

# Casual Slaughters

By VIRGINIA HANSON

Chapter 21  
Room For The Night

"What do you mean, Julia?" he asked, his eyes on her, intent and watchful.

"No one but me seemed aware of the bright inquiring eyes of the landlady.

"Isn't there somewhere we can talk that isn't so public?" I put in hurriedly, and she led us to the parlor. Then a car drove up and she excused herself, reluctantly, I thought.

Perhaps I should have gone too, but it didn't occur to me at the time. I closed the door and stood against it watching and listening. Remembering all that Julia had just told me, and trying to make up my mind about Jeff.

He turned to face Julia, standing closer to her now and looking at her as if there were only the two of them in the room.

"What do you mean, Julia?" he repeated gravely.

"I mean that Ivan was murdered last night," she said fiercely. If it was news to them they did not betray the fact. "And they're already saying there must be some reason for your rushing off and getting married in such a hurry. That—that maybe Sandra did it to protect you!"

Jeff looked as if he still did not understand until Sandra broke into cool, deliberate speech.

"And what if I did? Wasn't that better than being forced to tell about the time you knocked Ivan down in my apartment? And about your seeing us together on the barge last night? Oh, it was very noble of Julia to pretend she had caught us in a compromising position and was covering it up, especially when she knew you'd already seen what there was to see."

"And what was that?" asked Jeff tonelessly.

"Just Ivan trying to persuade me to run away with him, and taking it rather badly when I refused. But you would believe the worst—just as you did the time you knocked him down."

"Never Mind"

"YOU may recall that I thought he was annoying you. And it may interest you to know that I did not see you last night on the barge."

"Oh, what's the use of talking about it? I did what I thought was best. And I don't really see what business it is of Julia's when we choose to get married."

He continued to look at her for a minute, with no expression whatever in his eyes, while Julia turned and walked proudly toward the door. But before she had quite reached it she spoke her name, and she stopped and waited. He came over to her then and, putting a hand on each shoulder, turned her around until she looked up and met his eyes.

"Do you think I killed Ivan?" he demanded.

"I know you didn't," she answered quietly.

"Thanks."

In the instant's pause before he dropped his hands from her shoulders something very much like grief showed in his eyes.

The landlady met us at the door.

"Now about the room—" she began brightly. But Sandra's voice behind us cut her short.

"Never mind about the room. I've changed my mind. We won't be needing it after all."

Julia was quiet on the drive back to the post, but not with the heavy quiet of despair. For almost the first time since I had known her there was a light in her eyes. I asked her to be dropped at the club. She must have sensed my unspoken question about what she planned to do, for she said, "It's all right now. I can go home. There are announcements to send out and letter to write—Mimi and I will put a good face on this if it can be put. Kay, what is she trying to do to him? But it's all right. You saw him look at me. She can't hurt him. It's all right."

I wasn't sure what she meant, but I was glad something had comforted her. I watched her drive away. Then I went to my rooms and slept.

A light, almost timid rapping at my door woke me. I had been dreaming that I was trapped in a burning car. The fire was all outside, kept away from me by the glass windows which I dared not open, and I was crying hotter and hotter. Suddenly Gerald was beating at a window, trying to break it in, and I was trying to him to stop, that he would only make things worse.

I woke trembling, to find that the sun had dipped to the level of the western window and was doing its best to make hay of me. The gapping continued. I swung my feet to the floor and called, "Come in."

Adam entered, looking none too sure of his welcome.

"I'm sorry I woke you up," he said. "I came to apologize for my behavior last night."

He was carrying a manilla folder, manuscript size. He laid it on my table but he did not take his eyes from my face.

To be continued

YESTERDAY: To spare heart-broken Julia her family's curiosity, Kay takes her to Fieldstone Inn for lunch. On the way, Julia says that she knows Sandra will make Jeff unhappy.

## On the Radio Chains

STATIONS  
Where to Find Them on the Dial:  
KEX, 1100, Portland, KSL, 640, Los Angeles; KGA, 1470, Spokane; KGO, 790, San Francisco; KGW, 150, Portland; KJR, 920, Seattle; KNN, 1050, Los Angeles; KOA, 430, Denver; KOIN, 940, Portland; KOMO, 920, Seattle; KPO, 630, San Francisco; KSL, 1120, Salt Lake.

