SUSAN OF THE WAVES

by ALLEN EPPES

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Susan Esterbrook, New York glamour girl, is being courted by Pierre Dupre, a Fighting Frenchman who has been introduced to her by Carl Cooper, a man who seems strangely interested in her father's war plant. At a canteen for servicemen she is greatly attracted to Harvey Rogers, a young flyer, because he looks so much like her favorite cousin, Rankin, who is overseas. When Harvey comes to the Esterbrook home for dinner, Susan's father takes a fancy to him and asks him to come out to the war plant and address the workers. After dinner, the family is stunned by a telegram announcing that Rankin has been killed. The next morning, Susan takes the first steps toward enlisting in the Waves, in spite of her mother's opposition. Her patriotic fervor is inspired by Rankin's death. Remembering that Rankin asked her not to grieve if anything happened to him, she decides to telephone Pierre and ask him to take her dancing.

CHAPTER VIII

SUSAN had a light lunch, and then busied herself with odd jobs in her room — necessary little jobs that had to be done before she embarked on the new life she was about to begin.

Her mother came in and hovered over her like a worried hen.

"The training is only for four months, Mother," Susan said. "I'll have a furlough before then, maybe. Anyway, I'll have a little time at home before I'm assigned to duty."

"Where is it you go?" her mother asked.

"Some place up in New England. Not too far away. Perhaps you and Dad can run up and see me some week-end. It's not going to be much different from my college days."

"All right," Mrs. Esterbrook said. "I'll think of it *that* way."

Susan bent and kissed her. "That's a good girl! And now I'm going to do some telephoning—call Pierre and Harvey, and—"

"You mean you're going to make dates after what's happened?" her mother interrupted. "Rankin, I mean?"

"It's the way he'd want it," Susan said. "Don't forget he loathed long faces and mourning. I'm going out with Pierre tonight and I'm going to date Harvey for the trip to the factory tomorrow—that is, if he's free."

HARVEY *was* free. He told her so when she phoned him.

"Shall I write my speech tonight?" he asked.

"No," said Susan. "Just deliver one extemporaneously. It'll go over better."

"I'm not so good at thinking on my feet."

"You'll make it, once you see all those workmen listening eagerly to your message. Well, I'll expect you at ten-thirty in the morning. We'll take the subway to the end of the line, and then a bus. Dad's gone all the way in his patriotism, and insists that, if the factory workers ride on subway and busses, he should do likewise. Hope you don't mind my not using my car to get us there?"

"Of course I don't mind," Harvey replied.

Susan then telephoned Pierre. She heard the sound of voices when he answered, as though he had company.

"I expect to go away soon," she told him, "and thought we might do some dancing this evening, if you're not engaged."

"Splendid!" Pierre said. "Shall we make it the Rainbow Room—at last?"

"At last! Wear tails and white tie. We'll be gay and dressy."

"I shall call for you around seven, for dining. Right?"

"Right!" said Susan.

She said good-bye then.

MEANWHILE Pierre, when he hung up, turned to face Carl Cooper and another man—a man with close-cropped hair and small, piercing eyes.

"Quite a coincidence," said Carl. "Speak of angels and hear the rustle of their wings. An old adage, isn't it?"

"Yes," said Pierre. "But I'd rather not discuss Miss Esterbrook, if you don't mind."

"Not at all," said the other man. "And, changing the subject, have you heard recently from your relatives in the little village in the south of France?"

Pierre was startled. He hadn't remembered mentioning his family or where they lived.

"No, I have not," he answered finally. "Why do you ask?"

"The Nazis now have the town, you know," said Carl.

"Yes, I know." Pierre looked from Carl to the other man, and back again. "How do you happen to know about my family?"

"Oh, we have a way of keeping in touch," Carl told him.

"Yes," said the other man. "We know about the families of a number of — er — Fighting Frenchmen in this country. We feel such knowledge might serve us well—one day."

Pierre stiffened. "Why?"

"We shall discuss that — one day," the man replied.

"Meanwhile," said Carl, "keep right on seeing Miss Esterbrook. It is a very nice contact for us to have."

