SUSAN OF THE WAVES

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Susan Esterbrook, New York glamour girl, has received proposals of marriage from Pierre Dupre, a Fighting Frenchman, and from Dick Craig, who is about to go to Washington to take a war job, but she turns down both men. She is considering joining the Waacs or the Waves, partly because she wants to emulate the patriotism of her favorite cousin, Rankin, who is overseas. One night she meets Harvey Rogers, a young flyer who looks so much like Rankin that it does something to her heart. They are instantly drawn to each other, and arrange to meet for lunch the next day at the Rockefeller Plaza skating rink. In the morning, Susan receives a telephone call from Dick, who tells her that he is leaving for Washington that afternoon. Susan promises to cut short her date with Harvey and see him off. Then she meets Harvey at the rink.

CHAPTER V

SUSAN and Harvey ate their lunch hurriedly, as they were both eager for some skating.

"I wonder if, as in swimming, one shouldn't skate before an hour after eating," said Susan.

"No time to wonder about that," said Harvey, as he led her out to the rink.

Suddenly, Susan's mother appeared. She was white and trembling, and she held a telegram in one hand.

Time fairly flew. Silver skates hissed over the ice, while Susan did figure eights, and Harvey bettered her. Then they skated together, their hands interlocked. And then, it was three-thirty.

"I must fly!" said Susan. "Dick will be tearing his hair."

She hurried up the steps, Harvey at her heels.

"I'll get a taxi," she called back to him. "You are coming to dinner at seven-thirty."

"Am I?" said Harvey. "Wonderful! Where do you live?"

"It's in the book!" Susan said, as she leaped into a taxi. "East Sixty-fifth Street—James Esterbrook."

And then, the taxicab whirled her away.

Harvey stood at the curb. What a girl! He wondered if she ever stayed in one place long enough to take a really good breath. But what a sweet kid! He would have someone to think about now, when flying those lonely trips across the Atlantic. He would be able to smile and remember the loveliness of her.

IT was seven-fifteen that evening when Harvey arrived at Susan's home.

She was putting the finishing touches to her toilette when the maid announced him. Her mother was with her.

"He'll have to wait a few moments, Susan," her mother said. "I want to hear more about you and Dick. You say you only had a little time with him?"

"A *very* little time," said Susan. "We had to forego the cocktails he suggested, and talk fast as we went to the gate."

"But you could have put off the luncheon engagement and have had more time with him. You know I've always dreamed of you and Dick marrying, and—"

"And it's time you woke up," Susan said, a little crossly, "and stopped your dreaming."

"Are you planning to marry Pierre Dupre?" Mrs. Esterbrook asked.

"No."

"Has he asked you to?"

"Yes. He even described a villa he has in mind, overlooking the blue waters of the Mediterranean."

"How sweet of him! Weren't you thrilled?"

"No. I wasn't," said Susan. "Anyway, I'm not going to marry for the duration."

"But suppose the war lasts for years! Some people think it will."

"That's purely a matter of opinion."

"Suppose it lasts as long as ten years? You'll be a spinster when it ends—thirty-four years old!"

"It's a chance I'll have to take," said Susan. "Now, let's go downstairs. Harvey's probably feeling lost and alone, in that gloomy drawing room."

BUT Harvey was not lost nor alone. Her father was with him. And when she and her mother entered, the two men appeared to be chatting away like old friends.

"You're right, Susan," Mr. Esterbrook said. "He *does* look a lot like your cousin Rankin."

"The resemblance," said her mother, "is really remarkable."

She watched Harvey with interest, thinking: "No wonder Susan was drawn to him." She warmed to the young man herself, remembering her great fondness for Rankin, who had always seemed like the son she might have had.

Dinner was announced then, and they went out to the dining room. Harvey drew a deep breath of contentment when he saw the table. There was a big bowl of deep red roses in the center, candles in silver holders at either end, and heavy linen that gleamed softly, vying with the old family silver and china.

The food was delicious, as were the wines served with it. He felt warm and glowing way down inside of himself. Peaceful, this— the sort of life people were intended to live.

Then, presently, the conversation turned to Mr. Esterbrook's factory.

Harvey said, "You men on the home front, who're working so hard to supply war needs, are, in my estimation, just as important to success as the men in uniform."

"Thanks," said Mr. Esterbrook. "That bucks me up no end."

"Dad's been pining for a uniform himself," announced Susan.

"Yes," said Mrs. Esterbrook. "Silly of him, at his age."

"Age has nothing to do with one's patriotic yearnings," said her husband.

