On Murder's Skirts

By TERRY ADLER

Chapter 30

"Apparently on Thursday night," Raff continued, "Dr. Bray was rummaging around in Hubbard's office. He found the debris in or around the waste basket—we'll never know which way that cigarette did fall. Anyway, he became curious when he found the cigarette stub, all water-soaked. Bray knew that Hubbard had given up smoking more than two months ago. When he saw that bottle out of place he became suspicious. Then when I called and mentioned 'phosgene' he was convinced there had been foul play. The only thing that he didn't know was the identity of the culprit and the motive."

"But he called you later," she reminded him.

He nodded. "He called me later, that's true. Apparently he had gathered together the stuff in that envelope. At that time it meant to him that two people had a motive for killing Hubbard: namely, Fentor or you. Remember the two letters?"

"Then he really didn't know it was Eddie?" She was horrified.

"Apparently not. It certainly looked as if Hubbard was blackmailing the two of you the same way he was Bray. Apparently Bray didn't give Worden a thought. Anyway, after he called me he put the letters in the envelope and left them in Hubbard's office. He put the manuscript in the envelope, too. He was planning to talk to Worden about it the next morning."

"How do you know this?"

"Worden told us. When Bray came out of Hubbard's office he saw a light in Worden's room and came in to have a cigarette. He told Eddie that the manuscript had come and that they could go over it in the morning. He mentioned that Hubbard had put his own name as author, and not Worden's, but of course that would be rectified.

"Naturally, Worden was elated. Everything was turning out as he had planned. If only Bray had shut up at that point. But he went on talking about Hubbard—about what a rat he had been, and that he was even going to be a nuisance after death because there was going to be an investigation since it appeared that Hubbard had been murdered. Well, as you can imagine, Worden's house of cards collapsed immediately. He very cautiously tried to probe Bray for information, but all he got was that Bray was not quite sure who did it and that someone was coming over in the morning to investigate. Bray left Worden then and went back into his own office to clear up some work. Worden got to thinking that if Bray were to die, and especially if it looked like suicide, then no attention would be paid to his conjectures about Hubbard. That way there would be no investigation of Hubbard's death, or if there were then it would look as if Bray himself had done it and then committed suicide.

"Very neat is right. And if it hadn't been for Verek I don't think we would have discovered that Bray had been murdered."

"What did Verek have to do with it?"

"He was just the little man who came around. As soon as Worden decided he had to kill Bray, he got a syringe and filled it with cyanide. He walked right into Bray's office and jabbed the needle into his back right through his shirt. Bray died immediately. Worden typed out the suicide note and then arranged the syringe so that it looked like suicide. This was about five minutes to midnight. He knew that Verek would be around shortly to inject his rates. He didn't dare leave then for fear he would encounter Verek. So he turned out all the lights and waited. Sure enough, Verek came and injected his rats and then left without suspecting a thing. After that Worden got his things and left. He left the light off so that Verek wouldn't investigate when he came around on his next round three hours later. Worden was at the lab early yesterday morning so that he could 'discover' the suicide. However, I beat him to it, and what made me suspicious was that this so-called suicide had apparently done a senseless thing—namely, sat down in total darkness to jab a syringe of cyanide into his veins. It looked phony to me."

"Then Eddie was the one who broke into my apartment last night and bopped me on the head?"

"What he planned, really, was to eliminate you from the picture completely. I suppose he had the idea that if you died from a dose of cyanide in your coffee, it, too, would look like suicide."

"I had no idea he hated me so much," Ellen said.

"Well, he was so perturbed about the thesis, he couldn't think rationally. He was obsessed with the idea that you had typed the thesis and so you, too, were responsible for the fact that it was 'stolen.'"

"Of course, I did type it. But I didn't think it was unusual for a department chairman to list himself as author of research that a graduate student had done."

"Ah," said Raff sadly, "too true. But let's forget all this morbidity."

"What will happen to Eddie now?" she asked.

"We're going to keep him in the psychopathic division. He's got to be under observation for a while."

"Then they won't send him to prison?"

