

The Gold Mannequin

By Myles Connolly

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THE STORY: "Jean Paul," top-right woman's gown shop, faces bankruptcy because Paul Roland, his manager, is a flop at designing. His partner Jean Roland has gone to take back her old job of modeling and Mr. Panciera considers using his hand-drawn sketches, but decides it would be too messy. There his eyes fall on a large carrier by registered, special delivery mail. He opens it, calls Jean back and together they look at "genius"—some gowns sketched by an unknown artist named Teresa who lives in the upstate New York town of Cedarbrook. Jean suggests the design be sold to a rival firm, because they haven't been doing any too well lately.

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PAUL PANCIERA shook his head in despair. "Precious, how can you be alimetary at a critical moment like this?"

He took the sketch from Jean Roland, held it up. "It's simply a miracle, a special and beautiful miracle for us, for 'Jean Paul.' Suddenly, he kissed her. "It is spring, sweet, and your lips are like a soft rose blossom and we are going to be very rich and happy."

Jean drew coldly away from his embrace and poetry. "What on earth makes you believe that this one sketch is going to get us out of bankruptcy?"

"Intuition, precious. As fine a case of crystal-clear intuition as I've ever had." He waved the sketch in the air. "We are at the beginning, not at the end. You and I have everything, everything—"

"Except talent for design."

"There you go, being honest again." Mr. Panciera shrugged his shoulders. "It's terribly unbecoming to you, sweet."

"I think we ought to offer that drawing to Cochet. I'm sure he'd give us a fair price for it." She was still in her top coat, as she had come from Cochet's a few minutes before. "I'm only being practical."

"Not so practical as you imagine. Please remember, sweet, that

while I may not have talent for design, I do have an incomparable talent for recognizing genius." Mr. Panciera put the drawing gently down on the table. "You, for example. And our Teresa here."

She was impressed by the intensity of his feeling. "You really believe this one idea may lead to others? Or is this just hope under pressure?"

"It's intuition, I tell you, cold, sound intuition." He became very in a letter-of-fact. "Intuition, you know, has always some basis in actuality. Let me elaborate. Cedarbrook, New York, is a rural village about two hours out of the Grand Central and about 20 miles in from the Hudson. It's so rustic it looks as if it were dreamt up for a picture post card. I made some photographic studies there once and I know. On its biggest day, Labor Day, when they hold the frog-jumping contest and the frontiersmen came in from the brush, it can boast of 3000 heads."

"And this is why you have such faith we shall hear more from this Teresa?" Jean did not follow him.

"Please, precious, hear me out. I am presenting Cedarbrook to you as a community of clouds. Therefore, with the help of my intuition, I know this Teresa to be a peasant, a peasant with the celestial spark but still a peasant. Look." He waved to the design.

"The materials are crude, primitive. It is the work of some buxom and bovine matron, unquestionably. She is sure to have the productivity and fertility of a peasant. We'll have a hundred designs, a thousand—"

"We'll open a branch in Paris." Jean smiled ironically.

"I'm terribly serious, sweet. The crisis has passed." His enthusiasm grew. "I am sure of it! So sure, we shall celebrate! We'll have lunch together. We'll eat well today! We'll have cocktails. We'll have wine. Champagne! An after-

noon of champagne!" He slipped his arm around her slender body. His voice was vibrant. "Beautiful things happen only to beautiful people. Beautiful things are going to happen to us."

MR. PANCIERA'S intuition, oddly enough, turned out to be correct. Beautiful things began to happen to Jean Paul. For a time, at any rate.

Mr. Panciera wrote the Teresa person a careful letter, coolly balancing his enthusiasm with cunning. The sketch showed talent, he wrote, and it might, under the proper care (his care, to be sure), blossom into something worth while.

He suggested the lady come to New York with more of her drawings and, if they revealed as much talent as the first, some arrangement might be made. He enclosed a check for \$25.

When Jean exclaimed at the smallness of the check, he replied, "With anything larger, our lady would very probably retire and sketch no more. I know my Cedarbrook. I might also mention it's all we can afford."

Again, Mr. Panciera apparently was right. A week later a batch of new sketches arrived, all as alluring as the first. They came with a brief note which was almost a duplicate of the first. There was no attempt made to answer Mr. Panciera's letter. The sketches came, and a few words, and that was all.

