

INTO THE SUNSET

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FIRST INSTALLMENT

The Haverils, a widely scattered across hundreds of southern wilderness miles, were a folk it was just as well to antagonize. There were Texas Haverils, big lean men with blue-black beards and challenging eyes. There were the gentle Haverils still farther east. Then, still farther west were the New Mexico Haverils, the Sundown Haverils as they came to be known.

The Sundown Haverils there one called Barry who in ways could have been looked as the embodiment of the leading qualities of the whole

TRUSTEE'S SALE!

virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust executed March 21, 1935, by B. L. and wife, Beatrice Collins Bank of Sparta and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Alleghany County Book 18, Page 270, to secure the payment of a note executed to the Bank of Sparta in the sum of \$738.83, due in six months from date, and to secure renewal thereof; and default being made in the payment of the note and at the demand of the party to whom said indebtedness is due, I will offer for cash, at public auction, the highest bidder, at the House door in Sparta, on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1939, at 11 A. M., the following tracts of

TRACT: One-half undivided, adjoining the lands of Stewart, Hasten Lylyde Roberts and others, containing about 65 acres, for a specific description refer to the deed from Killen to B. L. Collins, duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Alleghany County in Book 34, Page 30.

TRACT: Containing 40 acres, adjoining the lands of A. A. Pardew, James B. L. Collins and others, for a complete description refer to a deed from Sturgill to B. L. Collins, duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Alleghany County in Book 29, Page 39.

TRACT: Containing 100 acres, adjoining the lands of Wright, Willie Bauguess, Collins and others, for a complete description refer to a deed from G. L. and wife to B. L. Collins, which deed is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Alleghany County in Book 34, Page 43.

TRACT: Adjoining the lands of R. L. Hendrix, Betwardson, Willie Bauguess, Wright, W. R. Smith, Marant, Troy Richardson and Harris, being the same conveyed by the parties of part to The Federal Land Columbia, S. C., to which deed for more specific description refer to the deed recorded in Book 34, Page 43, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Alleghany County.

19th day of June, 1939.
A. DOUGHTON, Trustee
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tenaciously to their own family traditions and pride. It was she who had given her youngest his name, which wasn't Barry at all but Baron. She said proudly that there had been a Baron Oakwood long ago, which meant nothing to little Barry himself.

In his latter teens Barry left home. He didn't know why he went away. He didn't think about it. It was the forests pulling him. During the six or eight weeks before he had any thought of turning back homeward he made many long exploratory trips toward both north and west through the mountains. Only twice in that time did he see human beings.

One day, toward sundown, he sat on a rock in front of his cabin looking down into the long sinuous valley below, a sight he seldom tired brooding over. He had named it for himself Sun Creek Valley.

He heard rifle shots muffled with distance in an intervening neck of the woods. He had never heard so many shots so close together and wondered how many men there were and what they could be shooting at. He got his answer almost instantly. There were several men shooting at a single rider who had fled on ahead into the lower end of Barry's Sun Creek Valley.

He saw the flash of reddish-yellow fire when the fugitive, fleeing no longer, fired at his pursuers whom Barry could not see. If it hadn't been so far he would have drawn to go down and find out about things. Also it was swiftly growing dark; it would be a moonless night and whatever was happening down there would be over in a few minutes or would have to await sun-up.

But before sunup he was on his way to investigate. The dawn was brightening and he had traveled half the distance when a voice called to him from a brush thicket:

"Drop yore gun! Drop it quick or I'll kill yuh!" The speaker was not ten steps away. Barry let his rifle slide out of his hands and felt a queer prickling chill along his blood as he jerked his head about to stare. At first he could see nothing but gray buck brush and gray rocks.

"Respect cannot be bought with concessions"

—soft-spoken General Maurice Gustave Gamelin, head of all France's land, sea and air forces, said bluntly yesterday at the World War battlefield of Verdun. The general, whose military authority in France is said to be greater than that of any French officer since Napoleon, also made a scarcely-veiled attack on "appease dictators" groups in France and Britain.

An Extravagant Start
The Nurse—It's twins, sir.
Young Husband—Good heavens! And I told my wife we must begin in a small way.

NOTICE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Ruby Caldwell, Plaintiff, vs. Harry Caldwell, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alleghany County for the purpose of securing an absolute divorce on the grounds of two years separation, and the defendant is further notified to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court and answer or demur to the Complaint on or before the 22nd day of July, 1939, and that if he fails to do so, the relief asked for will be granted. This 16th day of June, 1939.
MEXA PHIPPS, Assistant Clerk Superior Court
4tc-13AT

Then he saw the muzzle of a rifle barrel resting on a flat-topped boulder.

"Step over this way," said the voice. "Step, kid, or I'll shoot yuh daid."

