

THE KENNEL MURDER CASE

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(Continued from last week)

We walked through the invigorating autumn air to a small French restaurant in West Seventy-second street near the Drive. Vance talked at length of dogs in general and of Scottish terriers in particular. Finally he smiled waggishly at Markham.

"I know I'm boring you. But you've been thinking much too strenuously all the forenoon. Your brain needs a little relaxation—and what could be more soporific than my rattle about dogs?"

"And while I'm on the subject, I want to tell you, Markham, that the little wounded Scottie Gamble discovered behind the library porteress is a beautiful specimen of the kind a Scottie should be. Poor little devil. She certainly didn't deserve that wound, and I hope she'll find her revenge by helping you find the murderer. I think I'll phone and see how she's getting along."

He went out and returned shortly to the table. He looked more cheerful.

"The doctor says she's not as badly hurt as he thought at first. She's eating. No fever. Be pretty normal by tomorrow."

He took another sip of wine.

"And that means that I'll be pretty busy tomorrow. I'll have to visit the American Kennel club and perhaps interview a few Scottie judges."

"I can't see the connection—" Markham began.

"There is a connection," insisted Vance. "It is no coincidence that a wounded dog is in a strange house at the exact time of a murder. And it's reasonable to assume that it was admitted to the house by the murderer, either accidentally or for a purpose. In either case it will be a definite clue. The ownership of the dog—and especially the address of the owner—will give us something pretty definite to work from. The migrations of the dog last night will throw much light on the movements of the person who came to the Coe house. From the dog's presence we may argue several very interesting and illuminating possibilities. First, that the dog did not arrive before the murder, because Archer would have thrown her out—"

"But Archer might have been the person who injured her?"

"If he had, he would not have left her behind the curtain beside the library door; he would have thrown her down the front steps to the street."

"But Brisbane?"

"Ah! If he had been Brisbane, then the dog was already in the house, or else she followed him in. If she was in the house and it was he who injured her, he was killed at almost the same instant. The butler helped him fix the dog outside. Therefore, in case the dog was there and Brisbane injured her, then it follows that the murderer didn't see her or left her there with some definite purpose in mind. As for the dog having followed Brisbane in, I think it highly unlikely. Dogs do not sneak in front doors between strangers' legs."

"But she followed some one in, obviously," Markham argued. "—unless, of course, she was deliberately brought there."

"That is true," Vance admitted. "and that is a point that puzzles me. She might have followed some one—even a stranger—into the house, provided he had left the door open; but the curtains would scarcely have left the front door open—in fact, I imagine he would have taken pains to shut it securely. And the vicious injury given the dog seems to indicate that her presence in the house was not deliberate—that, in fact, the person who found her was surprised and, perhaps, frightened. Being afraid he would be seen if he turned her out, he acted impulsively and sought to kill her lest she should start barking and attract attention. My conclusion is that the dog's presence was not discovered until after the murder."

"Your reasoning is clear enough," Markham told him, "but I don't see in what way it is helpful to us."

"It eliminates certain possibilities; it narrows down certain movements of the murderer; and it leads to a specific interpretation of the two crimes—the murder of Archer and the murder of Brisbane."

"Forgive me if I cannot follow your esoteric ratiocinations," Vance said. "Perpend, Markham."

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School Term Ended Friday

Twelve in Class; Stanton in Veterans' Hospital

(By Miss Dorothy Cooke)

CORNELIUS—Eighth grade graduation exercises were held Friday night at the M. E. church. Miss Beth Cochran invoked the professional with prayer by Rev. C. M. Reed, Principal W. B. Barnes introduced the class of 12 which included Misses Marjorie LaFollette, Winnie Rock, Gladys Mibrand, Alice Wolfe, Harriet Fox, Esther Peabody, Katherine Beck, Goldie Wessels and Verne Thies, Jack VanLom, Lester Peabody, and John Mundorf. Leroy McCluey of Heywood school graduated with the class. The class history was given by Goldie Wessels, the class will be given by John Mundorf, and the class prophecy by Alice Wolfe. Lester Moobrey sang "I Shall Never Pass Your Way Again." Rev. Charles Reed used "Are You Living" as the theme of his speech. He also pronounced the benediction. The class motto was "We Strive to Make the Best Better." Class colors, red and green. Marjorie LaFollette was class president. Alice Wolfe, vice-president, and Harriet Fox, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Louise M. Cochran, class adviser. Ushers were Doris Brandaw, Lois Brannock, Mary Jane Doane, Violet Henrie, Bonnie Kiser and Dora Dee Selfridge.

