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ANNOUNCER

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REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Drole Snow's Forest Rangers
 2. MUSIC: QUARTET, RANGERS' SONG
 3. ANNOUNCER: Well now, up on the PineCone National Forest Ranger
 4. Jim Robbins got word that two bandits held up a
 5. pay-roll truck in the nearby city. They escaped and were said to be
 6. heading toward the Forest. Reports said the bandits were a man and
 7. his wife, past middle age. Well, Jim and Jerry Quick, the assistant
 8. ranger, were making a check of the recreational areas and ran across a
 9. couple by the name of Johnson, who answered to the description. They
 10. said they lived on a farm near Alfalfa Center, Nebraska. Jim was
 11. pretty sure they weren't the bandits. But they eluded his suggestions
 12. about camping in any of the forest areas, and finally, when Jim and
 13. Jerry arrived at Silver Lake, the Johnson's had parked their car away
 14. from the road, apparently to avoid detection. And now the two Rangers
 15. have just driven away from the bath house at the edge of Silver Lake
 16. and are heading for the highway, past the spot where the Johnson's car
 17. is parked. Jim has thought of a way he can check on the story the
 18. farmer and his wife have told-----

19. CAR SHIFTS GEARS: ACTION UP BACK OF DIALOGUE.

20. JIM: By George, I thought I remembered the name of Alfalfa
 21. Center.

22. JERRY: What do you mean, Jim?

23. JIM: I had a pal named Curley Stoked once. He broke his
 24. hip when he got thrown in a round-up in Montana.

25. JERRY: What's he got to do with Alfalfa Center? Did he come
 from there?

1. JIM: No. We best know. After he travels his he couldn't
 2. ride for a long time. He bought a store in Alfalfa
 3. Center, Nebraska.
 4. JERRY: He did?
 5. JIM: Yes.
 6. JERRY: (EAGERLY) Then if his own business had really lived in
 7. Alfalfa Center for the past forty years or more, he'd
 8. know Curley.
 9. JIM: If he really lived there he would.
 10. JERRY: And if he doesn't know him—
 11. JIM: Oh, oh! ----Wasn't this about where the Johnsons had
 12. their car parked?
 13. JERRY: Sure. It was — Jim. They're gone. They went to
 14. drive on up to the highway. We'll see if we can tell
 15. which way they went.
 16. JERRY: I didn't notice what kind of tires they had on their car.
 17. Did you?
 18. JIM: I don't remember what the tires were. But I know they
 19. must have been small tires because they were driving
 20. an old model car.
 21. JERRY: That's right. A car as old as that wouldn't have the
 22. big tires.
 23. JIM: We'd better check with Ed again to see if he has any news.
 24. CLICK OF SWITCH
 25. JERRY: We may have some more hope from the Sheriff.

1. JIM: Keep your eye on the road for those tire tracks. Maybe
2. you better stop and let me out here at the highway--
3. JERRY: I see the tracks, Jim. They go off to the left.
4. JIM: That's the way we're going, then --- I'll call Ed now---
5. Eye-Nineteen to KCAL, Forest Service fire dispatcher ---
6. Eye-Nineteen to KCAL.
7. ED: (FILTER MIKE) KCAL to Eye-Nineteen. I been waitin' for
8. you, Jim. Go ahead.
9. JIM: Got any more news about those bandits, Ed?
10. ED: Not yet. I thought maybe you fellas would have caught
11. up with the couple you said looked like 'em.
12. JIM: We're on their trail now. And if we catch up with 'em
13. I can find out in two shakes whether they're the ones we're
14. after.
15. ED: Which way did they go?
16. JIM: Toward Painter's Creek. We're headed for there now.
17. We'll keep our radio tuned to your frequency so you
18. can call us if you hear anything.
19. ED: Okay, Jim. Good luck.
20. MOTOR UP
21. MUSIC UP AND OUT
22. MOTOR IN, AND CONTINUES BACK OF DIALOGUE
23. JIM: (FADING IN) Eye-nineteen to KCAL ----Eye-nineteen to
24. KCAL.
25. JERRY: He said he'd be standing by for us.

