Secret Orders

BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter 13

One Light Left

FROM the front, the Miller house was darkened. As Stephanie raced up the steps she heard Henri following, cursing under his breath as he missed a step and bumped a shin smartly.

She stabbed at the bell, heard its ring echo from the back of the house. She rang several times, insistently. No answer. Then she raised the heavy old bronze knocker, thumped it sonorously.

"That's enough to rouse the whole neighborhood," she said, but still no one responded.

"Probably gone out for the evening," Henri suggested.

"Servants too?" and went on knocking.

Finally a sound of shuffling footsteps as of one fumbling blindly. Then silence.

Stephanie called then. "Hello, there! Turn off your lights." And pounded the door again. "Turn off your lights, I say."

"Aren't you rather making yourself ridiculous," Henri protested finally.

"Ridiculous or not," she muttered and ran down the steps, around to a side door.

As she ran she looked up to the third story again. Still a blazing light like a beckoning finger. No flyer could miss that. The side door was locked too. But this time she had more success. Her frantic knocking finally brought old Mr. Miller himself.

"Well—what iss this?" he demanded, peering at her through the darkness.

"It's a blackout, Mr. Miller. And there are lights in the attic. Have them put out, at once."

He hesitated. "Lights? In my house? Well—tsk, tsk—we must attend to that. Come in, young lady. Who—"

Stephanie stepped closer. "Stephanie Merrill—you remember—I live next door."

"Oh, of course." His manner became instantly friendly. "I see you now. Come in."

"No. Thank you. But you will please get that light off, won't you?"

The old gentleman nodded. "Yes, indeed. Certainly."

She said good night, then, and went back to where Henri was waiting, not at all sure that she shouldn't have offered to go to the attic herself and get those lights off. Because apparently the servants were not on duty.

And the light still burned minutes after she had returned to her own porch.

"Well, after all, Stephanie, give the man time to climb two flights of stairs," Henri protested.

"What's become of his whole retinue of servants?" Stephanie wondered aloud.

Henri laughed. "Probably all frightened out of their wits."

All Clear!

SHE shook her head. "Henri, I have a feeling that there is something strangely unnatural about that set-up over there."

"Have you, really? What makes you think that?"

"I don't know. Just—have a hunch."

He laughed again. "You and your hunches. You are tired, my dear, and over-wrought. I assure you Mr. Miller is as trustworthy as any other loyal American citizen."

Still skeptical, Stephanie shrugged. "If he's so loyal an American, how come he lived most of his life in other countries?"

"Circumstances required that. After all, it was his career that took him away."

A long clear blast rode across the strangely silent city and was followed almost instantly by the returning flicker of lights.

"The all-clear" sounded. Stephanie jumped to her feet. "It's over!"

Behind her, the lights of her own home snapped on and a moment later, Guy burst out the front door.

"Oh hello, chicken. Glad you were home through this." He nodded cooly at Henri, went on pulling on his driving gloves. "I'm going out of town, now, dear. I'll be back—"

"Oh, Daddy, not to Titan tonight!"

His scowl rebuked her instantly. Why couldn't she remember to stand guard over her tongue?

"Let me go with you, Daddy," she urged. "You're tired. I could drive for you. Please."

He hesitated. "All right. But hurry up. I'm leaving right now."

Stephanie turned to Henri. "Good night, Henri. Thanks for bringing me home."

"Are you sure I can be of no service? I will gladly accompany you if you feel I might be useful."

"Thank you, no," Guy refused curtly. "Come, Stephanie."

Henri took his abrupt dismissal courteously like the smooth diplomat he seemed to be. But Stephanie smarted under the embarrassment long after she'd backed her father's car out of the drive, turned it cautiously down a steep hill.

"Sorry to let you down, Stevie, but I can't tolerate Pagerie. And don't go bringing him home for a son-in-law, either, young lady. Not if you want my blessing."

The Car Behind

HE LEANED back, pulled his hat down over his eyes, and a moment later began to breathe more heavily. Stephanie settled back for the long drive, forcing herself to relax taut muscles as much as she could.