Mike Subbauer, who has been janitor in the school for the past ten years, was presented with a gift from the school by Billy Hamilton.

Miss Oleva Berger attended graduation exercises at Reedville Tuesday evening and a school picnic the same day. Miss Berger plans to teach at Reedville again next year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson and sons of Scoggins valley visited the J. Black home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Duncalf and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Duncalf visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Mann and daughter Sunday.

Mrs. Ted Wilkins and Mrs. Roy Shaw visited the Albert Banning home in Portland Thursday.

Mrs. Emma Bryant of Forest Grove visited Mrs. Lloyd Shaw Saturday.

Ted Wilkins was installed as outdoor sentinel at the regular meeting of the Neighbors of Woodcraft lodge at Bunning's hall Thursday evening.

The Misses Emma and Freda Kehrl of Orenco visited Iowa Hill school Thursday. Miss Freda will teach there next year.

Mrs. Margaret Gnos spent the weekend with relatives at Verbiort.

Madison Anderson of Garibaldi visited relatives here Tuesday.

In Veterans' Hospital C Stanton is ill at the Veterans' hospital in Portland.

Centerville School Closes Centerville school closed Friday with a picnic at the city park Monday.

John Mundorf Sr. has returned from the Emanuel hospital in Portland, where he underwent a serious operation.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. John Oppenlander of Cornelius at the Forest Grove M. E. church Monday afternoon.

Iowa Hill School Ends Iowa Hill school closed Friday. Mrs. Frances Gnos, teacher, will treat the youngsters soon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McPherson, who visited here recently, have returned to their home in Los Angeles.

Charles Chambers and son Buster of Portland visited Cornelius friends Monday. The Chambers formerly lived here.

A number from Cornelius attended the senior play, "The Patsy" at the Forest Grove auditorium Friday evening. Miss Dorothy Cooke was one of the ushers.

Library Board Meets Cornelius public library board met Monday evening. A report

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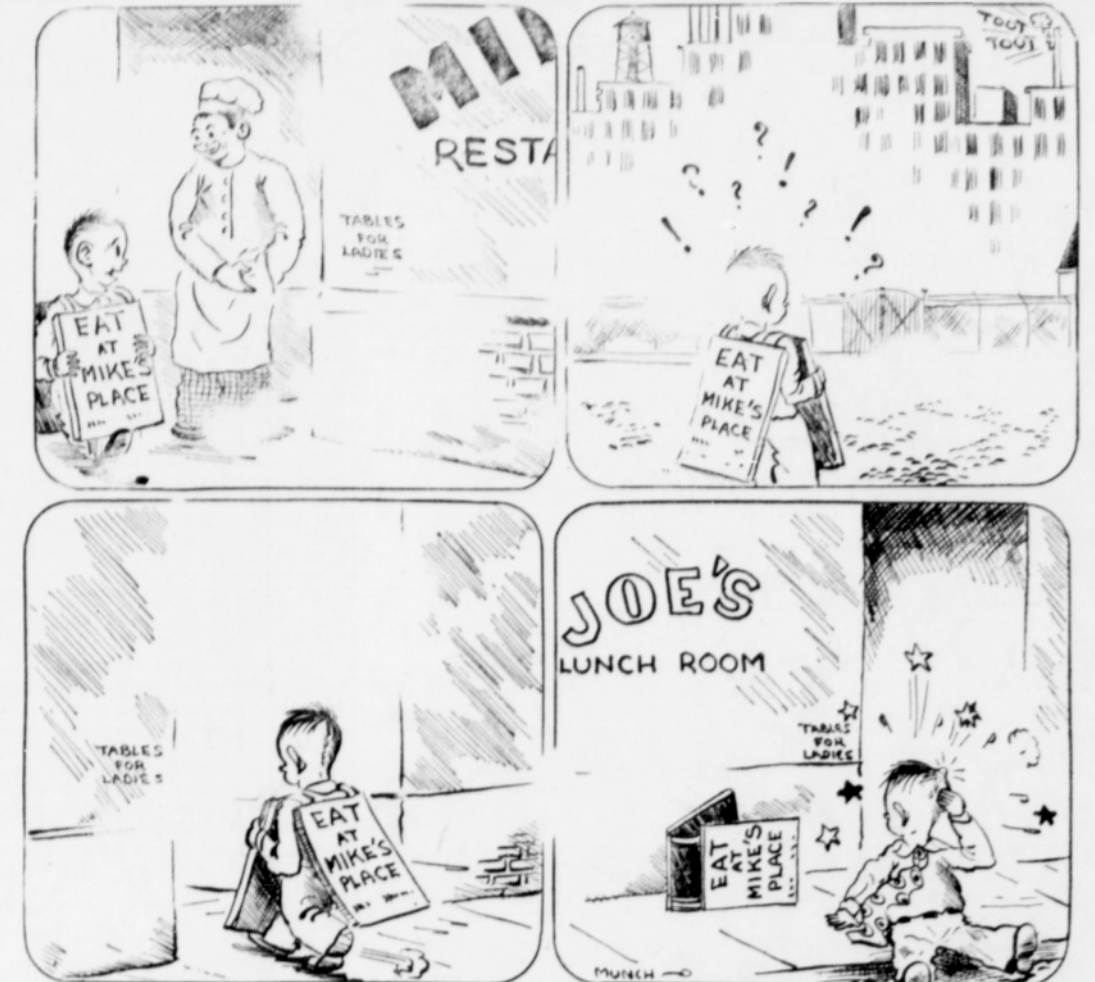
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of the library convention at Salem was given by the delegates, Mrs. Edna Russell, librarian, and Mrs. A. L. Brock. One new book has been added to the library. "Authors of Today and Yesterday."

