

by ELENORE MEHERIN, Author of "CHICKIE"

**SANDY**

THE STORY SO FAR

SANDY McNEIL, in love with life, married Ben Murillo, a rich Italian, to please her impoverished family. By the time she was married, Ben Murillo was a millionaire. Sandy and her mother took a trip to Honolulu. There she meets RAMON WORTH, who saves her life in the surf. On the same strange home he declares his love. Murillo says he will never release her. JUDITH MOORE, who is the same person as Ben Murillo, unexpectedly, at a party she is giving for her friends, leaves her house and accepts the kindly attentions of Ramon, whose home she shares. She then accepts a position in the city and boards out, spending her time with Ramon. She is summoned home and she tells Ramon, "I wish he'd talk." "When she is free," he meets her near an old shed in the city of the night. One evening, and they are disturbed by someone.

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The man slouched against the shed, came slowly to life. He took an immense pipe from his mouth, mumbling: "Sorry, lady. Didn't see you. Frightened?" She laughed a little, feeling her mind reel: "It's all right!" and lurched heavily against Ramon. His arm supported her. "Don't be alarmed. That was nothing. The night watchman. Dearest—" They swept under the pier. "Hurry! Night watchman—you don't know. Now—oh Lord—" "Why, you're not that frightened? Sandy, why darling—poor little darling—" She shut tight her lips, walking along, tightened, silent, filled with secret alarms. She went over to the rail and leaned there, staring into the cavernous darkness, listening to the wind hitting the waves. He put his hand over hers, warming them. Then she looked up white and quiet: "We can't do this, Ramon. We can't go on like this." "You let everything trouble you." "I'm not troubled at all. I'm only seeing the truth. Why won't you face it, too? Why do you put it all up to me?" "What do you mean?" "I mean that here in this town, where I know everybody, I can't take the chance of being seen. Now with my mother so sick, I don't want to do it." "You don't mean that I'm not to see you at all? You can't want this, Sandy?" "For a while, yes. I've got to wait this, Ramon. Afterward it may be different. Oh, I haven't the heart for things now." He raised his head, drawing a long, slow breath. "And I'm not to see you again? I'm not to come? Sandy, I've gone back to Los Angeles just to be near you. And now—" "What can I do? Why don't you be honest, Ramon? You can see—" He gripped her hands on her wrists, standing before her, his head thrown back. "Yes, I can see! See what? I can't live without you—" "Oh, don't get lugubrious about it! Don't get tragic! It's not as terrible as all this, Ramon!" He stared at her, wiped his hand slowly over his forehead: "Is that the way you feel, Sandy?" "I can't help it. You weigh me down. You get so downcast, as though the world is coming to an end, because we're not to see each other for a while! We're not so important. The heavens won't fall if we don't get what we want!" His mouth dropped from the shock. He said dumbly: "You talk as though you don't care. As though—God, as though you'd be glad to have it over!" She closed her eyes because he stooped over her, his face near to hers. When he pleaded: "You'd be glad to have it over?" she felt cold.

**WOMAN CONQUERS FEARS**

**Husband Delighted and Home Happier**

"Here is a little advice I would like to have you put in the papers," Mrs. Jack Lorber, of 704 Dellwood Place, St. Paul, Minn., wrote to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Company. "If young women want to keep their health and strength for the next thirty years of their lives, it is best to start in right now and take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I have tried the Compound myself and received fine results." In describing her condition before taking the Compound, she writes, "I was afraid in my own house in broad daylight, I used to lock the doors and pull down the shades so that nobody could see me." One day a booklet advertising the Vegetable Compound was left on her porch and she read it through. In so doing, she found a letter from a woman whose condition was similar to her own. "I bought the Vegetable Compound," Mrs. Lorber continued, "and have had fine results. The condition I was in made me a burden to my husband. Now I ask 'How is housekeeping?' and he says, 'It is just like being in Heaven!'"—Advertisement.