"*Us?*" said Pierre.

"That," shrugged Carl, "is what I said."

"And don't overlook the Esterbrook plant," the other man reminded.

"No, remember that by all means," Carl said. "Shall we be going now, Hermann?"

The other man nodded, and got up. "We must get together again soon," he said to Pierre.

At the door, Carl turned. "You have a date this evening with Miss Esterbrook — right?" And when Pierre did not reply, he smiled and went on: "The Rainbow Room is as good a place as any to suggest a sightseeing trip to the Long Island plant."

He closed the door softly, and was gone.

LEFT alone, Pierre stood like one stricken. He began to understand, and the understanding brought with it a picture of his people back home, back in that once-peaceful little town in the south of France. His people, his loved ones, were now in a town that was overrun and run *by* the invaders.

He had little doubt now that Carl and this Hermann were Nazis. Could it be that they were planning to use him, planning to make him cooperate? Suddenly he was frightened. He felt helpless and alone.

He lit a cigarette with fingers that shook, and sank into the nearest chair. He wished with all his heart that he had never struck up an acquaintance with Carl Cooper on board the huge liner that was bringing them both to America.

All the afternoon, he paced his hotel room.

Then, finally, when it was very late, he showered and dressed to call for Susan Esterbrook. An evening with her would help him, perhaps make him forget the things that were troubling him so badly.

He stopped fixing his tie and stared into space. Surely, one could go to the authorities. But no—if he did that, if he reported Carl and Hermann, his family in France might suffer. Besides, what had he to report except that two men were interested in a factory down on Long Island? For the present, he would simply have to wait and see what developed. . . .

(To be continued)
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High School News

by STUDENT REPORTERS

Viladean Halgren and Joan Mole

Ray Casebeer, student body president, took charge of the first regular sophomore class meeting last Monday until the new president, Jim Cave, was elected. Jim gave a short speech of appreciation to his electors and then presided for the remaining elections. Other officers elected were: vice president, Bob Watson; secretary, Janet Horsley; treasurer, Barbara Sands; class representative, Betty Lou Baker. Counselors are Miss Jo Kirtley and J. C. Tucker.

Junior class meeting was conducted by Marvin Doty, new junior class president. During the period Mr. Leland Mentzer, boys class counselor, and Mrs. Delphia Myers, girls counselor, spoke to the students of the importance of these high school days. Marvin appointed his committees for the year, which include program chairman, Bill Plaskett, and his assistants, Dean Sheldon, Nancy Swem, and Phyllis Whitlock; committee for class rings, Mary Lou Swoape, chairman, and her assistants, Audrey Nims and Dick Igo, and noise parade committee, Lyle Wilcox, chairman; and his assistants, Earl Barnhart, Charles Jones, June Williams, and Calista Farrell.

Johnny Webber, senior class president, opened the meeting of seniors with election of a program chairman. Joan Elliott was unanimously elected and the remaining time was spent organizing the class for the coming year. Counselors for this class are Mrs. Gladys Herron and Mr. Ed Kirtley.

Remedial arithmetic tests were given to the seniors and juniors October 6, and to the sophomores on Oct. 7. Grades will be given and test papers shown upon request, in room 34, some time between Monday and Wednesday, stated Miss Delia Whisenant, instructor in charge. Students who do not pass the minimum math requirements are required to take an elementary arithmetic class without credit. Free periods or third period will be devoted to remedial work, depending on the student's present schedule.

"A second test will be given to the remedial classes, after two weeks of class work," Miss Whisenant added, "after which a test will be given each week." These weekly tests give students frequent opportunity to be transferred back to their regular study period.

A special pep assembly was held last Friday to cheer the Medford team for the Marshfield game that night. A.S.B. president, Ray Casebeer opened the meeting with a welcome to the Marshfield boys and their coach. The meeting was then turned over to yell queen Calista Farrell and the new pep team. This was the pep team's first performance at a school assembly this year, and they started it off right with some good strong yells and a clever skit.

The band, directed this year by Sydney Bouck, played the "Star Spangled Banner," after which Principal Leonard B. Mayfield and Coach Lorne Arnold gave pep talks.