Barry obeyed. That was how he first met up with Jesse Conroy. This Conroy, on the day Barry first saw him, was about twenty-three years old and, coiled as he was behind the rock, with his bright black eyes glittering and an ugly twist to his white-lipped mouth, he made Barry think of a rattlesnake, he seemed just that full of the menace of sudden death. He was a flashingly handsome young devil



"Drop yore gun!" said the voice

and none the less devilish for an almost girlishly fine-featured face. There was enough light for Barry to make out that he was pretty badly hurt.

Conroy was suspicious of him at first, afraid that he might be one of the crowd that had killed his horse under him and shot him down last night. Once that he learned otherwise his manner changed.

"I'm hurt right bad," he said, "but I'll make it yet. Especially if I can have help. Those fellers that rode me down, they'll be comin' back after a while. But they won't hurry; I knocked over anyhow two an' mebbe three, an' I'd of got 'em all if one o' their bullets hadn't of glanced off'd a rock an' drilled me."

"Why'd they want to drill you?" asked Barry. "They're bandits, that's what," said Conroy. "Killers. Now yuh got to help me clean out afore they come sneakin' back. I'll get me my rifle," said Barry.

"Shore," nodded Conroy. "Then come give me some help. I c'n hardly walk, but if I had both laigs shot off o'd somehow make it."

After they had done what they could do for Conroy's two wounds, one through his left arm, one through his left shoulder, he crawled into Barry's bunk and lay quiet.

When Conroy got out of bed to move restlessly about he began asking questions. He wanted to know how it was that Barry lived here all alone, where he had come from—and why.

Why had he come? Well, he didn't rightly know. He'd just left one place and gone another. Conroy watched him narrowly, plainly believing that he was be-

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE!

Having qualified as executor of the estate of J. B. Havner, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to file same with the undersigned on or before June 5, 1940. All persons owing said estate will make payment promptly. This June 5, 1939.
JOHN A. HAVNER, Ex.
4tc-29AT

NOTICE NORTH CAROLINA ALLEGHANY COUNTY

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK Alleghany County, Plaintiff, vs. Myrtle M. Parsons, et als, Defendants.

William M. Parsons, Katherine S. Parsons and Marie L. Parsons, defendants in the case of "Alleghany County vs. Myrtle M. Parsons, et als," will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alleghany County for the foreclosure of a tax sales certificate; and the said defendants are further notified to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Alleghany County on the 10th day of July, 1939, and answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted. This 10th day of June, 1939.
MEXA R. PHIPPS, Asst. Clerk Superior Court
4tc-6AT

EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as Executors of the Last Will and Testament of H. D. Estep, Deceased, notice is hereby given to any persons indebted to his estate to come forward and make settlement and any person holding claims against said estate will present same to us within 12 months or this notice will be pled in Bar of Recovery. This June 12, 1939.
J. M. Estep, Stratford, N. C.
H. L. Estep, Executors.
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ing told a meager part of the truth. Then he asked, still eyeing Barry with bright suspicion as though watching for sign of another lie, what his name was. "Barry. Me, I'm Barry Haveril."

Conroy started laughing. "Say, that's funny," he said, "I'm a Haveril, too, one o' the Texas Haverils; but my name's Jesse Conroy. Ever heard that name, Barry?"

"No," said Barry. "I never. But if you're a Haveril how's your name Conroy?" "Shucks," said Jesse. "It's my ol' lady that's the Haveril, an' she married a man name of Conroy."

Barry pondered. "I'd reckon that makes you anyhow a half Haveril," he said.

Thereafter they called each other Cousin Jesse and Cousin Barry, until Jesse took to calling Barry just plain Sundown.

"I'd like to hear about the bandits that chased you up here, Cousin Jesse," said Barry one day.

"I ain't finished with them

As the days passed, young Conroy grew steady on his legs again and his wounds healed and the healthy tan came back into his face. Barry could see the restlessness surge up higher and higher in him every day.

One morning in a still dim bluish dawn Jesse Conroy slung his buckskin bag to his belt, shouldered his carbine and left. "So long, Cousin Barry," he said.

Barry watched him out of sight, only vaguely wondering where he was going. Then he returned to his cabin and sat on the step and unholstered his treasure.

He began thinking of his folk, especially of his sister, little Lucy. He wondered too about Zachary Blount; had the teacher—lawyer now in long-tailed coat and high hat—carried her off?

He rolled his pack, closed his door, shouldered his rifle, and with the comfortable feel of a heavy long barrel bumping at his hip, turned back toward his father's place. He came within sight of the clearing and the rock-and-log cabin toward the end of the second day; the sun was below the tops of the pines so that already it was twilight all about the house, and he heard the call and saw the flickering wing-dip of a first night hawk. Otherwise all was very still. He experienced a queer, disturbing feeling, a swift consciousness of desertion. The track down to the lower meadow and the narrow crooked path to the spring house were weed-grown.

