

THE SACRED DAGGER

by Rita Moller Hanson

YESTERDAY: What should have been a comparatively simple trip into the Anasazi desert to meet her father and mother has become a series of almost incredible adventures for Anne Willard. But now Pete Mackey has flown her to their camp, and although the man she is most interested in, Blaze Sherwood, has disappeared, she is greeted by Phil—whom she is engaged to marry.

Chapter 19

Unexcused Arrival

IT WAS a little difficult, meeting so many people she had known only in her mother's letters, but it was soon over for Anne.

She found Beth Huff looking happier than she had expected. Diana looking less beautiful and more human, young Larry Huff rosy of cheek and unvamped in manner. Dr. Louis Martaine colorful and cold of eye. Philip seemed a bit worn, she thought, as if the responsibility of the work during her father's absence was proving too much for him.

Pete refused to stay even long enough for a cocktail.

"But I'll be back in a day or two," he said with a special look for Anne, "and I'll bring the stuff the Emir gave you."

"I don't think I want it," she replied.

"You may—I'll bring it—and a letter," he added. She had noticed him looking at Philip with critical eyes. The stoop of his narrow shoulders, his fussy, nervous manner—making unfavorable comparisons.

"This girl hasn't had much to eat," he declared to the others. "You'd better feed her and put her to bed." Anne felt ready for bed. An eight-day fast, and then on top of everything else the let-down of finding her parents absent.

Philip and the doctor each gave her an arm and walked her to the big tent that had been her parents' living quarters. Already it was covered with a fly of reeds in preparation for the summer's heat. She noticed a native squatting beside the door. As they approached he rose and bowed.

"Doddap," she gasped. "How did you get here?"

"I walked," he said simply. "Today?"

"Today, I look after you now." "Did you come across the Bekkan Bula Depression from Arishar?"

She saw he didn't want to talk about it, but he answered. "I came the shortest way."

"Then you passed by our camp, Doddap. We saw you. Why didn't you stop?"

"Now I look after you," he said, and that was all she could get out of him.

Diana remarked curiously, "You seem to know this man."

"We met him on the desert," Anne answered and let Beth lead her into the tent. She sat down on a cot. Some one took off her shoes. Another made her comfortable with pillows. The Chinese cook brought her a cup of broth, and while she drank it, Beth explained about the lama's arrival.

"The strangest thing," she said, "Diana and I were planning a tramp down to the dig. We stepped out on the porch and in the space between two of the tents we saw him striding across the desert."

"What did he say?" demanded her husband impatiently.

"If I heard what I think I heard, he said, 'American girl comes through the air. She is hungry. You must feed her.'"

The others laughed again, but they were puzzled. "Then," Beth finished, "he walked over here and squatted down by the tent door as if he'd come home, and began gnawing on a cheese he carried."

The doctor turned to Anne. "You spoke of meeting this fellow on the desert?"

"That was more than a week ago—beyond Arishar," she answered. "But we may have seen him pass our camp this morning. Doddap is a good little man. You needn't be afraid of him."

She refused a second cup of broth. For a moment the talk died down. She realized they were all curious to know just what her adventures had been.

Argument

"HOW on earth did your pilot get hold of an airplane from Shani Lunt?" Diana asked.

Anne avoided everyone's eyes. "Gregory Sherwood was with us."

"What? Gregory Sherwood?" cried Diana. Larry whistled. Philip Oliver's brow clouded.

"That renegade!" "Oh, say," protested Larry. "I wouldn't go that far."

"He's a thorough scoundrel," Philip persisted. "A scientist with any sense of ethics doesn't interfere with another man's expedition."

Diana laughed a bit self-consciously. "He may be a scoundrel as a scientist, but as a man he has his points. I was once engaged to him."

Anne looked at her with a start. Beth asked an edge to her voice. "Why didn't you marry him?"

"I changed my mind. He's the most headstrong man I ever knew in my life."

"And our enemy," said Anne. "Not mine," denied Diana. "The enemy of this expedition."

