

GUNMAN'S BLUFF

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Margaret Lafferre, engaged to be married to Luke Maddison, is with him when he encounters Gunner Haynes, an American crook, in a London hotel lobby, Danford Morrell, a friend of Margaret's brother, Rex, is watching them, and wonders if Gunner recognizes him after seven years. That night Rex is found dead and by his side a note addressed to his sister saying that he had been killed by taking Luke Maddison's advice. Rex had told Maddison later that Morrell called a check for \$18,000 signed by Maddison.

Margaret does not know that her husband is a crook, but she keeps her promise to marry him.

After the wedding Margaret is asked to go to the Thames embankment, trying to guess what the trouble is. Luke regains consciousness two weeks later in a hospital, with nothing to indicate his identity. He has a heavy beard and the hospital people call him Smith, a name which he decides to keep and see what happens. The nurse comes into his room with the announcement that a friend wishes to see him.

A messenger from Connors calls at the hospital, gives him \$25.00 and the address of a Mrs. Fraser, with whom he is to take rooms.

Margaret in the meantime has a telegram from Paris signed "Luke," which she doubts as genuine. Danford Morrell calls on her to try to get some money. She tells him that she has given all the money back to her husband's firm, which is allowing her an allowance to live on. She believes that Luke has gone to his favorite resort in Spain and intends to join him there.

While Morrell and Margaret are talking Gunner Haynes is announced. He admits that he is a jewel thief and just tried to do him a favor and he wants to return it if possible. He asks if Danford Morrell is a friend of hers, and also why her husband has left her.

Margaret sees Luke driving in a car with a fair haired girl. She does not recognize her husband, but she overhears someone say that the girl is Joan Gray, the cleverest crook in London. Luke drives her to the front of a jewelry store and waits at the curb until she comes out. She rushes from the store with a man at her heels. They get away and next day Luke is amazed to read in the papers that Joan has robbed the store of a diamond necklace and has been driven away in a car with a bearded man. He unwittingly has been made an accomplice of thieves, and considers heading to Spain, but realizes that he has no passport.

Luke, learning that the police are looking for a man with a beard who drove the car in the jewel robbery, shaves all off except his mustache. He also learns from his landlady that Danford Morrell is well known to the underworld as a crook. Before he gets over his surprise at this disclosure, two men burst in on him both members of Connors gang. A fight follows and Luke throws both men out into the street.

Now go on with the story.

Luke closed the door with some difficulty, for the fall of the man against the partition had thrown the door out of true. Mrs. Fraser was very pale and her breath was coming quickly.

"I've never known them Lewings to do that before. I wouldn't be surprised if they didn't start a fire."

They had taken his course before, Luke learned to his horror—that explained the new annex to the house.

339 Ginnett street was obviously Connor's headquarters. The place had never been raided—for the matter of that it had never held a cent's worth of stolen property.

First he must see Jack Hulbert, that same solicitor of his. It struck him that there was a possibility of Jack not being alone. The telephone, of course! He stopped at the first public booth and put through a call. And here it was he was thankful to Mrs. Fraser for her coppers.

The voice of Mr. Hulbert's servant answered him.

"I want to speak to Mr. Hulbert," he said, and to his horror the reply came.

"Mr. Hulbert is not in England, sir. he has gone to Berlin for a holiday and will not be back until next week. Who is speaking?"

Luke for the moment was speechless.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that I, Gertrude Humphrey, have been appointed administratrix of the estate of Ross Humphrey deceased, late of Jasper, Oregon. All persons having claims against his estate should present the same to me at the office of S. D. Allen, Attorney, Eugene, duly verified, within six months from this date, May 1, 1930.

GERTRUDE HUMPHREY,
Administratrix
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FOUR-H WORKERS HAVE BETTER HOME WEEK EXHIBIT AT EUGENE

The Four-H club house at the Lane county fair grounds has been transformed into a model home. The home features a model kitchen and bedroom, which has been arranged by the club members with the assistance of several rural women's organizations and Eugene merchants. The women of the grange organizations in the county are serving as hostesses during the week of the exhibition.

The week has been divided into five parts, each demonstrating some phase of home development.

Monday was Eugene Merchants' day and they decorated their windows with necessities for the homemakers.

Tuesday was taken up with rural water systems. Professor W. J. Gilmore of the Oregon State College, presented a demonstration of the various types of water systems and explained the types best suited for certain localities and conditions.

Wednesday and Thursday have been set aside for consideration of the proper selection of books and magazines for the home. This will be in charge of the Eugene library.