Then he found his mother's letter. Over the fireplace, a wan square in the dimness, was a sheet of paper on a nail. Barry took it down and read it sitting on the stoop. The first words were, "To Robert or Baron, whichever comes home first." Robert was Barry's brother, the oldest of the three sons. The rest of a hastily written letter answered all Barry's questions for him. First of all, Lucy had married Zachary Blount and the two were living in Tylersville; Zachary was practicing law and was associated with a great man, Judge Parker Blue. Through Zachary, Judge Blue had sent an offer to Barry's father to go into the cattle business with him; on shares it was. So all the family were moving down into the cow country, onto one of the Judge's several spreads. There was a postscript: "Whichever of you boys reads this first, let him leave it here for the other."

Well, his mother and father and his brother Lute were on a cattle ranch now. And Robert was somewhere or other. In the morning he decided to go out of his way a bit in making his return journey. That was because it dawned on Barry that he alone of his family might guess what Robert was up to.

"Anyhow I'll go past Tex Humphreys' place," Barry decided. Barry happened to know that Robert was crazy about one of the Humphreys girls.

So now, turning his back on the old log home, he headed toward the Humphreys' horse ranch. He meant just to drop in and say "Howdy," and ask casually, "Seen any o' my folks lately, Tex?" But there was to be no such casual talk that day.

At the foot of Black Mountain in a peaceful and quiet little whispering glen shut in by quivering aspens, he came suddenly, all without warning, upon the

ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE!

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Laura Edwards Deceased, notice is hereby given to any persons indebted to her estate to come forward and make settlement; and any person holding claims against said estate will present same to me within 12 months, or this notice will be pled in bar of recovery. This June 27, 1939.
L. E. Edwards, Administrator.
Stratford, N. C. 4tp-20AT

NOTICE!

NORTH CAROLINA ALLEGHANY COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK, Alleghany County, Plaintiff, vs. Mrs. Sarah Jane Boren, Jane Elizabeth Boren, C. K. Boren, Jr., Patsy Boren, and Mrs. Sarah Jane Boren, Guardian of Jane Elizabeth Boren, C. K. Boren, Jr., and Patsy Boren, Defendants.

The defendants in the case of "Alleghany County vs. Mrs. Sarah Jane Boren, et als," will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alleghany County for the foreclosure of a tax sales certificate; and the said defendants are further notified to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Alleghany County on the 24th day of July, 1939, and answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted. This 23rd day of July, 1939.
MEXA R. PHIPPS, Assistant Clerk Superior Court
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stark horror of a thing which only a short time before, surely not more than a day before, had been Robert Haveril. (To Be Continued)

The Doctor Tells The Story

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culosis is due chiefly to slow, but progressive household epidemics. Among children exposed to this sickness nearly 10% acquired it between 12 and 14 years while 20% of those in contact with sick relatives acquired the disease when they reached the ages between 20 and 28 years.

If possible the consumptive should be removed from the family, thereby eliminating the possibility of infecting others. Sunshine, fresh air, good food, plenty of rest, mild exercise are almost certain to halt the inroads of this disease.

Topia

Topia, June 20.—Miss Phoebe Fowles and Mr. and Mrs. Blake Hampton and small daughter, Ella Ruth, of Piney Creek, visited friends in this community Sunday.

Willis Simpson and George Antony, both of Hickory, were in this community recently.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Moxley visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones, New Hope, Saturday afternoon.

Miss Edna Rae Smith was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pugh Thursday night, and was accompanied home Friday by Misses Vesta and Velma Pugh.

Miss Beulah Fields spent Monday night with Miss Lorene Moxley.

The following were guests of

NORTH CAROLINA ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a judgement in the Superior Court of Alleghany County before the Clerk in the case of Mack Lundy, executor of Byrd Lundy, Deceased, vs. Mrs. Ella Lundy et als, I will offer for sale, subject to the dower interest of Ella Lundy, at public auction at the Court House door in Sparta, on the 22nd day of July, 1939, at 11:00 A. M., the following described land:

Situate in Glade Creek Township, said County and State, adjoining the lands of Coy Bottomley, Frazier Wright, Mack Lundy and lands formerly owned by Floyd Bottomley, being the Byrd Lundy home place.

TERMS OF SALE: One-third cash on day of sale; one-third on a credit of ninety days; remainder in six months.

This June 21, 1939.
R. F. Crouse, Commissioner
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Misses Vesta and Velma Pugh Thursday afternoon; Misses Levon and Irene Church, Scottville, Reba, Racine and Elizabeth Fender and Margaret Bedwell, all of Piney Creek, and Miss Edna Rae Smith, Mt. Zion.
Miss Mary Fields visited Mrs. Flora Moxley Friday afternoon.
Little Johnny Loggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Loggins, has been very ill, but is slightly improving.
A number of persons from here attended the memorial services held at Chestnut Hill, in Ashe County, Sunday.

NOTICE! NORTH CAROLINA ALLEGHANY COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

Clyde Tate, Plaintiff vs. Claude Tate, Defendant.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alleghany County, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce on the grounds of two years separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county within thirty days after the 1st day of August, 1939, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 22nd day of June, 1939.
A. F. Reeves, Clerk
Superior Court 4tc-20AT

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