THE evidence in support of Mr. Panciera's theory was mounting but still Jean had reservations. Why, for example, hadn't this Teresa rushed down from Cedarbrook, grateful for recognition and eager to sign a contract?

Mr. Panciera was without concern. "She lives out in the woods, precious, with no transportation of any sort, except possibly a horse."

But Jean was still troubled. "I have intuitions, too," she said. "I'd be much happier if it all wasn't so mysterious. Why doesn't she at least acknowledge your requests for her home address?"

(To Be Continued)



WAR WEARY—After two days and nights of deadly fighting on the central Korean front, Marine Pfc. Thomas P. Carlisle of Bremerton, Wash., sleeps the sleep of an exhausted warrior. With rifle, ammunition and hand grenades close by, the Marine had started to smoke a cigaret, but dozed off with it unlighted between his fingers. (U. S. M. C. photo from NEA-Acme.)

Texas Crops Now Have A Brighter Future

AUSTIN, Tex., May 23 (UP)—Texas truck crops had a brighter future today and the credit went to much-needed rains.

The United States department of agriculture reported the improved outlook yesterday, particularly for cantaloupes, cucumbers, sweet corn, tomatoes and watermelons.

And while USDA noted that unfavorable earlier weather conditions over the state retarded crop yields, the overall crop picture had generally "improved."



UNPRIVATE EYE—Brig. Gen. John B. Dunlap, of Dallas, Tex., has his eyes on racketeers' income tax returns these days. He's been appointed chief of the Internal Revenue Bureau's new Special Front Section. A Treasury Department agent with military intelligence experience, General Dunlap will command more than 100 "racket squads" being set up for an all-out national drive against racketeer income tax evaders.



IN RED SHUFFLE—Gen. Nieh Yung-chen, above, has replaced Gen. Lin Piao as chief of staff of Chinese armies in Korea, according to a Formosan newspaper. Gen. Nieh also was reported to have taken personal command of the Chinese Fourth Field Army.



ICELAND BOSS—Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw commands the detachment of U. S. Army troops recently airlifted from Newfoundland to Reykjavik, Iceland, as part of the North Atlantic treaty defenses.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



ONWARD, 'TIS OUR COUNTRY NEEDS US—HE WHO LEADS—STRIKE FOR COME FOR LIFE AND GLORY—MINDS ME OF THE OLD DAYS—THE SHOP WAS FULL OF WELSH MEN AND THEY'RE A GREAT SINGING RACE—ANY AT LUNCH HOUR ON THE NIGHT SHIFT THEY HAD EVEN THE BRUSH AND GERMANS SINGING WELSH SONGS! I'LL BET THEY GAG NOW AFTER A LIFETIME ON THE BENT END OF A FOUR-FOOT WRENCH—TO THINK OF THE REAL DOUGH THAT'S BEING PAID NOW FOR SOME AWFUL SQUAWKIN'!

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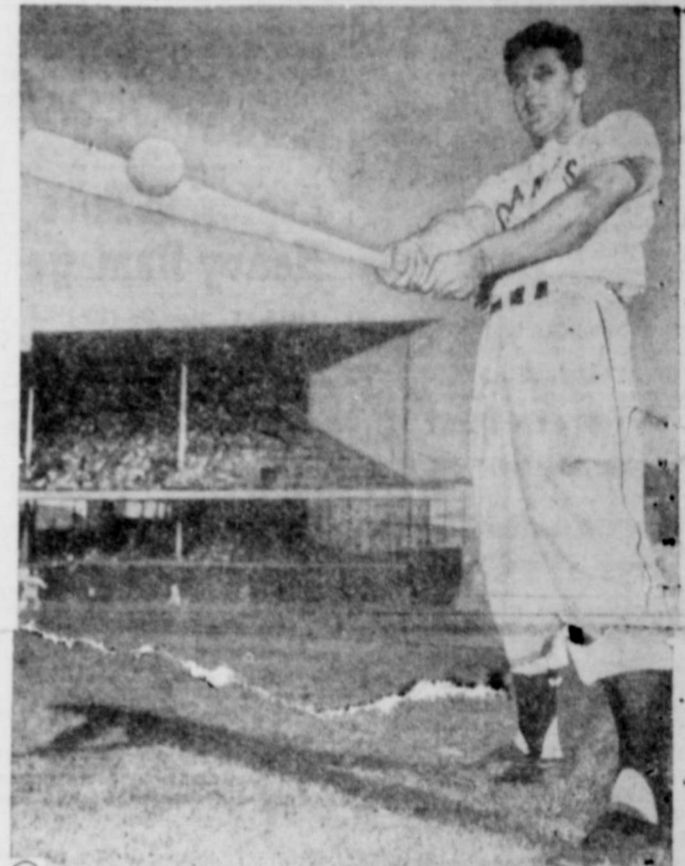


SPIT AND POLISH—This South Korean fighter evidently thinks that front-line combat is no excuse for being a snappy soldier. So the little Korean shoe shine boy gets a customer during a lull in the fighting. Exclusive NEA-Acme photo by Staff Photographer Bert Ashworth.