Friday will be taken up with a demonstration of table service, table setting, menu making, table decoration, by the home economics department of the Eugene high school, and a demonstration which will be conducted by the Rural home makers.

Saturday will be the final day of the demonstrations. The day will be devoted largely to personal problems in connection with the home. It will also be devoted to proper arrangement and decoration. The kitchen and bedroom will be shown for the last time.

The demonstration is being conducted in conjunction with the national Better Homes Week campaign, which is headed by many prominent national officials.

UPPER WILLAMETTE

An all day meeting of the Pleasant Hill women's club was held at the home of Mrs. C. E. Jordan, Wednesday, April 25. Miss Gertrude Skow Lome demonstrator, instructed the ladies in the art of dress renovation. A pot luck dinner was served at noon. Those present were Mrs. Ernest E. Schrenck, Mrs. F. F. Cooper, Mrs. Allan Wheeler, Mrs. Beulah Carothers, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Willard Cornelius, Mrs. Charles Neitz, Mrs. Morton L. Bristow, Mrs. Mable Kabler, Miss Anna V. Danks, Mrs. Andy Olson, Mrs. E. W. Drew, Mrs. Ross Matthews, Mrs. E. F. Lattin, Mrs. Maggie Stewart, Mrs. O. Stutz, Mrs. Ralph Laird, Mrs. J. W. Jameson, Mrs. P. N. Laird, Mrs. Leta Wheeler, Mrs. Eva Jarden, Mrs. Ludwig Miller, Mrs. Jordan and Miss Skow.

Allalfa in the Stenvale district is looking very good. P. N. Laird, who has 40 acres in allalfa, has created a new bar to handle the crop.

While working at the Jed Wheeler mill last week, Jessie Carothers caught his foot and leg between two logs. The leg was badly crushed and the ankle bone broken.

Miss Dorothy Jordan, who has been visiting at the home of her uncle, C. E. Jordan, returned to her home in Portland last week.

The ladies aid of Fall Creek will give a play—Eighteen Carrot Boob, at the Pleasant Hill high school on Friday night, May 1, at 8:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Dalbert Harden received word that her husband, who is employed at Burns, is suffering from a relapse of the flu.

Miss Nancy Barnum, who has been sick for the past two months, has recovered enough to go to Lovine and Central to visit relatives.

There was a good crowd at the entertainment given at Goshon last week by the ladies of the Goshon grange.

W. K. BARNELL SUFFERS INJURIES TO BOTH EYES

W. K. Barnell suffered painful injuries to both of his eyes here on Monday evening when an electric flash from a high voltage air gap switch temporarily blinded him and burned his eyes. He was taken to an eye specialist in Eugene immediately and was able to return to his work at the power plant on Wednesday morning.

The accident occurred when Mr. Barnell went into the sub-station on Monday to do some repair work, and thinking that the power was off, he attempted to pull open a switch. A cross current was running through the switch which caused the flash.

THURSTON

The ladies aid members motored to Eugene last Thursday and met with Mrs. Arch Shough for an all day meeting.

The high school play The Path of True Love, given at the hall last Friday evening, was greatly enjoyed by a large audience. The proceeds amounted to nearly fifty dollars.

Many people are motoring to the McKenzie Blossom Farm now to see the beautiful display of tulips. There are seventy different varieties in bloom. This is owned and operated by the Conley Brothers.

Loren Edmiston left Tuesday for Oakland, California, after visiting home folk and friends for two weeks. Mrs. Ines Flanigan spent the past

week end at Mrs. Bert Weaver's.

The high school is invited to Vida next Friday to celebrate May day.

A. W. Weaver lost one of his fine Holstein cows Tuesday evening by bloating with alfalfa.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Price and son from Noti visited at John Price's last Sunday.

The Thurston Sunday school and Walthamville Sunday school tied in the contest which has been going on for the past three months to have the district banner for the next three months. This is given to the school who has the highest per cent in studied lessons and Bibles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edmiston's sons, Loren and James, and Mrs. Jennie Edmiston motored to Junction City last Sunday where they visited with relatives.

On Wednesday evening the teachers of the week day Bible school are putting on a demonstration at the church.

