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## Grand Master

Beaverton-Metzger Formed in New Legion Post

TIGARD—An official visitation was made to Charity lodge No. 75, I. O. O. F., by Charles Poole of Eugene, grand master of Oregon I. O. O. F., Thursday night. Beaverton, Tualatin and Scholls lodges were included in the visitation. A number of visitors were present from Portland.

New Post Formed Tualatin Valley post No. 94 of American Legion, located in the Metzger-Beaverton district, has re-Metzger-Beaverton district, has re-ceived its approval for a charter from national headquarters at In-dianapolis, according to advice of state officials who have authorized the post to organize. The new post had its organization meeting Fri-day at the Metzger club house, ac-cording to H. F. Eliander, tem-porary chairman of the group.

Wins in Contest

Harold Haascth was awarded the scout knife in the knot guessing contest sponsored by C. A. Donnally, local hardware man. Haascth named 17 of the 20 knots shown in the contest and tied with Dewey Talent and Derick Nedry, who had 17 each, but won on technicalities. There were 23 entries in the contest.

Rifle Club Formed organization of the Multno-rifle club has been started by mah rifle club has been started by the Multnomah boys who are in-terested in rifle shooting. John Fuez was elected temporary presi-dent and Harold Krohn secretary. Meetings are held every Thursday evening in the basement of Chick's

Thomas Fishburn, advertising man-ager; Gladys Carson, assistant ad-vertising manager; Howard Beckvertising manager; Howard Beck-ham, circulation manager; Sidney Craig, photography; Francis Lob-dell, classes; Helen Schmeltzer, ac-tivities, and Earl Smith, athletics. Men of the Methodist church served a successful dinner Friday (evening to a large group, who came to see just what kind of a meal the men could prepare.

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THE STORY

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Treach and points Needy, who had been considered to the control of the control of

chair behind the desk, and I could not help wondering why Coe had selected the armchair at the side of the Multhomah boys who are interested in rifle shooting. John Fuez was elected temporary president and Harold Krohn secretary. Meetings are held every Thursday evening in the basement of Chick's Pharmacy.

Annual Planned

Seniors were successful in their efforts for an annual this year when the 200th annual was sold. As a result elections of the remainder of the staff were made as follows: Thomas Fishburn, advertising mannager. the desk, facing the door. Was it

silk-wool dressing gown which came nearly to his ankles; but on his feet, which were extended straight in front of him, was a pair of high, in front of him, was a pair of high, heavy street shoes, laced and tied. Again a question flashed through my mind: Why did Coe not wear bedroom slippers with his dressing gown? The answer to this question also was to prove a vital point in the solution of the tragedy. Vance went immediately to the body, touched the dead man's hand, and bent forward over the wound in the forehead. Then he walked back to the door with its hanging bolt,

to see just what kind of a meal the men could prepare.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Christensen entertained Sunday with a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tigard, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tigard, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McDonald, Mrs. N. G. McDonald, Clara McDonald, Mrs. N. G. McDonald, Clara McDonald, Berniece Daniels, and Curtis Tigard.

Dr. R. A. Bissett, who had been severely ill in a Portland hospital, left last week for several weeks' vacation in California.

Mrs. B. L. Daniels entertained her girls in the 4-H sewing club last week. Work of the different girls was shown. L. E. Francis, assistant county agent, was in Tigard last week-end assisting with the 4-H club work.

Leads in the operetta, "The Gold Trail," have been assigned by William Sievers, dramatic and musical instructor. Leads are taken by Joe Fowler, Edna Tooze. Earl Smith, Kathleen Ramsby, Kenneth Koeber, Vera Fish, Robert Moore, Amomonos, Donald Hite, Those receiving speaking parts were Thomas Fishburn, Ben Larson, Bert Sagers, Marvin Finley, and Raynor Smith.

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if there had remained if there had remained if the interpolation of the was quite dead hours ago," Vance interrupted, without turning from the painting. "Your decision has worked out perfectly." Markham swung about.

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game with the cards stacked against him . . Positively amazin'!"

"But the facts," protested Markham.

"Oh, your facts are quite correct. As you lawyers say, they're irrestible. But you have overlooked additional facts."

"For instance?"

"Regard yon bedroom slippers."

Vance pointed to the foot of the bed where a pair of soft red slippers were neatly arranged. "And then regard these heavy boots which the corpse is wearing. And yet he has on his dressing gown, and is sitting in his easy chair. A bit ingongruous, what? Why did the hedonistic and luxury-loving Coenot change his footwear to something more relaxing for this great moment in his life. And note that haste was not a factor. His robe is neatly buttoned; and the girdle when hardly assume that he suddenly decided on suicide half-way through his changing from street clothes to negligee. And yet, Markham, something must have compelled him to sit down, stretch his legs out. and close his eyes before he had finished the operation of the had finished the opera "Well, it's pretty plain to me what went on here last night." It was Heath who projected himself, a bit belligerently, into the talk. "This guy locked himself in, and blew his brains out. And even you, Mr. Vance, can't make anything original outa that."

