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RALSTON WHEAT CEREAL

(TOM MIX)

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ANNOUNCER: THE TOM MIX RALSTON STRAIGHT SHOOTERS ARE ON THE AIR....  
AND HERE THEY COME....

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ANNOUNCER: Here we are, boys and girls, with another thrilling TOM MIX adventure. The adventures that have made TOM MIX the favorite hero of boys and girls everywhere. Three times each week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at five-thirty the makers of RALSTON WHEAT CEREAL bring you the Tom Mix adventures and THE OLD WRANGLER. Now — I know you all want to be strong and healthy. I know you all want to be full of pep and energy like our chief Tom Mix. And I know you all want to be leaders. To be a leader you must remember two rules. First you must be a straight shooter; second, you must be in good physical health. RALSTON WHEAT CEREAL will help you keep strong... because RALSTON is made of pure whole wheat — Western wheat — that is rich in the minerals you need. But that is not all. In every single package of RALSTON WHEAT CEREAL — there is an extra supply of energy-giving vitamins. No other cereal is double-rich in vitamins. So begin today eating a bowl of delicious RALSTON. See for yourself how good and how keen it tastes. Believe me—here is one cereal you'll be GLAD to eat. And now— here he is .... our pal .... THE OLD WRANGLER...

WRANGLER: How dee..how-dee, Woll straight shooters---tonight we begin a brand new TOM MIX story called the Mystery of Fort Ballard --- The old abandoned fort near the hills that hadn't been used for many years by anyone. When Old Sam Hicks, a poor old rancher, began losing some of his cattle, it started all of us on the lookout. You see, Old Sam Hicks jest couldn't afford to lose one head o' cattle. But try as we did...we couldn't find where the cattle had disappeared. But we kept right on working hard ----- and even Jane and Jimmy were helpin'....and it was them that found the first real clue.....(LOW) They'd gone up by the old abandoned Fort --- and were sort of looking around when suddenly Jimmy heard and saw something: Listen: .....

JIMMY: (SHARPLY) Why sis....look! A shadow comin' from behind these rocks....comin' down from the fort!

JANE: (TENSE) A shadow! Oh..Jimmy...it's so deserted by the Fort..

JIMMY: Shhh...easy.....see it? See....it's movin'....this way...

JANE: I see it Jimmy....comin' this way...

JIMMY: (LOW) Didn't know there was anyone in the old Fort...

JANE: Oh Jimmy....he's comin' right this way..

JIMMY: You scared?

JANE: No.....

JIMMY: Nothin' to be scared about if we just keep quiet.... maybe it's just some one out scoutin'...

JANE: I wish Tom Mix was here...

JIMMY: So do I....but..we can't do anything now...

JANE: He's comin' right toward us ..... he knows we're here...

JIMMY: I see him plain now....why....it's...it's Mountain Pete...

JANE: Ooooh... Jimmy ... that's who it is..Mountain Pete...  
with the big mustache...and I don't like him.

JIMMY: He's always actin' kinda funny ----- and never works...

JANE: Lookit the way he's grinning....like he knows we're  
scared...

JIMMY: (WHISPER) We're not....

BUSINESS: (FOOTSTEPS OVER GRAVEL COMING UP)

JIMMY: Comin' right up to us...

PETE: (COMING UP) Mister Hobsin's kids, eh?

JIMMY: Yeah...yeah...

PETE: What you doin' here? Comeon...

JIMMY: Well..er....nothing....nothing at all...

PETE: You goin' up to the Fort?

JIMMY: Er -- no, sir...or....just lookin' at it...

PETE: Jest lookin' at it, eh? Well I don't believe you see?  
Now..you tell me the truth or ...

JIMMY: But..but...there's nothin' to tell....you see we....

PETE: (HARSHLY) You tell me the truth pronto or I...

JANE: You do anything mean to us and you'll be sorry....we  
know you Mountain Pete....

PETE: (LAUGHS) So...the lil girl's tryin' t' scare me, eh?

