

The HOUSE on LILAC STREET

by FRED BAYARD

(Chapter 7)
Beacon Street had long since seen better days. The houses were all of a uniform ugliness and were long past their prime. The inside of Number 38 was not as forbidding as the outside, but the apparent neatness was that of a housekeeper whose method of tidying up is limited to sticking odds and ends in drawers and behind doors.

Like her house, there were few pretensions about Fifi Warnock. Such character as she possessed could be read on her face and could be described in one word, "Avarice." Most of her life had been spent wanting things she never got, and from morning till night, she never ceased berating her husband for his failure to provide her with what she termed the simple luxuries of life. The years had enabled Ben Warnock to adapt himself to nagging; in fact, he rarely heard her, so well had he trained himself.

It was barely twenty minutes to ten when Fifi heard the sound of feet on the veranda. Not waiting for the bell to ring, she opened the door.

She stood aside to let William Owens pass her. "Go right into the front room and make yourself at home," she bustled. "I'm sure anxious to hear if that business you talked to me about can be worked out."

"There's no doubt about it, Mrs. Warnock," he replied. "All the arrangements have been made. Mind you, it's a bit unethical, but you and I know that the ultimate purpose is to surprise your husband, which lay beside him on the couch, he began to sort several papers.

"Here we are," he looked up at her. "A few more questions to be answered, and then I'll just get you to sign these, and that's all there is to it. In view of his present age, a physical examination will, of course, be unnecessary."

The agent completed several particulars. "There now, if you'll just sign at the bottom," he held the application form flat on his briefcase while Mrs. Warnock signed where he indicated.

She looked up at him inquiringly. "When will I get the policy, and when am I supposed to pay?"

He laughed at her eagerness. "You pay your part of the first premium today. We'll look after the balance, as I explained to you. I'll see that your policy is rushed through. It might be wise for you to pick the policy up yourself. Three of us have a sort of headquarters here in the city of town, in a laundry store, the Liberty Laundry on Maple Street. Do you know it?"

Fifi nodded. "I know about where it is."

"Fine," Owens stuffed the papers back into the case. Methodically, he screwed the cap on his pen and clipped it into his pocket. "Come in sometime Saturday morning, and I'll have everything ready for you."

He looked about him. "Yes, indeed, Mrs. Warnock, you've made an excellent investment, and I know you won't regret it. It'll give you a sense of security."

Aunt Sarah, who regarded Derris with a baleful look, "You're foolish and obstinate," Sarah said angrily.

you to go along. If I'm going to get anywhere at all, I feel I can do better alone, you old watchdog."

The latter part of the sentence was accompanied by a tender look which belied the harsh words.

"I'll drive you into the village," Derris said, returning with a large wicker shopping basket. "Get together all your stuff. It won't take me out of my way at all, and you'll be through with your marketing that much earlier."

Most of the local farmers and market gardeners had stalls, and it was toward one of these that Sarah now made her way.

"One moment," Maria Rossetti said. "I just finished these," indicating a number of parcels she was wrapping for a customer. This completed, she came over toward Sarah, with an odd, almost furtive air, she asked:

"Mees Derris, she is all right?" The tone of the question, rather than the question itself, puzzled Sarah.

"Derris? Why, certainly. She drove me in to shop this morning, and then she went to the city on an errand. Why do you ask?"

Maria appeared confused, almost as if she regretted having spoken. She did not answer at once, but began to gather up Sarah's parcels.

Leaning forward to take Sarah's shopping basket, Maria spoke so softly that Sarah could barely hear her.

"Tell Mees Derris I come over tomorrow. Sometimes when I get a chance."

A woman was approaching the stand. Startled by the unexpectedness of Maria's remarks, Sarah felt more questions rushing to her lips. She felt the basket pushed quickly into her hands.

"Please, you don't forget your basket," Maria gave her a long look that, somehow, seemed to sound a warning, and turned toward the new customer.