THREE OF A KIND

These three cuties were all contestants for the title of Miss San Francisco of 1951, to represent the Golden Gate city in the "Miss California" contest to be held in Santa Cruz, Calif. Barbara Huffman, center, won out. With her are runnersup Cora Cabrera, left, and Elizabeth Ernst.



SPLAT—This is how it looks when the Giants' Bobby Thomson lays his bat on one of the Polo Grounds. The "picture at the plate" outfielder has been more like a statue so far this season, however, batting near .200. (NEA)

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

By Merrill Blosser



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Death by Violence

By Darrell F. Holmes, Jr.

(A Continued Feature Of The Ranger Daily Times)

Chapter 4
It was 10 minutes to 2 a.m. when Jack pulled his car up to the curb. He didn't get out. He looked at his watch and sank low into the seat and rested his head. Inside Toni Crowd was hurrying to her dressing room when she grabbed Duke Howard by the arm.
"Hey boss, I met a pretty nice guy tonight who I've invited to come and meet you after we close up."
"You've done what you little fool?"
"I invited a good prospect in for you to look over Duke."
He let her have the back of his hand in her face. He slapped her several times and cursed her for being such a fool. Then he called several of his henchmen in and gave them orders.
Several minutes after the hotel bar was closed, Toni met Jack and took him into a side entrance of the bar. He could tell that she was afraid of something.
"Okay, I'm here," Jack let her know, "now where do I get into the big racket?"
About that time three huge men came out of hiding and started for him. He fought them off as best he could but he was overpowered. Then Duke stepped out and began to question him.
"Who are you?"
"Names Jack Williams, fella, do you like it?"
"What are you doing in town?"
"I've been here a year. Look have these brutes turn me loose. I was invited here."
He was fighting like a wildcat to free himself from the three men. He worked one hand free and clipped one thug on the jaw. The thug went down but the other two over-powered the newspaperman.
"I think this guy is a cop boss," spoke one of the thugs.
They searched his pockets for his identification. He had been sure to leave all ID at home. All they found on him was a pistol and a roll of money. They handed him back the money. He knew that he was in a dangerous spot. Should they learn that he was the newspaper crime writer who had so often aided police, his seconds would be numbered. He was playing for time. Maybe he could bluff his way out.
The leader ordered him freed and then began to ask him questions. Scoop named a number of

small time border thugs as his pals. He hoped that it wouldn't be checked. This Duke guy appeared to know all about all of them.
"So you know Tony Martinez at Laredo huh?"
"That's right. Tony runs a little dope from Laredo into San Antonio. He runs with Bob Almanac and Fred Hernandez. Hernandez got picked up last week in San Angelo."
"I believe this guy is all right," Duke smiled. He planned to check everything before he let this young fellow in on any deals. He turned to Scoop and said,
"You know friend, that you will stay at the hotel as my guest until I can check on you and your stories tomorrow. One can't be too careful you know. I don't know that you ain't a cop."
"Want me and Paul to share his room with him boss?" the largest thug asked.
"Yeh, you-all do that. Pleasant dreams Williams. If you are okay, we can probably be a lot go good to one another. It not—" "I think you will find me to your liking," Scoop lied.
"You know I've seen you some where fellow," Duke said as he walked out.
An hour later Duke picked up the Daily Blade Herald and his eyes fell on a column on organized crime in Center City. It was titled by Jack Williams. There

was a small picture of the writer of the column. Duke's face showed rage and he jumped up from the chair and ran to the phone.
It was nearly dawn and Jimmy Cassidy was still at the police station. There was something about the case that he couldn't grasp. There was something he was trying to put his finger on and couldn't. His blue serge suit was dusty and his white shirt collar was dirty. He needed a shave, he hadn't eaten, and his eyes cried for sleep. He explained his large chest and stretched his long and powerful arms. Golly, he was tired.
"Guess I'll go get a cup of coffee," he told his assistant. He got up and placed his battered hat on his head and walked out of the office.
"You better get some sleep sergeant," called the rookie detective who had just come up from two years on a beat.
"I better go home and clean myself up," he called back as he caught a glimpse of himself in the mirror.

