Murder in New Orleans

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Chapter Six

"We haven't any proof that Carson got in touch with Whitey Buford last night," Shayne told Jones. "Until we have some such proof, you're the only suspect we've got. The police are already watching this place, so don't try to get out of town."

Shayne left and headed for Dupre's. It was an exceedingly popular restaurant on the corner of Royal and St. Louis.

Shayne strode toward a harried maitre d'hotel. He explained with a wide grin, "Police. A customer of your was murdered last night after leaving here. His body was found half a block from here. I imagine this man had a reservation. Walter Carson."

"But yes. Mr. Carson? So—it was he? The reservation was for nine. A single."

Shayne said, "Can you tell me how and when the reservation was made?"

"The letter requesting a table was received several days ago. Mr. Carson is an old customer."

"I want to know when Carson left and whether anyone met him here," Shayne said.

"I can tell you that. It was after the second show ended. A little after one o'clock. Mr. Carson went out by himself."

Shayne thanked him and went out abruptly. Things added up.

From Dupre's, Shayne drove down Royal several blocks and turned to the right toward the old French Market. He pulled up on a narrow, dimly lighted street and got out. Then he walked half a block to one of the older houses set far back from the sidewalk.

He pushed the door open and went down four stone steps into a sour-smelling cellar. A greasy fat man sat at a desk beneath a droplight.

The man looked up and smiled with a great show of welcome.

"Ah, Mr. Shayne," he said, extending a fat hand. "It's delightful of you to visit me here in my monastic retreat."

Shayne shook his head. "This isn't a social call, Dumpty. I want one of your guests."

"Indeed, I'm afraid I won't care for that." His voice was purring.

"Cut it," said Shayne. "Don't make the mistake of trying to cover up for murder."

"I assure you I have no intention of covering anyone."

Shayne made an impatient gesture. "I know. But your place is known all over the country, and wanted men generally drift here. Maybe you haven't learned he killed a prison guard escaping from the pen. But I want him. Whitey Buford."

Shayne took the clipping from his pocket and held it under the bright light. He pointed out Buford's picture.

"Don't bother telling me he isn't here. He's wanted in connection with a local murder, and I'll have your place raided in ten minutes if you don't give him to me."

"My, my," the fat man sighed. "Murder? I don't like that. If this person were here, and I were to accede to your demand—"

"I'll make it easy for you," Shayne finished shortly. "Send him out and I promise you'll never show. Give him a message—say a telephone message from Belle. Ask him to meet her at once in Degado's Bar down the street."

"It might be done," said Dumpty cautiously.

After leaving Dumpty's place, Shayne drove to Degado's, went into the bar and ordered cognac.

He emptied the glass and drank another, then paid the bartender and walked out. He crossed the sidewalk toward his car as a tall, bony man neared Degado's.

Shayne fumbled with the door latch and waited until the man was opposite him. He swung about with Belle's .38 in his hand.

"This is it, Whitey," he said.

Whitey Buford cursed and dropped toward the pavement, his hand darting inside the front of his coat.

Shayne shot him in the belly. Buford groaned and his long body jerked at the impact of the bullet.

Shayne dragged Whitey Buford to his car, pushed him into the back seat and drove to police headquarters.

Doc Mattson helped Shayne bring the unconscious prisoner in.

Shayne shrugged. "You'll make work for the hangman if you bring him around."

He hurried across town to Inspector Quinlan's private office. He could hear Captain Denton loudly swearing inside.

"I got Shayne where I want him this time." Denton's voice was triumphant. "Mr. Barstow, here, is ready to swear out an assault charge and I can prove Shayne knew who Carson was all the time."

Shayne heard feet scuffling. He turned and saw Sergeant Frank and a patrolman with "Skip" Jones between them. Shayne followed the trio into the inspector's office. "Found him in his room at the Park Plaza," Frank was reporting to Denton. "But from what he says, I guess Shayne got to him first."

"That shouldn't surprise Captain Denton," Shayne drawled, walking forward from the door. "I've been ahead of him all the way through this case."

Inspector Quinlan sat erect behind his desk. Harvey Barstow slumped down in a chair off to one side, looking very unhappy.

Denton turned and looked at Shayne with his mouth wide open, then let out a roar. "Sure you have," he shouted. "I've been telling Quinlan. You knew the stiff was Carson all the time."