Diana shrugged. "It's like politics—still friends though belonging to opposite parties."

Tooth Trouble Double

Kearney, Neb.—(UP)—Three steps from the dentist's door. Robert Drummy, 13, State Industrial school inmate, decided to postpone the extraction of an aching tooth. The youth hid in a machine shed until the proper time to return to the dormitory. He misjudged the "proper time" and an alarm was issued, with Drummy being sought as an escapee.

Wristlet Wireless

London.—(UP)—A wristlet wireless broadcasting set to help rescuers to locate people trapped beneath wreckage is being tested by the Home Office in London. Anyone wearing the instrument, which weighs six ounces and is three inches in diameter, can send out oscillations on a fixed wavelength by slight pressure on a celluloid strip.

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:

Where to find them on the dial:
KEX, 1190, Portland; KFI, 640 Los Angeles; KGA, 1510, Spokane; KGO, 810, San Francisco; KGW, 620, Portland; KJR, 1000, Seattle; KNS, 1070, Los Angeles; KOA, 850, Denver; KOIN, 970, Portland; KOMO, 950, Seattle; KPO, 630, San Francisco; KSL, 1160, Salt Lake.

Time shown is PST

Monday

5:00 p. m.—Radio Theater, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Dr. I. Q. Jim McClain, KPO, KGW, KOMO; String Ensemble, KGO, KEX, KJR.
5:30 p. m.—Drama Behind the News, KGO, KEX, KJR; Floyd Wright, KPO; Stars of Today, KGW.
6:00 p. m.—Guy Lombardo's Orchestra, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Gordon Jenkins Orchestra, KGO, KEX; Contented Hour, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Scandinavian News, KJR.
6:30 p. m.—Cavalcade of America, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Blondie, KNX, KSL, KOIN; National Radio Forum, KJR; Mingo Bonaldi, KGO; Shall We Waltz, KEX.
7:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Fred Waring, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Voice of Hawaii, KGO, KEX; Greater Washington Hour, KJR.
7:30 p. m.—I Love a Mystery, KGO.

KEX, KJR; Gay Nineties Revue, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Harry James Orchestra, KOMO; American Challenge, KPO; Richard Himber's Orchestra, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Those We Love, KNX, KOIN, KSL; The Amateur Hour, KGO; Sports, KEX; Buy Washington, KJR.
8:00 p. m.—Point Sublime, KPO, KOMO, KGW; What's On Your Mind, KSL, KNX, KOIN; American Challenge, KEX; Concert Hall, KJR.
9:00 p. m.—Paul Sullivan, KNX, KOIN; Fantasy in Melody, KEX; Memory Book, KGO; Hawthorne House, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Hot Stove League, KJR; Hymn Service, KSL.
9:30 p. m.—Eddie LeBaron's Orchestra, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Beautiful Music, KGO, KEX; News, KJR, KSL.
10:00 p. m.—Ray Noble's Orchestra, KNX; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Bath Street Chamber Music, KGO, KEX, KJR; News, KOIN; Masterworks of Music, KSL.
10:30 p. m.—Ed Stocker, KGO, KOMO, KGW; KSL; National Radio Forum, KGO; Masterworks of Music, KNX; Eyes of the World, KOIN.
11:00 p. m.—Carl Ravazza's Orchestra, KSL, KOIN; Chuck Porter's Orchestra, KPO, KOMO; This Moring World, KEX; News, KGO, KGW; Fishing News, KJR; Knox Manning, KNX.
Tuesday
5:00 p. m.—Speaking of Glamour, KEX.

