

LET'S PRETEND

by WATKINS E. WRIGHT

Loris Raymond is seeking a musical career in New York, but finds the going difficult, as does Carey Carson, young would-be architect. They become friends and near of Roland Potter, wealthy old bachelor, who wants to help some worthy young married couple by paying them to live on his long island estate while he is cruising. They agree to marry temporarily, on a strictly business basis, to get the job. Mr. Potter leaves on a cruise, after introducing wealthy and beautiful Iris Wrenshaw, who takes a fancy to Carey. He responds, convinced that Iris will help his career. To swell their bank account, Loris and Carey accept a night's singing and playing engagement at a nearby roadhouse. Loris worries over leaving the estate unguarded, believing that she saw a man prowling about the grounds. Iris joins Loris and Carey at a beach picnic and startles them by suggesting a party at the very roadhouse where they are appearing. Worried by the suggestion, Loris and Carey return late to Potter's place to find Roland Potter bound and gagged, and his home looted of costly treasures. Furious at the couple when he learns they have been away from the estate every night, Mr. Potter fires them, after reporting the robbery to the police.

CHAPTER XXX

THESE are my caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. Carson," Mr. Potter announced brusquely, when Loris and Carey had joined him and the policeman in the living room.

One of the policemen immediately asked, "Were you in the house when the robbery took place?"

"No," said Carey. "We came in late."

"And found Mr. Potter all tied up," added Loris.

"They were at a roadhouse," explained Mr. Potter unpleasantly. "They didn't return until I had been tied up for an hour."

"I see," said the policeman. "So you were here alone."

"I returned home unexpectedly. I unlocked the front door and walked right into the arms of the thugs."

"And they tied you up before helping themselves?"

"No, they already had helped themselves. The stuff was all bundled up, ready to be carried off. I heard my silver rattling, and missed the picture from over the mantel."

The policeman started to ask another question, but Carey interrupted.

"Why waste time asking all these questions? You are giving the burglars more time for their get-away. Seems to me you ought to be out looking for them."

"The man's right," said Mr. Potter. "Look here, officer, I gave you a very complete description of the two men. Get busy!"

"Yes, sir," the officer turned to one of his men. "You stay on duty here, Mike, and get a complete description of the missing articles. Kelly and I will do the outside work."

When the other policeman had left, Mr. Potter took Mike on a tour of inspection. Loris and Carey trailed silently behind them.

The check-up revealed a long list of missing valuables. When Mike had finished the list, Mr. Potter turned to Loris.

"How about making some coffee. Mrs. Carson? And some sandwiches," Mr. Potter turned to the policeman. "I presume you could do with some coffee, officer?"

"Yes, sir," said Mike. "I certainly could."

Loris hesitated. "I understood Mr. Carson and I were to leave at once."

"When it's daylight will be time enough," Mr. Potter said. "Just see that we have something to eat, will you?"

IN THE kitchen Loris took a deep breath. "At least we aren't going to be turned out in the middle of the night."

"Maybe the old boy is softening," said Carey hopefully.

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:

Chain stations and where they are on the dial:

KALE (NBS) 1330, Portland; KEX (NBS) 1190, Portland; KGA (NBS) 1210, Spokane; KGO (NBS) 810, San Francisco; KGW (NBS) 620, Portland; KJR (NBS) 1000, Seattle; KKN (NBS) 1070, Los Angeles; KOA (NBS) 850, Denver; KOIN (NBS) 970, Portland; KOMO (NBS) 850, Seattle; KPO (NBS) 680, San Francisco; KSL (NBS) 1160, Salt Lake City.

Time shown is PWT

Thursday

8:00 p. m.—Reflections, KSL, Allen Gordon's Orch., KPO; Jay Burnet, KEX; Musical Jamboree, KOMO.

8:30 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KSL; Jack Armstrong, KGO, KEX, KJR; Harry W. Plannery, KEX, KOIN; Folk Music, KOMO; The Parade, KPO.

9:00 p. m.—Major Bowes Original Amateur Hour, KEX, KOIN; Music Hall, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Hop Harrigan, KEX, KJR.

9:30 p. m.—Stage Door Canteen, KEX, KSL, KOIN; Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands, KGO, KEX, KJR.

7:00 p. m.—Abbott and Costello, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Raymond Gram Swing, KGO, KEX, KJR; First Line, KEX, KOIN, KSL.

7:30 p. m.—Talks, KEX; Red Ryder, KGO, KJR, KEX; March of Time, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Leon F. Drews, KOIN; Hudson Bay Fur Review, KSL.

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

8:15 p. m.—Harry James' Orch., KEX, KOIN, KSL; Lum and Abner, KGO, KJR, KEX; Night Editor, KGW, KOMO, KPO.

8:30 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KEX, KOIN; Coffee Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Wings to Victory, KGO; Flowers for the Living, KEX; Buy Washington, KJR; An American Rhapsody, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—Metropolitan Opera, USA, KGO, KEX; News, Del Courtney's Orch., KOIN, KSL; Aldrich Family, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Air Raid Wardens, KJR; Henry Busse's Orch., KEX.

9:30 p. m.—Freddie Martin's Orch., KGO; Elmer Queen, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Sammy Kaye's Orch., KOIN, KEX, KSL, KJR, KEX; Sonja's Party, KGO.

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

10:30 p. m.—Sports, Gene Krupa's Orch., KEX, KSL; George Olsen's Orch., KOMO; World Today, KOIN.