Turning gravely to Inspector Quinlan, Shayne said "Denton's wrong again, of course. The dead man wasn't named Carson."

Denton started to explode, but Quinlan held up his hand.

"The murdered man's name was Willis Durkin," Shayne said. "He was wanted in Atlanta Georgia, on suspicion of complicity in a five-year-old kidnaping case. He double-crossed his partner out of a fifty-grand ransom and came to Cheepwee where he took the name of Carson and bought controlling interest in the local bank."

Denton's jaw dropped with amazement and chagrin. Shayne grinned. Turning to Jones, he said, "Belle Carson didn't commit bigamy. She merely followed her former husband to Cheepwee and forced him to remarry her. That's why Carson was glad enough to pay you five hundred a month blackmail."

"Blackmail?" asked Quinlan, looking from the clipping to Jones.

"That's right. Carson paid to the tune of five hundred a month to keep Jones quiet. He phoned Jones from his hotel last night, telling him he'd have a late dinner at Dupre's and be up to see him about one o'clock. Carson was killed before he reached the Park Plaza."

Quinlan asked Jones "You were blackmailing Carson and he had a date to see you at one o'clock? Had he threatened to expose you? Is that why you waited for him down the street and killed him?"

"I didn't." Jones' nasal voice was thinned by fear. "I waited in my room for him but he didn't come. Read that clipping," he urged. "See where it says Whitey Buford was headed in this direction. I figured Whitey had traced him."

"If this Whitey Buford is in town," Denton growled derisively.

"Doc Mattson is fixing Whitey Buford up right now," Shayne said to Inspector Quinlan. "I had to put a slug in his belly a few minutes ago. But he'll live to talk—and to hang for murdering the guard in his prison break."

Quinlan compressed his lips tightly. His eyes were coldly alert, probing Shayne's gaunt face.

"If Jones was the only person who knew Carson was dining at Dupre's—the case is closed."

"There's one other guy," said Shayne casually. "Harvey Barstow knew. He wrote the letter to me asking for a nine o'clock appointment this morning—a letter that didn't arrive until you were searching my office," he went on sharply to Denton, "and Barstow also wrote the note to Dupre's restaurant making a dinner reservation in advance."

"Barstow's wife says he didn't get home until after three o'clock this morning," Shayne nodded grimly. "Just about time to make the trip by car after Carson was shot."

"It's a lie!" Barstow exclaimed in a choked voice. "What reason did I have for killing him?"

"You knew he was coming in to see a private detective," Shayne reminded him harshly. "You had reason to suspect it was to investigate the relationship between you and Belle Carson. You were panicky. You had to stop him, so you followed him up here in your car after dark and waited outside Dupre's and shot him."

"No! I don't even possess a gun."

"But the bank does, Shayne reminded him. "Every bank has a thirty-two Smith and Wesson lying around handy."

He produced the stubby .32 he had wrested from Barstow's hand and tossed it in front of Quinlan. "Run a comparison test on that with the bullet that killed Carson."

Barstow covered his face with his hands.

"I didn't know what I was doing," he sobbed. "I was afraid Jenny would find out. I couldn't stand that. I loved Jenny and the children, but I couldn't stay away from Belle!"

Denton swung on Shayne.

"By God, I'll get you yet for meddling in my business!" he yelled, and stalked from the room.

Quinlan smiled. "One of these days he will hang something on you, Mike. Thanks for this one tied up in a bundle."

THE END

Garden Club Members Make Paper Roses

Stayton — The Rainbow Garden club met at the home of Mrs. Roy Porter with Mrs. Erwin Kuehl assisting. During the business meeting, Mrs. Omey Lovell was welcomed as a new member. Directed by Mrs. Elmer Gunther and Mrs. Jack LaRont, the group made paper roses.

The next meeting will be held February 16, at the home of Mrs. Lovell with Mrs. David Weltner as assistant hostess.

Present were Masdames Ambrose Dozler, Tony Minten, Fred Fery, Alva Fery, William Nielson(Otto Burson, Ganther, LaRont, Kuehl, Weltner, Lovell, and Linda Lovell.

