

WE FLEW Without GUNS

This is a true story of the men who fly the "hump"—carrying passengers and cargo over the high Himalayas between India and China. Pilots call it the toughest airline route in the world.

"Put that picture down, Brother Lane," he said. "We'll settle this thing in gentlemanly fashion, before someone gets killed."

Skippy obliged under the threat of the raised chair and Gingiss explained his plan.

"That girl is definitely a prize, boys," Gingiss said. "She has everything—and when I say everything, I mean to include that gorgeous soft white thigh which some of you may not have noticed—like hell! But we can't all have that girl. We can't all even dream of having her. Only one of us can be that lucky. We'll draw lots, and the lucky winner will get the picture all for himself; he'll be permitted to dream about her all he wants; he may even write her a letter. In fact, I think that ought to be one of the conditions. The winner will have to write her a letter, and if she replies he'll have to read her letter aloud to all of us. He'll have to read us his letter, too, before he sends it."

I was given the privilege of drawing the first card. Gingiss shuffled them and at least four of the wolves cut them to make sure they weren't stacked. I picked up the top card, turned it over. It was the ace of spades.

My letter to Gerry Ewing was a masterpiece in many ways, but I still don't know why she never answered it. Even to this day she has never given me a good explanation for that little bit of rudeness.

TWO of the boys who took part in the brief melee over Gerry's picture that night were Joe Rosbert and "Ridge" Hammel, both of Pennsylvania. Joe had been a Tiger before enlisting on with C. N. A. C. and Ridge had only recently joined us, having transferred from Pan-American's African branch. Ridge hadn't checked out yet as a flight captain.

PIN-UP GIRL

WE didn't have much to read at the cottage at Dinjan, so every time we returned from Calcutta we brought back some magazines or sometimes a book or two. I don't know who it was that brought in the January 17 issue of *Peak*, but whoever it was I love him as a brother. One of the pictures in that magazine had a profound effect on my life.

She was blonde, the girl in this picture. Blonde and blue-eyed and built like—well, like only one girl in all the world, Gerry Ewing. That was her name. She was pictured with a group of other girls who danced with her at Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe in New York. They all wore little-girl costumes with short flouncey ruffled skirts, big sashes around their waists and colored bows in their hair. Gerry was sitting on the floor reading a book at a kid party, and I sat there in the lounge of our cottage on the other side of the world moaning softly to myself.

The other pilots began to gather around to see what was bothering me. When they saw that picture the wolf in them came to the surface with a chorus of low whistles, deep sighs and smacking lips. Petch in a frenzy grabbed the magazine out of my hands; Bob Robertson snatched it away from him; I leaped on Robertson, but too late. Lane had it by then, his eyes bulging as he devoured the beauty of that page. I was in agony for fear the sheet would be torn—and then Gingiss, Solomon-like, saved the day. He picked up a chair, balancing it over Skippy's head.

Nehawka

Twenty five relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ford on Sunday to enjoy the day visiting and honoring E. A. Ford, Sr. home after boat training at the Great Lakes Naval base. E. A. Ford is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ford.

Louisville, former Nehawka, is here for a ten day furlough, enroute to Garrens Utah, for overseas examinations.

Bessie Murdoch is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Della Murdoch at Arapahoe, Neb., for two weeks. She was accompanied by Norma Lee Thoren, who will visit her grandparents at Stanford and Alma, Neb., for two weeks.

Reda Edwards, taking the nurse's aid course at the Lutheran hospital, Omaha, and her sister, Ruth Edwards, a student of a business school in Omaha, were weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards the past Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Bowman, Edith and Barbara of Pierceton, Ind., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. M.

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tain on the Himalaya run and was flying as a co-pilot, usually with Rosbert. They were scheduled to take off the morning following the discussion over the picture a half an hour after me on the run to Kunning. The weather was mean even on the ground that day; the monsoon season was well begun, and rain had been washing the field all night. It was still pouring down as I waded through the mud from the flight office to my plane.

The first plane out every morning always took about a half-hour start on the others and radiated back information about the weather and any Jap activity noticed along the way. In view of the Zeros Petch and I had run into on the southern route the day before, I took the northern route this time, even though I realized, because of the drop in temperature overnight, that I would probably be heading into an ice storm.

ABOUT an hour out of the base I decided to head south. The plane was so loaded with ice I couldn't get it above 17,000 feet—not high enough to go over the Hump on the northern route—so I had either to go back to Dinjan or take a chance on getting far enough south to melt off the ice.

The ice storm was moving west, apparently, because Rosbert ran into it a shorter distance out of Dinjan than I had 25 or 30 minutes before. When I told him over the phone that I was going to head south I also told him why. "If I tried to get back to the base I'd take on a double load, Joe, and I'm too heavy right now to risk it."

"Okay, Gen," Rosbert replied. "But I'm not as far out as you are. I think I'll head back and wait for it to clear up. . . ."

That was the last we heard of Joe Rosbert and Ridge Hammel until 49 days later when they came rumbly out of the jungle on a British Army truck in what was probably the most remarkable return from the unknown world of Lower Tibet that any white men have ever made.

(To Be Continued)

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F. McDonald for the past few days.

Charlotte Lundberg, employed at Marshal, Mo., is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Lundberg, for a two week vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Linder announce the engagement of their daughter, Lt. Opal D. Linder, nurse at the General Hospital in Reims, France, to Lt. James A. Lee, a member of the Personnel Force at the same hospital. His former home was at Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Robert Goodman and daughter left this week for their home at Sioux Falls, S. D., after a month spent here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goodman, and his brother, Grier Goodman, and Mrs. Goodman.