1. JIM: If he's got hold of ----
2. ED: (FILTER MIKE) KCAL to Eye-nineteen. All right, Jim.
3. JIM: Say, Ed, we're driving around the campground at
4. Painter's Creek right now. This is the second time we've
5. covered the place and we haven't seen a sign of the
6. farmer and his wife.
7. ED: Are you sure they stopped there?
8. JIM: We located some tire tracks at the entrance that look
9. like theirs. But with so many cars going in and out
10. of here all day, we can't be too sure about it.
11. PHONE RINGS ON FILTER
12. ED: Hold it, Jim. There goes the phone.
13. JIM: I'll stand by.
14. ED: (OFF FILTER) Fire dispatcher --- Yeah, Sheriff -- He's
15. standing by on the short-wave right now-----Yeah --Okay --
16. (FADING IN) Hello, Jim. Acknowledge.
- JIM: All right, Ed. Still here.
18. ED: That was the Sheriff. He said they've traced the bandits
19. as far as Hayloft Ridge, and he's leaving town with
20. a posse to go up there right now.
21. JIM: Hayloft Ridge?
22. ED: That's what he said, Jim.
23. JERRY: And that's where we saw the Johnsons first, at the Hayloft
- picnic ground.
25. ED: Sounds like those people you're trailing are the bandits.

1. JIM: But if we don't pick up their trail again we'll miss ---
2. JERRY: Wait, J, B ---
3. CAR COMES TO ABRUPT STOP
4. JIM: What's wrong, son?
5. JERRY: See that old logging road going up there on the right?
6. JIM: Uhuh ---By George!
7. JERRY: See that break in the trees about two hundred yards up
8. the slope?
9. JIM: By golly, there they are ---Ed, are you there?
10. ED: What's all the ruckus, Jim?
11. JIM: We've spotted 'em again. And I'll find out this time
12. if they're the ones the Sheriff wants. You stand by,
13. just in case they are. And if you don't hear from us
14. in thirty minutes get hold of the Sheriff and tell him
15. to not foot it up here.
16. ED: Right, Jim.
17. JERRY: I'll drive easy so they won't suspect anything when we
18. show up. If Johnson doesn't know your friend Carley,
19. then we'll know he's never seen Alfalfa Center, and we'll
20. have to figure out some way to hold him until the
21. Sheriff gets here.
22. JIM: I reckon we can do it, son if we have to. (PADING)
23. We'll leave the radio on so it'll be warned up ---
24. MOTOR UP, THEN SLOWS AND COMES TO STOP: CAR DOOR OPENS
- 25.

1. JIM: (FADING IN) Howdy, folke. Didn't expect to see you up
2. here.
3. ZEKE: Well, well, hello there, Mr. Robbins.
4. JERRY: Seems like we bump into you and Mrs. Johnson
5. everywhere we go.
6. ABBIE: This old road looked so pretty, I asked Zeke if he
7. wouldn't drive up it a ways.
8. JIM: It's an old logging road. We keep it cleared in case
9. we might need to send equipment through here to a fire.
10. ZEKE: We was kinda lookin' for a spot to camp in, too ---
11. JERRY: You passed up some of the best campgrounds in the Forest.
12. ZEKE: Well, of course we didn't want to stop any place in the
13. middle of the day.
14. ABBIE: They were nice campgrounds. But we sorta like to stay
15. away from where there's any crowds.
16. JIM: I see.
17. ZEKE: You fellas -- inspectin' something up here?
18. JIM: That's right ----
19. ZEKE: (PAUSE) That's what I figured. Say, did you hear about
20. those bandits that robbed the pay-roll truck down in
21. the city?
22. JIM: Yes. We did -- radio reports said they were headed toward
23. this Forest.
24. ZEKE: Yes. We heard it on a radio in one of those cars parked
25. down there on the campground. But it doesn't worry me
none if they're comin' this way. I'm all set for 'em.