Thursday:  
5:00—Single and Swingin', KGO, KEX, KJR, Music Hall, KPO, KGW, Major Bowes, KNX, KOIN, KSL, 6:00—Barner Shop Quartet, KGO; Miller's Orch., KNX, KOIN, KSL, News, KEX.  
6:30—News of the War, KNX, KOIN, KSL, Easy Aces, KGO, KEX, KJR, Concert, KPO, KGW.  
7:00—Fred Waring, KPO, KGW, Amos and Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN, KEX, KJR, Music Hall, KPO, KGW, 7:30—Dorsey's Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR, Ask-It-Basket, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Good News of 1940, KPO, KGW.  
8:00—Strange as It Seems, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Aldrich Family, KPO, KGW; News, KEX.  
8:30—Symphony Hour, KPO, KGW; Herbeck's Orch., KSL; Answer Auction, KNX, KOIN; Baseball Game, KGO.  
9:00—Paul Sullivan, KSL, KOIN, KOIN.  
9:30—Hamilton's Orch., KPO, KGW; Goodman's Orch., KOIN.  
10:00—Reporter, KPO, KGW; Goodman's Orch., KNX.  
10:30—Safety First, KPO; Hargis's Orch., KGW; Richard's Orch., KSL.

KNX, KOIN, Prim, KEX, 11:00—Owen's Orch., KPO; This Moving World, KEX, Bume's Orch., KSL, KOIN; News, KGO, KGW.  
Friday:  
5:00—Dant's Music, KGO, KJR, KEX, Waiter Time, KPO, KGW; Brazilian's Orch., KNX.  
5:30—Kogen's Orch., KGO, KJR; What's My Name?, KPO, KGW; Drama, KNX, KSL, KOIN.  
6:00—Public Affairs, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Don Ameche, KPO, KGW; News, KEX; Fibert Philharmonic, KGO.  
6:30—Al Pearce, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Quiz Kids, KPO, KGW; Concert Orch., KGO, KEX.  
7:00—Fred Waring, KPO, KGW; Amos and Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Johnny Messner's Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX.  
7:30—Johnny Presents, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Byrd Expedition, KGO, KEX, KJR; Show Boat, KPO, KGW.  
8:00—Treasure Island Varieties, KPO, Sports, KGO; Chester's Orch., KNX, KOIN, KSL; News Here and Abroad, KGW.  
8:30—Death Valley Days, KPO, KGW; Baseball Game, KGO; Gray's Orch., KNX, KOIN, KSL.  
9:00—Big Town, KPO; Dorsey's Orch., KGO; Paul Sullivan, KNX, KSL, KOIN.  
9:30—King's Orch., KOIN; Music by Woodbury, KPO, KGW; Ravazza's Orch., KGO, KEX.  
10:00—Reporter, KPO, KGW; Goodman's Orch., KNX.  
10:30—Sudy's Orch., KEX; Owen's Orch., KPO, KGW; Richard's Orch., KSL, KOIN.

## Gov. Olson Gets Told Where to Go

Sacramento, Cal., July 17.—(AP)—Lieutenant Governor Ellis Patterson yesterday said he told Gov. Culbert Olson "to go to hell" when Olson telephoned him from Chicago and suggested Patterson resign to further the governor's chances of being nominated for vice president.

## Boy 'Kidnaps' Self To Get Pony Money

Detroit, July 17.—(AP)—Eleven-year-old Raymond DiClare forgot when he planned his own "kidnaping" that boys of his age get hungry, so now he won't get his pony after all.

## Enlistment Okeh If No Oath Taken

Washington, July 18.—(AP)—The justice department said today that United States citizens in Great Britain need not fear loss of citizenship by enlisting in the Royal Air Force, so long as they do not take an oath of citizenship to a foreign power.

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Bahia, Brazil, July 18.—(AP) Passengers arriving from Europe on the Brazilian liner Pocomo said today that Salvador Dali, Spanish surrealist painter, had been arrested in Spain on charges of opposing the regime of General Franco.

## Pioneer Called

Eugene, July 18.—(AP)—A member of a pioneer Portland family, Mrs. Moriah Emily Shaver, 83, died here today at the home of her daughter, Mrs.

## Warships Due In Rio

Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, July 18.—(AP)—Four U. S. warships are expected Friday. The cruisers Wichita and Quincy are now at Santos, Brazil, after visits to Montevideo, Uruguay and Rio Grande, Brazil, and the destroyers Waikie and Wainwright are en route from Belen, Uruguay.

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## Dali Presented in New York

March, 1939, an exhibition of paintings bearing such titles as "Debris of an automobile giving birth to a blind horse biting a telephone."