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less smile. "It was all very well for us to theorize before we got here—and I was inclined to agree with you that suicide seemed incompatible with Coe's temperament—but facts, after all, form the only reasonable basis for a decision. And the facts here seem pretty cleancut. That door was bolted on the inside. The here's no other means of the country of the country

cut. That door was boited on the inside; there's no other means of entrance or exit to this room; Coe is sitting here with a revolver in his hand, and a hole in his right temple. There are no signs of a struggle; the windows and shades are down, and the lights burning. How, in Heaven's name, could it have been anything but suicide?"

"I'm sure I don't know." Vance shrugged wearly, "But it wasn't suicide—really, don't y know." He frowned again. "And that's the weird part of it. Y' see, Markham, it should have been suicide—and it wasn't. There's something diabolical—and humorous—about this case. Humorous in a grim, satirical sense, Some one miscalculated somewhere—the murderer was sitting in a game with the cards stacked against him . . Positively amazin't"

"But you can't get away from that bolted door."

Vance sighed.

"I wish I could get away from it to bothers me horribly. If it wasn't to the fact that the door was bolted on the inside, I'd be more inclined to agree that it was suicide. A man of Coe's intelligence wouldn't plan suicide and then deliberated his body. What could he have gained by securely bolting the door on the inside so that it would have to be broken in? The act of shooting would have been over in a second; and there was no danger of his being disturbed in his own bedroom. Had he killed himself he would have wanted Gamble—or someone else—to find him at the earliest possible moment. He would certainly not have placed deliberate difficulties in their "But the facts" protested Mark-

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"Can't a guy change his mind?"
Heath persisted.
Vance nodded.
"Oh, quite. But, in that case, the

pen would, in all probability, be in the holder set. And you will ob-serve that the pen container is empty, and that there is no pen

visible on the desk."
"Maybe it's in his pocket."
"Maybe." Vance stepped back and bending over ran his gaze over the floor round the desk. Then he knelt down and looked under the desk. Presently he reached out his arm and, from beneath the right-hand tier of drawers, drew forth a fountain pen. Rising, he held the pen out.

"Coe dropped the pen, and it rolled under the desk." He placed it beside the note paper. "Men don't ordinarily drop fountain pens in the middle of writing something and then fail to pick them up."

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Heath glowered in silence, and Markham asked:
"You think Coe was interrupted in the midst of writing something?"
"Interrupted? . . In a way perhaps." Vance himself seemed puzgled, "Still there are no signs of a struggle, and he is reclining on an easy chair at the end of the desk. Furthermore, his features are quite. Furthermore, his features are quite serene; his eyes are closed peace-fully—and the door was bolted on the inside . . . Very strange, Mark-

He walked to the shaded window and back, smoking leisurely. Sud-denly he stopped and lifted his head, looking Markham straight in

the eyes,
"Interrupted—yes! That's it! But
not by an outside agency—not by
an intruder. He was interrupted by something more subtle—more dead-ly. He was interrupted while we was alone. Something happened something sinister intruded—and he stopped writing, dropped the pen, forgot it, rose, and seated himself in that easy chair. Then came the end. swift and unexpected—before he could change his shoes.

Don't you see? Those shoes are another indication of that terrible in-"And the gun?" asked Heath

'I doubt if Coe saw the gun, Ser-(Continued Next Week)

ROBERT BURCH
HITEON—Robert Burch died at
Emanuel hospital in Portland February I, where he had been ill for
several weeks. He was a resident
of Washington county for many
years, on his acreage near Tobias
station. He leaves the following
children: Mrs. G. B. McDonald
and Albert Burch of Skamokawa,
Wash.; Mrs. Alice Willoughby,
Beaverton route 1; Robert Burch,
Foss; Lillian McDonald; Ella Guler
and Elmer Burch of Portland. ROBERT BURCH and Elmer Burch of Portland.
Funeral services were held Feb-ruary 4 in Portland and interment was at Skamokawa, Wash.

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## Big Picture on Venetian Screen

NO. 52

Charles Dickens' greatest story, "David Copperfield," will be shown at the Venetian theater Sunday. Monday and Tuesday. It is booked as 1935's most beloved motion pteture. Members of the cast include W. C. Fields as Micawber, Madge Eyang as Agnes Enda Mac Oliver. Evans as Agnes, Enda Mae Oliver as Aunt Betsey, Frank Lawton as David, the man Elizabeth Allan as Mrs. Copperfield, Lionel Barry-more as Dan Peggotty, Maureen O'Sullivan as Dora, Lewis Stone as Mr. Wickfield, Freddie Bartholomew as David, the child, and Robert Young as Uriah Heep.

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