And for as long as they followed the main highway route north and the continuous stream of traffic challenged her skill and concentration, she had no time to think. But when an hour later, she turned into the narrow, little-travelled road across rolling foothills to Titan, she felt anxiety overtake her.

The night was dark and heavily overcast. The car's headlights slashed a way through the pitch dark ahead but beyond the path of light the deserted, barren hills and the deep-shadowed valleys seemed to lie in wait. It was ridiculous to be so nervous, she kept telling herself.

But when she realized that the car following her slowed down when she slowed, picked up speed as she did, kept a discreet distance that never increased nor shortened, her premonition of danger seemed well founded.

For a while, she couldn't be sure. But when she deliberately slowed to snail's pace—the car behind dropped back. When she stepped hard on the accelerator sent the car swiftly ahead, the lights behind came on steadily. About twenty miles out of Titan she tried once more to lose that persistent follower. The old road into the plant went steeply over the hill, winding a torturous way around the curves. The new road cut a straighter path. As she came to the fork, she speeded up until for an instant the lights behind dipped out of sight, then swerved quickly into the abandoned route, twisting away from the new road into a dark tunnel of overhanging trees.

She stopped her car abruptly, switched off the lights, the motor. Silence poured around them for the few moments before a car fled past, behind them, disappeared into the new cut between the hills.

"What's the matter?" Guy said, rousing himself quickly.

Stephanie started the motor. "I just had a notion we were being followed so I ducked in here to let them go on past."

"Good idea." Guy nodded. "Can't be too careful these days."

He sounded quite matter-of-fact, but Stephanie caught the over-tone of anxiety. Danger stalked Guy Merrill hourly. But why?

To be continued

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:

Chain affiliation and where they are on the dial:
KALE (MBS) 1330, Portland. KEX (NBC-Blue) 1190, Portland. KGA (NBC-Blue & MBS) 1510 Spokane; KGO (NBC-Blue) 810 San Francisco; KGW (NBC-Red) 620, Portland; KJR (NBC-Blue) 1000, Seattle. KNX (CBS) 1070 Los Angeles; KOA (NBC-Red) 850 Denver; KOIN (CBS) 970, Portland; KOMO (NBC-Red) 950 Seattle; KPO (NBC-Red) 680 San Francisco; KSL (CBS) 1160 Salt Lake City.

Time Shown Is PST

Thursday

5:00 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KSL; Eyes of the World, KOIN; Dance Orch., KOMO; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Don Winslow of the Navy, KPO.

5:30 p. m.—News of the World, KGO, KJR, KEX; Harry W. Flannery, KNX; People's Platform, KSL; Masters of Music, KPO; Afternoon Dances, KNX; Leon F. Drews, KOIN; Streamlined Fair Tales, KOMO.

6:00 p. m.—Music Hall with Bing Crosby, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Major Bowes Original Amateur Hour, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Voice of Victory, KGO; Old Timers, KJR.

6:30 p. m.—Big Town, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Music by Bovero, KGO, KEX; Armchair Cruises, KJR.

7:00 p. m.—Al Pearce's Gang, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Rudy Vallee, KGO, KEX, KJR; Glenn Miller's Orch., KNX, KOIN, KSL.

7:30 p. m.—Red Ryder, KGO, KJR, KEX.

8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Fred Waring, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Dorothy Thompson, KGO, KJR, KEX.

8:15 p. m.—Sur Les Boulevards, KGO, KJR; Lanny Ross, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Flowers for the Living, KEX.

8:30 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KNX, KOIN; Fanny Brice, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—Buddy Franklin's Orch., News, KEX, KJR; News, Dick Rogers' Orch., KOIN; Aldrich Family, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Maudie's Diary, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Ellery Queen, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Maudie's Diary, KNX, KOIN; News, KEX; Home Offensive, KGO.

10:00 p. m.—America's Town Meeting of the Air, KEX, KGO, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KNX; Masterworks of Music, KSL; Five Star Final, KOIN.

