO
5:00	Honey Side	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
5:15	News	The Little Show	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
5:30	News of Time	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
5:45	Elmer Peterson	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
6:00	Hiring Service	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
6:15	Hiring Service	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
6:30	Darrance	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
6:45	Darrance	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
7:00	Dr. I. Q.	Young Love	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
7:15	Dr. I. Q.	Young Love	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
7:30	Rhythm Time	Young Love	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
7:45	Rhythm Time	Young Love	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
8:00	Minna-Kirsten	Young Love	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
8:15	News of World	Young Love	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
8:30	Life of Riley	Young Love	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
8:45	Life of Riley	Young Love	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
9:00	Orchestra	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
9:15	Orchestra	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
9:30	Orchestra	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
9:45	Orchestra	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
10:00	Ham Hayes	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
10:15	Current, (Chal.)	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
10:30	Wax Museum	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
10:45	Wax Museum	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
11:00	Wax Museum	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
11:15	Wax Museum	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
11:30	Wax Museum	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
11:45	Wax Museum	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
12:00	Wax Museum	Mr. Favorite	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch

SATURDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

	KGW	KOIN	KEX	KSLM	KOCO
6:00	Hedge Podge	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
6:15	Hedge Podge	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
6:30	Hedge Podge	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
6:45	Hedge Podge	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
7:00	News	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
7:15	News	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch
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12:45	News	News	Chal. of Yakon	R-Bar-B Ranch	Rhythm Ranch



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DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550

KOAC Friday P.M.—Children's Theater: 8:15, On the Beach; 11:00, The Concert Hall; 12:00, News; 1:00, 500 Sports Club; 4:00, News; 8:15, Diner Melodias; 8:30, Music of Czechoslovakia; 7:15, Evening Farm Hour; 8:00, Research Report; 8:15, News to Veterans; 8:30, A.W.S. Nickel Hop; 11:30, Sign Off.

KOAC Saturday A.M.—10:00, News; 11:15, Specialty for Women; 11:00, The Concert Hall; 12:00, News; 1:15, Neon Farm Hour; 1:00, News; 2:00, The Concert Hall; 2:15, Melody Lane; 3:00, Music of the Masters; 3:30, Science News of the Week; 4:45, Spirit of the Veterans; 5:00, News; 5:30, Year Security; 6:15, Songs of the West; 6:45, A Look at Australia.

Falls City Honors Teachers at Party

Falls City — The teachers of the high school and grade school were honored at the Falls City Methodist church with union services and a reception.

The following program was given: Piano Solo, Mrs. Fred Hughes; Scripture Reading and Invocation, Rev. Gilbert Johnson; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Vernon Murphy; Instrumental Music, The Ludeh family; Sermon, Rev. Charles Knox; Welcoming

the teachers, Rev. Gilbert Johnson, Rev. James Royer; Responses, Mr. William Zyp, City Supt.; Vocal Solo, Mrs. James Royer; Group Singing; Benediction, Rev. James Royer.

The church was decorated in fall flowers, given by Mrs. Charles Joslin, Mrs. Archie Palmer, Mrs. Fred Hughes, Mrs. Chester Burbank and Mrs. Virgil Davis. A corsage was presented to each teacher. Refreshments presided at the punch bowl assisted by Mrs. James Royer and Mrs. Fred Hughes.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Indian
- talk
- Goody
- Before
- Part
- Therefore
- Insect's feater
- Plans handle
- Coquette
- Encumbers
- Was defeated
- ward
- Slam
- Extra part
- Pronoun

DOWN

- The moon
- Maintain
- Ornament
- Ancient
- Chinese
- Top of the head
- Let it stand
- Extortion of approval
- Organ of hearing
- Help to baseball pitcher
- Amatory
- Cast of
- American humorist

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

DOWN

- High mountain
- Player of a stringed instrument
- Tippling
- Female name
- Country
- Combustible sought; abbr.
- Part of a rider
- Kind of wood
- Part of a
- curva
- Insect
- City in India
- Talent and liking
- Games of chance
- Woodworking tool
- Stipulous
- Varieties
- Flood
- By tenders
- Relate
- Bargain
- Lowest part of a ship
- Straple
- Members
- Slipped
- Ocean
- Month
- Utility
- Strive
- Place
- Exclamation

ROOM AND BOARD