"I don't know. I hardly think tht he can be considered sane and responsible for his actions. Anyway, it's out of our hands now: the hospital authorities will handle it. He's a very sick boy mentally and needs proper treatment rather than a prison sentence."

"Gee, honey, I almost forgot—we've got a lot of celebrating to do! We've got an anniversary," he said.

"An anniversary?"

He nodded solemnly as he glanced at his watch.

"It's exactly twenty-six hours since I first saw you adjusting your skirt. That's a long engagement, Mrs. Rafferty-to-be."

"Well, you're the doctor," she quipped as she smiled and lovingly placed her arms around his neck.

(The End)

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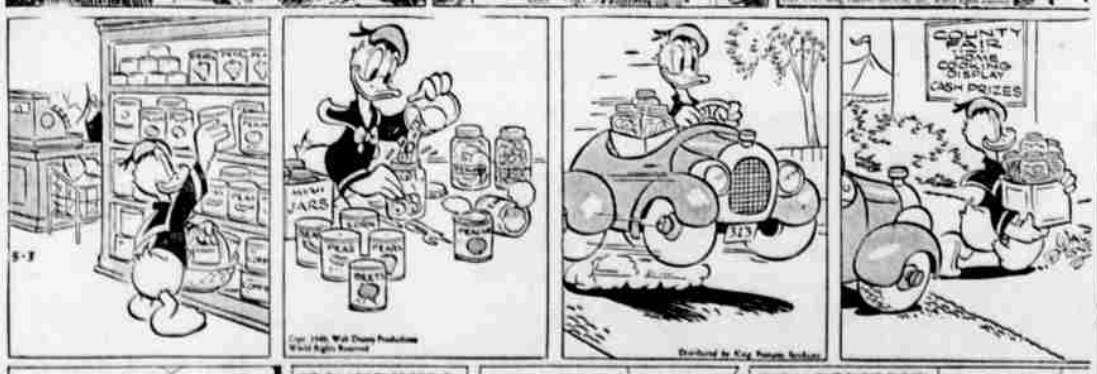

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RADIO PROGRAMS

ALL PROGRAMS PACIFIC STANDARD TIME

TUESDAY—P.M.

	KSLM 1390 MBS	KGW 620 NBC	KOCO 1400 ka	KOIN 970 CBS
5:00	Straight Arrow	This Is Your Life	Sleepy Joe	Knox Manning
:15	Straight Arrow	This Is Your Life	Rhythm Ranch	Beulah
:30	Capt Midnight	Alan Young Show	Bing Crosby	Chet Huntley
:45	Tom Mix	Alan Young Show	Sport Page	News
6:00	Gabriel Heatter	Bob Hope	Melody by Candlelight	Meditation Time
:15	Northwest News	Bob Hope	News	Bob Young Show
:30	Little Show	Fibber McGee	Isaak Walton	Strike It Rich
:45	Little Show	Fibber McGee		Strike It Rich
7:00	Medicine Drama	Hollywood Theatre	Eddie Duchin	Hit the Jackpot
:15	Do You Remember	Hollywood Theatre	Eddie LeMar	Hit the Jackpot
:30	Chisholm Trail	People Are Funny	Baseball	Pass the Buck
:45	Chisholm Trail	People Are Funny	Bandstand	Pass the Buck
8:00	Count of Monte Cristo	Supper Club	Duzout Dope	Lowell Thomas
:15	World of Song	News of World	Baseball	Jack Smith Show
:30	World of Song	This Is Your Life	Baseball	Mr. & Mrs. North
:45		This Is Your Life	Baseball	Mr. & Mrs. North
9:00	News	George Moorad	Baseball	Five Star Final
:15	T B A	Sports Page Final	Baseball	Mystery Theatre
:30	My Favorite Story	Bands of Land	Baseball	Night Editor
:45	My Favorite Story	Bands of Land	Baseball	Serenade
10:00	Fulton Lewis	Sam Hayes	Baseball	You & the World
:15	Select Local News	Morton Downey	News Roundup	Gene Krupa Orch.
:30	News	Ray Hackett Orch	Combo Corner	Gene Krupa Orch.
:45	Mutual Newsreel	Ray Hackett Orch	Track 1490	News
11:00	Official Detective		Track 1490	
:15	Official Detective		Track 1490	
:30	Dick Foy's Orch.		Track 1490	
:45	Lanny Ross		Track 1490	
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Silent

WEDNESDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00	News	Farm Time		News
:15	News	Farm Time		News
:30	March Time	The Old Songs		Fred Beck
:45	News	News		Consumer News
7:00	News	Fred Waring	Tex Ritter	Art Baker
:15	Breakfast Gang	Fred Waring	News & Sports	Music for You
:30	Breakfast Gang	Riders of Sage	Top O' Morning	Music for You
:45	Top Trades	Sam Hayes	News	Vocal Varieties
8:00	Bargain Counter	Tommy Dorsey	King's Crusaders	News
:15	Victor Lindlahr	Tommy Dorsey	King's Crusaders	Grand Slam
:30	Sons of Pioneers	Jack Berch	Western Melodies	Rosemary
:45	T B A	News	Western Melodies	Wendy Warren
9:00	News	NY Honeymoon	Upper Room	Aunt Jenny
:15	Kate Smith	NY Honeymoon	Upper Room	Helen Trent
:30	Pastor's Call	Science Reveals	Music	Our Gal Sunday
:45	Wiles Waltz Time	Vincent Lopez	Music	Big Sister
10:00	News	Tropic Echoes	Coffee Cup	Ma Perkins
:15	Gospel Singers	Hometowners	N.W. Report	Young Dr. Malone
:30	Lean Back	Rob't McCormick	Rhapsody in Rhythm	Guiding Light
:45	Waltz Serenade	Brighter Day		News
11:00	Ladies First	Double or Nothing	Glass Wax	Come & Get It
:15	Ladies First	Double or Nothing	Glass Wax	Norah Drake
:30	Queen for a Day	News	Glass Wax	Makes You Tick
:45	Queen for a Day	Light of World	Glass Wax	2nd Mrs. Burton
12:00	Top Trades	Life Beautiful	Everybody's Idea	Perry Mason
:15	News	Ma Perkins	Organ Moods	Pat O'Brien
:30	Bob Eberly Show	Pepper Young	News	Newspaper of Air
:45	Variety Show	Happiness	Ted Dale Presents	Hint Hunt
1:00	Orchestra	Backstage Wife	Classics	Air-flo
:15	Johnson Family	Stella Dallas	Classics	Winner Take All
:30	Tell Neighbor	Lorenzo Jones	Listen to Leibert	Newspaper of Air
:45	Bing Sings	Widder Brown	All-time Favorites	News
2:00	Against the Storm	A Girl Marries	Records Off Shelf	Tunefully Yours
:15	Against the Storm	Portia Faces Life	Records off Shelf	Mr. Information
:30	Orchestra	Just Plain Bill	Records off Shelf	Meet the Missus
:45	On Parade	Front Page Farrell	Records off Shelf	Meet the Missus
3:00	Happy Gang	Road of Life	12th St. Hour	Arthur Godfrey
:15	Happy Gang	Lora Lawton	12th St. Hour	Arthur Godfrey
:30	Songs of Times	Aunt Mary	12th St. Hour	Arthur Godfrey
:45	News	Love & Learn	12th St. Hour	Arthur Godfrey
4:00	Fulton Lewis, Jr.	Woman's Secret	Women's Page	News
:15	Hemingway	Today's Children	Dick Shannon	The Little Show
:30	Passing Parade	Sunny Side	Spotlite Music	Club 15
:45	Carmen Cavallero	News	Spotlight on	Ed. R. Murrow

DIAL LISTINGS: KEX, 1190; KOAC, 550

KEX Tuesday P. M.—5:00: Keeping Up With Sports; 5:15, Home Edition; 5:30, Hop-along Cassidy; 6:00, Music Festival; 6:30, Art Mooney Talent Tour; 7:00, Countersay; 7:30, Town Meeting; 8:30, Monitor News; 8:45, Book Adventures; 9:00, Richfield Reporter; 9:15, Intermezzo; 9:30, Concert Hour; 10:30, Memo to Tomorrow; 11:00, Xtra Hour; 12:00, Sign Off.