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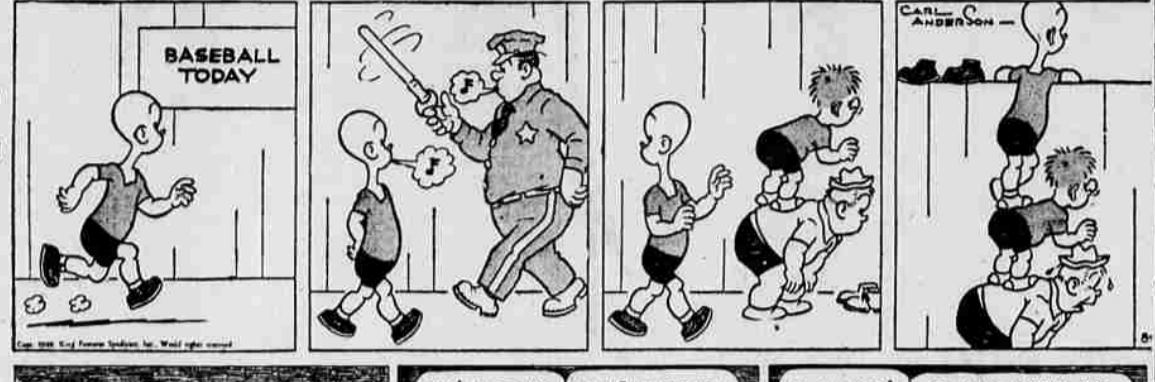
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RADIO PROGRAMS

SATURDAY—P.M.

Time	KSLM 1200	KGW 430	KOCO 1200	KOIN 430
5:00	Music	University Theatre	Round Up Time	Treasury Show
5:15	Frank Hamilton	University Theatre	Round Up Time	Treasury Show
5:30	Smack Kille	University Theatre	Round Up Time	Treasury Show
5:45	Smack Kille	University Theatre	Round Up Time	Treasury Show
6:00	Hawaii Calls	University Theatre	Round Up Time	Treasury Show
6:15	Gregory Hood	University Theatre	Round Up Time	Treasury Show
6:30	Gregory Hood	University Theatre	Round Up Time	Treasury Show
6:45	Gregory Hood	University Theatre	Round Up Time	Treasury Show
7:00	Tabernacle Echo	Hill Parade	Driver's Pleasure	Music for You
7:15	Comedy Playhouse	Hill Parade	Driver's Pleasure	Music for You
7:30	Comedy Playhouse	Hill Parade	Driver's Pleasure	Music for You
7:45	Comedy Playhouse	Hill Parade	Driver's Pleasure	Music for You
8:00	T. B. A.	Clay Powell	Baseball	Baseball
8:15	Voice of Truth	Clay Powell	Baseball	Baseball
8:30	Voice of Truth	Clay Powell	Baseball	Baseball
8:45	Life Begins at 40	Clay Powell	Baseball	Baseball
9:00	Meet the Press	Clay Powell	Baseball	Baseball
9:15	Meet the Press	Clay Powell	Baseball	Baseball
9:30	Meet the Press	Clay Powell	Baseball	Baseball
9:45	Meet the Press	Clay Powell	Baseball	Baseball
10:00	Open House	Wax Museum	Dancing Party	Dancing Party
10:15	Open House	Wax Museum	Dancing Party	Dancing Party
10:30	Open House	Wax Museum	Dancing Party	Dancing Party
10:45	Open House	Wax Museum	Dancing Party	Dancing Party
11:00	Open House	Wax Museum	Dancing Party	Dancing Party
11:15	Open House	Wax Museum	Dancing Party	Dancing Party
11:30	Open House	Wax Museum	Dancing Party	Dancing Party
11:45	Open House	Wax Museum	Dancing Party	Dancing Party
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off