ROOM AND BOARD . . . . By Gene Ahern

STEVE ROPER

HENRY

ORPHAN ANNIE

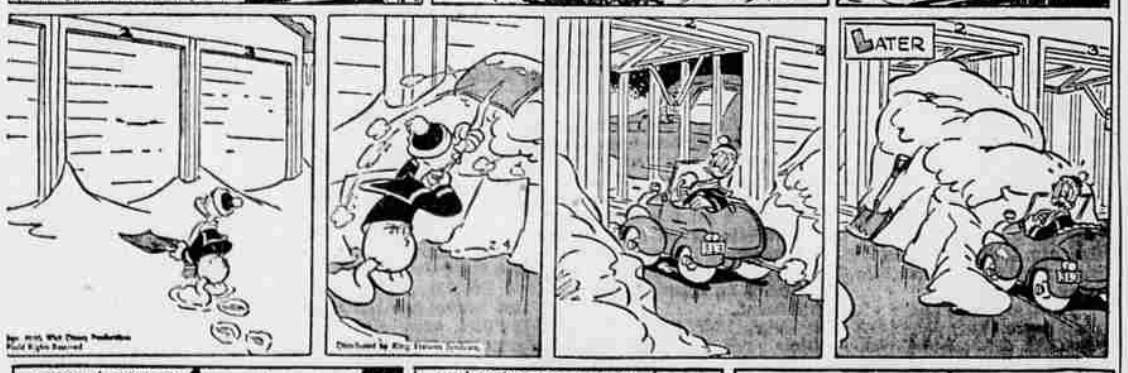
LIL ABNER

HOPALONG CASSIDY

MUTT & JEFF

RUSTY RILEY

DONALD DUCK



MARY WORTH

RADIO PROGRAMS

SATURDAY—P. M.

	KGW 620 NBC	KOIN 970 CBS	KEX 1190 ABC	KSLM 1390 MBC	KOCO 1490 Kc.
5:00	Bands of Land	Joe DiMaggio	Remember	True or False	Rhythm Ranch
5:15	Bands of Land	Joe DiMaggio	Special Events	True or False	Rhythm Ranch
5:30	Bands of Land	Danger Ahead	Harmonaires	Organ Reveries	Political Pulse
5:45	Elmer Peterson	News	Teen Tunes	Christ. Science	4-Square Gosp.
6:00	Dixieland Jazz	Philip Marlowe	Babe Ruth	A A F	Candlelight &
6:15	Dixieland Jazz	Philip Marlowe	Home Edition	A A F	Silver
6:30	Dennis Day	Mem. in Music	Mod. Romance	Nite Riders	News
6:45	Dennis Day	Phil Brett	Mod. Romance	Nite Riders	Ass'bly of God
7:00	Judy Canova	Sing It Again	Hollywood	YWCA	Time Was
7:15	Judy Canova	Sing It Again	Byline	YWCA	Drivers Playhse
7:30	Grand Ol' Opry	Sing It Again	Chandu Magic	West Coast	Strike Up Band
7:45	Grand Ol' Opry	Sing It Again	Chandu Magic	Ramblers	Sports
8:00	Truth or	V. Monroe	Lone Ranger	Dance Orch.	Proudly Hail
8:15	Consequences	V. Monroe	Lone Ranger	Dance Orch.	Proudly Hail
8:30	Hollywood Star	Gene Autry	Heinie's Band	Meet the Press	Dancing Party
8:45	Hollywood Star	Gene Autry	Heinie's Band	Meet the Press	Dancing Party
9:00	Hit Parade	Gangbusters	Bob Crosby	News	Dancing Party
9:15	Hit Parade	Gangbusters	Bob Crosby	Crystal Gard.	Dancing Party
9:30	Life of Riley	Orchestra	Bob Crosby	Dance Orch.	News
9:45	Life of Riley	Orchestra	Bob Crosby	Dance Orch.	Tropicana
10:00	Sam Hayes	5-Star Final	News	Monica Whalen	Salute Reserve
10:15	Morton Downey	Organ Music	Intermezzo	Ray Hackett	Salute Reserve
10:30	Orchestra	Capitol	Dance Band	Benny Strong	Dancing Party
10:45	Orchestra	Cloakroom	Dance Band	Benny Strong	Dancing Party
11:00	News	Treasury Band	Let's Dance	Open House	Dancing Party
11:15	Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Let's Dance	Open House	Dancing Party
11:30	Wax Museum	Organ Melodies	Let's Dance	Open House	Dancing Party
11:45	Wax Museum	Organ Melodies	Let's Dance	Open House	Dancing Party
12:00	Sign Off	Silent	Xtra Hour	Sign Off	Sign Off

DIAL LISTING, KOAC 550

KOAC Saturday P. M.—5:00, Children's Theater; 5:15, On the Upheat; 5:30, 550 Sports Club; 6:00, News; 6:15, London Letter; 6:30, U. of O. Seminar; 7:00, Grand Opera Tonight; 7:55, Basketball; 9:30, News & Weather; 9:45, Dance Parade; 10:00, Sign Off.