10:30 p. m.—Stan Kenton's Orch., KSL; Ozzie Nelson's Orch., KPO, KOMO; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; War Time Women, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Swing Your Partner, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; Wilbur Hatch's Orch., KOIN; Evening Reveries, KOMO; News, KNX, KGO.

5:00 p. m.—Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Don Winslow of the Navy, KPO; Kate Smith Hour, KSL; Ed Stoker's Music, KOMO.

5:30 p. m.—Bill Sabransky, KOMO; Children's Playhouse, KGW; Leon F. Drews, KOIN; News of the World, KEX, KGO, KJR; Harry W. Flannery, KNX.

6:00 p. m.—Waltz Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW; March of Time, KEX, KGO, KJR; What's On Your Mind, KNX, KOIN, KSL.

6:30 p. m.—Melodies by DeMello, KGO, KEX, KJR; Plantation Party, KPO, KGW, KOMO; First Nighter, KNX, KSL, KOIN.

7:00 p. m.—Elsa Maxwell's Party Line, KGO, KJR, KEX; Glenn Miller's Orch., KSL, KNX, KOIN; People Are Funny, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

7:0 p. m.—Bob Hawk Quiz, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Grand Central Station, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Golden Gate Quartet, KEX; Ernie Smith's Sports Quiz, KGO.

8:00 p. m.—Fred Waring in Pleasure Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Herbert Marshall, KGO, KEX, KJR; Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN.

8:15 p. m.—Lanny Ross, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Lum and Abner, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

8:30 p. m.—Who Done It, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Celebrity Theater, KGO, KEX, KJR; Playhouse, KNX, KOIN, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—Dark Fantasy, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KEX; Kate Smith Hour, KNX, KOIN; Meet Your Navy, KJR; Sports, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Phil Bovero's Orch., KGO; Teddy Powell Orch., KPO, KGW; News KSL, KJR; Moonlight Sonata, KEX; Studio Party, KOMO.

10:00 p. m.—Hollywood Legion Stadium Fights, KGO; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KNX; Masterworks of Music, KSL; On With the Dance, KEX; Shining Hour, KJR; Five Star Final, KOIN.

10:30 p. m.—Stadium Fights, KGO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KJR; War Time Women, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Ozzie Nelson's Orch., KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX; Gene Grounds, KOIN; News, KNX, KGO; Folk Music, KJR; Reveries, KOMO.

Sato Advanced

Maj. Gen. Kenryo Sato (above) had been named chief of the Japanese bureau of military affairs, the Tokyo radio said, after removal of Lt. Gen. Akira Muto. Sato is shown when he was attached as observer to the U. S. army at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

SUBURBAN HEIGHTS By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

Crossword Puzzle

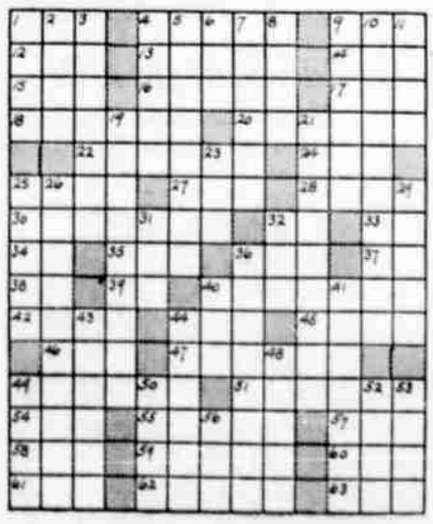
ACROSS

1. Cry of the cat
6. Green herbage
9. Siamese coin
12. Remnant of combustion
13. Stony
14. Endeavor
15. Danish fiord
16. Moving
17. Point
18. Simplest
20. Public estimation
22. "—— de corps"
24. Babylonian deity
25. Mineral springs
27. Belgian city
28. European native
29. Government grants
32. And (French)
33. Metric land measure
34. Negative prefix
35. Born
36. Golf instructor
37. Symbol for tantalum
38. Engineering degree
39. Toward
40. Transports across water
42. One opposed
44. Press for payment
45. Pute with
46. Light repast
47. Stir up
49. Rocks of a certain sort
51. Standards of perfection
54. Peacock butterflies
55. Coral island
57. Sesame
58. Sun
59. Hindu queen
60. Goldin's highest note
61. Dutch city
62. Vehicles on runners
63. Pigeon