Mrs. Jack Barrett and son Charles of Hillsboro were house guests at the Arthur Bishop home from Friday to Sunday.

Misses Dorothy and Margaret Cooke and Selina VanDeMoortel attended the baccalaureate services at the Forest Grove M. E. church Sunday evening. Several others from Cornelius attended. Commencement will be held Friday evening at high school auditorium.

Mrs. Evelyn Wright and sons of Toledo came last week to spend the summer here.

George Holcher, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Hillsboro hospital Saturday, is improving.

Fern Hill ladies' club met Friday with Mrs. E. Hornes for the hostess.

Hiteon club of the Philp Kalsch home. About 20 ladies were present.

New Family Here Mr. and Mrs. C. Mathews of North Dakota are settling in Cornelius.

Wiskers, the one-act comedy presented by the M. E. Sun school at Bunning's hall Wednesday evening proved to be very successful. Charles Reed played a trumpet solo. Miss Doris Webber of Hillsboro sang. David Edmondson also sang, and Misses Lavin Robinette and Margaret Cook sang a humorous duet. Play cast included Mary Jane Doane, Mrs. A. J. Oliver, Helen Oliver, Mrs. Mattie Smith, Lavin Robinette, Virginia Erickson, Mrs. Ray Shaw, Helene Shaw, Rosamond Mundorf and Margaret Cooke. Winnie Rock and Dora Dee Selfridge had charge of ice candy sale. Mrs. Louise Cochran took tickets.

The French club and Caesar club

Hiteon Exercises Set for Tonight (By Mrs. Zell G. Struthers)

HITEON—An entertainment and eighth grade graduation exercises will be held tonight, Thursday, at the school. The annual picnic is scheduled for Friday.

Lester Davies visited Mrs. Davies' brother near Mt. Hood Thursday, returning Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Robinson of Portland were week-end guests at the Struthers home.

Hiteon club members met Monday evening at the Robert Campbell home.

