Strange Passage

By WILLIAM LYNCH

(AP Newsfeatures)

CHAPTER 18

When Gardiner returned to the cottage he found Melisande stretched on a swinging canvas hammock idly reading a book. As he came near she held the book towards him.

"I found it on John's bookcase," she explined. "Did you know he'd written any books, Paul."

"No. But I'm not astonished."

"It's called 'Obsessional Neurosis.'2 The first chapter's all about compulsive phenomena. Bright lad, isn't he?"

Gardner took the book from her hands and began to study the chapter headings. Then, with a mystifying expression, he threw the book to the hammock and took Melisande in his arms.

"That stuff's for bug-merchants and star-gazers," he said. "Certainly it's not for honeymooners." He kissed her fervently. "For the first time in my life I'm really happy," he announced, "and you're the sole cause of it, Sandy."

She felt his face rough against her cheek and she snuggled into the warmth of his bared chest.

"When you come to think of it," he went on, slowly, "it doesn't take much to make the average man happy. Yet so few manage to achieve happiness." He sat up. "Maybe they don't know the recipe."

"That puts you in a special class, I suppose," Melisande chided.

"At least I knew what I wanted," he replied.

"What do you want, Paul?"

"You."

"Is that all?"

"You. And an easel and a few brushes and a pot of paint. Simple, isn't it? Yet it's taken me thirty-six years to get it."

Melisande stirred. "It's not every man who'd settle for such a few simple things. For instance, I can't imagine John Taylor being happy with only that much."

"John's one of the world's workers. I'm not. He has to be up and doing—putting the world in order. Me, I'm content to accept the world just as I find it." Paul waved a hand across the bay. "John deserted all this to live in a slum. That's something I will never quite understand."

"Maybe that puts John in a special class, too," Melisande said.

Mention of Taylor brought a tiny crease to Gardiner's brow. A mite of doubt was slowly being born in the back corridors of his mind and as yet he'd not been able to identify it.

"Let's not talk about John any more," he said, finally. "You know, Sandy, I'm hungry again."

In the late afternoon Gardiner returned to the jetty and untied the rope that fastened the small rowboat. From round the bend of the bay there came the regular, staccato chug-chug of the mail launch. He stepped into the rowboat and maneuvered the oars into the rowlocks. Rowing out a piece he allowed the boat to drift until the launch came into sight. Then he took an intercepting course. The engines of the launch were cut and the two boats silently drifted together.

A great, lumbering figure rose ghost-like from the bowels of the launch and stood athwart the foredeck. Gardiner recoiled at the first sight of him and his mouth opened and shut in a spasm of fear and trembling.

The figure lowered itself to its gross haunches and dangled thick legs into the tiny boat. A bag was flung down beside Gardiner and the rich, deep voice of the newcomer announced briefly:

"I' the new caretaker. Name's Daniel Sale. People call me Danny."

Gardiner shrank away from him and his arm shook against the stilled oars.

"Daniel Sale?" he asked incredulously. "The name's familiar. Are you by any chance related to a girl named Katie Sale?"

The face of Daniel Sale was quite expressionless.

"That's right, mister," he said. "I'm Katie Sale's father."

"Did Mr. Taylor send you down here?"

"That's right."

"Why?"

"Becos I was lookin' for a job, Mr. Taylor does things like that. Here, let me handle them oars. I'm an old hand at it."

They rowed back to the jetty in silence.

In the late afternoon of the same day John Taylor sat in his office at the recreation center paring his nails and marveling at the constitutional stupidities of mankind, and for the woman Melisande he reserved a sour and damning oath. He was acutely conscious of a more-than-professional feeling for Paul Gardiner's wife, and it irked him to meditate upon his unscientific and unorthodox approach to the new problem that had come up. Normally, he should have reported the affair of Katie Sale to the police and let it go at that. But he'd preferred, after due reflection, to execute a formula of his own design, with a very good chance of disaster for all concerned.

For Paul Gardiner he felt nothing but the detached, clinical interest that a scientist might exhibit in a hydrophobic dog. Gardiner was a dangerously complex individual, now a proven potential killer. Something had to be done about him, and quickly. But how to do it without involving Melisande in an unforgetable tragedy: that was the poser.

If his analysis was correct Gardiner's new moral and aesthetic code would transform every ordinary activity, such as washing and dressing and talking, into high complex rituals, and no affront to his super-ego would be spared its punishment.

Casting science aside he had an instinctive feeling that Melisande would be needing his help. His impulsive decision to confide in Danny Sale was probably timely. Yet that could only be a protective measure. There had to be a more positive line of action if Paul Gardiner were to be apprehended without involving Melisande too deeply.