SUNDAY

Time	KSLM 1200	KGW 430	KOCO 1200	KOIN 430
7:00	News	Wormwood Forest	Deep River Boys	Church of the Air
7:15	News	Wormwood Forest	Deep River Boys	Church of the Air
7:30	News	Wormwood Forest	Deep River Boys	Church of the Air
7:45	News	Wormwood Forest	Deep River Boys	Church of the Air
8:00	Music	Bible Highlights	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
8:15	Music	Bible Highlights	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
8:30	Music	Bible Highlights	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
8:45	Music	Bible Highlights	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
9:00	1st Baptist Ch.	News	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
9:15	1st Baptist Ch.	News	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
9:30	1st Baptist Ch.	News	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
9:45	1st Baptist Ch.	News	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
10:00	Radio Bible Class	Silver Strings	Church in Wild.	Church in Wild.
10:15	Radio Bible Class	Silver Strings	Church in Wild.	Church in Wild.
10:30	Radio Bible Class	Silver Strings	Church in Wild.	Church in Wild.
10:45	Radio Bible Class	Silver Strings	Church in Wild.	Church in Wild.
11:00	News	David Rose Ork.	Church in Wild.	Church in Wild.
11:15	News	David Rose Ork.	Church in Wild.	Church in Wild.
11:30	News	David Rose Ork.	Church in Wild.	Church in Wild.
11:45	News	David Rose Ork.	Church in Wild.	Church in Wild.
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off

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Top News—Millinery designers are featuring the "little cat" as a top for late summer and early fall, so show your fashion knowledge by making this headline edition right away. Easily and quickly crocheted of wool yarn, the cat has a charm and versatility which makes it wearable and flattering to all ages and types.

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DIAL LISTINGS: KEX, 1190; KOAC, 859

KEX Saturday P.M.—8:00, Uncle Bob's Day; 8:30, News; 9:00, News; 9:30, News; 10:00, News; 10:30, News; 11:00, News; 11:30, News; 12:00, News.

KOAC Saturday P.M.—8:00, On the Air; 8:30, On the Air; 9:00, On the Air; 9:30, On the Air; 10:00, On the Air; 10:30, On the Air; 11:00, On the Air; 11:30, On the Air; 12:00, On the Air.

Small Animal Hospital Opening at Lebanon

Lebanon—Construction of a hospital for small animals was announced this week by E. R. Storey, veterinarian who recently came here from Albany. It is the first institution of its type in the Lebanon area.

The building to be of frame structure with stucco finish will be located on North Main street near the Crown Zellerbach paper mill. Its estimated cost exclusive of equipment is \$5000.

Church Brotherhood

Lebanon—The Interchurch Brotherhood will be entertained Monday evening by the First Baptist church.

Ladies of the church will serve the dinner at 7 p.m. Three special musical numbers will follow dinner. Lyle Leach will lead group singing. Guest speaker of the evening will be Dr. John B. Houser. All men of the area are invited to participate in the evening of fellowship.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Came together
- Evergreen tree
- Reside
- Abolitions
- God of war
- Italian coins
- Colors
- Four bridge
- Players in a
- Send out
- Surface
- Butler's substitute
- A lone way
- Prouton
- East
- Flowering plant
- Greek letter
- Dance step
- Descendant
- Write

DOWN

- Remnant of combustion
- Evergreen tree
- Annoy
- New England
- abbr.
- Poorly
- Country
- Shout
- Wild animal
- Send out
- Surface
- Butler's substitute
- Another
- See 11
- Server
- Metal
- coiner
- DOWN
- Greek letter
- Dance step
- Descendant
- Liquify by heat

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50

11. Kinds letter
12. Vend
13. Trile
14. Long fish
15. European blackbird
16. Last
17. Cister
18. Armadillo
19. Porcupine
20. Seed container
21. Widespread disease
22. Musical character
23. Cheerful
24. Pertaining to the eye
25. Broods of pheasants
26. Arrow poison
27. Feminine
28. Egyptian
29. Beer disk
30. Brist
31. Appropriate
32. Whiskered vehicle
33. Epoch
34. Desert in France