

STAKE HORSE

By LARRY STERNIG

THE STORY: Johnny Hamilton inherited his father's racing stable and \$100,000 in debts, which he must pay off in three months. The notes are held by Roger Kovalt, who has hired Johnny's best jockey and has loaned him the money. Johnny expects to do great things on the track. Johnny has decided to let Rusty Sloan, a younger jockey, do his riding during the money-raising campaign. Johnny also has just met a girl, Carol O'Shea, a singer, who is the niece of Nystrom, the Hamilton trainer.

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A big, yellow hard top convertible came slowly along shed-row. It was driven by Roger Kovalt. Johnny went over to the fence to wait for Rusty to breeze a two-year-old.

Here was the sun and the infield green before him. Here were the thoroughbreds, showing their wares, the empty stands, the tall birds. Here I am, Johnny thought, with all this and Carol too. I should be a lot happier than I am.

Rusty came through the gate aboard the two-year-old filly, Annabella. "When she's warm enough," Johnny said, "give her a two-furlong sprint. She might have the stuff for the Futurity."

He hadn't noticed that Kovalt had come up from behind. When he did, he turned away.

Annabella went into the first turn easily, under wraps. A rail bird at the turn was looking at his watch. "Through the backstretch Annabella ran, the pace lifting. Halfway through the north turn, Rusty shook her free."

She moved nicely, close to the rail, with a compact, powerful stride that ate up the dirt.

Kovalt said, "Likely looking animal."

Johnny turned, but it wasn't he Kovalt had been addressing. A tall, white-haired man in gray flannel had joined Kovalt.

Uptrack, Rusty turned and came back. When he reached the gate he said, "I'll take Challenger for the Futurity, Mr. Hamilton. This filly hasn't got his speed."

"I think you're right," Johnny agreed. "We'll try him next."

As Rusty rode away, the white-haired man detached himself from Kovalt's side, and came over. He was smiling. "You're John Hamilton's boy?"

Johnny nodded. He liked the looks of this elderly man; he could not picture him as a friend of Kovalt's.

"My name is Garry," the man said. "I was a friend of your dad's."

"Judge Garry," Johnny identified him. "I've heard Dad talk about you." They shook hands.

The judge glanced uncomfortably over at Kovalt. "I—uh—hope you'll have a successful season. Mr. Nystrom has told me of some of your troubles. If there's any way I can help—"

"Thanks," Johnny said. "There you'd promise me one thing."

Isn't much anyone can do for me unless I do have a successful season."

The judge nodded. "It's a tough game, son. Try to play it as well as you can. But there are bound to be disappointments—"

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"I'm sure you have," the judge told him. "And I sincerely hope everything turns out for the best." He went back to stand next to Kovalt.

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Dust rose on the north turn, and through the dust the sorrel streak came, running smoothly, with great strides, looking all legs and straining neck. Rusty rode high, his bat idle in his hand, gaining speed. Into the grandstand lane now, getting bigger, the hoof-thunder louder, the stride all out. Johnny forgot his troubles for the moment, and the watch in his hand, as the colt hammered by.

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Nystrom frowned. Johnny's smile was bitter. "He's not only a friend of Goodhue's, he's a friend of Kovalt's, too. Still think he gave you good advice yesterday?"

Nystrom nodded. "There's never been any doubt in my mind about Judge Garry."

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Carol was at the window with him, and when she saw the money, her eyes went wide.

"It's the only way I can get enough dimes to pay the notes," he explained to her.

She couldn't in her feminine way, understand that, despite his explanations. To her, gambling was losing, not winning. Even the fact that Melody won, and paid off seven, four and three, didn't change that.

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"What's that?"

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IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED: 1912

Returning from Africa, hunter Theodore Roosevelt had no intention of staking the GOP nomination in 1912. He had served two terms in the White House and ebbled his close friend William Taft to succeed him. Taft's ultra-conservatism, however, soon drew T.R.'s fire.



Don't bet. You'll get the money. I know everything's going to be all right. But don't bet. He grinned at her. "Nothing but clutches. That's not betting; that's just a fast investment." (To Be Continued Sunday)

RADIO PROGRAMS

WEEI (WLAB) WBZ (WNAO) 590 680 1030 1260 CBS ABC NBC MBS

4:00 WNAO—Dinner's Afoot.

WEEI—Reducing Federal Waste Line.

4:15 WEEI—The Life You Save.

4:30 WBZ—Medicine.

WNAO—Mac Nabridge Show.

WEEI—Correlation Preview.

WLAB—Operation Chicago.

4:45 WLAB—International Jazz Club.

5:00 WBZ—Mind Your Manners.

WNAO—Dancing by the Sea.

WEEI—Football Forecaster.

WLAB—Ballroom Music.

5:30 WBZ—The Author Speaks.

WEEI—Boston Mail.

5:45 WBZ—Key to Health.

WNAO—See What News Show.