Troy Murdoch fell from a hay stack last week, at the home of a neighbor where he was assisting with the hay harvest. He was taken to Lincoln for an x-ray; no broken bones were revealed, one hip is very stiff and sore. He is up and about with the aid of crutches.

Imogene Pollard, Lincoln, was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oren Pollard.

Mrs. Homer Crossman and son, Allen, from St. Louis, are guests of her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Carper, for a few weeks; her husband is in the army stationed at Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. L. B. Conrad, Patricia, Pat and twin babies, of Omaha, are with her mother, Mrs. Jack Hines, and Mr. Hines, for a weeks visit; her husband is in Italy.

Mrs. James Odell and son, Marvin, of Cambridge, are spending the summer with her brother, Dewey Jones and family, and with her aunt, Mrs. Virgil Ruby and family.

Sgt. Clark Bates arrived Friday for a two week furlough with his wife and son, Roger, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bates. He will report back to Camp Rucker, Ala., after his furlough.

Eda Tyson, Lincoln, is enjoying a weeks vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Tyson. Mrs. Arnold French spent the week-end with her husband's parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred French at Syracuse.

Mrs. Grover Hoback, Mrs. Charlotte Schomaker and son, Cpl. Wilbur Schomaker, and daughter, Mrs. John Eaton, were Omaha guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Dale. Mrs. Earl Ramsey and sons, Omaha, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chappell, this week.

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Elmwood

MRS. GRACE PLYBON, Correspondent

Charles Ferguson of Lincoln was in Elmwood on Monday transacting business and calling on friends.

Miss Margaret Helen Andrews, a Yeoman first class of the WAVES in Arlington, Va., was a week end guest of Miss Corrine Lind.

The Women's Council of the Christian church held their June devotional and social meeting at the church parlors on Friday afternoon.

Rev. Alfred Wilkens, who is here visiting his parents, preached at the Evangelical church on Sunday morning. That evening the church members gave a reception honoring the former pastor, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Adams, and the new minister, Rev. and Mrs. Haist.

Mr. Dode Grant of Aurora, Ill., visited his niece, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, a couple of days last week, going back to Lincoln on Sunday where he and his brother, Walter of Chicago, are guests of another brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Jones entertained a group of friends on Saturday in honor of his aunt, Mrs. Fannie Edwards of Carmel, California.

Guests at the home of Mrs. Creamer, and daughters, Maude and Jessie, on Sunday were Mrs. Roy Young and daughter, Betty, of Central City. Miss Betty is attending summer school at the University of Nebraska. Coming from Omaha that day also were Mrs. John Creamer of Ogallala and Mrs. Wm. Van Every and son, Lieut. Russell Van Every, who had come from camp in Georgia because of the illness of his father, who is in an Omaha hospital.

A pleasant gathering honoring Mrs. Edwards of California was held in Lincoln on Sunday by the members of the Cromwell families, when they had a picnic after church services.

Miss Mary Creamer came from her work in Lincoln for a week end at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Creamer. Mrs. Creamer's mother, Mrs. Jewell of Lincoln spent most of last week there, too.

Memorial services for Lieut. Keith Clements were held on Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church. Rev. C. H. Lind gave an impressive address. Mrs. Russell Ledger of Lincoln, a friend of the family, sang two solos, with Mrs. Mary Gonzales at the pipe organ. Mr. Emmett Cook had charge of the Legion exercises, and Mrs. Eveland of the Star ceremony, when a son of Sanford Clements of Peru, just home from the war zone, pinned on the gold star of remembrance.

Miss Darlene Hollenback visited home folks on Sunday.

George Hall and John McKay are making repairs and doing painting at the farm home of the latter.

The Elmer Stevens home is being remodeled this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Reeder will soon be moving from Plattsmouth to Fremont where he is to be superintendent of the Masonic Children's Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Borne-meier are the parents of a son born last week in Lincoln. She was Valda Gerhardt. They now have a boy and a girl.

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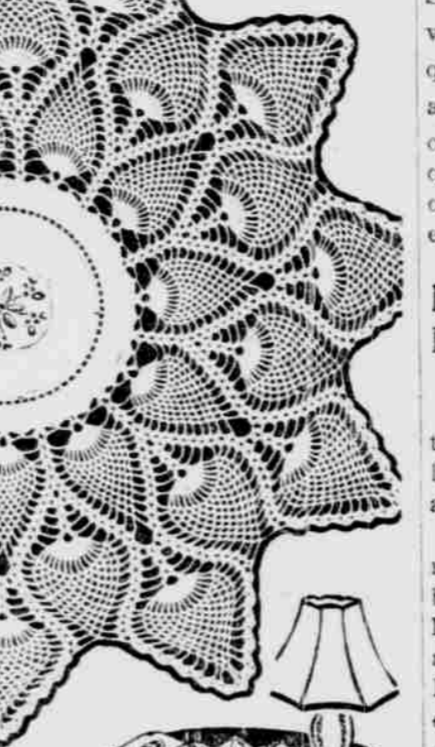
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Quail in Southeastern Nebraska Area

The mild winter left plenty of quail for breeding stock in the southeastern counties of the state. Spring records returned by farm wildlife reporters indicate more quail present now than a year ago. Quail are also present in other parts of the state but good quail habitat is lacking in most of the state excepting the southeast.

Mynard Community Club Meets Friday Evening

The regular monthly meeting of the Mynard Community club will be held Friday evening June 29, at 9 p. m.

The west side program committee has planned that the Nebraska State Champion 4-H Club Livestock Demonstration Team and an outstanding speaker on Independence Day will be included in the program.

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