KOW; Streamline Journal, KGO, KJR; Waite With Us, KPO; Second Husband, KNX, KOIN; Allen Roth's Orchestra, KEX; Arboretum Talk, KOMO; Bible Quiz, KSL.
5:30 p. m.—Drama Behind the News, KGO, KEX, KJR; Fibber McGee, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Invitation to Learning, KSL, KNX, KOIN.
6:00 p. m.—Bob Hope, KPO, KOMO, KGW; New American Music, KGO, KEX; Glenn Miller's Orchestra, KOIN, KNX, KSL.
6:30 p. m.—College Humor, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Uncle Jim's Question Box, KGO, KJR, KEX; Joan Edwards, KOIN, KNX, KSL.
7:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Fred Waring, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Grand Central Station, KGO, KEX, KJR.
7:30 p. m.—Information Please, KGO, KEX, KJR; Johnny Presents, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Court of Missing Heirs, KNX, KOIN, KSL.
8:00 p. m.—We, the People, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Easy Aces, KGO, KJR, KEX; Sammy Kaye's Orchestra, KGW, KOMO; Richard Himber's Orchestra, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Hollywood Showcases, KNX, KOIN; Baseball Game, KEX; Richard Himber's Orchestra, KSL.
9:00 p. m.—Paul Sullivan, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Madrigals, KJR, KEX, KGO, KJR; All Donahue's Orchestra, KOMO; Barri of Fun, KPO; Pathetic Stradivari, KGW; Symphonic Serenade, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Bill Henry, KNX, KOIN; Ozzie Nelson's Orchestra, KGO, KJR; Potpourri, KPO; Army Band, KGO; News, KJR, KSL; On With the Dance, KOMO.
10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO, KOMO; Neil Bonduhu's Orchestra, KGO, KJR; Ray Noble's Orchestra, KNX; News, KGO, KOIN; Freddie Nagel's Orchestra, KSL.
10:30 p. m.—Skinnay Ennis' Orchestra, KOW, KOMO; Gordon Jenkins' Orchestra, KJR; Behind the Headlines, KEX.

Masterworks of Music, KNX; Soldiers of the Air, KOIN.
11:00 p. m.—News, KGO, KOW; This Moring World, KEX; Fishing News, KNX; Kenneth Stevens, KOIN, KSL; Knox Manning, KNX.

Died Too Soon

Fairbanks, Alaska (AP)—Deep Hole Charlie Johnson just missed probable riches. He died recently at 75, just before his gold-bearing property in the Jack

Wade country was to be dredged. As a young prospector in the Klondike, Charlie spent his first winter sinking to bedrock. Alone, he went down 204 feet—lowering the bucket, filling it, and then climbing a sidewall ladder to the surface to windlass up the bucket and dump it. He found bedrock—but it was bare.

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by JOHN HIX

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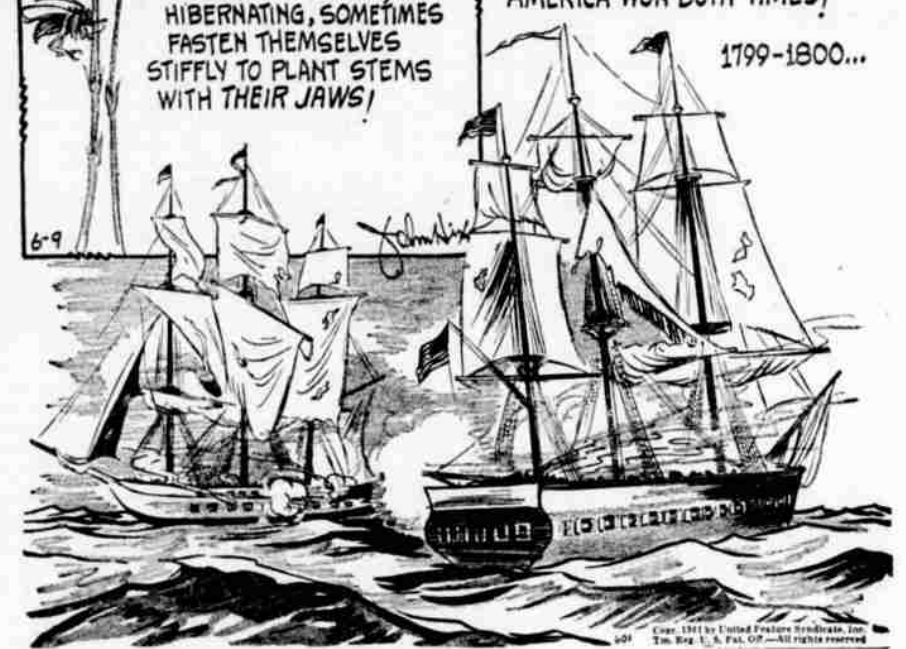
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THE U. S. ONCE FOUGHT AN UNDECLARED NAVAL WAR WITH FRANCE!