## THE WORLD AT ITS WORST



By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

7-19

AFTER TALKING PRETTY BIG TO A TRUCK DRIVER, COUNTING ON PUTTING MANY MILES OF OPEN COUNTRY BETWEEN YOU BEFORE HE COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR OFFER TO TAKE A POKE AT HIM, YOU ARE HELD UP BY ROAD CONSTRUCTION AROUND THE NEXT BEND

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



THOMAS HOWELL— Oregon botanist, SPENT 21 YEARS PRODUCING A SINGLE BOOK— "A FLORA OF NORTHWEST AMERICA" HE GATHERED, CLASSIFIED AND DESCRIBED 3150 SPECIES THEN LEARNED TO SET TYPE AND PRINTED THE BOOK HIMSELF! (316 PAGES)

CHAMELEON OF THE SEA! THE LING COD—NOT A TRUE COD, CHANGES ITS COLOR TO MATCH ITS SURROUNDINGS

NIMATRON— ONE-TON MENTAL MACHINE, IS AN EXPERT AT THE OLD CHINESE GAME OF "NIM"! IT TAKES ANOTHER EXPERT TO BEAT IT! -Westinghouse Exhibit, N.Y. World's Fair-

IN 69 YEARS-- THE SPRING VALLEY ANTI-HORSE THIEF SOCIETY, Oxfordville, Wis., HAS CAUGHT AND CONVICTED ONLY ONE HORSE THIEF!

21-YEAR BOOK  
Thomas Howell had only three months' schooling, but he held a great desire to describe all the flora of the Pacific Northwest in one great book. He did it in 21 years and today his work is recognized as the only complete authority for Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Howell did all the work alone, even learning to set the type. The result was a volume of 816 pages, describing 2,370 flowering plants and 780 trees, shrubs, sedges, and rushes, 89 previously unidentified. It appeared in print in 1897 and today is a rare collector's item. Tomorrow: Aerial Warfare in South America!

## TAILSPIN TOMMY "A Bolt From the Blue!"



By HAL FORREST

TRAPPED WITH BETTY LOU, IN THE ADOBE, AS BERRANDO'S HENCHMEN BATTER AGAINST THE DOOR, TOMMY VAINLY RADIOS SKEETER TO ASCERTAIN IF HIS FIRST CALL GOT THROUGH 7-18-40

SKEETER! SKEETER! WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER ME??? IT'S NO USE, BETTY LOU... THE RADIO'S DEAD

COME ON, YOU GUYS! PUT SOME WEIGHT BEHIND IT AND CRASH THAT DOOR IN!

YOU FELLOWS OUTSIDE! THIS IS THE PAY-OFF! THROW DOWN YOUR GUNS OR OUR BOMBS WILL START DROPPING BOMBS!

YEAH?... THAT BLUFF AIN'T SO HOT! LET'S SEE YOUR PLANES DROP SOME BOMBS!

BLAR-RMM!

## BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Needle in a Haystack!



By EDWIN ALGER

DOG-GONE! THERE SHE GOES AGIN! BLOWOUT?

THERE, NOW—LEMMIE BE 'CAUSE THIS HERE'S A ONE-MAN JOB, BUT S'POSIN' BETWEX YOU RUSTLE SOME COFFEE

OKAY, MR. PICKENS-

SEE, LOTS OF TRUCKERS AROUND HERE—WONDER IF ANY OF THEM HAVE SEEN RUSTY?

...RED-HEADED KID WHO HITCHED A RIDE? GOSH, SON, MORE'N A THOUSAND TRUCKS RIDE THIS HIGHWAY—YOU'RE LOOKIN' FER A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK!

## THE NEBBS—The Big Night



By SOL HESS

SOPHIE IS ENTERTAINING HER FOLKS AT DINNER. EMBERT IS TOO BUSY MAKING PILLS TO JOIN THEM

PA YOU BETTER START OUT WITH SOME SOUP—GOT BEAN SOUP—YOUR FAVORITE

NOPE, I AIN'T GOING TO DULL MY APPETITE WITH NO SOUP WHEN THERE'S STEAK—IT'S A LONG TIME SINCE I EVEN SNIFFED A STEAK

LAST TIME I HAD IT WAS WHEN OUR COW JENNIE BROKE HER LEG AND WE HAD TO SHOOT HER

YES AND YOU ET YOURSELF INTO DYSPEPSIA, SO BETTER BE CAREFUL

LOOK AT SOPHIE'S OLD MAN—HE THINKS A NAPKIN IS A MUFFLER AND IF IT WASN'T FOR HOLDING HIS MEAT STILL WHEN HE CUTS IT HE COULD THROW HIS FORK AWAY!

## ARMY MODERNIZED BY JAN. 1, CLAIM

Washington, July 18.—(AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, predicted today that the army's full 16 divisions will be equipped completely with modern weapons by January 1. Tremendous strides are being made in the rearmament program, Marshall said at a press conference.

The 16 divisions which he

## Vice Raid Nets

Portland, July 17.—(AP)—Vice operatives arrested 36 persons, more than half of them women, in a series of west side raids last night. Eight women were accused of vagrancy and the other persons detained were involved in gambling counts.