KEX Wednesday, 6 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. — 6:00, McCall News; 6:15, Time Tempos; 6:30, Robert's Almanac; 6:45, Time Tempos; 7:00, Myrt & Marge; 7:15, Martin Agronsky; 7:30, Easy Aces; 7:45, Zeke Manners; 8:00, Breakfast Club; 9:00, Mildred Bedell; 9:15, Stars of Today; 9:30, Kay Kyser Kollege; 10:00, Ted Malone; 10:15, Galen Drake; 10:30, My True Story; 11:00, Betty Crocker; 11.15, News; 11:30, Baukhage; 11:45, Get More Out of Life; 12:00, Northwesterners; 12:30, Kay West; 1:00, Breakfast in Hollywood; 1:30, Talk Your Way Out of It; 2:00, Surprise Pack-

KOAC Tues P.M.—5:00 On the Upbeat; 5:30 Sports Club; 6:00, The News; 6:15, Grace Berger at the KOAC Organ; 6:30, Round the Campfire; 7:15, Farm Hour; 8:00, Errand of Mercy; 8:15, Univ. of Oregon Symposium; 8:45, News; 9:00, Campus Headlines; 9:30, Music That Endures; 9:45, Evening Meditations; 10:00, Sign Off.

KOAC Wed. A.M.—10, News; 10:15, Especially for Women; 11:00, Oregon School of the Air; 11:15, The Concert Hall; 12:00, News; 12:15, Farm Hour; 1:00, Ride 'em Cowboy; 1:15; Variety Time; 1:30, This Day; 1:45, All Good Things Begin at Home; 2:00, Especially for Women; 2:30, Memory Book of Music; 2:45, Oregon School of the Air; 3:00, News.

ave; 4:30, Bride & Groom; 3:00, Welcome Travelers; 3:30, Art Linkletter; 4:00, Squirrel Cage; 4:30, Jack Armstrong.

The human body is so constituted that it functions best at temperatures of 60 to 70 degrees for those who wear civilized clothing, and at somewhat higher temperatures for unclothed people.

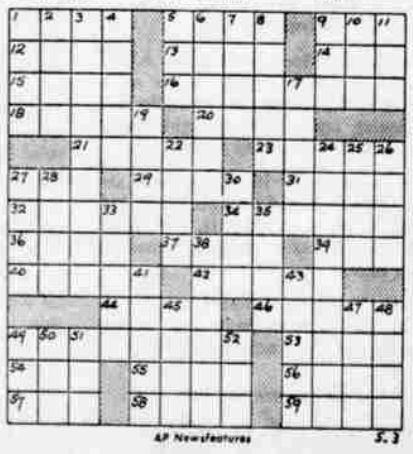
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Precious stones
5. Frequent breakfast food
9. Insect
12. Pertaining to grandparents
13. Wild animal
14. Late: comb. form
15. Smooth
16. Virtue
18. Seraph
20. Grasp
21. Tipping
22. Shirk
27. Gained at games of chance
29. Simpleton
31. Very black
32. Wards off
34. Obliquely
36. Demolish
37. Engrave with acid
39. Perceive
40. Entreat
42. English author
44. Fiber of the aloe
46. Relating to man
47. Smoothness
53. Cancel
54. Land measure
55. Row
56. Son of Seth
57. Church sitting
58. Bottom of the foot
59. Let it stand

DOWN

1. Festival
2. To such a degree
3. Grayish white metal
4. Mixed rain and snow
5. Tree
6. Italian painter
7. Hottentot musical instrument
8. Serpent
9. Tropical cuckoo
10. Openwork fabric
11. Daily
17. Horizontal
19. Raise
22. Mislay
24. Humiliation
25. Finished
26. Heraldic term
27. Threads running lengthwise
28. Egg-shaped
30. Intertwine
33. Harvests
35. Ruler of Persia
38. Journey
41. Eats sparingly
43. Dandies
45. Set of three
47. Medicinal plant
48. Cozy home
49. Cover
50. Metal-bearing rock
51. Novel
52. Before



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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

ROOM AND BOARD . . . . . By Gene Ahern