Myron Corcoran, yell king, explained that the football with the score and teams inscribed would be auctioned off after the game to the highest bond bidder.

Other speakers were Ray Hunsaker, now principal of Marshfield, and the Marshfield coach, Walter Commins. The meeting closed with the playing of "On Medford".

SURGEONS LABOR AS STORMS RAZES ARMY HOSPITAL

Surgical Tent Ripped, Whipped While Operation Continues on Wound.

By Robert A. Vermillion
(United Press Correspondent)

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Tornado wrecked the 16th U. S. Evacuation hospital on the Salerno bridgehead as surgeons worked in the night to save wounded men, it was revealed today.

Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Blesse, chief surgeon in the northern African theater, said the tornado struck one surgical tent at the crucial stage of an operation on a man with a wounded leg.

Patient Saved

"The tent was whipped about and the canvas ripped wide open," he said. "A quick-witted surgeon had just enough time to whisk his patient under the operating table when the tent collapsed."

The soldier, sleeping under anesthesia, didn't know what happened. The operation, completed in another tent, was successful.

Blesse said the patients were moved in the middle of the night to barns and a tobacco warehouse by physicians, nurses and enlisted men who worked under shaded blackout lights. One man was lost—a German who was dying when the tornado struck.

"When dawn came, we saw a pitiful sight," Col. Rollin L. Bauchspies of Mauch Chunk, Pa., said. He directed the removal of the patients.

Mass of Wreckage

"A mass of torn ropes, tents and equipment was all that remained of our hospital, which was set up with extreme difficulty," he said.

Other hospitals came to their aid and not a patient suffered, however.

Blesse said high explosive shells were causing most casualties in Italy. There are no signs of a plague in Naples although some malaria, dysentry, respiratory diseases and sand fly fever are causing trouble, he said. American doctors are fighting them to prevent epidemics. A major problem, Blesse said, has been treatment of civilians injured by German land mines.

New York, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Ed L. Keen, vice-president of the United Press, who served for more than 20 years as senior executive in charge of the United Press' European organization, died unexpectedly today.

On the Radio Chains

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Time Shown Is PWT

Friday

5:00 p. m.—Kate Smith Hour, KSL; Terry and the Pirates, KGO, KEX, KJR; Cities Service Concert, KOA; News, KPO, KOMO; The Personality Hour, KGW; Beryl Walace, KNJ; Fireside Harmonies, KOIN.

5:30 p. m.—Harry W. Flannery, news, KNX, KOIN; Your All-Time Hit Parade, KOA; Jack Armstrong, KGO, KJR, KEX; Day Foster, KGW; Stories of the Day, KOMO; Right on the Beat, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Hollywood Showcase, KNX; Waltz Time, KPO, KOA, KOMO, KGW; News, KGO, KOIN; Hollywood Theater, KSL.

6:30 p. m.—That Brewster Boy, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands, KGO, KEX, KJR; People Are Funny, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO.

7:00 p. m.—Garry Moore-Jimmy Durante, KNX, KSL, KOIN; News Analyst, KGO, KEX; Amos 'n' Andy, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Fish Findings.

7:30 p. m.— —Bill Stern's Sports Newsreel, KPO, KOA, KOMO, KGW; Stage Door Canteen, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Freedom Speaks, KEX; Spell for Dough, KGO; Chris Gilson, KJR.

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

8:30 p. m.—Your All-Time Hit Parade, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Playhouse, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Gang Busters, KGO, KEX, KJR; Enlisted Men's Music Program, KOA.

9:00 p. m.—Furlough Fun, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Meet Your Navy, KJR, KEX; Kate Smith Hour, KNX, KOIN; News, KOA; Dance Orch., KGO; Sports, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Danch Orch., KGO, KGW; News, KSL, KEX, KJR, KOA; Highlight Hour, KOMO; Hollywood Theater, KPO.

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

10:30 p. m.—Dance Orch., KNX, KOIN; H. V. Kaltenborn, news, KOMO, KPO; Eye Witness News, KEX; Nite Club, KGO; Gardening for Food, KGW; Gospel Hour, KJR.