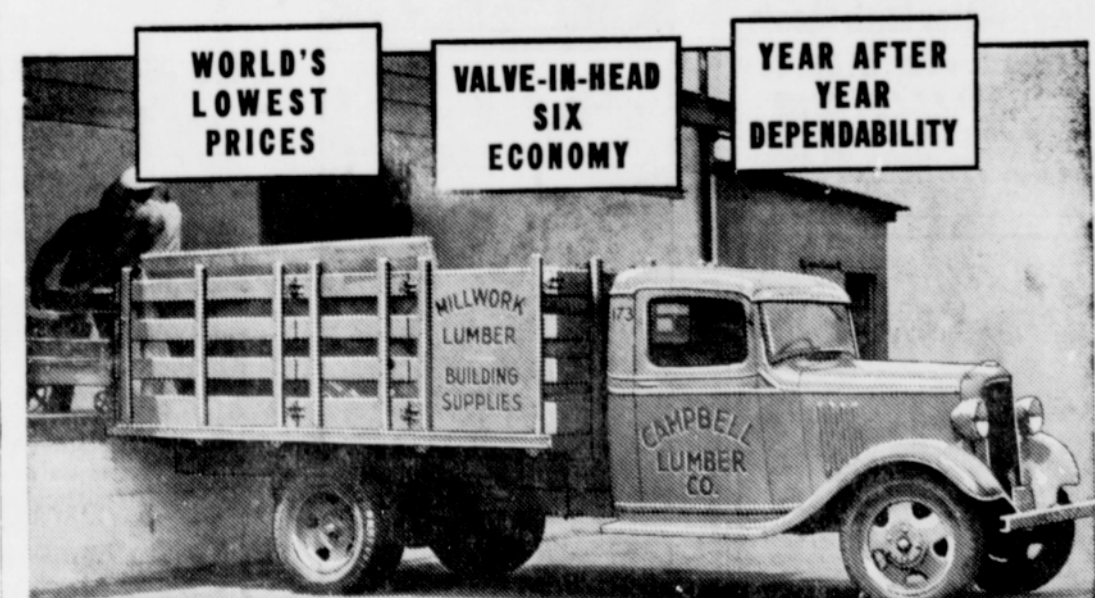
Following ladies met Wednesday May 15 at the Mrs. Lena Olson home and made out programs for the club year: Miss Elsie Caldwell, Mrs. Lena Olson, Mrs. Emily Peterson, Mrs. Jessie Barnum, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Miss Margaret Summers and Mrs. C. W. Struthers.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Keller of White Salmon, Wash., visited last week at the William F. Campbell home.

Mrs. Herbert Olson and Mrs. Carl Olson and son Bobby left Thursday for Oak Ridge to visit relatives. They expect to be gone a week.

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Joint Exercises Held with Hazeldale; Pageant Set

(By Mrs. E. L. Cox)

KINTON—Commencement exercises of the eighth grade graduates of Kinton school and Hazeldale were held at the hall last Monday evening with a good crowd in attendance. A program was given by members of the school. Kinton graduates are James Richards, Clifford VanKleeck, Dorothy VanKleeck, Rudolph Karpstein and Carl Lierman. The salutatory was given by Carl Lierman, and the following program rendered: Commencement song, upper grade scholars; class colors, Dorothy VanKleeck; exercise, Hazeldale scholars; harmonica band, primary grades; exercise Kinton school; sextet, upper grade girls; harmonica band, Kinton; valedictory, "The Class Will," James Richards; address by Ex-Senator Joseph E. Dunne; presentation of diplomas. A goodly number from Hazeldale and other communities were in attendance.

The school picnic held at City park, Portland, Tuesday all day, was enjoyed by most of the scholars and many of the mothers.

George Snider shipped several truck loads of onions to a Portland dealer last week.

Mrs. Vernon Leachman and son of Portland spent a few days last week with Mrs. Leachman's mother, Mrs. Louise VanKleeck.

P. M. Jorgensen of Hillsboro was here last Monday, issuing licenses for dogs in this community.

Pageant Sunday Night Young people of the Christian church of Beaverton will put on a pageant at the church this Sunday evening at 8 o'clock to which all are invited.

Mrs. Lily M. Bierly spent Friday and Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Ethel McCormick of Hillsboro. Mrs. Bierly was guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McCormick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pomeroy and three daughters went to Tillamook Sunday, where they have been spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Brooks and Mrs. Mary McHenry of Hazeldale visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cox Sunday.

The "Traveling Kitchen" which is under the direction of the Oregonian of Portland, and is making a tour around the state, is expected to visit Kinton in June. Kinton Ladies' Aid society will have the affair in charge and it will be held at the church.

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