U. S. NAT'L BANK DEPOSITS REACH NEW HIGH MARK

The United States National bank, which has one of its important units in this city, discloses in its statement of condition to the United States comptroller as of December 31, 1942, deposits totaling \$294,702,266.64, which is an all-time high. This compared with deposits of December 31, 1941, of \$196,182,633.29 shows a deposit gain of over 98 millions. Resources in its latest current statement were \$307,742,190.52 against \$208,552,012.38 of just a year ago, a gain of over 99 millions.

As pointed out by officials of the bank, this is the first time in Oregon's history that the resources of any bank in this state reached the amazing total of 300 million dollars.

During the past year the capital structure of the United States National bank underwent a change, one million dollars from earnings having been added to surplus, making capital and surplus equal a total of 10 million dollars, which, together with undivided profits and reserves, gives the bank a working capital of \$12,392,482.90, which greatly broadens its loan capacity.

It is understood from the management of the local branch that the phenomenal gains over the past year not only reflect the war-time industrial upheaval in the Portland area, but vitally stimulated activity throughout the state at large.

PURGE FUGITIVE FIGHTS FOR U. S.

New York, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—A former Soviet brigadier general who narrowly escaped being purged in 1937 is a private in the United States army.

Induction of Alexandre Barmine after he had spent three weeks at the Fort Dix, N. J., reception center, during which time he concealed his Red army background from members of his company.

Barmine fled from his post as Soviet charge d'affaires in Athens in 1937, rather than obey a recall to Moscow and possible execution in the purge of the army general staff.

Barmine, now assigned to a training battalion in New Jersey, said he is pleased to be doing his duty in a "every democratic army."



BURDEN BEARERS—New Guinea natives are checked off as they are about to take to the jungles with supplies (40 pounds each) for Allied forces in the almost impenetrable island interior. Scene is at an advanced Australian base, as Aussies pursued Japanese forces.

a bombing range five miles north.

Citizens reported a number of 100-pound practice bombs fell on the community. No damage was caused.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

No Special Food For Oregon's Ill

Portland, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Portland office of price administration officials said today they had not been authorized to grant special food allotments

for persons with nutritional ailments.

The announcement followed a report that Los Angeles authorities had decided to permit scarce or rationed foods to be sold for the sick on doctors' prescriptions.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

by JOHN HIX

BIRD FEATHERS WERE WOVEN INTO BLANKETS BY THE NORTHEASTERN OF ARIZONA

AIR PRAYER—

CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION COMPANY PILOTS PRAY FOR LOW VISIBILITY, THICK CLOUDS, LOW CEILINGS, RAIN AND FOG... TO PREVENT JAPS SPOTTING THEIR PLANES... AND THE PRAYERS HAVE BEEN GRANTED!

REAL PUPPY LOVE!

AFTER A SEPARATION OF 70 YEARS, MRS. ELIZABETH KING AND WILLIAM DONOHUE, BOTH 83, WERE MARRIED NOV. 4, 1942, AT LAKE WORTH, FLORIDA... THEY WERE CHILDHOOD SWEETHEARTS!

Tomorrow—HOOPSKIRTS WAR!

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1—Van
10—Direct excitement
11—Trail
12—Recliners
13—Dull-witted person
14—Vocal range
15—Printer's measure
16—Bar
17—Resistant expression
18—Faint
19—Pernia
20—Tempest
21—Men's slang
22—Desert tribesman
23—Word of greeting
24—Bairn
25—Kind of metal
26—Cavalman's weapons
27—Cheerful mirth
28—Crate
29—Grain in mahogany
30—Bismuth
31—French city
32—Commanded
33—Tritone
34—Attitude

DOWN

1—Tinct's antennae
2—Egg shaped
3—City in Nevada
4—Before
5—Credit (abbr.)
6—Liquor
7—Acidity
8—Discrepancy
9—Short island
10—Signal fire
11—Anglo-Saxon slave
12—Finish
13—Recall
14—Thinness
15—Finnish of glacial ice
16—Woody plants
17—Mountain peak
18—Whore
19—Childish BS
20—Plant
21—Last bugle call
22—Ankers
23—Primmer
24—Made public
25—Plink
26—Pern
27—Oriental coin
28—Female parent
29—Western state (abbr.)

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



THERE IS NOTHING LIKE A HEAVY SNOWFALL TO BRING OUT FRED PERLEY'S PATRIOTIC URGE TO SAVE GAS AND TO LEAVE THE CAR IN THE GARAGE, UNUSED AND UNBUGGED UP, FOR A FEW DAYS



ORDER DEPARTMENT—Orders, not for goods but for action, are issued from this "operations headquarters" tent of U. S. Marines on Guadalcanal Island in Solomons. Colonel Lawson H. M. Sanderson, U.S.M.C., is in foreground. (U. S. Navy Photo from Acme.)

SUGAR INDUSTRY WAGE

New York, Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—A minimum wage rate of 40 cents an hour in the sugar and related products industry was recom-

mended today to L. Metcalfe Walling, administrator of the wage and hour and public contracts division of the United States department of labor.

NEW YEAR'S NOISE CAUSED BY BOMBS

Reading, Kan., Jan. 7.—(U.P.)—Residents of this Lyons county community knew today why they had difficulty sleeping on New Year's night. The town was bombed.

Residents of the community reported that two officers from the Topeka air base have visited the city and expressed an opinion that bombardiers mistook the lights of Reading for flares on

LONG-TIME LOVE

Mr. and Mrs. Donohue went to school together in Wyandott, Mich. The two were baptized, confirmed and received their first communion at the same church. Each married, neither knowing the whereabouts of the other, until they met at Lake Worth, Fla., 70 years later. After a brief courtship, they were married. Both are great-grandparents.

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—All Ready!



THE NEBBS—Read 'Em And Weep



YIPPEE!! WE GOT IT!!

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WE KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU!!

WE IS GONNA BE RICH!!