BIG GASOLINE SAVING IS FOUND POSSIBLE

The average motorist in Oregon could save nearly the cost of his license in the course of a year

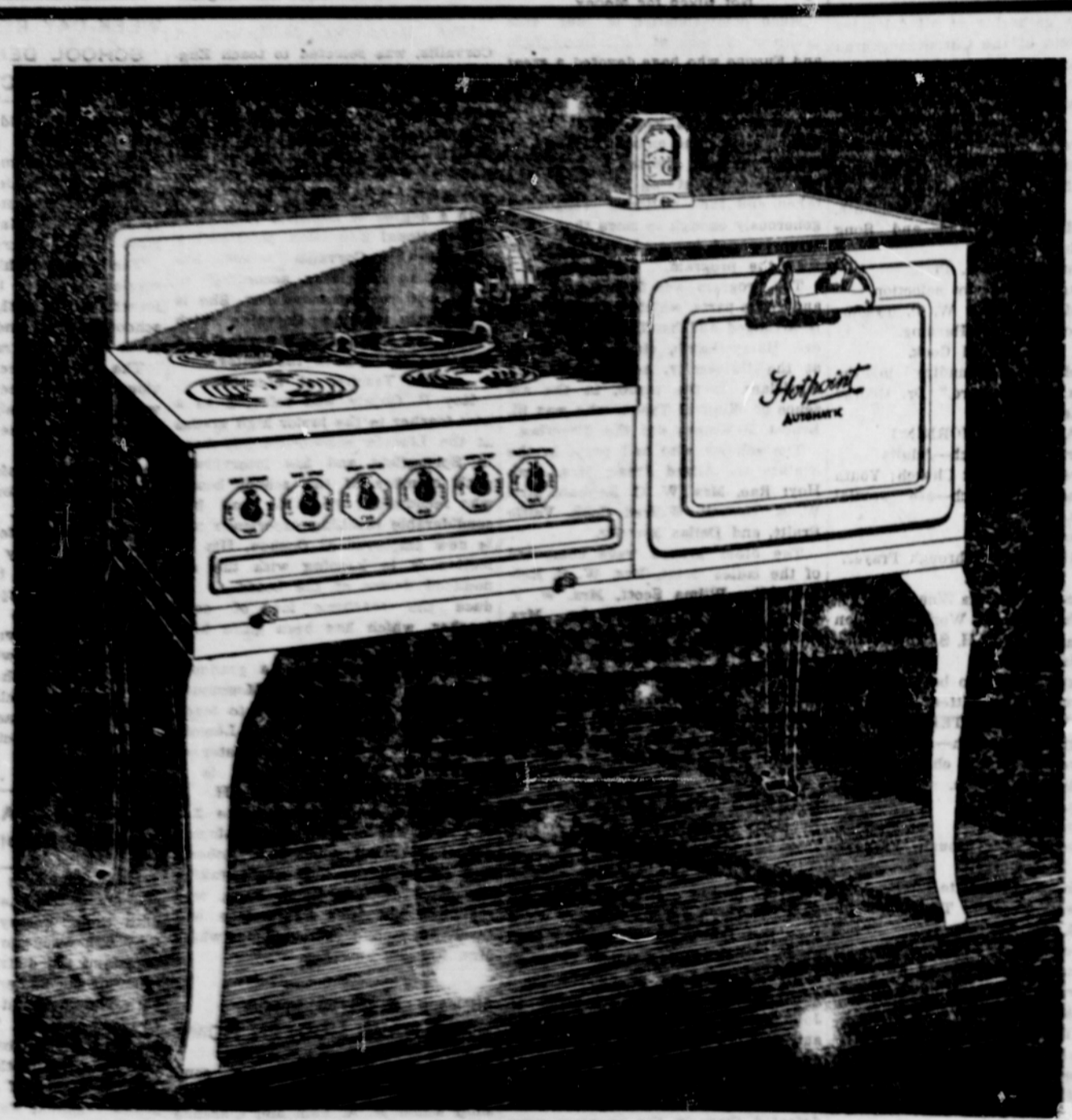
through scientific adjustment of his carburetor, according to results of careful tests on this subject by the engineering department at the Oregon State college and just published in bulletin form.

The plan of adjustment tested out by S. H. Graf and G. W. Gleason, of the mechanics and materials department, consists of testing the exhaust gases of automobiles and adjusting the carburetor to the point where combustion is most complete for power and efficiency. Simple apparatus for making such tests is available but has not been put in general use by garages.

Seventy-one passenger cars and trucks of all sorts were tested and re-adjusted, some of them immediately after having had the carburetors set by the present "sight and sound" method. In every case savings in gas were effected ranging from 1.9 per cent to 10.1 per cent and averaging 27.7 per cent for passenger cars and 22.3 per cent for trucks.

In 1929 Oregon motorists burned 152 million gallons of gasoline. A 20 per cent saving on this total would amount to more than 30 million gallons annually which at even 15c a gallon would mean a saving of \$4,500,000 a year.

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