

It's Death, My Darling!

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Chapter 24

I found Bobby, Henri, and Cousin Jeff sitting in a little group on the west gallery. They must have read my news in my face, for Cousin Jeff asked at once:

"Raoul's been found. Peter? Where?"

I blurted out my story. "Dede waiting there with him," I finished. "He said one of you should go look for Beau and the others."

"We'd both better go," Cousin Jeff decided. There was a sudden grimace about him that made him appear almost a stranger.

"Henri, you take the stairs from the other side of the road. I'll take this side."

When they had gone, Bobby and I sat for a moment in silence. "How did it happen this time, Peter?" she finally asked.

"I don't know," I answered wearily. "I didn't see him. But what difference does it make? He was dead when I found him. He had a great deal of difference," Bobby replied slowly.

The way she said it, even more than what she said, gave me a nasty little prod in the part of my mind where my imagination is located.

"What's that supposed to mean?" I demanded.

"Three nights ago," she said. "Claude died of a heart attack. Last night, Lee committed suicide. Night before that Uncle Raoul disappeared and died—we don't yet know how. Peter, I believe all three of those deaths, coming so close together that way, were just coincidences. I'm afraid—afraid for Henri."

I knew what she meant.

"Peter," she asked. "Why do you suppose that Uncle Raoul was found where he was? I mean, why did he go there in the first place?"

"Why, I— I don't know," I stammered. "What's your explanation?"

"I think," Bobby replied, still with her eyes upon Aunt Delphine, "that he had something to do with those questions he was asking about Colonel Dumont's death that evening at supper. You remember? And I believe his own death was in some way connected with the thing, whatever it was, that Colonel Dumont had found out shortly before he died. That's why the way Uncle Raoul died may be important."

I didn't follow that, and said so.

Bobby tried to explain. "If he committed suicide, like Lee did, no matter how terrible it was, was something natural. But if he didn't—if he died the way Claude did—then it had to be the other thing."

Then a new thought occurred to me: Beau also possessed that knowledge, or claimed that he did. Did that mean that he—? But I refused even to consider that idea. No matter how hideous the secret was, Beau wouldn't seek death as a way out. He had picked to think—Pick who was alone now except for him.

I thought of what he had said that morning, when Amedee had asked him what it was that Lee and Colonel Dumont had discovered.

"Don't make any answer," Dede," he had said. "It's something you'll be happier for not knowing. I don't know how long Bobby and I had been sitting there, each wrapped in thought, when Henri appeared around the corner of the house. His face was completely devoid of color, and there were huge beads of moisture on his forehead.

Bobby ran to him, and caught hold of his arm.

"What's the matter, Henri?" she demanded. "Don't stare like that. You frighten me."

At last he spoke, and his voice was so hoarse, it was more like a groan.

"Bobby, you've got to get away from here, he jerked out. "You and Peter both."

"Why?" I asked.

"I'd rather not tell you, Peter," he said. "But you'd better do as I say. Dede and I can drive you both in to New Orleans this morning—Amedee's voice sounded unexpectedly behind us.

"What's going on here?" he demanded sharply. "Henri, what are you talking about?"

Henri raised his head and looked at his brother with eyes that were feverishly bright.

State Dentists In Convention

Portland (AP) — The Oregon State Dental association opened its annual convention here Monday with delegates urging construction of a new dental school in Portland.

They are expected to pass a prepared resolution asking the legislature to approve the school for a site near the state medical school. Both are under administration of the University of Oregon.

The house of delegates also urged passage of a bill stipulating that no dental laboratory work can be done in Oregon without a dentist's prescription. This was aimed at what speakers called "unethical prosthetic dental laboratory technicians" who deal directly with patients in some other states.

The convention will continue through Wednesday.

Toastmasters Date Silverton Session

Silverton — Richard D. Hartley is to be toastmaster at the 7 o'clock breakfast, Thursday morning, March 5, at Toney's, for the program of the Silverton Toastmasters club N. 708.

In charge of table topics will be John M. Middlemiss. The speakers will be J. Carey Moore, Dr. Ralph Schmidt, Norman C. Biaufus and Al Rasmussen. Evaluators are to be Richard C. Beesley, Olaf Q. Paulson, Jr., Ellery Riem, Jr., and R. A. Fish.

William Iron is to be general evaluator, Harry Carson, Jr., timekeeper, and Dr. R. E. Epeneter, evaluator of the toastmaster.

