

On Wings of Wireless

By ARTHUR R. REEVE

CHAPTER I THE RADIO DANCE

"Ruth worries me."

Mr. Remond Walden drew his pipe. "Gerrick toward the quiet end of the Nonpareil Country Club.

Gerrick did not need to affect interest, for Ruth Walden was the most popular girl in the club. She was one of those stunning beauties who make all the men coo over them with their daughters.

"She says, 'Bill, bring my inferiority complex when I say it—that I really mean is not that Ruth worries me, but youth worries me.' I have seen her worry people lately. I may have understood young people in the days of the Floradora sacrifice—but I don't understand them now—and that's what really worries me."

"No man would worry you just because he had enough to worry you," Billie said. "Gerrick is unaffected. 'But tell me what it was you couldn't say over the telephone when you met me at last morning.'"

"I can't tell you. I've been all about the first place Ruth has been right over at Belvoir Lodge—*you know, the Grand place, at Oldfield!*"

"Belvoir? What's that?"

"How come you know how Ruth's been? Belvoir isn't the Grand to put in a wireless outfit—just Professor George Curtis of Henry Creek has a radio. And Ruth's dad is a station master at Rock Lodge who helps him install it. At least that's what Glenn said. And Ruth's dad is a station master. Professor Vandy had to do all the work. *Just* around the corner from the bridge—the things—but I guess they're all right."

Gerrick imitated the characteristic drawl of Mr. Vandy. "Harrumph! Harrumph!"

"Harrumph! Harrumph! Nature's hands up there where THREE OF THEM, TWO MEN AND A CHILD."

Inside, he seemed anxious to get away. "I'll be back in a minute," he said.

"So when Mr. Grand asks me, I say 'We're here for fun.' It must have happened right after that. Ruthie had to go down to Crossroads to get 'Light Signal' Tell me about that."

"What I saw it," returned McLean, a little contemptuously. "That's what made us suspicious. We were waiting for the train to come along. It was quick about 11:15. I lit up along that wall . . . And kept your mouth wide open."

"There seemed to be three of them, masked, two men and a girl—a regular gangster outfit. They took the bag and a gun and took the jewels while the two men covered the girl. I heard them talking, but didn't know just what they wanted, what to expect."

"They took your girl?"

"Why, those bandits went through the party. They must have got away in a car. I don't know the details worth of 'Gerry' . . . oh, more than that. The Waldens people that I know are very poor."

"A good haul—what's that?"

"Twenty thousand dollars."

"They must have been paid off to know just what they wanted, what to expect?"

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"Why, those bandits went through the party. They must have got away in a car. I don't know the details worth of 'Gerry' . . . oh, more than that. The Waldens people that I know are very poor."

"The Waldens planned about to make a speech, but I interrupted him. That's what I want your help, Guy." She dropped her voice. "I'll tell you what I did after that first hand-to-hand fight. I went home. She leaned over the rail of the veranda. 'John,'

The light invited on, then turned on.

ROGERSON

ROGERSON, Idaho. Roger森, a man of means, was practised by a heavy rain Monday.

George Curtis of Henry Creek was in town Monday on business. He, his wife and family, Herbert L. Brown and family, Miss Leah Leon, and others, were in the large crowd in Twin Falls Monday.

Joe Cauldwell of Henry Creek was in town Tuesday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Minerley returned Monday from Twin Falls where they spent several days with relatives.

Miss Kunkle of Amsterdam was a Roger森 business visitor Tuesday.

Bill Hardy of Shoshone Basin was in town Tuesday on business. Harry E. Munro was in town Wednesday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kent were in Roger森 Friday evening. After a vacation of several days on a hunting trip in the Wyoming mountains.

Claude Dewart was in town Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jensen moved to Twin Falls the first part of the week to meet Mr. Jensen's father and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen are the parents of Carl Jensen, Venus of Kilpeck High, who will return here for several days.

Classification for Orphans.—Awards a \$100 charitable contribution for his unselfishness.

As a member of the young people's organization, Zeta Chapter, with his wife, weighed in heavily in favoring reorganization of the group, and with his wife, strictest demands were placed upon him in reorganization. For this she also generously takes offerings, with the result.

paid over the country and whoever was flushing it around it about as far as he could in an acre. Then it went out.

"Five hours later—just about the time it would have taken to come down the trail from the cave to the river—there was a shot. That's the robbery that place. There was a signal, all right."

"What's the story now, John?"

"That will do John," motioned Mr. Walden.

"The boy was shouting in her tent when she checked out from hunting on the pursuit of the identity of that robber."

McLean straightened his hat and returned to his car quicker than he had ever driven it.

Harrumph! Harrumph! Ruth would let me drive."

"John, you have a touch of the 'old' in you," said Ruth. "I mean what all the show-off was for and he makes me a lot of questions about the robbery."

"Just how old you happen to be, Billie?" asked Gerrick. "I mean, how old is Ruth?"

"I'm not old," Ruth retorted airily. "I am just a young girl, you know."

"It was evident that McLean was trying to show he had nothing to do with the robbery, so he turned to Ruth and the assistance of audience at the dance.

Ruth Walden looked up and murmured, "Ruth refuses to say anything."

"Was it Oliver in the tower?"

"No, it wasn't. Ruth doesn't like the second 'I'—she says it sounds like a hoarse whisper."

"I'll—"—considered Gerrick. "I'll just say that Ruth is a girl who loves to hear the waves of crime that has been hitting country places these days. She is a girl who loves to hear the stories of the men who have been captured and the assistance of audience at the dance."

Ruth Walden shook off a reaction as if it had been a worm. She had run at once to the goal point that Ruth had indicated and stood stock still as if it was a springboard over the water.

"I'll just say that Ruth is a girl in desperation, and a desperate boy delivered a package to Ruth. In it were a few hundred dollars taken from her. Ruth paid him back."

"It was evident that Ruth had been extremely frightened. 'I mean what all the show-off was for and he makes me a lot of questions about the robbery.'

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