SUNDAY

7:00	Radio Pulpit	Church of Air	Band Box		
7:15	Radio Pulpit	Church of Air	Band Box		
7:30	Family Time	Church of Air	Band Box	Mutual Music	
7:45	Family Time	Church of Air	Band Box	Mutual Music	
8:00	J. Doe's Music	Newsmakers	Revival Hour	1st Baptist Ch.	River Boys
8:15	Morn. Serenade	H. K. Smith	Revival Hour	1st Baptist Ch.	News
8:30	Church in Your	Salt Lake Tabr	Revival Hour	Voice Prophecy	Fell'ship Voice
8:45	Home	Salt Lake Tabr	Revival Hour	Voice Prophecy	Fello'ship Voice
9:00	T B A	More of Life	Southernaires	Ra. Bible Class	Bible Program
9:15	Garden Talk	More of Life	Southernaires	Ra. Bible Class	Lutheran
9:30	Eternal Light	Guest Stars	Message of	Lutheran Hour	Ave Maria Hr.
9:45	Eternal Light	News	Israel	Lutheran Hour	Ave Maria Hr.
10:00	Glenn Shelley,	People's	News	News	Ch'rch in Wild
10:15	Organist	Platform	Romance	Songs	Organ Loft
10:30	Chicago Round	Invitation to	Sunday Vespers	News	Sacred Heart
10:45	Table	Learning	Sunday Vespers	Bill Lang	Wayne King
11:00	NBC Theater	Sammy Kaye	Foreign Report	Concert Hall	First Baptist
11:15	NBC Theater	Sammy Kaye	Frank & Ernest	Concert Hall	First Baptist
11:30	NBC Theater	Gallery Gossip	Piano	House, Hymns	First Baptist
11:45	NBC Theater	News	Playhouse	Canaries	First Baptist
12:00	Mr. Fix-it	NY Philharm.	Hour of Faith	News	Serenade for
12:15	Chuck Foster	NY Philharm.	Hour of Faith	Guest Star	Strings
12:30	Quiz Kids	NY Philharm.	Opera Album	Juvenile Jury	Headline News
12:45	Quiz Kids	NY Philharm.	Opera Album	Juvenile Jury	United Nations
1:00	MGM Theater	NY Philharm.	Week's World	Mr. Feathers	Church Prog.
1:15	MGM Theater	NY Philharm.	Week's World	Mr. Feathers	Church Prog.
1:30	MGM Theater	My Serenade	Voice of Proph.	Martin Kane	C. Baptist
1:45	MGM Theater	News	Voice of Proph.	Martin Kane	C. Baptist
2:00	Dick Powell	Earn Vacation	Mr. President	The Shadow	Music for
2:15	Dick Powell	Earn Vacation	Mr. President	The Shadow	Daydreaming
2:30	H'wood of Stars	Galen Drake	Greatest Story	True Detective	Band Showcase
2:45	H'wood of Stars	Bob Sterling	Greatest Story	True Detective	Band Showcase
3:00	The Hardy	Family Hour	Lutheran Hour	John Steele	Sun. Serenade
3:15	Family	Family Hour	Lutheran Hour	John Steele	Sun. Serenade