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AMERICA WON BOTH TIMES!

1799-1800...



WAR WITH FRANCE

The French Directory, which governed France after the Revolution, became hostile to the U. S. over trade disagreements, and soon French cruises were seizing American ships. The U. S. Congress ordered U. S. ships to strike back. The Constellation engaged the French U. S. Insurgente in February, 1799, and another French warship a year later, defeating both. Both battles were fought in the West Indies.

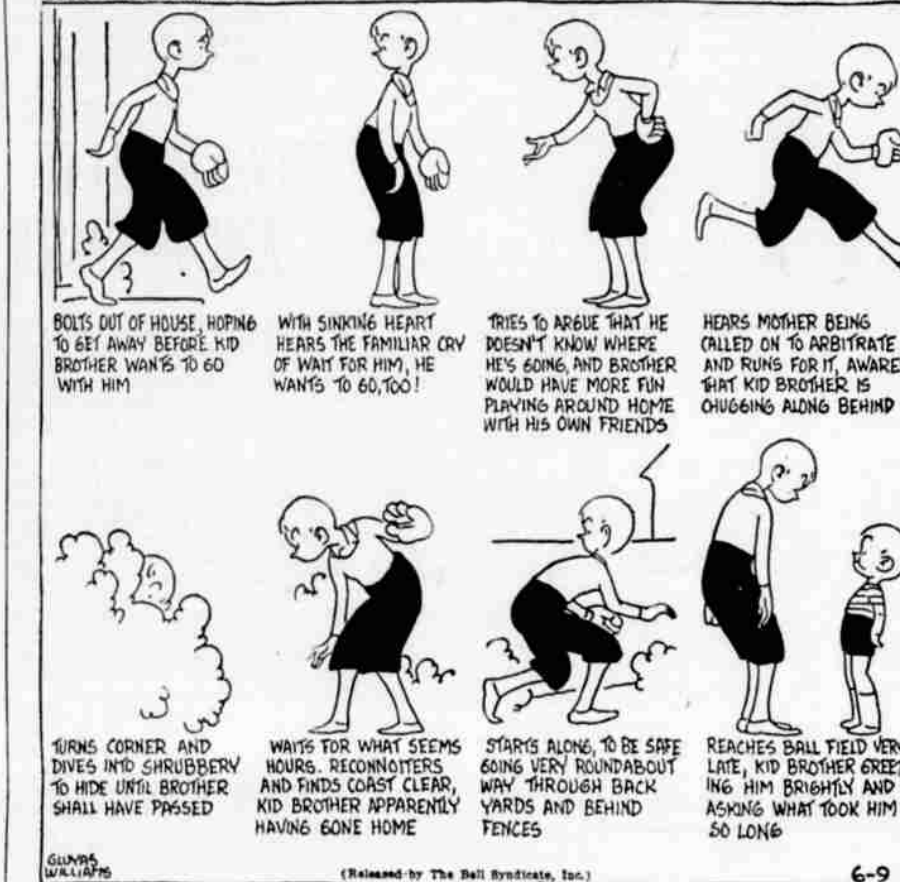
DISAPPEARING CURBS

Chicago's retractable curbs were designed not only to eliminate traffic congestion, but also to facilitate the movement of U. S. Army vehicles as a national defense measure! Tomorrow: Spotted Beauty!

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THE NEBBS Everybody Seems Interested



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