DOWN

1. Cripple
2. Existence
3. Upon which
4. Seize
5. Having a beak
6. Deed
7. Articles of apparel
8. Open drain: Scotch
9. Harmonize
10. Pulverized
11. Thoroughly
19. Metal printing forms
21. Indispensable
23. Duration of a ministerial charge
25. Officeholders
26. Star in the constellation Virgo
28. Parental relation
29. Metallic alloy
31. Late: comb. form
32. Blunder
36. Crayoned
40. Sport
41. Conceives
43. Implement for raising a nap on wool cloth
44. Distant from the center
47. Loafs
48. Throw of six at dice
50. Organs of hearing
52. Rhythmic swing
53. Kill
56. Number

Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle



Jackson County Farm Notes

Compiled by County Office O.S.C. Extension Service

Save Those Sacks There Aren't Any More

Pointing out that burlap supplies in the country now are probably all there'll be until after the war, Secretary Wickard has asked the U. S. D. A. war boards to push hard on a drive to conserve burlap and cotton bags.

Cooperation of all farm organizations and grain, seed, feed and bag dealers will be enlisted in the campaign; which will have as its major objectives: careful handling of bags so that they can be used. Keep used bags flowing into trade channels so they can be put into use again.

To make every bag do double duty, a strict policy of "Use no Hooks" should be adopted in handling the bags. Careful handling, cleaning and storing will greatly extend the usefulness of a bag. Also, bags should not be allowed to accumulate, but should be kept moving. If you have more than you need, sell them to a neighbor, or take them to a dealer who will sell them.

Prices of used bags have been fixed by the O. P. A. Here are the maximum prices for the most common size of burlap bags: 10-ounce, reconditioned, 14.8 cents; unmended, 11.8 cents; 8-ounce, reconditioned, 11.5 cents; unmended, 8.5 cents.

War Slated On Ground Squirrels

Through arrangements with the Fish and Wild Service cooperating with the county a program has been started on squirrel poisoning the same as was carried on last year. Farmers are organized in communities, the poison is delivered and poisoning of lands is carried on as a community project. The poisoned barley is free to farmers who cooperate and they can receive enough poisoned grain to cover their own and adjacent unoccupied land, if they so desire. Every farmer in the county should avail himself of this opportunity to get free bait.

Contacts can be made at the county agent's office or through Charles Elmore, who is handling the project.

Caloregon Hereford Sale Set For October

At a meeting of the sales committee of the Caloregon Hereford Breeders association a short time ago plans were made for the annual sale of Hereford breeding stock to be held in October of this year. No sale was held last year, breaking the continuity of the annual event, because cattle were being sold so readily through private sale that it was impossible to get enough stock to hold a public sale. This year, by starting early, an effort will be made to secure at least 100 to 150 head of stock to be sold through the ring.

The annual Hereford tour will be held on May 24, beginning at Mountcrest ranch at Hilt and ending in the evening at Flounce Rock ranch at Prospect. A detailed itinerary will be published later.

Crop Conditions Approach Drought

This county is fast going into drought conditions, as the ground is drying up very rapidly on top and spring sown crops are already suffering. Some pastures are being irrigated already. Corn planting is in progress on ground which as a rule is too dry to germinate the seed.

By R. G. Fowler,
County Agent.

Victory Gardens Need For Duration

A farm garden on every farm is needed this year and for the duration to add to the nation's food supply of necessary vegetables. Armed forces will require large parts of the commercial or canned and dried packs of vegetables. Our allies will get a large segment of this pack. Transportation congestion will be relieved to the extent that 50 million farms will produce their own vegetables right where they will be used. Then, too, vegetables can be expected to be higher in price.