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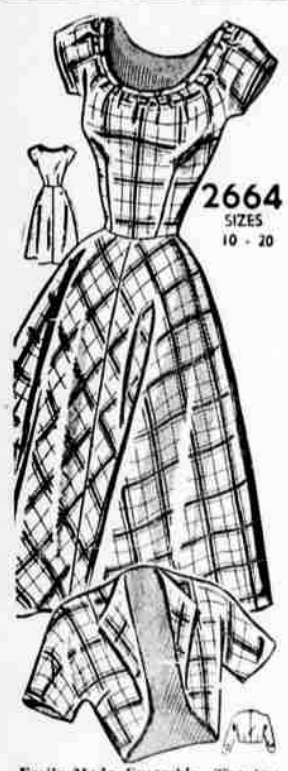

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12:00	Bkstg Wife	Hilltop Hse	Kay West	Top Trades	GAE Rachere	Baseball
12:15	Stella Dallas	Carl Smith	Kay West	News	GAE Rachere	Baseball
12:30	Wld. Brown	Newspaper	Kay West	Noon News	GAE Rachere	Baseball
12:45	Wmr in Hse.	Newspaper	Kay West	Merg'n Musi	GAE Rachere	Baseball
1:00	Plain Bill	Jack Owens	Cal Tinney	Jack Kirkwood	Malthy Musi	Baseball
1:15	F. Fr Farrell	Little Show	Cal Tinney	Malibu	Malibu	Baseball
1:30	Kizs Rew	This I Belier	Music Revue	J. Sebastian	GAE Aftn'n	News
1:45	Doc's Wife	Tunefully	Music Revue	Music	GAE Aftn'n	Melody
2:00	Welcome Travelers	News	Music Revue	News	GAE Aftn'n	Magic Melody
2:15	Dr. Paul	Godfrey	Ring Show	Paula Stone	GAE Aftn'n	Magic
2:30	D. Garroway	Godfrey	For the Girls	Baseball	GAE Aftn'n	Melody
2:45		Godfrey		Baseball	In	
2:00	Life Beauti.	Godfrey	N-W'ners	Baseball	Will.-Land	2nd Look
2:15	Music Box	Godfrey	Squirrel	Baseball	Will.-Land	Veterans
3:30	Music Box	Godfrey	Cage	Baseball	Will.-Land	News
3:45		Curt Massey	Happy Time	Baseball	Will.-Land	Young Heart
4:00	R. Harkness	Ed Murrow	Space Cadet	Fulton Lewis	Kiddies Krnr	Music
4:15	News	News	Space Cadet	Hemingway	Navy/Army	U Want
4:30	L. McCall	World Today	Chet Huntley	Curt Massey	Music	Music
4:45	E. Peterson	Frank Goss	Bob Garred	Sam Hayes	Music	U Want
5:00	Relax Music	Orchestra	Democratic Convention	Convention Digest	Unkle Tom's Cabin	Music
5:15	Relax Music	Orchestra		Music	Unkle Tom's	Music
5:30	Fibber & Molly	Democratic Convention		Tour Host	Gospel Sing	Song to Rem.
5:45						
6:00	What's My Line?	Democratic Convention	Democratic Convention	Gab. Heatter	News	Candlelight
6:15	J. C. Swayze			NW News	Music	Candlelight
6:30	Reminisces			Answer Man	Evening	News
6:45				Sam Hayes	Radio	88 Keys
7:00	Man's Fmly	Democratic Convention	Democratic Convention	Music	GAE Hit	Rosary
7:15	News World			Music		Stars Sing
7:30	S. Pimpernel			W. Coast Ramblers	Parade	Bandstand
7:45						Bandstand
8:00	Texas Rangers	Straw Hat Wax Works	Town Mtg.	Count Mont. Cristo	Sign Off	Dugout Dope
8:15	Night Beat		Town Mtg.	Music		Baseball
8:30	Night Beat	D. Haymes	Town Mtg.	Music		Baseball
8:45			Monitor			Baseball
9:00	Reporter	5-Star Final	Final Edn.	Glen Hardy		Baseball
9:15	Sports Final	U & World	Dance Time	Fulton Lewis		Baseball
9:30	Wm. Garzan	Music	Dance Time	Music		Baseball
9:45	Wm. Garzan	Music	Dance Time	Music		Baseball
10:00	News	Mel Baldwin	Dance Time	Love Mystery		Baseball
10:15	L. McCall	Mel Baldwin	Dance Time	Mel Newsrl		Baseball
10:30	Wallington	Dance Party	Dance Time	News		News
10:45	Wallington	Treas. Band	Dance Time	Peter Salem		Night Song
11:00			Dance Time	Peter Salem		Night Song
11:15			Dance Time	Music		Night Song
11:30			Dance Time	News		Night Song
11:45			Dance Time	Music		Night Song
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	Dance Time	Xtra Hour		Sign Off

WEDNESDAY—5 A.M. TO 11:45 A.M.