"Of course not," Harvey agreed.

They had coffee in the drawing room, and it was there that Mr. Esterbrook suddenly had an idea.

"How about coming out with Susan and looking over the plant? You could give the morale of my men a boost by telling them what you told me—about men in their line being just as important as the men in uniform."

"You mean make a speech?" asked Harvey, with sudden horror.

"Exactly!"

"Good Lord, sir, I never made a speech in my life."

"It's a good time to begin," said Susan.

"I'd like to go through the factory," said Harvey, "but as for making a speech—*gosh!*"

"Anyway," said Mr. Esterbrook, "think it over. Susan can drive you out for lunch in the factory cafeteria."

SUSAN rose. "Come on, Harvey. I'll show you the conservatory. We've some flowers—and vegetables."

"Vegetables! In a place like this?"

"Yes," Susan replied. "Some hothouse radishes, cucumbers and tomatoes."

She took his arm and they went down the hall to the conservatory. Harvey stood and stared at cucumbers that were hanging on vines trained to climb a trellis—also at tomato plants, and radishes.

"Well!" he said. "I wouldn't have believed it! You folks are regular Burbanks, aren't you?"

"Not exactly," laughed Susan. "Anyway, not until we can cross the cucumbers with the tomatoes, and have them come out a salad." She sat down upon a bench, and Harvey took a place beside her. "I'm awfully glad you talked to Dad as you did. The poor dear's been rather unhappy about not being in the middle of the fight."

"He's swell," said Harvey. "I wonder if I *could* bring myself to make a speech before all those men."

"It would be nice if you could," said Susan. "You'll go out for lunch anyway, won't you, and have a look at the plant?"

"You bet I will!" Harvey told her. "I've always wanted to see the inside of one of the factories where they're turning out some of the gadgets I use on the bombers."

Suddenly Susan's mother appeared. She was white, trembling, and she held a telegram in one hand. Susan caught her breath.

"Mother! What is it?"

"Rankin," her mother said, "he's been—"

"Killed?" Susan broke in, her voice scarcely more than a whisper.

Her mother nodded, and handed her the yellow sheet of paper.

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Time Shown Is PWT

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5:00 p. m.—Big Town, KSL; Terry and the Pirates, KGO, KEX, KJR; Anity Carol, KNX, KOIN; News, KPO, KOMO; Personality Hour, KGW; Navy program, KOA.

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6:00 p. m.—Burns and Allen, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Mystery Theater, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO.

6:30 p. m.—Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands, KGO, KEX, KJR; Fibber McGee and Molly, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Report to the Nation, KNX, KSL, KOIN.

7:00 p. m.—Raymond Gram Swing, news, KGO, KEX, KJR; Passport for Adams, KOIN, KSL; Bob Hope Show, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Inglewood Park Concert, KNX.

7:30 p. m.—Congress Speaks, KOIN; Red Skelton, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Red Ryder, KGO, KEX, KJR; Two Piano Team, KNX; Edwin C. Hill, news, KSL.

8:00 p. m.—Fred Waring in Victory Tune Time, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Roy Porter, news, KGO, KEX, KJR; I Love a Mystery, KNX, KSL, KOIN.

8:30 p. m.—Johnny Presents, KPO, KOA, KOMO, KGW; Duffy's, KGO, KEX, KJR; Big Town, KNX, KOIN; News, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—Salute to Youth, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Judy Canova Show, KNX, KOIN; Homicide O'Kane, KGO, KEX; Buy Washington, KJR; American Melody Hour, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Edwin C. Hill, news, KNX; News, KSL, KEX, KJR, KOA; Hollywood Theater, KGW; Dance Orch., KGO; Million Dollar Club, KOIN; The Boeing Hour, KOMO; Light and Mellow, KPO.

10:00 p. m.—Dance Orch., KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KOA, KOIN; Music for Romance, KGO; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Dance Orch., KNX; Taylor Maids, KGW; This Nation at War, KJR, KEX; Nite Club, KGO; Edwin C. Hill, news, KOIN; Sweetheart Swing Time, KPO.

11:00 p. m.—This Moving World, KJR; Harmony Team, KGW; Dance Orch., KOIN, KOMO, KGO, KNX; Eyes Aloft, KEX.

Wednesday

5:00 p. m.—Voice of a Nation, KOA; Terry and the Pirates, KGO, KEX, KJR; Everybody's Inn, KSL; News, KPO, KOMO; Personality Hour, KGW; Beryl Wallace, KNX; Heathman Concert, KOIN.

