

**THE KENNEL MURDER CASE**

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(Continued from last week)

Grassi entered the library. "I understand, sir," Vance addressed him, "that Mr. Archer Coe had consented to sell you certain items from his collection."

"Yes," the Italian replied; "that is true. I informed Mr. Wrede of the fact a moment ago. My reason for so doing was that Mr. Wrede practically ordered me out of the house—on the strength of his engagement to Miss Lake, I presume—and I informed him that my business here was not completed inasmuch as a considerable part of Mr. Coe's collection belonged technically to me. It was necessary

for me to remain to arrange for packing and shipment."

"And what did Miss Lake say?"

The Italian seemed loath to answer, but at length he said: "Miss Lake broke off her engagement with Mr. Wrede. And then she asked him to leave the house and remain away."

"I say, Mr. Grassi—Vance spoke suddenly—"do you think that Miss Lake killed her uncle?"

"The Italian stared at Vance. "I—really, sir, I—"

"Thanks awfully for the effort," Vance remarked. "I can quite understand your feelings. But I should like to know why you didn't tell us before of Mr. Coe's agreement to dispose of some of his collection to you. Was the agreement written or verbal?"

"Written." The man reached in his pocket and handed Vance a folded paper. "At my request Mr. Coe wrote that letter to me yesterday," he explained. "I wished to cable the news to Milan."

Vance unfolded the letter and read it with Markham. Heath and me looking over his shoulder: "Signor Eduardo Grassi, "Dear Sir, "In confirmation of our recent conversation, I hereby agree to sell to you, as a representative of the Museum of Antiquities

at Milan, the following pieces in my private collection: . . . . .

Then came a detailed list of forty or fifty items, including many of Archer Coe's most famous and valuable specimens of Chinese art. The date at the head of the document was October 10.

Vance put the letter in his pocket. "We shall keep this for the present," he told Grassi. "It will be perfectly safe, and it will be returned to you when the authorities may wish to refer to it."

Grassi bowed in polite acquiescence. "And again now," Vance concluded, "I shall ask you to wait in your own quarters until we send for you."

Grassi went out with obvious relief. "Sergeant," Vance said, "could you get me a sheet of that note paper on Archer Coe's desk? And his fountain pen?"

The sergeant went upstairs and returned shortly with the paper and the pen.

"After an inspection Vance said: "It is certainly Coe's note paper; and Archer's pen wrote the letter. Most significant."

"I returned Grassi's letter to his pocket, and went toward the front door. "Cheer up, old dear," he nearly exclaimed. "It's not exactly so black as it seems. The clouds are beginning to dissipate. We have all the data now and it's simply a matter of arranging them and interpreting them correctly."

"I wish I could feel so optimistic," grumbled Markham, following Vance into the vestibule.

Vance halted and, turning, regarded the perplexed Heath. "Oh, by the by, Sergeant," he said, "one or two little favors—there's a good fellow. Will you check up at once on the—shall I say alibi?—of Miss Lake and Signor Grassi?"

"That's easy," snorted Heath. "Two good men can do that in a few hours."

"And, added Vance, "you might give this house another search. I'm dashed interested in a blunt instrument that might have been used for striking Archer and the wee Scottie. I noticed that in the fire set in the living room everything was intact in the rack but the poker."

Heath nodded. "I get you, sir. If there's a poker in this house, I'll lay hands on it."

"Stout fellows!" Vance continued toward the front door. "And speaking of dogs, sir," Heath added, "that day Wrede told me he was very fond of the animals. Owned one before he moved."

"Ah!" Vance paused. "Did he mention the breed?"

"It was a Doberman Pinscher," Markham informed him.

"Now, that's deuced interestin', y' know," Vance murmured. "Be so good, Sergeant, as to have the bolt on Archer's door fixed while we're lunching. I'll want it in perfect working order when I return."

The sergeant grinned broadly. "So that's on your mind, is it? Sure, I'll have it fixed."

(To be continued)

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**Play Given at Junior School**

**Eighth Grade Banquet May 24; Officers Named**

Junior high 7A class presented a play entitled "Who's Crazy Now?" last Friday afternoon. Cast included Billy Foelker, Jean Ann Pasley, Irene Darnell, Raymond Ekhardt, Robert Ogilvie and Sterling Naught.

**Open House Planned**

Peter Boscow 5B class plans to have an open house May 24. This class has been enjoying several American School of the Air broadcasts recently, since obtaining its new radio.

**Banquet May 24**

Eighth grade banquet, which is a semi-annual affair at the Junior high will be held in the evening of May 24. Guests will be the graduating class and the members of the faculty.

The 8B2 class enjoyed a cake Monday during school hours. The cake was presented to them by their teacher as a reward for their 100 per cent record in the recent tuberculin tests.

**Elect Officers**

Several rooms have recently elected officers. New leaders of Peter Boscow 5B are Arthur Lunden, president; Vernon Galaway, vice-president; Alvin Kraus, secretary; Donald Nelson, treasurer; Leonard Sherman, sergeant-at-arms; Delos Anderson, Arlene Lentz, room monitors.

Newly-elected Junior high 7B officers are Phyllis Johnson, president; Erna Ketchum, vice-president; Eleanor Block, secretary.