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

Saturday

5:00 p. m.—Hollywood House, KGW; Dance Orch., KSL, KOIN, KEX; News, KPO, KOMO; Waltz Time, KGO; Our State at War, KJR; Record Performance, KNX; Music by Shrednik, KOA.

5:30 p. m.—Leo and Ken, KPO; Harry Flannery, news, KNX; Melodies, KOA; Old Chisholm Trail, KOIN; Stories of the Day, KOMO; Let's Pretend, KSL.

6:00 p. m.—Your Hit Parade, KSL; Alka-Seltzer National Barn Dance, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Boston Symphony Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR.

6:30 p. m.—Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands, KGO, KEX, KJR; Can You Top This? KPO, KGW, KOMO; Spars and Waves Program, KOIN; Popular Music, KNX.

7:00 p. m.—John W. Vandercook, news, KGO, KEX; Million Dollar Band, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; The Children's Hour, KJR.

7:30 p. m.—Red Ryder, KGO, KEX, KJR; Grand Ole Opry, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Heathman Concert, KOIN.

8:00 p. m.—Roy Porter, news, KGO, KEX, KJR; Thanks to the Yanks, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Truth or Consequences, KPO, KOA, KOMO, KGW.

8:30 p. m.—Leon Henderson, news, KGO, KJR, KEX; Abie's Irish Rose, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Inner Sanctum Mystery, KNX, KSL, KOIN.

9:00 p. m.—Cowboy Hit Parade, KGO, KEX; News, KOA, KOMO, KGW; Your Hit Parade, KNX, KOIN; World Within Reach, KJR; Robert Passon, KPO.

9:30 p. m.—Army Service Forces Present, KGO; Adventure House, KGW, KOMO; News, KEX, KJR, KOA; Hits of Yesterday, KPO.

10:00 p. m.—Bridge to Dreamland, KEX, KJR; News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Nite Club, KGO.

10:30 p. m.—Dance Orch., KOA, KGW, KOMO, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Quiet Hour, KEX; Sweetheart Swing Time, KPO.

11:00 p. m.—This Moving World, KGO, KEX; Dance Orch., KGW, KOIN; Merry-Go-Round, KNX; News, KOMO.

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

Penicillin Proves Value At Front

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 8.—(U.P.)—Early reports indicated today that penicillin, already found valuable in combatting wound infection, can be used successfully to cure gonorrhea when the usual sulfa treatment fails.

The first combat soldier to be treated with penicillin was revealed as a private whose foot had been amputated after a land mine explosion. Sulfa drugs and other agents had failed to prevent infection and gangrene.

Penicillin was used after more of the soldier's leg was amputated. He recovered so quickly he could be sent to an evacuation hospital in four days.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS by JOHN HIX

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

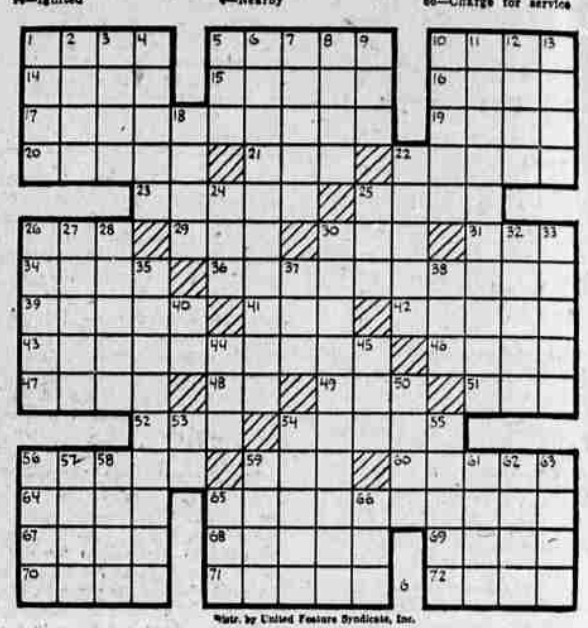
1—Unconcerned
5—Mar
10—Greek portico
14—Jason's ship
15—Ancient
16—Spoken
17—Commercial
19—Low
20—Bag
21—Boy's name
22—Leases
23—Rabbit fur
25—Prohibits
26—Man's nickname
29—Asiatic linear measure
30—Scion
31—Baby food
34—Cabbage dish
36—Stone formation found in caves
39—Stirs up
41—Rage
42—Uncanny
43—Concerned
45—Relate
47—Consider
48—Part of "to be"
49—Seed covering
51—Delirium tremens (abbr.)
52—Superlative ending
54—Alleges
56—French river
58—Study
60—Flat tablelands
64—Ignited