5:00	Symphonette	News	Oregon Farm Hour			
5:15	Symphonette	RFD Oregon				
5:30	News	KOIN Klock	Orc. Farm			
5:45	Farm Time	KOIN Klock	Johnny Wile			
6:00	News	KOIN Klock	First Edition	NW News	'GAE' Klok with Tom Kelly Klock	Melodies
6:15	Country Edit	News	M. Agronsky	Timekeeper		Melodies
6:30	News	Bob Garred	Bob Garred	March Time		Farm News
6:45	Sam Hayes	H. Babbitt	Bob Hazen	News		Nat. News
7:00	Old Songs	Con. News	Breakfast Club	Hemingway Breakfast Gang	AP News	J. R. Ranch
7:15	Old Songs	News			Klock	J. R. Ranch
7:30	Music	Grand Slam	Breakfast Club		Klock	J. R. Ranch
7:45	Crosby Frds.	Rosemary		Sam Hayes	AP News	J. R. Ranch
8:00	Tune Test	W. Warren	9 A.M. Edit	Cecil Brown	Tom Kelly	Cummings Show
8:15	Kate Smith	Aunt Jenny	Today's Star	Family Altar		Cummings Show
8:30	Kate Smith	Democratic Convention	Break Bank	Bible Institute		
8:45	News		Break Bank			
9:00	Hostess Hse.	Democratic Convention	Democratic Convention	NW News	9 a.m. Wire	News
9:15	Hostess Hse.		Democratic Convention	Music	De' Olney	Counselor
9:30	Strike It Rich	Democratic Convention		Pastor's Call	D. O. Show	Piano Pat.
9:45				Bargain Clr.	D. O. Show	Meditation
10:00	Double or Nothing	Democratic Convention	Democratic Convention	Glen Hardy	D. O. Show	Music
10:15	Brighter Day	Nora Drake	Barney Keep	Tello Test	D. O. Show	Music
10:30	Dr. Malone	Brighter Day	Barney Keep	Answer Man	Dennis Day	Music
10:45				Music	Blue Barron	Music
11:00	News	News	Paul Harvey	Ladies Fair	Shep Fields	Music
11:15	Rose of Life	Come Get I	Noon Edition	Ladies Fair	Perry Como	Baseball
11:30	Pepper Youn	House Party	Lucky U Ranch	Queen for A Day	Tony Martin	Baseball
11:45	Happiness	House Party			Wayne King	Baseball

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KOAC Tuesday P. M.—12:00, News; 12:15, Noon Farm Hour; 1:00, Ride 'em Cowboy; 2:00, For Women; 3:00, World Review; 5:00, Children's Theater, 6:00, News; 7:00, Vikings; 7:15, Farm

KOAC Wednesday A.M.—10:00, News and Weather; 10:15, Especially for Women; 11:00, Concert Hall; News; 12:15, Noon Farm Hour. Hour; 9:00, News; 10:00, Sign Off.

Woodburn Jaycees

Woodburn — The Woodburn Jaycees held a picnic for members and families at Settlemier park on Tuesday evening with 25 families present. Vernon Eaden was in charge of arrangements for the potluck supper. Later in the evening the Jaycees played a softball game and were defeated 8 to 3 by the Hubbard team. The next business meeting will be August 5 at the library.

Woodburn Rotary Meets

Woodburn — Local speakers put on the program at the Woodburn Rotary club Thursday noon with short talks by Lyman Seely, Ed Coman and P. C. McLaughlin, with McLaughlin as program chairman. For next Thursday the program will be in charge of Frank P. Doerfler.

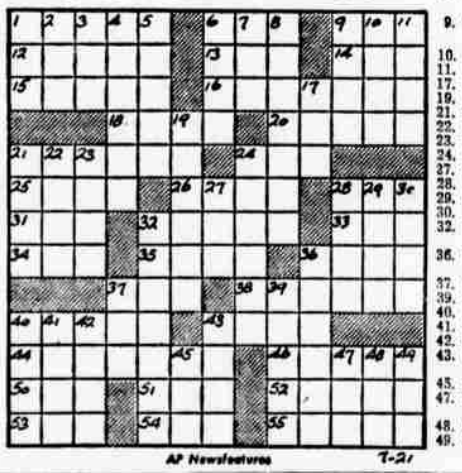
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Large landed estate
6. Legal profession
9. Article
12. Cognizant
13. Form of "to be"
14. Uncooked
15. Lukewarm
16. Make better
18. Sodium chloride
20. Depress
21. Chant
24. Rodent
25. Part of speech
26. So be it
28. That woman
31. 2000 pounds
32. Accommodate
33. Play on words
34. Single unit
35. Nothing more than
36. Particles of broken rock
37. Prohibit
38. Wards off
40. Declaim pompously
43. Dismounted
44. Small water flask
46. Dye
50. Segment of a circle
51. Vase
52. Shade of green
53. Born
54. Female ruff
55. Rent anew

DOWN

1. Coarse woven fabric
2. Wonder and fear
3. Short sleep
4. Prayer
5. Fortification
6. Lure
7. Limb
8. Set in earth again
9. Think: archaic
10. Possess
11. Pitcher
17. Decay
19. Heavy
21. To the inside
22. Midday
23. Musical air
24. Rescind
27. Spoil
28. Box
29. Seek
30. Finishes
32. Not professional
36. Locate permanently
37. Except
39. Sun shade
40. Inspect
41. Shave off
42. Single time
43. Queen of England
45. Before
47. Be the matter with
48. I have: contr.
49. Seine



Solution of Saturday's Puzzle

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ROOM AND BOARD

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