Two rooms at the David Hill school have a new crop of officers. They are: Everett Shipley, president; Tony Modaffari, secretary; Erna Ketchum, 5B-6A president; Wallace Wood, vice-president; Robert Bailey, secretary.

**Contagion Exists**

Several cases of contagious diseases are still to be found in the schools. At the David Hill school Mary Morrison and Barbara Moore have been absent with mumps. Other cases of mumps were: Lillian Miller and Stewart Holtz, 6B Junior high; Ivan Steinke of 5B at David Hill missed several days because of an infected hand. Lois Johnson of 3B has been ill. Teddy Gardner, a member of 8B at Junior high, has been at Jones hospital suffering from an infected knee.

James Allison returned to school recently after a two weeks' absence. He is a member of Junior high 7B.

Clarence Bennett is a new 3B pupil at David Hill. He formerly lived in Westimber.

**Cedar Mill Unit Elects Delegates**

BETHANY-CEDAR MILL—Cedar Mill unit, Farmers' Union, met at the Cedar Mill Grange hall last Tuesday evening. The attendance was not very large. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Streiff were elected delegates to state convention at Albany. Assistant County Agent L. E. Francis gave a lecture, showing pictures on how to produce larger and better eggs. Mrs. George Findley and Miss Florence Findley sang a duet. The union decided to have a booth at the fair this year.

A shower was given at the Mrs. Charles Boy home in honor of Mrs. Bernard Roedel. Present were Mesdames Maude Thompson, Albert Meier, John Muerer, Glenn Carr, Dave Edigar, Martin Sleigher, Phil Thorne, Jacob Wyss, Charles West, May McDonalds, Arthur Schulz, Arthur Gould, Hogan, J. Leoli, James Walters, Henry Bower, Yule Austin, Charles Boy, and the guest of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Edigar went on a fishing trip Sunday. The Cornell club met with Mrs. Eastman May 4.

Home Economics club of Leedy Grange met with Mrs. K. Nystrom Thursday. It was decided not to hold any more meetings until September. Charity work for a baby home will be done in the fall.

Dinner party guests of Mrs. Dave Edigar Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Friday Bove of Progress

**Laurel Ridge Term to End**

**Garden Club Selects Name; Class Has Meeting**

LAUREL RIDGE—Laurel Ridge school will close Tuesday with a pot luck picnic for parents and friends of the pupils.

Four-H garden club met Friday. They chose "Growing Gardeners" as the name for their club, believing that good gardeners will keep things growing in their gardens and keep growing themselves.

The Young Married People's class of Mountain Home Sunday school met at the John Strickler home Friday night. Games were played.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mercer and sons Bob and Dan of Portland visited the W. C. Edy and H. P. Strickler home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Seely and daughter Dena of Wilsonville visited the Walter Puhre home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mathieson visited Mr. and Mrs. August Ruppert and in the afternoon all visited Arthur Ruppert at the Veterans hospital.

Fred Krebs of Six Corners went to Tillamook Sunday to visit the Frady family.

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Rogers of the Middleton Friends church have acquired a radio through the kindness of their friends and congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spath and sons Robert and Ralph visited Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Spath of near Tigard Sunday.

James Harris has been given a position with an electric light company.

Mrs. Upercraft spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Dethridge, Mrs. Salsberry and family and Merle Jones of Forest Grove visited Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stearns Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strickler and children visited the Ray Ego home near Mountain Home Sunday.

C. F. Nystrom has purchased 100 baby chicks.

Mrs. E. T. Sheppard, Mrs. T. H. Kilpatrick and Mrs. H. R. Smith drove to Eugene Friday to be the guests of their children, who are students at U. of O.

**Mr. Benson Honored**

Mrs. Benson gave a dinner in honor of Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Tilda Benson, Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Berg of Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. George Atterburg of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Anderson of Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Anderson, and the guest of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearson and Frank Pearson of Brooks Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. Simon Berger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crawford and Billie Crawford of Portland and his mother, Mrs. A. Crawford, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Zitzman, Sunday.

Miss Nellie Larsen and Mrs. L. Terrill of Portland visited Mr. C. Larsen and family Sunday.

**Sandsrom Hurt**

Arvid Sandsrom, while working in a logging camp near Sherman's mill, received a severe fracture of the leg when the axle of a truck broke and a rolling log hit him in the leg. He is in Jones hospital.

A shower was given for Mrs. Frank Farmer at the home of her mother, Mrs. Sam Walters, May 4. About forty were present.

A card party and dance was given at the Cedar Mill Grange hall Saturday night.

**Lloyd Selfridge Hilhi President**

Lloyd Selfridge of Hillsboro was elected Hilhi student body president Monday during the annual student elections. Dave Torbet was selected as vice-president, Irmal Trask as secretary and Billy Allison as treasurer.

Annual senior skip day was held Tuesday.

Philo club held an initiation and pot luck dinner at the school cafeteria last night.

Hilhi H-Y club is planning a Dad's day picnic and pot luck dinner Friday afternoon and evening. The event will be held at the Tongue cabin in Scoggins valley.

Hilhi's second team defeated the Banks nine 3 to 2 Friday on the local field. The first team lost to Forest Grove the same day 6 to 4.

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