JIMMY: You better watch out Mountain Pete.....we've got a  
right to be here if we want to....Tom Mix said so...

PETE: Ohh . so.....Tom Mix said so. And you think I'm afraid  
of him, do you. Now listen to me you kids...and get this  
straight..... You tell me who sent you spyin' up here  
right away---or I'll show you what Mountain Pete can do...

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BUSINESS: (BREAK IN WITH FAR-OFF "HALLOOING" ONE LONG CALL)

PETE: (SHARPLY) Wait! Keep quiet!

BUSINESS: (REPEAT CALL)

PETE: That calls for me.....I gotta beat it. But I'm gonna give you some advice afore I go. And you can tell this to Tom Mix too...keep away from this part of the range --- or there'll be trouble. (FADING) Remember that.....all of you...

JANE: Gosh... Jimmy, let's get out of here ---quick!

JIMMY: We better get back to the ranch -- and tell Tom...

JANE: Why I'll bet Mountain Pete is in with some gang of rustlers...

JIMMY: He must be...and I'll bet he knows a lot about the cattle stolen from Old Sam Hicks....

JANE: Jimmy..look! Runnin' this way from down below... Flying Eagle...

JIMMY: Jumpin' doggies....he's runnin' like the wind...

EAGLE: (PUFFING) Jimmy..Jane...follow me...quick...

JIMMY: What? Flying Eagle...

JANE: Ohhh...what's happened?

EAGLE: Quick...danger....run....hurry...

JIMMY: Hurry up sis....run...

EAGLE: Up....back gulch...safe...talk....Flying Eagle tell...

JIMMY: That's where the horses are...

EAGLE: Me..see.....run...run...no stop....

JANE: Ohh...what happened..what...

EAGLE: Bad..place..here....great danger.....run run..

(HOLD RUNNING FEW SECONDS)

EAGLE: Back here...

JANE: I'm...all..out...of...breath....

JIMMY: Gosh....

EAGLE: We..safe...here....tell what happened...

JIMMY: Tell us quick Flying Eagle..

EAGLE: Me in woods all day....then find your hosses...  
hear Mountain Pete talk you....Remember gang how call  
him... me yell far away....Mountain Pete think gang  
want him..

JIMMY: Then it was you who called...

JANE: Flying Eagle....you saved us...

EAGLE: Mountain Pete..find out....quick...gang no call...come  
back...great danger.....He bad man....he have gang...

JIMMY: Then we must be on the right track....we must.. we can  
show him now..and we will....It's Mountain Pete...  
he's in with the rustlers who stole Old Sam Hicks  
cattle...and the cattle must be up here somewheres..

JANE: We've got to get Tom Mix...

EAGLE: Me see Tom...on mountain Pass....little while...

JIMMY: All right...maybe we can get up to him..tell him  
everything....why..we'll show Mountain Pete something..  
we'll show we're not scared...come on....on your  
hosses...

JANE: Gosh....

JIMMY: Eagle...you ride with me..

EAGLE: Me ready...

JIMMY: Let's go now...

(GIDDAPS...ETC.)

(HOOVES UP AND HOLD FOR TRANSITION THEN:)

EAGLE: There he is..Tom Mix....

JANE: And the Wrangler...

JIMMY: They've seen us...Tom and the Wrangler....they're riding this way...

TOM: Whooa Tony....whoaa...

(CUT HOOVES)

WRANGLER: Jane..Jimmy...Flying Eagle..what's all the rush for... like a wild steer was after the three of you...

EAGLE: Danger...plenty danger....up by old Fort...

JIMMY: That's right Tom..up by the old Fort...Mountain Pete...

JANE: The rustlers who stole old Sam Hick's cattle...

WRANGLER: What the dickens you kids doin' up around that deserted place...

EAGLE: Mountain Pete...warn Jane..Jimmy..never come there again..

