

# The Girl Next Door

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AP Newsreels

## CHAPTER 36

"Here, here, Betsy," Peter said, "stop drowning me! You're crying all over my nice clean shirt—and you know how easily white shirts get dirty. Snap out of it, youngster. This whole thing is a mistake. You're imagining things."

"No, Pete!" She sat up and mopped her eyes with a sodden scrap of a handkerchief. "Celina—she's Marcia's cook—told Edith this morning that Marcia was leaving for New York. I went over to see. Marcia was getting packed, and—well, I guess I said some pretty harsh things. But they were the truth, Pete. She's lower than anything that crawls, for walking out on you."

"Betsy," said Peter a trifle wryly, "if only I could convince you that I am old enough to manage my own affairs—"

"You never seem to realize that I'm old enough to manage mine."

Peter grinned. "Well, this fantastic tale you are telling me, my pet, certainly doesn't make you seem very grown up, if I may say so."

"You may say anything to me you like, any time, anywhere, and I'll love it," said Betsy. "Because I love you."

"Betsy, you're forgetting something—don't think so."

"You were just giving Marcia a nice going-over for breaking her engagement to me because it suited her convenience. Aren't you forgetting that you are engaged to Bo?" Peter pointed out.

"Oh, but that's DIFFERENT."

"Why is it? Just because I'm blind?"

"There was a moment of silence, and then Peter said, 'Don't you see, Betsy? I don't want any special favors just because I'm blind.'"

"If I had been in love with Marcia, my heart would be—well, maybe not broken, but at least permanently damaged. I acknowledged a little while ago that my first feeling was one of relief. I think I was just grateful to her because she treated me exactly as she treated the other fellow. I guess I let myself be fooled into thinking it was love. The first time I kissed her and held her in my arms, there was a queer, let-down feeling. And I dreaded the thought of leaving Greenville, of living in a New York apartment, among strangers, who would inevitably be Marcia's friends, not mine. Finally I had the uneasy suspicion that I had deluded myself, and I couldn't see any way out. Now do you begin to see why I wasn't upset when Marcia broke the engagement?"

"And I KILLED her, because I thought she'd hurt you terribly! And I was glad."

"Betsy, you lawless little idiot!" said Peter helplessly.

Professor Hartley was coming back from the house, moving surely, swiftly, his face alight.

"It's all right, Betsy. She's not seriously injured," he said. "She has a bruise on her temple, and she was knocked out for a few minutes. But the doctor has just left, and he said she would be able to travel tomorrow, at the latest."

"Thank heaven!" said Peter.

"I guess I was mistaken. I didn't think I minded injuring her—even killing her. But now—oh, I'm so ashamed of myself!"

"I should think you would be," announced Peter.

"I'd better go. Tell Professor Hartley I'll see him again soon."

Brushing Peter's restraining hand aside, she went running across the lawn and down the drive. She was walking slowly along the street toward home when a car slid to the curb and she looked up to see Edith behind the wheel. Edith was obviously angry, but her voice was quite steady as she said, "Get in, Betsy."

"You needn't have come for me, Mother."

"I was a little afraid of what you might do if you were left to

get home alone," said Edith, and sent the car rushing up the street.

She did not speak again until they were in Betsy's room upstairs, and then she said, "Betsy, I can't tell you how shocked I am, or how disappointed I am in you. You've done a terrible thing, a disgraceful thing. Do you realize that you might easily have killed Marcia?"

Betsy shivered, but she answered with her usual devastating honesty: "I think maybe I wanted to killing her."

"Betsy!" Edith gasped. "Oh, what am I going to do with you?"

Betsy tried to grin, but it wasn't a success. "I guess maybe you'd better give me back to the store that brought me." She struggled hard for a flippancy far removed from her real feelings.

For a moment Edith studied her, something very close to despair in her eyes. She could find no words; what was the good of words? She'd battered herself to bits with words that had blanned away from Betsy's youthful self-absorption and had no effect whatsoever on the girl.