There is also the health factor—vegetables in the diet for better health.

It is not too late to plan and plant a vegetable garden. The plantings can be limited to essential green, leafy and yellow vegetables. Chard, cabbage, carrots, corn, squash, parsnips, tomatoes, beets and beans are among the suggestions.

Root Crops May Be Sown Now

Two root crops for the winter garden should be sown at this time. Parsnips and salsify, also known as vegetable oyster, if sown now will be ready for use about October first. Harris Model and Hollow Crown are popular varieties of parsnips and Sandwich Island is the leading variety of salsify.

The seed should be sown now and it should be remembered that they germinate very slowly. A few radish seeds sown with the parsnip and salsify seed will come up quickly and mark the row so cultivation can be done before the other plants are up.

Fifty to 75 feet of row of each of these crops will supply an average family of five persons. A packet of seed will sow this amount.

Young Earwigs Appearing Now

Adult earwigs emerge in mid-March but the young earwigs do not hatch until about April 15 to 20. These young earwigs are the ones that are most easily controlled by poison baits.

These young earwigs continue to feed on vegetation in fence rows, flower buds, near foundations and other sheltered places until about the middle of May. At that time they start feeding in trees and shrubs off the ground so baiting on the ground is no longer very effective.

With these facts in mind, the bait should be applied now and a supply kept available for the earwigs to feed upon until well into May. As rain or sprinkling destroys the bait, more should be spread after each rain or watering. The bait should be thinly scattered in the evening along fences, piles of boards or other places where earwigs may hide. It may also be scattered over the lawn.

An effective bait can be made as follows: Bran, six pounds; sodium fluoride, half pound; fish oil, one pint. Mix dry bran and sodium fluoride then add fish oil and mix again. Use no water. This amount will cover 4,000 square feet.

If sodium fluoride is not available, substitute barium fluosilicate, sold commercially as dutox.

By C. B. Cordy,
Assistant County Agent.

Meetings To Urge More Milk Use

Does your family get its full quota of milk each day? Remember it should be at least one quart for each child and one pint for each adult. We know that many do not get this required amount which is necessary for proper growth and especially the development of strong straight bones. The mother whose children do not like milk as a beverage, has a serious problem in planning menus that use milk in large quantities.

If this is your problem then look closely for announcements of the meetings on "Use Milk and Milk Products," that will be given in local communities all over Jackson county in May. The training meeting for project leaders on the use of milk and milk products will be given on Wednesday, April 29, in the courthouse auditorium starting at 10 a. m. Miss Lucy Case, extension nutritionist, will be in the county to conduct the meeting. Any organization is welcome to send two project leaders to this meeting so they may return to their own organizations and present the material.

This is to be a demonstration meeting and many of you may be interested in some of the dishes to be demonstrated.

Did you say your children won't drink milk. Then be sure to get the suggestions on milk drinks—everything from chocolate milk to a raspberry milk shake and lemon eggnog. The latter is the best you ever tasted, I'll guarantee.

Add to the suggestion of using milk and milk products in cereals, salads, soups and desserts and you will go home with a wealth of new ideas. I almost forgot, we are going to have a quick process cheese making demonstration too.

If you would like to help promote good nutrition by bringing these ideas to your friends and neighbors, plan to attend the leader training meeting on "Use of Eggs, Milk and Cheese," Wednesday, April 29.

By Marian J. Farrell,
Home Demonstration Agent.

Baker, Ore., April 23.—(AP)—Monroe Berg, 58, of Sumpter died in a local hospital Tuesday afternoon late as the result of injuries received when he fell 40 feet through an opening in the upper floor of the E and E mill a Bourne earlier in the day.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a m.—Too late to Classify 12:30 p m

VESSEL AND SUB PLAY TAG UNTIL TORPEDOES HIT

Survivors of Caribbean Sinking Tell of Deadly Game —Ship's Doctor Missing.

New Orleans, April 23—(AP)—Survivors of an American merchant vessel torpedoed and sunk April 12 in the Caribbean told here today how their ship played "tag" for 12 hours with a submarine, trying unsuccessfully to ram it, before the U-boat won.