WEEI—Radio News.

6:00 WBZ—Sports Session.

WNAO—Sports Session.

6:15 WBZ—All About Sports.

WNAO—Sports Session.

6:30 WBZ—N. B. C. Summer Symphony.

WNAO—The Cisco Kid.

WEEI—Music by the Stars.

WLAB—The Week State House.

6:35 WEEI—The Gallup Poll.

6:40 WEEI—Radio News.

6:45 WBZ—Radio News.

7:00 WNAO—It's a Story.

WEEI—This Is a Battle.

WLAB—L. D. and You.

7:05 WEEI—Saturday at the Chase.

7:15 WNAO—Alcoholism Discussion.

WLAB—It's Your Business.

7:30 WBZ—Jungle in Berlin.

WEEI—Information, Please.

WLAB—Hollywood Open House.

WEEI—These Are the Men.

8:00 WBZ—Radio News.

WNAO—Twenty Questions.

WEEI—Broadway's Big Beat.

WLAB—Dancing Party.

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Louella Parsons

HOLLYWOOD, July 5 (INS)—Mike Curtiz was so happy when he called to tell me he has signed Peggy Lee for "The Jazz Singer" that Mr. Malaprop was talking perfect English!

"Tale must have led me by the hand into Curtiz's to hear Peggy," my friend told me. "I had been looking for weeks for the right girl to replace Doris Day opposite Danny Thomas in my picture."

Mythinks I detected a hurt note in Mike's voice when he referred to Doris Day. She had flatly turned down the picture. And it was Curtiz who discovered her for Warner in Les Brown's band and gave her her first starring part in "Romance on the High Seas."

About Peggy she has nothing but praise. "She'll be a big, big star," he assured me. As for lovely, blonde Peggy—she couldn't be happier, because a screen career will mean she can settle down in Hollywood and have a permanent home for her daughter.

Let me make a suggestion. Please spend a few minutes and write one of our boys stationed in the God forsaken outposts of Alaska, Germany, Austria, etc. I am getting an increasing amount of requests from the lads in these places asking for what they call "sugar reports."

Ruth Waterbury, of my staff, who has just returned from the Aleutians where she went for the premiere of "The World in His Arms," says, "So many of those boys, stationed in remote outposts, are little more than kids. For months and months they never even see a girl!"

Ruth suggests that you drop a line to the chaplain of any camp to get the names of these boys. She said that Ann Blythe and others on the troupe were besieged by eager boys asking all about their movie favorites.

Naturally, the excitement in Dublin when John Ford's picture, "The Quiet Man," (made in Ireland) was shown.

Tomorrow Arthur Lubin is screening "Francis Goes to West Point" for G.I.s in two American military hospitals in Paris.

Errol Flynn, who had ordered his private plane flown to England, was talked out of flying there by Warner executives. And Pat Wynne, who was supposed to join Errol, is now entertaining her mother in Jamaica.

Constance Smith and Ralph Fields are really becoming an item. They're dating practically every night, and were again at the Mocambo.

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Here are the main provisions of the compromise measure approved yesterday by house and senate.

Who Would Be Eligible—All persons discharged honorably after June 27, 1950, who have at least 90 days' service. The cutoff date for benefits would be set later by the president or congress.

Free Schooling—School credit would be granted at a rate of 1½ days for each day of service after June 27, 1950. There would be a maximum of 36 school months except for persons who served also in World War II. Service time spent in civilian-type education would not count.

Monthly Payments—The veteran in full-time training would get \$110 monthly, if single, \$135 with one dependent and \$160 if he has two or more dependents. From this sum he would pay all costs including tuition, books and living expenses. Proportionate allowances would be made for part-time training.

On the Job and Farm Training—Provision also is made for these, with a lower scale of allowances which would be sub-

ject to reduction as training progresses. On-farm training would be limited to persons who own or control their own land, the benefits in such cases amounting to \$95, \$110 with one dependent and \$130 with two or more dependents.

Vocational Courses—Courses taken for pleasure or as a hobby would be barred. However, a course normally considered vocational could be taken if the veteran showed it would be helpful to him in his work. Courses in bartending and personality development would be prohibited.

World War II Veterans—They would not be eligible for additional schooling benefits if they had used up all the benefits given them under the World War II bill. However, such veterans who did not exhaust their previous benefits could get schooling benefits raised to 48 school months by serving since June 27, 1950.

Loan Guarantees—The government would guarantee loans up to a maximum of \$7500 on homes and lesser amounts on farms and business operations. The VA could refuse to guarantee loans on homes built by persons who have previously sold defective housing to veterans.

Mustering-Out Pay—\$100 for service less than 60 days; \$200 for more than 60 days, all in this country; \$300 for more than 60 days and for service overseas or in Alaska. Applies to those up to and including Army and Air Force rank of captain and Navy rank of senior lieutenant. Only those honorably discharged could qualify.

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