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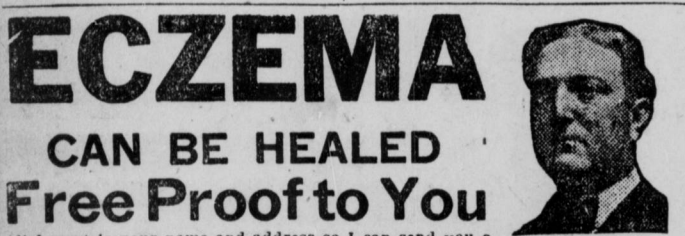
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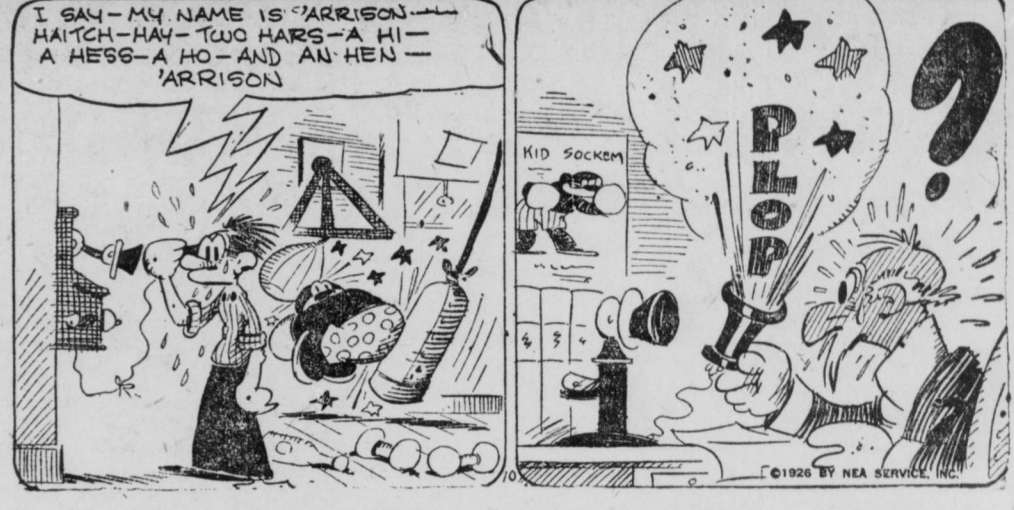
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**CHANGES BY STATE LIFE**

R. E. Sweeney Made Vice President and Member of Board.

Robert E. Sweeney, assistant manager of the State Life Insurance agency department, was elected second vice president and a member of the board of directors of the company at a board meeting Friday.

Sweeney fills the vacancy on the board brought about by the recent death of William C. Bobbs, local publisher. He also fills the vacancy left by James I. Disette, who recently resigned as vice president.

Albert Sahm, secretary treasurer, was elected executive committee member to fill the vacancy left by Bobbs. A resolution expressing regret in connection with the death of Bobbs was adopted by directors.

**SCHOOL HELPS**

The most promising and firmly established of the states created by the defeat of Germany and Austria-Hungary in the World War is the Czechoslovak Republic, or Czechoslovakia, as it is sometimes called.

Above the red tile roofs and the strange church towers of Prague, the capital, and its other industrial cities, smoke streams from many factory chimneys, for Czechoslovakia is rich in manufactures. There are extensive deposits of iron, coal and lignite, copper, silver, gold and clay. Everywhere outside the towns are broad, rich fields of grain, potatoes, sugar beets and mustard. Goats and cattle browse on the hillsides, ducks and geese waddle in the mudholes, and peasant women with bare feet, short skirts and bright colored handkerchiefs knotted over their heads bend their sturdy backs to the work of the fields. The Czechs, who are an energetic western Slavic people, are very fond of athletics, and their "sokols," or gymnastic societies, are world famous.

A well-organized Czechoslovak army, estimated at 100,000 men,

**CZECHO-SLOVAKIA**

—A new and enterprising Republic.

fought valiantly in Russia on the side of the allies in the course of the World War. Even before the end of the struggle the allies recognized the independence of Czechoslovakia from Austrian rule (Great Britain, Aug. 3, 1918; United States, Sept. 3, 1918).

Under Prof. Thomas G. Masaryk, the first president of the new republic, a democratic constitution was adopted, with equal suffrage for men and women. It is said that certainism for learning the English language is now only second to the enthusiasm for the American sport of baseball.

The western half of the new state is made up of the former Austrian provinces of Bohemia and Moravia, where the bulk of the population is Czechs. The eastern half includes Slovakia and Ruthenia, which formerly were parts of Hungary. The Slovaks are closely related to the Czechs in language and race, but are separated from them by the Little Carpathian Mountains. The Ruthenians (also called Rusins, or Little Russians) are Slavs, who are closely related to the Russians of the Ukraine; they are guaranteed "autonomy" (self government) by the peace treaties.

The non-Slavic peoples—chiefly

**BANDITRY TRIAL SET**

Rose Mary Kiser, Kenneth Reeves to Face Court Tuesday.

Kenneth Reeves and Mrs. Rose Mary Kiser, charged with auto banditry, robbery and grand larceny, after they are alleged to have participated with Robert and Howard Hostetter in the hold-up of the Citizens Bank of Southport, will be tried Tuesday before Criminal Judge James A. Collins. The four are alleged to have held up the bank Feb. 8 and escaped with \$1,637.95.

**Miss A. Chakardic Tells How Cuticura Healed Skin Trouble**

"I was troubled with a breaking out on my face and hands. It itched and burned so that at night I would lie awake for hours and scratch. Scratching caused eruptions that disfigured my face. I could not do my work on account of the breaking out on my hands. The trouble lasted about a month. I used other remedies but none of them seemed to be of any use. I began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment and after using two cakes of Cuticura Soap and one and a half boxes of Cuticura Ointment I was completely healed." (Signed) Miss Anna Chakardic, 109 Hadley St., Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 18, 1925.

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