5:30 p. m.—Dr. Christian, KSL; Jack Armstrong, KGO, KEX, KJR; Harry W. Flannery, news, KNX, KOIN; Theater Reporter, KOA; Stories of the Day, KOMO; Musical Journal, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Mayor of the Town, KSL; Fitch Bandwagon, KGO, KEX, KJR; Time to Smile With Eddie Cantor, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Winner Take All, KOIN; Inglewood Park Concert, KNX.

6:30 p. m.—Mr. District Attorney, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Jack Carson Show, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands, KGO, KJR.

7:00 p. m.—Kay Kiser's program, KPO, KOA, KOMO, KGW; Raymond Gram Swing, KGO, KEX, KJR; Great Moments in Music, KSL, KNX, KOIN.

7:30 p. m.—Cresta Blanca Carnival, KNX; Organ Reveries, KEX; Music in the Air, KGO; Timber, KOIN; Symphonettes, KSL.

8:00 p. m.—Roy Porter, news, KGO, KEX, KJR; I Love a Mystery, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Fred Waring in Victory Tune Time, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

8:30 p. m.—Beat the Band, KPO, KOA, KGW; Dr. Christian, KNX, KOIN; Battle of the Sexes, KGO, KEX, KJR; Dramas From the Living Bible, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—Dance Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR; Mr. and Mrs. North, KPO, KOMO, KOA; Everybody's Inn, KNX, KOIN; Studio Klock, KOIN; Your Hymns and Mine, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Scramby Amby, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Mayor of the Town, KNX; News, KSL, KEX, KJR, KOA; Dance Orch., KGO; Northwest Neighbors, KOIN.

10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KNX, KOA, KOIN; Music for Romance, KGO; Covenant Home Hour, KJR; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Dance Orch., KOIN; National Radio Forum, KJR; H. V. Kaltenborn, news, KOMO, KPO; Broadway Band Wagon, KEX; Nite Club, KGO; Gardening for Food, KGW; Suspense, KNX.

11:00 p. m.—Dance Orch., KPO, KGW, KOIN; This Moving World, KEX; News, KNX, KOMO, KGO; Folk Music, KJR.

San Francisco's famous deep-sea crab fishing fleet is permitted to operate now only during daylight hours and under coast guard supervision, curtailing the supplying of crabs "for the duration."

PORTLAND GLORY SPREAD BY RILEY

London, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—Mayor Earl Riley of Portland, Ore., in Great Britain for a speaking tour and to study British methods, told newsmen today that 54 per cent of all ships being produced in the United States were coming from the Pacific coast.

Portland alone, he said, is producing 30 per cent of the total, having floated over 400 steel ships from its yards since 1941.

He said that Portland is now the number one American shipbuilding city and had increased in population from 305,000 to 450,000.

GABLE GIVEN MEDAL FOR AERIAL SERVICE

London, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—Capt. Clark Gable, former movie star, has been awarded the air medal "for exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over occupied continental Europe," it was announced today.

The citation said the "courage, coolness, and skill displayed by Gable on these occasions reflect great credit upon him."

SHIPBUILDING LAGS

Washington, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—Rear-Admiral Howard L. Vickery, vice-chairman of the maritime commission, reported today that American merchant ship production in September slumped to last June's level, with only 160 ships completed.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

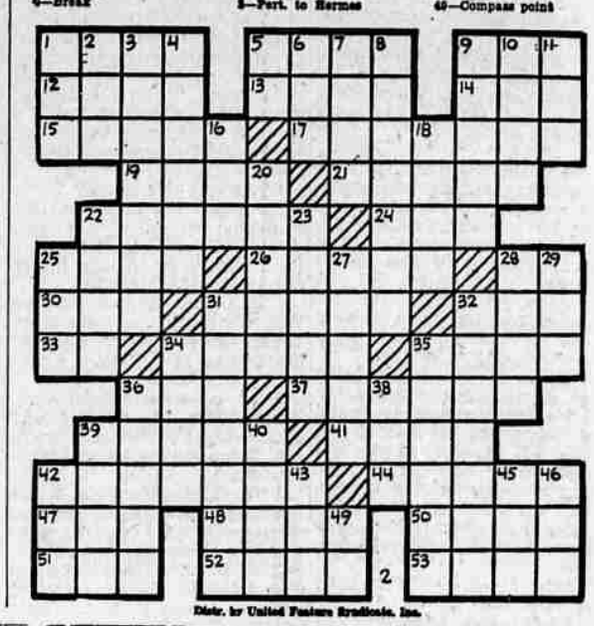
1—Tenth king of Israel
5—Went swiftly
8—Cook in fat
3—Claim
3—Persian elf
14—Grain in mahogany
15—Join
17—Firearms
18—Repast
21—Ugly old woman
22—Cloak
24—Worthless leaving
25—Lure
26—Arabia (poet.)
28—Man's nickname
30—Curve
31—Entertain
32—Part of "to be"
33—Toward
34—Bundled
35—Frozen rain
36—Cooking utensil
37—Beliefs
39—Species of iris
41—Price
42—Opening over doorway
44—Cymbals
47—Even (poet.)
48—Revolve
50—Break