TOM: What did he do Jimmy! Tell me quick.....why if that pizen no-account polecat tried to hurt you I'll...

JIMMY: He told us never to come there again...and for me to tell you that...We saw cattle tracks up there...leadin' in from the creek...

JANE: And Mountain Pete acted very mysterious..especially about the old fort..

EAGLE: Tom..me see big gang have hideout some place near Fort....

WRANGLER: Tom..that's the one place on this range we haven't really looked...

TOM: I know it Wrangler.....why....I'll bet the kids have found a real clue.....Come on...we'll ride up there now..

JANE: But Tom..Mountain Pete said...

TOM: Don't worry about him.....I'm kinda anxious to meet up with that hombre...

EAGLE: Much danger by fort Tom.....

WRANGLER: Reckon as how you're right Flying Eagle....why it's been years since anyone that I know of has been near the place...I ain't been up there myself for ten years...

TOM: And that's all the more reason why that place needs to be looked into....

WRANGLER: I've never been in it Tom...but years ago...I heard mighty mysterious stories about the Fort...

TOM: The Old Fort Ballard.....

WRANGLER: With it's high wall no one's ever been able to get a look inside.....and it's a big place too...

TOM: Reckon we've got just as much right as anyone else to make an investigation....so let's go.....

(GIDDAPS...FROM EVERYONE)

(HOOVES UP FOR TRANSITION CUT AS WHOAS FROM ALL - THEN:)

WRANGLER: Better leave the hosses here Tom...right back of this knoll..

TOM: We can see the Fort from here....Tony, you watch for trouble...

EAGLE: Tom...Mountain Pete come from behind rocks..cross creek..

JIMMY: That's where he came from Tom...

TOM: All right...follow me....and remember...don't make any noise...

JIMMY: We'll be careful...

TOM: And no matter what happens...don't lose your courage...a straight shooter never does...Now...this way...and easy....

JIMMY: Stay close sis...

JANE: I will....



WRANGLER: (LOW) Tom...that old Fort up ahead looks like the place...  
no tellin' what's inside those high walls...

TOM: Reckon we're in for some tall doins, Wrangler...

WRANGLER: If anything comes of this..we owe it to the kids...

TOM: We sure do Wrangler...and...

EAGLE: (LOW) Tom! Look....something by Fort...no can see...  
but hear sounds...

TOM: Shhhh....quiet everyone...

JIMMY: Tom..those bushes over there....I saw them movin'...  
like someone was spyin' on us.....

JANE: (LOW) I saw it Tom.....right in those bushes...

TOM: Not you wait here....Wrangler...come with me...we'll  
cross the creek...and go around the bend..so they  
won't see us....maybe we'll find out something...

JIMMY: Maybe if we come along we can help Tom?

TOM: Better wait till we see what's near the Fort Jimmy...

JIMMY: All right Tom...

TOM: The three of you stay right where you are --- and be as  
quiet as you can...(FADING OUT) Come on Wrangler...

WRANGLER: (FADING) Right with you Tom.....

JANE: Gosh...Tom isn't afraid of anything...

EAGLE: He brave man...

JIMMY: There he goes...and the Wrangler....round the bend....  
Tom'll show them...he will...he'll got to the bottom of  
this mystery and find out what's at the Old Fort...he'll  
show Mountain Pete a thing or two and..

JANE: Jimmy...look! Right past the bend....in the brush...

EAGLE: Some one back there...

JIMMY: Some one is back there....some one else...

JANE: And the other man's up by the fort...

JIMMY: They're all around now...they must be everywhere...

EAGLE: They see.....they know..

JANE: Oh..Jimmy....what can we do...

EAGLE: Man here..by brush...have rope....make trap....catch Tom Mix...

JIMMY: That's what he's gonna do...he's gonna rope Tom and the Wrangler as they come around the bend....

JANE: We've got to warn Tom...we've got to...

JIMMY: We've got to do something...mighty quick...

EAGLE: Man back brush..know Tom try get near fort...