"Well," she said, "life must go on, I suppose. You'll have to be quickly dressed. It's almost six o'clock."

Betsy looked at her warily. "Almost six?" she repeated.

"The moonlight picnic, dear, that the Evanses are giving for you and Bo. Remember? Bo is to call for you at six-thirty." Edith reminded her.

Betsy's face clouded with rebellion. "Oh, but must I go?"

"I think—don't you?"

For a moment their eyes locked, and it was Betsy's that fell away first. She nodded miserably.

"Yes, I guess so," she admitted.

An hour later she watched Bo help Betsy into his car as though she was something in a grocery store. Then they drove away, the very picture of carefree youth.

(To Be Continued)

## Pomona Grange Has Picnic at Silverton

Silverton — Members of Marion county Pomona Grange, Mrs. Ida Benson, master, and Mrs. Mildred Bateson, lecturer, as official hostesses, held a picnic Sunday in Silverton city park, with only a social time, recreations and games the program for the afternoon.

Attending were Mrs. Demma Cline, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. George Benson and Barbara and Frances, Mrs. W. M. Tate, Kieth Johnson, Mrs. Ben Gifford, Mrs. Marie Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Specht, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sander, Kracencia Galloway, Frank Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Krenz, Mr. and Mrs. Verney Scott, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. John Maulding, Ira Loran, Lura Finley, Hannah Hetschel, Fred Hetschel, Elizabeth Lambrecht, Lena M. Lambrecht, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. J. McNallie, Mary Martha McNallie, Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Hickox, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Rice, Clarence Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Beugli, Mr. and Mrs. Archie C. Shaw, Mrs. Cornelius Bateson, Clarence Overholt, Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. J. W. Andrews, Mrs. H. Steinberger, Miss Rose Specht.

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## RADIO PROGRAMS

TUESDAY—P.M.				
KGW	KOIN	KEX	KSLM	KOCO
630 NBC	970 CDB	1190 BC	1390 MBC	1490 LBB
2:00 Welcome Train	News	Mary Margaret	Music	Russ Morgan
2:15 Welcome Train	Arthur Godfrey	McBride	Music	Vera
2:30 News	Arthur Godfrey	Barney Keen	News	Stu U. Want
2:45 News	Arthur Godfrey	Barney Keen	Answer Man	Stu U. Want
3:00 Dr. Paul	Arthur Godfrey	Stara Sing	Fulton Lewis	Frank DeVal
3:15 Life Beautiful	Arthur Godfrey	Squirrel Cage	Hemingway	J. Vandercak
3:30 Homesteaders	Music	Curly Casper	Behind Story	Old Scotchman
3:45 Music	Don Hollenbeck	Merrie Circle	News	1135 84 Hour
4:00 News	World Today	Merrie Circle	Chet Hansen	1135 84 Hour
4:15 Music	Frank Goss	Chet Hansen	Bobby Benson	U. N. News
4:30 Varieties	Pursell	West Headlines	Gabrielle	Candillett & Miller
4:45 Varieties	Pursell	From Edition	N. W. News	Twelve Story
5:00 Jack Pearl	Bickerson	Frank Race	Answer Man	News
5:15 Jack Pearl	Bickerson	Frank Race	Sam Hayes	Twelve Story
5:30 Hardy Family	Hollywood	Mr. Mercury	Family Doctor	News
5:45 Music	Music	Mr. Mercury	Sam Hayes	News
6:00 Man's Family	World Tonight	Black Night	Man of Liberty	Douglass Hope
6:15 News	Mr. & Mrs. North	Black Night	Man of Liberty	Baseball
6:30 American	North	Black Night	Man of Liberty	Baseball
6:45 Portrait	North	Black Night	Man of Liberty	Baseball
7:00 It's Hestia Sir	Operation	News Meeting	Glen Hardy	Baseball
7:15 It's Hestia Sir	Underground	News Meeting	Fulton Lewis	Baseball
7:30 Big Town	Was Works	Good Listening	Music	Baseball
7:45 Big Town	Was Works	Good Listening	Music	Baseball
8:00 Reporter	Final Edition	Final Edition	I Love Mystery	Baseball
8:15 Reporter	Final Edition	Final Edition	I Love Mystery	Baseball
8:30 Sports Page	You and World	Good Listening	1900 Plus	Baseball
8:45 Current	Chatter	Good Listening	1900 Plus	Baseball
9:00 News	Mel Baldwin	Good Listening	2000 Plus	Baseball
9:15 Orchestra	Mel Baldwin	Good Listening	2000 Plus	Baseball
9:30 Music	Treasures Band	Good Listening	2000 Plus	Baseball
9:45 Music	Treasures Band	Good Listening	2000 Plus	Baseball
10:00 News Off	Music	Good Listening	2000 Plus	Baseball

## WEDNESDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00 Clock Watcher	News	Farm News	Form News	West's Melodine
6:15 Clock Watcher	News	Farm News	Form News	West's Melodine
6:30 Farm Time	News	Farm News	Form News	West's Melodine
6:45 News	News	Farm News	Form News	West's Melodine
7:00 News	News	Farm News	Form News	West's Melodine
7:15 Country Editor	News	Farm News	Form News	West's Melodine
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8:00 Old Songs	News	Farm News	Form News	West's Melodine
8:15 Old Songs	News	Farm News	Form News	West's Melodine
8:30 Old Songs	News	Farm News	Form News	West's Melodine
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## DIAL LISTING, KOAC, 550

KOAC Tuesday 9 a.m.—2:00, Oregon; 2:45, Meditations; Music: 11:00, News; 8:00, Children's Theater; 5:30, Thru; 6:00, News; 6:15, Dinner Melodies; 7:15, Farm Hour; 8:00, Music of Castles; 8:30, Holland Callers; 8:45, News; 9:00, Music Talk; 9:15, News; 9:30, Oregon Reporter.

## Time Marches On

Miami, Fla., Aug. 1 (UP)—No longer will the ice cream wagon playing nursery tunes roll through residential sections of Miami.

Paul F. Parsons, 44, and William C. Rewak, 45, who used music boxes to let the kids know the ice cream man was coming, were arrested yesterday under a city ordinance prohibiting sound trucks.

They were fined \$25 each and costs.

## Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Animal's stomach	1. Pertaining to vinegar
2. Strike violently	2. African worm
3. Mud volcano	3. Ran out of control
4. Arabian garment	4. Upper story of a barn
5. Self	5. Mice
6. Pertaining to Mars	6. Short sleep
7. Fortune	7. Last straw of a bride
8. Sleep sorely	8. Mediterranean
9. Catkin	9. Inlet of the sea
10. Joke	10. Soothing
11. Scarce	11. Aed
12. Tear on a seam	12. Constellation
13. Epic poem	13. Inlet of the sea
14. Kind of Turkish tobacco	14. Turmeric
15. Groove	15. Secret military agent

## Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Pertaining to vinegar	1. Paper in initial stage of manufacture
2. African worm	2. Russian peasant
3. Ran out of control	3. Rugged mountain
4. Upper story of a barn	4. American general
5. Mice	5. Half emus
6. Short sleep	6. Complained
7. Last straw of a bride	7. Variety of tartaric acid
8. Mediterranean	8. Not at home
9. Inlet of the sea	9. Pigeon
10. Soothing	10. Manner
11. Aed	11. Entire quantity of the dove
12. Constellation	12. Hawaiian goose
13. Inlet of the sea	13. Those who adjust the clock
14. Turmeric	14. More faithful
15. Secret military agent	15. Maritime volcano
	16. Type of automobile
	17. Obsolete
	18. Drop ball
	19. Epoch
	20. Central part
	21. Pinch

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