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

61—Wapiti
52—Other
53—Simple

DOWN

1—Sweet preserve
2—First lady
3—Part. to Hermes
4—Pressing
5—Spanish (abbr.)
6—Vigor
7—Discoverer of Iceland
8—Take off clothes
9—Facade
10—Part in play
11—Affirmative
16—Take food
18—Extreme conservative
20—South American animal
22—Shopping place
23—Burst forth suddenly
25—Cry of sheep
27—Fall flower
28—God of love
29—Moisture on grass
31—Professional singer
33—Radio serial
34—Shabby
35—Bristly
36—Mischievous act
38—Old horse
39—Russian city
40—Spirit
42—Pipe joint
43—Woman's title
45—Chatter (slang)
46—Secret agent
49—Compass point



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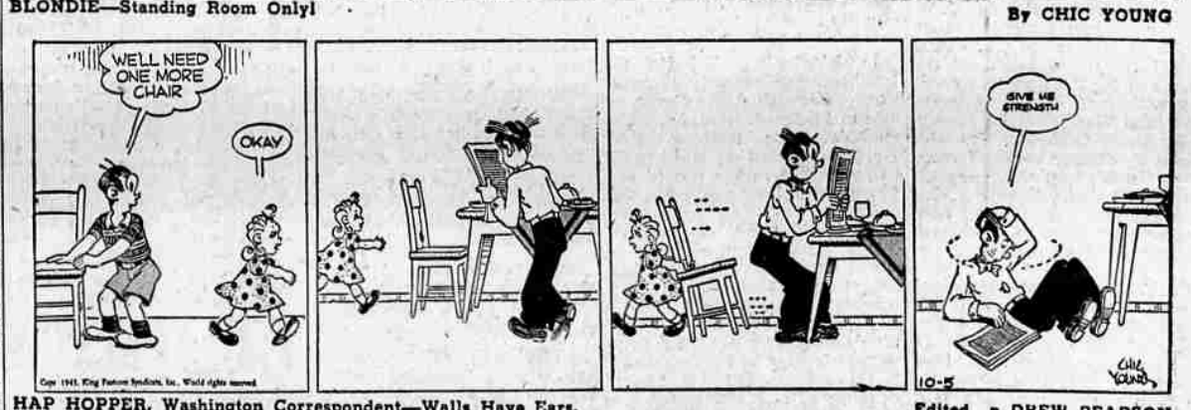

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What's Doing at U. S. O.'s

West Main USO

The regular Friday evening feature of free refreshments at the West Main USO will be supplemented this week by added entertainment. Mrs. Eve Prentice and several of her advanced students will render accordian selections during the evening. The young ladies will be dressed in pastel formals. Miss Mary Ann Gates will also entertain with solos.

A cordial invitation is extended to all WACS and new servicemen stationed at Camp White to come to the club. Tonight will be free recording night, and WACS, especially, are invited to make records.

The regular monthly meeting of the West Main USO operating committee will be held in the form of a luncheon meeting at the club at noon Wednesday, October 6. All members are asked to be present.

COOKING COURSES

Stanford University, Cal.—(U.P.) Chinese cooking has been elevated to the dignity of a place in the university's curriculum. Members of the classes taking the courses under Miss Ling-fu Yang, Chinese food researchist, turn out such delicacies as chrysanthemum pie, tiger skin eggs and Buddhist rice soup. Food economics also are taught so that 10 people can be fed on Chinese delicacies for 50 cents.

"War Girl of 1943"

(Acme Telephoto)

It's easy to understand why soldiers in Texas Army camps chose Billie Chance, above, of Fort Worth, as the "War Girl of 1943." P.S.: Miss Chance, an employe at a Vultee Aircraft factory, does not usually wear this outfit to work.

SUBURBAN HEIGHTS By GLUYAS WILLIAMS