JIMMY: We're gonna need help....Eagle...you go back to the ranch..get to our hosses..and ride like the wind...me and Jane ull stay here....you get help...

EAGLE: Me do...me ride like wind....me find help...get cowboys..

BUSINESS: (SOUND OF ONE HORSE COMING UP)

JANE: Look! It's Tony.....

JIMMY: Why..why..something's happened to the horses...something must have happened..

EAGLE: Mountain Pete gang catch hosses..Tony run away....see rope on him...

JIMMY: He did run away..he got away...that's it....

JANE: Ohh...Jimmy look! The men comin'...three...four...five.. of them....Tony did get away...

EAGLE: They after him...and maybe catch us.....I ride quick..I get away..for help....

JANE: Ohh..quick...quick...Flying Eagle..

EAGLE: No catch Eagle and Tony.....we ride hard...me go... come on Tony..

BUSINESS: (HOOVES UP AND AWAY)

JANE: The men....they're comin' towards us....Ohh Jimmy...

BUSINESS: (OFF MIKE CROWD SOUNDS)

JIMMY: They're comin' this way.....mebbe after us....

JANE: Maybe they'll get Flyin' Eagle...

JIMMY: They can't ... they can't.....

JANE: Ohhh Jimmy.....look at them rushing this way....

(UP WITH CROWD SOUNDS)

ANNOUNCER: That gang of rustlers is closing in on Jane and Jimmy from one side --- and across the bend of the creek --- another bunch is waiting to rope Tom Mix and the Old Wrangler. Flying Eagle is on Tony headed for the ranch to get help. A lot depends on him. Will he get away? And will Tom avoid that trap that's been set for him? Say --- it seems as if Jane and Jimmy found the right clue to the missing cattle all right when they came up to the Old Fort. And we've got a hunch there's a lot going to happen right in the old Fort before we're finished with Mountain Pete and his gang. So stay close to this range to find out what happens next on Friday night ----- It's going to be a big night for many reasons. First because we'll be going on with the second episode in the Mystery of the Old abandoned Fort..and second because Tom is going to give away a brand new Western gift. Something never before offered on the air.

WRANGLER: That's right, John. Friday night is certainly going to be one big night for all our friends. And just so no one will be disappointed we want everyone of our straight shooters to save --- and to hold on to their RALSTON boxtops..believe me, they're going to come in mighty handy.

ANNOUNCER: I know they are....Say, Wrangler...let's get Tom over here to say a few words to our straight shooters.

WRANGLER: Good idea....Say..Tom...come in and say something to all your friends.

TOM: Well..we sure have got started on a fast-action yarn this time..and I don't want any of our straight shooters to miss one part of it. Reckon you're all sort of worked up about our big surprise present..we're going to announce on Friday. I reckon as how it's something every straight shooter wants....so be very sure to listen in on Friday ---- and you'll know all about it. And do like the Old Wrangler said....hold on to your RALSTON boxtops. Don't let any mavericks get 'em away from you.

ANNOUNCER: Thanks Tom. And now ---- if there are boys and girls listening in now who haven't as yet tried the straight shooter's own brand of cereal, we ask you to buy a package right away. RALSTON WHEAT CEREAL in the famous red white and blue checkerboard package is the straight shooter's cereal. It is the cereal which our chief, Tom Mix says every growing boy and girl needs. If you want to be strong and full of pep....if you want to be a leader---try eating RALSTON..because RALSTON gives you all the necessary vitamins and minerals you need to keep you in the very best of health.

WRANGLER: Well it's gettin' close to round-up time....so don't forget to be here on Friday at five thirty...for the second episode of the Mystery of Fort Ballard. And now ----- let's git goin'.....

(CLOSING SIGNATURE)

ANNOUNCER: THE TOM MIX RALSTON STRAIGHT SHOOTERS RETURN ON FRIDAY AT FIVE THIRTY. Tom Mix was impersonated. John S. Young announcing.

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