He walked into the coffee shop across from the department and ordered a cup of coffee and a piece of pie. He drank the coffee but only stuck the fork in the pie a couple of times. He flipped a coin, didn't wait for change but just walked out and got into a squad car.
"I've got a feeling that you

oughta drive me over near the Flamango," he told the patrolman driving the car.
They drove past but both the

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Rev. Lloyd Chapman, pastor of the Eastland church served as school principal and those attending acted as the pupils of a school. Other churches directed the work in the departments.

A large display of handwork demonstrated the possibilities for creating interest and variety in a school.

One hundred and forty-seven registered at the clinic which was held for advanced preparation for Vacation Bible Schools to be held in the month of June by most

churches in the Cisco three-county association.

Baptist churches in Ranger plan their schools for boys and girls, ages 3-17 for June 4-15. The schools will provide an excellent beginning of the vacation time for boys and girls.

Memorial Services Sunday, May 27

The American Legion and Auxiliary will sponsor Memorial Services at the Evergreen Cemetery Sunday, May 27 at 3 o'clock. The V.F.W. and Auxiliary will assist in this program.

Local pastors will participate and Mrs. Nannie Henson will present the Gold Star flag.

This is a service in which to honor our beloved fallen soldiers and the public is cordially invited to come and take part in this Memorial service.

Services of Wed. At 1st Baptist

All members of the First Baptist Choir are urged to be present at 6:45 for a special practice in the main auditorium, according to the president Mr. Morris Jeffries. The choir is under the direction of Mr. Bill Couser and is assisted by Mr. Lee Russell. The organist is Miss Carolyn Pruet, and the pianist is Miss Wanda Clem.

The regular services for Wednesday evening will be followed with Mrs. Ralph Perkins teaching the lesson to the teachers at 7:30. There will be a meeting of all superintendents at 7:30 in the library. The regular Wednesday evening prayer service will begin promptly at 8:00, the pastor will continue the Bible teachings pertaining to the doctrines of the church.

The public is invited to attend services of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Drury Junior Richland, Washington, are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gordon.

Mrs. Derr and son, John, are here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gordon, while Capt. Derr is in Japan.

Faqua Lovell of 515 North Marston Street, who has been a medical patient in the Ranger General Hospital for some six weeks, has been removed to his home and reported doing fair.

Aubrey Jameson is a patient in the West Texas Clinic and is reported very ill.

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Ranger Shows Wide Interest Over Survey

Proprietor of the local opera house, Brann Garner reported to the Times today that there has been a wide-spread interest over his survey which was conducted to ascertain the number of Ranger residents who have seen talking pictures. Garner roared that he even saw a stranger in his show last night.

"What is so strange", Garner confided, "is that it developed that he didn't even have a pass. He paid 50c (American-not Mex) to come in and see for himself whether talking pictures are here to stay."

"Of course", Garner stated, "Eight cents of the money will go in taxes to apply for payment on Maggie Truman's singing lessons. The rest is divided in unequal parts between the City of Ranger, Ranger Independent School District, local lights, water and gas works, Ranger Times, The MGM Film Company and a couple of guys in Dallas."

Garner has purchased new

equipment in the form of a broom which was purchased from the local Piggly-Wiggly Company. The picture-show man is going to continue in the movie business at least another month before throwing in the towel and has booked pictures for every night in May with an occasional show in the afternoon.

Said Garner, "Maybe the people of Ranger will turn to enjoying talkies after all. I am still confident that they will never go back to silent pictures."

Before walking out of the office the showman turned and added in a loud voice which made the linotype men stop their work in the backshop and look around, "Business is so bad that I'm down to my last four Cadillacs and my last fifty-seven sport coats."

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The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.14 per share on \$4.56 Preferred Stock outstanding was declared by the Board of Directors May 17, payable July 2, 1951 to stockholders of record at the close of business June 15, 1951.

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All friends of the Auxiliary or interested persons are asked to join in this work; also Ranger relatives of veterans whose graves are in Evergreen are invited to come anytime during the day to help with the work.

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