1. JERRY: You are?
2. JIM: That right?
3. BENE: (CHUCKLING) You bet yer boots I am. (FADING) I got
4. something here in the car that's good for bandits.
5. (PAUSE) (FADE IN) I always carry a few pieces of
6. artillery along with me. Never know when you might
7. need to do a little shootin'.
8. JIM: Uhuh ---- That's a good looking pair of automatics.
9. Always carry two of them, do you?
10. ASSIE: He likes to show 'em off, Mr. Robbins, just like a boy
11. with a new jack knife.
12. BENE: (CHUCKLING) Well, you gotta admit they're handsome guns.
13. JERRY: Yeah, they're handsome, all right.
14. BENE: Maybe you'd like me to head up a posse and go hunt for
15. them bandits.
16. JIM: Uhuh ---- maybe so ---- Do you get much of a chance to
17. practice your shooting back in Alfalfa Center?
18. ASSIE: There isn't a Thanksgiving gosh by but what he wiss a
19. half dozen birds at the turkey shoot around now.
20. JIM: That right? ---- You know, I just remember that I have a
21. friend who lives in Alfalfa Center. Or at least he did
22. live there, the last time I heard from him. His name's
23. Curley Stokes.
24. BENE: Is that so?
25. JIM: (PAUSE) Do you know him?

1. ZEKE: M-m-m-m- I reckon we do. Don't we, Abbie?
2. ABBIE: You mean the Curly Stokes that runs the general store?
3. JIM: That's right.
4. ABBIE: Land sakes, yes, we do. Zeke was only foolin' with you.
5. Curley Stokes married our daughter Martha. She's the
6. oldest of our three girls.
7. ED: (OFF FILTER) KCAL to Eye-Nineteen ----KCAL to eye-Nineteen.
8. JERRY: There's Ed calling us, Jim. (FADING) I'll get it.
9. (OFF) Eye-Nineteen standing by. Go ahead.
10. ED: Sheriff just reported the bandits were caught this side
11. of Hayloft Ridge. Their car went off the road on a
12. hairpin curve. I guess you fellas were chasing the
13. wrong people.
14. JERRY: Yeah. We know it ---- now.
15. ED: But wait 'till you hear the rest of it. The bandits
16. weren't a man and his wife at all. They were two men.
17. One of 'em was dressed up like a woman. (LAUGHING)
18. Ain't that a good one?
19. JERRY: Yeah, I'll say it is.
20. ED: Okay. I'll be seein' you.
21. JERRY: Yeah -- (FADING IN) He said they caught the bandits,
22. Jim.
23. JIM: (LAUGHING) Well, I guess that's that.
24. JERRY: I'll be doggoned.
25. ZEKE: What's all the joke about?

1 JIM: (LAUGHING) I guess you aren't the bandits we're
2 looking for, after all.
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4 ARBIE: Bandits? Us?
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6 JEFF: You don't mean you took us for these bandits?
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8 JIM: Well, not quite ---
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10 THE REPORTS SAID THE TRUCK WAS HELD UP BY A MAN AND HIS
11 WIFE. AND THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PASSING THEMSELVES OFF
12 AS FARMERS ---
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14 JIM: I never was convinced it was you folks. But when you
15 pulled out those guns --
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17 JEFF: Yeah, I told you those guns would make people think
18 we weren't law-abiding folks. But 'as 'way now before
19 we have to spend the night in jail on account of 'em,
20 (GRUNTLING) Just as you say. Abolish
21 and another thing. You folks said you were on a camping
22 trip, but you passed up one of the best campground
23 anywhere around here. That alone made me wonder ---
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25 JEFF: Well, I'll tell you, Ranger, we ran into some bandits
26 ourselves about three nights ago.
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28 JIM: Who's that?
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30 JEFF: Yeah --- They was operating a forest camp ground.
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32 But by the time we got out of there we had to pay for
33 everything from the water we drank to the air we
34 breathed. Biggest hold-up I ever run into.
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36 JIM: But that campground wasn't one of a National Forest.



1. ZEKE: No ----- it was a private camp, I guess. But we don't
2. have a heap of money to spend on a vacation and we want
3. to make it last as long as we can. That's why Abbie
was always after me to go on to some other place.

5. JIM: There's no need for you to do that as long as you're in
6. a National Forest because our campgrounds are really free.

7. ABBIE: You mean those nice little spots with the individual
8. fireplaces and tables are free?

9. JIM: Absolutely. You folks won't have to look any farther
10. for a good place to camp. (FADING) If you want to
11. drive back to -----

12. MUSIC UP AND OUT

13. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you every Friday
14. on the Farm and Home Hour through the courtesy of the
15. National Broadcasting Company with the cooperation of
16. the United States Forest Service.

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