Woodburn DeMolay

Woodburn — Regular meetings of Woodburn chapter of DeMolay and the Mothers' Circle will be held Wednesday night, March 4, at 8 p.m. in the Masonic Temple. Refreshments will be served after the meetings to the two groups and members of the advisory board by Mrs. Clarence Ahrens and Mrs. Ray Stampley.

SILVERTON MAN ILL

Silverton — John Demas is completing convalescence at the family home, 508 N. Church street, following several days as a surgery patient at the local hospital.

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BY CARL ANDERSON



Middle Grove Clubs Will Present Three Plays Friday

Middle Grove—Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Middle-Grove school three one-act plays, with local talent will be presented as the benefit project of Middle Grove Associated clubs for March.

The first play "The Family," is being coached by Mrs. A. B. Wiesner. In this play are Mrs. Harold Anglin, Norman Fletcher, John Schaffer, Roy Barger, Wallace Turnidge and Mrs. Wiesner, who is the grandmother.

The second and third plays are being coached by Mrs. Cleo Keppinger. The first of these is "The Laughing Ghost." Taking parts are John Cage, Mrs. Norman Fletcher, Mrs. Paul Bassett, Donald Bassett, Miss Gay Blackman, Deanna Lou Kleen and Suzanne Anglin.

The last one is "Tobacco Road," and taking parts are Mrs. John Van Laanen, Mrs. Lewis Patterson, Mrs. Robert Pickler, Mrs. Charles Anglin, James Schardein and Gary Keppinger. The public is invited.

The February meeting of the Woman's Society for World Service held the February meeting the past week in the home of Mrs. Emory Goode.

Present for the all day meeting were Mrs. Roy Barger, a guest; Mrs. Dale Van Laanen, Mrs. Wayne Goode, Mrs. Cleo Keppinger, Mrs. Anna Wirsching, Mrs. Roy Scofield, Mrs. Helen Walker, Mrs. William Scharf, Mrs. I. Irving Wagers, Mrs. John Van Laanen and the hostess.

The devotions were led by Mrs. Scharf and she included the study book.

The February meeting of the Triple F Livestock 4-H club held at the home of Mrs. Paul Bassett was attended by Karen Patterson, Cherrill Doty, Eddie Page, Sam Myers, Richard Moorman, Ronald Moorman and George Darland, with leaders Thomas Doty, Ray Darland and Mrs. Bassett.

Dallas

Dallas—Richard L. Goertzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick E. Goertzen, is on the radio and a radar equipped coast guard cutter, Winona, which is stationed at Port Angeles, Wash.

On February 26, the cutter left for weather station, Queen, for a three-week operation. The Winona will refuel at Adak, Alaska, before proceeding to Honolulu for several weeks of anti-submarine exercises.

After about two months the cutter will be back in Port Angeles for a short time before proceeding on to another assignment.

Goertzen's wife, Tilly, is staying in Dallas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Klassen, while her husband is away.

Crossword Puzzle

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| ACROSS | 35. Unfried pancakes |
| 1. Wooden pin | 37. Philippine negro |
| 4. English letter | 38. Pierce |
| 7. Accumulate | 41. Before |
| 12. Wine vessel | 42. Russian city |
| 13. Boring tool | 43. Sphere |
| 14. Sew loosely | 44. Scotch river |
| 15. Rapid and superficial | 45. Take food |
| 17. Come in | 46. Lift up |
| 18. Negative prefix | 48. Mailing cost |
| 19. Guided | 52. Motions of the sea |
| 21. Anger | 53. Beard of grain |
| 22. Outbuilding | 54. Soak up |
| 24. Play on words | 55. Go furtively |
| 25. God of war | 56. By birth |
| 26. Equality | 57. Affirmative |
| 27. Evictor | DOWN |
| 29. Declare | 1. Moccasin |
| 31. Flexible palm stem | |

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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| 1. Australian | 6. An instrument for writing |
| 2. Stores for preservation | 7. Retired |
| 3. Very black | 8. Grown boy |
| 4. Term of respect | 9. Moving |
| 10. Cubic meter | 11. Withers |
| 12. Mineral | 13. Spring |
| 14. Spiral gaiter | 15. Depiction of the beautiful |
| 16. Anglo-Saxon money | 17. Attention |
| 18. Flow back | 19. Former name of Turkey |
| 20. Nothing | 21. Consumed |
| 22. Surgical instrument | 23. Varies |
| 24. Prepare for a contest | 25. Dwell |
| 26. Cereal seed | 27. Writing table |
| 28. Anglo-Saxon slave | 29. Body of water |
| 30. Be indebted | 31. Turn right |
| 32. Greek letter | |

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