3:30	Henry Morgan	Boston Blackie	Music with	Nick Carter	Music for Sun.
3:45	Henry Morgan	Boston Blackie	the Girls	Nick Carter	Music for Sun.
4:00	Glenn Ford	Jack Benny	Research Adv.	Falcon	Donald Stewart
4:15	Glenn Ford	Jack Benny	Here's to Vets	Falcon	Donald Stewart
4:30	Harris-Faye	Amos 'n' Andy	Guest Star	News	Concert
4:45	Harris-Faye	Amos 'n' Andy	Ted Malone	Congress Rep't	Concert
5:00	Sam Spade	Berg.-M'C'rthy	Stop the Music	Hawaii Calls	Dallas Minister
5:15	Sam Spade	Berg.-M'C'rthy	Stop the Music	Hawaii Calls	Here's to Vets
5:30	Theatre Guild	Rocky Jordan	Stop the Music	Lynn Murray	Suppertime
5:45	Theatre Guild	Rocky Jordan	Stop the Music	Lynn Murray	Serenade
6:00	Theatre Guild	Curtiss Archer	W'lter Winchell	Reviewing St'd	Speaker of Wk.
6:15	Theatre Guild	Curtiss Archer	Louella Parsons	Reviewing St'd	Speaker of Wk.
6:30	Album Familiar	Horace Heidt	Chance of a	Family Theatre	News
6:45	Music	Horace Heidt	Lifetime	Family Theatre	Tropicana
7:00	Take It or	Contented Hr.	Jimmie Fidler	Medical Hilites	Sunday Salon
7:15	Leave it	Contented Hr.	Chapel	Songs of Times	Sunday Salon
7:30	Bob Crosby	The Whistler	Amazing	Roy Rogers	Nazarene Ch.
7:45	Bob Crosby	The Whistler	Malone	Roy Rogers	Nazarene Ch.
8:00	I Man's amily	Miss Brooks	Drew Pearson	Twenty Q'stions	Nazarene Ch.
8:15	I Man's Family	Miss Brooks	Headlines	Twenty Q'stions	Nazarene Ch.
8:30	Symphony Hour	Berg.-M'C'rthy	W'lter Winchell	Can You	Frank de Vol
8:45	Symphony Hour	Berg.-M'C'rthy	Louella Parsons	Top This?	Frank de Vol
9:00	Symphony Hour	Red Skelton	Think Fast	News	Sunday Reverie
9:15	Symphony Hour	Red Skelton	Think Fast	Editorial	Sunday Reverie
9:30	Best Seller	Jack Benny	Orchestra	Cunningham	Dallas Church
9:45	Dance Orch.	Jack Benny	Gov. McKay	News	Dallas Church
10:00	News	Five Star Final	Richf'ld Rep'tr	Sign Off	Moon Dreams
10:15	Marry A. Mercer	Night Editor	Intermezzo		Moon Dreams
10:30	Catholic Hour	St. Francis Hr.	Orchestra		Moon Dreams
10:45	Catholic Hour	Orchestra	Orchestra		Moon Dreams
11:00	News	Treasury Band	Drew Pearson		Sign Off
11:15	Wax Museum	Treasury Band	Nocturne		
11:30	Wax Museum	Organ Music	Nocturne		
11:45	Wax Museum	Organ Music	Nocturne		
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	Xtra Hour		

MONDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.

6:00	Hodge Podge	News	Farm News	News	
6:15	News	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	Timekeeper	
6:30	Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	March Time	KOCO Klock
6:45	Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Keep Smiling	News	KOCO Klock
7:00	Early Bird	KOIN Klock	News	News	Tex Ritter
7:15	Old Songs	Duncan M'Leod	Aronsky	Breakfast Gang	KOCO Klock
7:30	News	Bob Garred	Bob Hazen	Music	News
7:45	Sam Hayes	Fred Beck	Zeke Manners	Top Trades	KOCO Klock
8:00	Eddie Albert	Consumer News	Breakfast Club	Bargain Counte	Crusaders
8:15	Eddie Albert	Dave Valle	Breakfast Club	Family Alter	Crusaders
8:30	Jack Berch	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club	Mon. Melodies	Western Melody
8:45	Saga Riders	Rosemary	Breakfast Club	Mon. Melodies	Temple Echoes
9:00	Second Cup	Wendy Warren	Mildred Bedell	N W News	Melody Time
9:15	Second Cup	Aunt Jenny	Stars of Today	Sidney Walton	Melody Time
9:30	Hometowners	Helen Trent	Quick as Flash	Pastor's Call	Stars Sing
9:45	News	Gal Sunday	Quick as Flash	Waltz Time	John C. Thom.
10:00	Marriage for 2	Big Sister	Saga Riders	News	NW. News
10:15	Car. Cavallero	Ma Perkins	Art Baker	Gospel Singer	Memory Music
10:30	Brad Reynolds	Pr. Malone	My True Story	Concert Min.	Tune Time
10:45	Geo. Murphy	Guiding Light	My True Story	Russ Morgan	88 Keys
11:00	Double or	Mrs. Purtiss	Betty Crocker	Ladies Fair	Music Mart
11:15	Nothing	Terry Mason	Victor Lindlahr	Ladies Fair	Music Mart
11:30	Children Today	Norah Drake	N'westerners	Queen for Day	Jan Garber
11:45	Light of World	Brighter Day	N'westerners	Queen for Day	Vocal Variety
12:00	News	House Party	Baukhage Talk	Top Trades	H'wood Music
12:15	Road of Life	Come & Get It	News	News	H'wood Music
12:30	P. Y's Family	House Party	Jack Norman	Gay 90's	News
12:45	Right to Happi.	News	Meet Menjous	Jimmy Wakely	Dave Dennis
1:00	Backstage Wife	From Nowhere	Breakfast in	Bob Mitchell	Mac's Melodies
1:15	Stella Dallas	Jack Halt Show	Hollywood	Bob Mitchell	Mac's Melodies
1:30	Lorenzo Jones	Garry Moore	Kay West	Tell Neighbor	Mac's Melodies
1:45	Widder Brown	Kirkham News	Kay West	Bing Sings	Mac's Melodies
2:00	Girl Marries	Kirkham News	Jay Stewart	Bob Poole	Mac's Melodies
2:15	Per. Fares Life	Steve Allen	Jay Stewart	Bob Poole	Mac's Melodies
2:30	Just Plain Bill	Galen Drake	Bride & Groom	Ladies First	Mac's Melodies
2:45	Fr. Pez. Farrell	Tunefully Yrs.	Walter Kiernan	Ladies First	Mac's Melodies
3:00	Wels. Travelers	Kirkham News	Pick a Date	Farm-Home	Mac's Melodies
3:15	Wels. Travelers	Arthur Godfrey	Pick a Date	Polka Time	Mac's Melodies
3:30	Aunt Mary	Arthur Godfrey	Hannibal Cobb	News	Mac's Melodies
3:45	Love & Learn	Arthur Godfrey	Hannibal Cobb	Hawaiian Har.	Mac's Melodies
4:00	Wom. Secret	Arthur Godfrey	Western Brand	Fulton Lewis	Movie Time
4:15	Life Beautiful	Arthur Godfrey	Squirrel Cage	Frnk. Hem'way	Philosopher
4:30	Dr. Paul	Curt Massey	Squirrel Cage	Behind Story	Byers Can
4:45	Paula Stone	Ed. R. Murrow	Firefighters	News	Be Beautiful

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Organ stop
6. District in London
10. Exist
12. Decorate
13. Foreword
15. Hindu queen
16. Asiatic country
17. Insect
18. Disunites
20. Short
21. Artificial language
23. Female sheep
24. Small round mark
25. Late: comb. form
26. Closer
28. By
30. Incense burner
33. Greek ruler
34. News agency: abbr.
35. Implement used with a mortar
37. Epoch
38. June bug
39. Fowl
40. Obtain
41. Radix
43. Caress
45. Malt liquor
46. Variety
47. Very: Scotch
50. Hanging garland
52. The elbow
53. Symbol for tantalum
54. Sole
55. Borough in Pennsylvania

DOWN

1. Pikelike fish
2. Feminine name
3. Asiatic wind
4. Kind of cheese
5. Article
6. Flowering plant
7. Early English moneys
8. Surround
9. About
10. Genus of the maple tree
11. Proper
14. Border
16. Drains
19. Thin coating
20. Mexican Indian
21. Peruvian chief
22. Profound
24. Rely
27. Become less severe
28. Land measure
29. Pronoun
31. Blemish
32. Deputed government
34. Full of briars
36. Performs
41. Log float
42. Genus of the olive tree
43. Idiot
44. Goddess of the moon
46. Male child
48. The heart
49. Two halves
51. For
52. While

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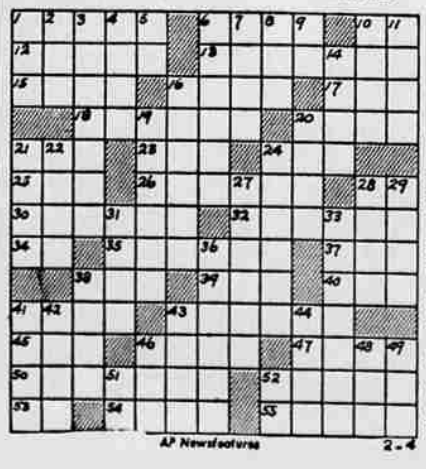
Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle



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