The only person missing among the 63 passengers and crew members was the ship's physician, Dr. Benjamin A. Price, 64, former county health officer of Jefferson county, Idaho.

Price was seen aboard the ship as it plunged to the bottom after taking three torpedoes into its hull in the submarine's midnight attack.

Thirty-nine survivors, in lifeboats and on rafts, were picked up by a united nations warship and landed at Jamaica, coming here later on a transport. The other survivors were landed at Haiti.

Warned By Plane

Naval officers pieced together this story from survivors' accounts:

Steaming through the Caribbean April 11, the ship was warned by a high-flying plane, believed to be a passenger plane, that the submarine was trailing her. The vessel picked up speed and zigzagged to elude the U-boat until twilight.

The American merchantman headed for the raider, which apparently crash dived to escape.

Through the darkness the deadly game continued, until just after midnight when two torpedoes struck the after part of the ship about a minute apart. The vessel listed heavily to starboard.

Passengers and crew had time to abandon ship before the third torpedo hit and the merchantman went down. Dr. Price was seen on board, waving a flashlight. No one knew why he did not leave with the others.

After 18 hours adrift on a calm sea, a group of survivors in two lifeboats and two rafts was picked up by the warship. The other survivors had gone off in a power boat and later were reported landed at Haiti.

Nothing was seen of the submarine after the attack.

Townsend Club No. 1 Meets Friday Night

(Contributed)

Townsend club No. 1 will have an interesting meeting Friday at Townsend hall, 123½ West Main.

Delegates from the district convention will report and also statements as to endorsement of candidates for congress and others.

Ladies are asked to bring a pie.

Old time dancing will finish out the evening.

Everyone is welcome.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

German-Made Tire Shows Up Here in Used Consignment

The many travels of a German made ersatz tire may have ended Monday when it was discovered among a group of 150 obtained in a used lot by L. P. Older from a Klamath Falls firm.

Older, owner of a tire exchange at 32 South Bartlett street, said today, "I won't part with the tire for $100." It is now on display at Older's shop. The tire is constructed of synthetic Buna, the patent for which is owned by the Standard Oil company, and is eight ply. Stamped "Continental Balloon" it is inscribed in English and French as well as German.

The tire is said to have been brought to Mexico by a German refugee. Some man, a resident of Amarillo, Texas, bought it for a spare and later traded his machine to a Chevrolet dealer there. The car was traded to the Turner Chevrolet company in Klamath Falls from whom Older bought the tire.

According to Older the tire is at least five years old. The tread has been worn away but is in good condition otherwise and the rubber is very tough. The tire is size 5:50x17.

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Suspenders $1.00
Belts $1.00
Bill Folds... $1.00
Barker's
Store for Men

Housing Stimulant For Private Money Is Passed by House

Washington, April 23—(AP)—Legislation designed to stimulate use of private capital for construction of homes in areas important in the war effort was passed today by the house on voice vote.

The measure boosted from $300,000,000 to $800,000,000 the aggregate of the principal amounts of FHA mortgages which may be insured under the national housing act.

Chairman Steagall (D., Ala.) of the house banking committee, explained that the $300,000,000 authority had been exhausted.

Other changes proposed in the measure would:

Increase from $4,000 to $5,400 the principal obligation of any mortgage which may be insured covering a single family residence, from $6,000 to $7,500 on a two-family residence; from $8,000 to $9,500 on a three-family home, and from $10,500 to $21,000 on a four-family home.

Extend the permissible maturity of any insured mortgage from 20 to 25 years.

Albany, Ore., April 23.—(AP)—Half the oiled roads in Linn county probably will have to be resurfaced as result of damage during last winter's silver thaw, County Engineer Walter Larsen said today.

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent — That's an Offer — Edited by Drew Pearson and Bob Allen

LI'L ABNER—For Whom the Wedding Bells Toll — By Al Capp

THE NEBBS—Congratulations for Amby — By Hess