

HALF-ACRE in EDEN

CHAPTER XVIII

Carlo Stellicci had fled Bobba Neck with a consideration of consequences, but he was likely to go to prison for remaining. Neither his father nor Tony had been in his mind; he had paid so much attention to his brother and little for so many years that it was only natural to ignore their interest in his precipitate flight.

Carlo had paused long enough in his flight to telephone a warning to his garage employee that their secret was out. This kindness, however, was prompted only by his desire to have the two meet him in the city with certain money and property secured at the garage. They repaid him by carrying the little board to New York and, instead of joining Carlo where he waited at a hastily appointed rendezvous, continuing their journey in flight to farther destinations.

Carlo at length surmised the truth. He had been cheated.

He had counted the money in his pocket, sadly abandoned his car, fastened the emblem of guilt now etched by police intelligence across its license plates.

And he vanished among New York's millions for a period of meditation.

During this lonely time he even neglected his four acquaintances in the city, for he felt a vast distance between them. When, at last, he emerged from hiding, although he had never been called, he did indeed appear at a moment when profound questions were being asked as to his whereabouts.

That Dorothy sat in her car immediately in front of the building and that her mother might even now be emerging from the store a door or two away.

He burst on to the street.

"Pull ahead!" he yelled, waving impatiently. "Step on it! Go on—go on!"

Dorothy already had recognized the alarm. A glance assured her that McDougall had turned toward the store her mother had entered. She sent the car forward with a jerk, her foot hard down on the throttle as she let the clutch pedal fly back.

The four men came through the bank doors and looked out from the cover provided where the stone walls of the building projected a foot beyond the entrance. Half a block away, running heavily toward them, was a policeman.

The alarm had called people from the stores along the street. The policeman was closing in rapidly.

The four men darted from the bank's doorway and sped around the corner. A shot followed them, and then another, but they reached their car. Roaring, but without lights, it sped away down the dark street, Carlo Stellicci at the wheel, with familiar roads ahead.

There had been a mistake in Carlo's plans. The bank's side door was never unlocked for the Saturday evening business.

News of Marcola

MARCOLA, Dec. 19—(Special)—Miss Francis Price of Portland has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Price, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Marie Harper and daughter Nancy Lee were week-end guests at the Walter Scott home.

Stellmaker, deputy fire marshal for Oregon, made his official visit of the current term to the Marcola grade school Friday afternoon. Mr. Stellmaker addressed the student-body on the subject of fire hazards.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fischer of Eugene were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hatton Sunday and spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Paulus.

The Wendling union held its regular meeting Tuesday evening in the I.O. O.F. hall and a social evening with Christmas treats and a pot-luck dinner for about 80 persons.

Mrs. Alice Cronner was house guest of Mrs. Minnie Fischer most of the week.

Charles Wiltsey and Walter Mays left Wednesday to work for the Lollar Lumber company.

Mrs. R. L. Garrison received a letter from Charles Garrison at Angel Island, saying he would leave there Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, for home. He has spent the past two years at Schofield Barracks, T. H. Charles says the weather is much colder here than he has been used to.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cook were called to Salem last week by the death of Mr. Cook's father, Mr. J. D. Cook.

Donald McDonald was not injured very badly when he was run over by Alfred Pease Thursday evening when coming home from a basketball game at the high school. Mr. Pease was driving very slowly or he might have been more seriously hurt.

Leaburg Briefs

LEABURG, Dec. 19—(Special)—The Boy Scouts met Tuesday evening at the scout shack with Gordon Vance scout leader. The Girl Scouts met with Miss Muhr at the school house at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening. They are working on toys at present to be used at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Zumwalt and Mr. and Mrs. Frasse attended grange meeting at Waterville Tuesday evening.

Leaburg was host Wednesday evening to Vida and Blue River in a dramatic contest. Three one-act plays were presented and all were very good. The decision of the judges gave first place to Leaburg. Many attended from Vida and Blue River as well as Leaburg. The high school girls served coffee cake and candy at the close of the performances.

L. S. Brown has been completing his vacation this past week and will return to duty at the Leaburg Power plant the last of the week.

Hebron News Notes

HEBRON, Dec. 19—(Special)—Mrs. Truman Clark was an all-day guest of Mrs. Irwin Clark, in Cottage Grove Friday, December 11.

Melvin Keibelbeck was out from Eugene Sunday to spend the day with his parents.

Tom Williams left for Canada Monday to visit with his father.

Mrs. Richard Garman spent Sunday in Roseburg visiting her husband at the soldiers home. She was accompanied by the Harry Garman family of Cottage Grove and spent several days with them following her return.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Buchholz of Bridal Veil visited the Job Keibelbeck family from Wednesday until Thursday and also called on the George Keibelbeck family.

Miss Florence Keibelbeck was an all-day visitor at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Keibelbeck in Cottage Grove, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Overgaard of Latham were visitors at the Job Keibelbeck home Thursday evening.

TREE AT CAMP CREEK. UPPER CAMP CREEK, Dec. 19—(Special)—The Christmas tree and program, sponsored jointly by the school and the Friendly Circle club will be held Tuesday evening, December 22. Everyone is cordially invited.

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