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

65—Mischievous
67—Church court
68—Went up
69—Child's word for "thank you"
70—Bottom of ship
71—Thick
72—Arouse

DOWN

1—Bivouac
2—Russian city
3—Monster
4—Nearby
5—Oriental coin
6—Love of one's country
7—A constellation
8—Poorly
9—Caustic solution
10—Sedate
11—Happened
12—Kiln
13—Beverage (pl.)
18—First human
22—Place for ride practice
24—Dance step
25—Fur piece
26—Bitter
27—Famed U. S. pioneer
28—Best part
30—Drowsiness
32—Canted
33—Pares
35—Fundamental
37—Craft
38—United
40—Senior (abbr.)
44—Take food
45—Spot
50—Prefix: half
53—Compass point
54—Digestive organ
55—Religious groups
56—Take notice of
57—Drug-yielding plant
58—Ceremony
59—Matter
61—Place to sit
62—One opposed
63—Stellar body
65—Rabid
66—Charge for service



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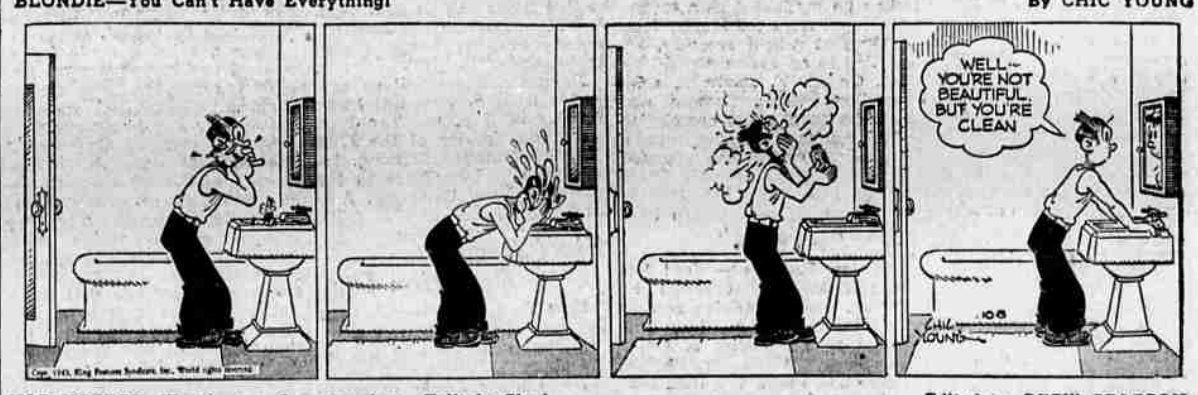

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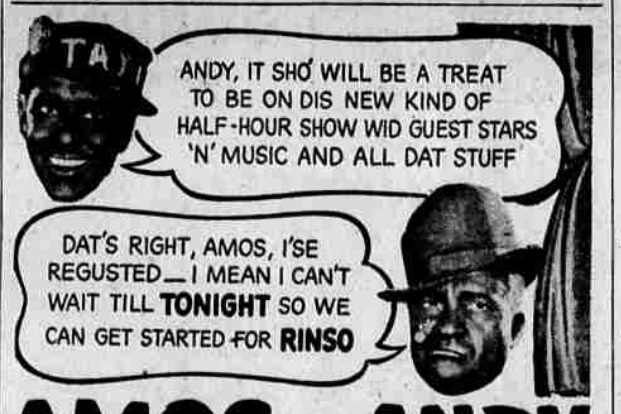

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