

# It's Death, My Darling!

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## Chapter 30

For one terrible minute I had the awful suspicion that maybe Beau had been right after all, and the Dumonts were a little mentally unbalanced. If Amodee was going to start babbling about three little strips of red cloth being the reason why half of his entire family had been murdered...

anything to Dede, Aunt Delphine, I assured her, "Dede and Henri have merely gone to—"  
But she interrupted me. "No," she said, putting the hat back on again, "but he will, I thought they had sent him for Lee and the others, but they didn't. So now I'm going to tell before he can hurt Dede."

He must have guessed what was passing through my mind. "It's all right, Peter," he said quickly. "I'm not crazy. But I see the whole thing now, and we were dead wrong about most of it. Glauque and Grandpere may have been killed because of what they knew, but Lee and Aunt Raoul weren't. They were slated to die for an entirely different reason; and so, I'm convinced, were nearly all the rest of us."

"Is anything wrong?" I asked. "There's just been a telephone call from Duval in New Orleans," he replied. Dede and Henri are with him, and they want me to drive and I said so. He sobered at once.

"I didn't mean it that way," he said. "But the danger's past, now that we know the truth. Of course, I'd better produce some material evidence against our killer before we can prove anything. But I know where to get that; or rather, Henri will. He and I will have to drive in to New Orleans at once. Will you be afraid to wait here until we get back?"

After considerable persuasion, I finally managed to get Aunt Delphine tucked into bed, minus the hat and coat. Bobby met me in the lower hall.

"Of course not," I answered with dignity. "But you said something just now about that we know the truth. Wasn't that a slight overstatement?"

"What's going on around here? I just saw Beau drive away in one of the cars, and he looked as though he was going somewhere in a hurry."

"That evening immediately after supper Amodee and Henri set out for New Orleans, having explained for the benefit of the others that they were going to question the psychiatrist, Dr. Brennaman."

"He's going in to New Orleans," I replied. "Mr. Duval sent for me. I sank down wearily upon the bottom step. Two murders and an insanity scare all in one day, I complained, "not to mention various and sundry other alarms and excursions! Now all we need around here to top it off is a good fire."

"You mean—Pick?" I asked. He nodded.

"This afternoon," he said, "I asked her if we couldn't be married immediately, so that I could take her away from all this. But she told me that with this shadow of insanity hanging over the family, none of the Dumonts had the right to marry."

"That's all right," I assured him. "I'll see what I can do with her." I found Aunt Delphine in her room, wearing her hat and coat over her nightgown.

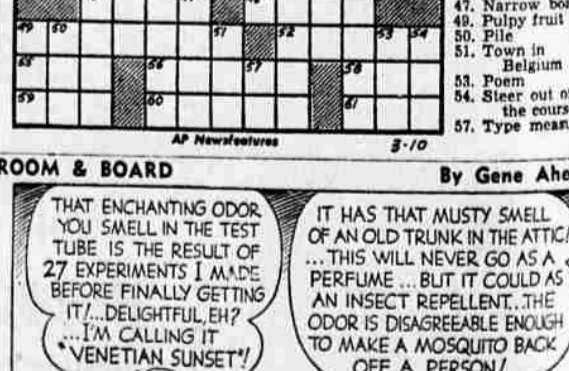
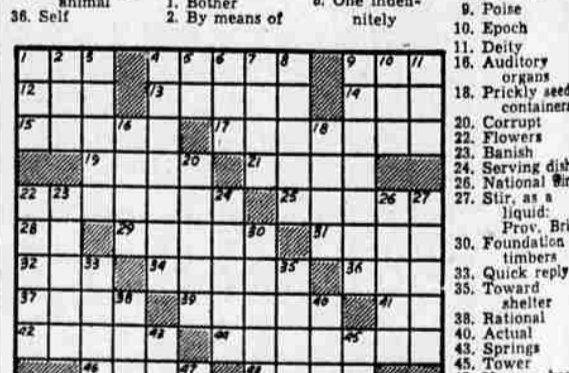
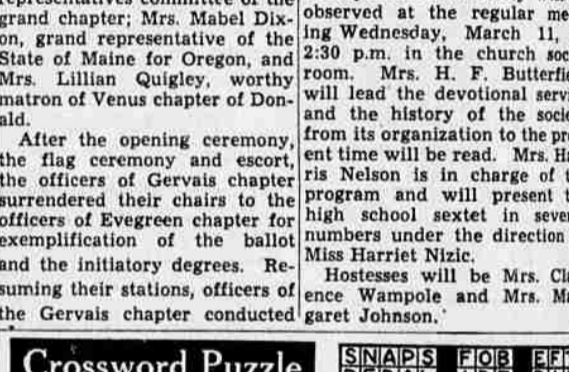
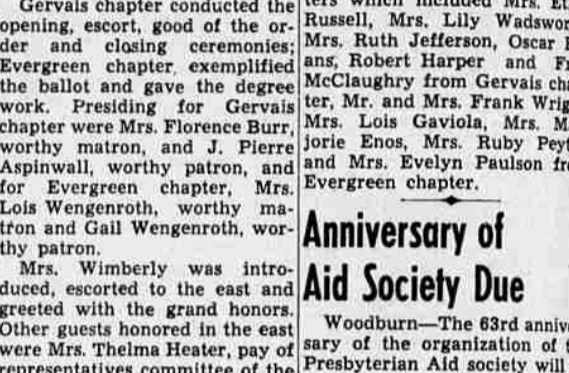
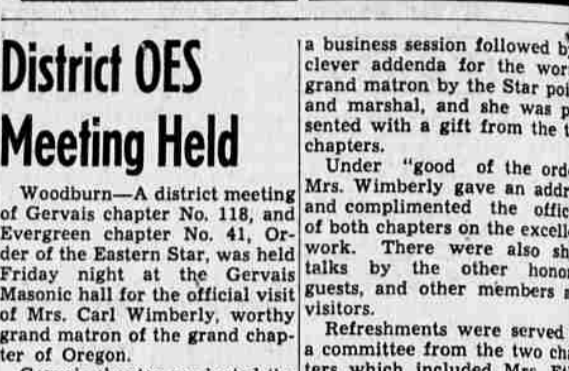
"What's that?" I asked. "That you come to my home for dinner tonight? Now that's a most pleasant condition!"

"I'll forgive you for any unkind thoughts you've had of me on one condition only!"

"I guess—some time in his life, every boy falls in love with his teacher. Well—my problem doctor, is—what happens when the boy is 28 years old?"



BY CARL ANDERSON



## District OES Meeting Held

Woodburn—A district meeting of Gervais chapter No. 118, and Evergreen chapter No. 41, of the Eastern Star, was held Friday night at the Gervais Masonic hall for the official visit of Mrs. Carl Wimberly, worthy grand matron of the grand chapter of Oregon.

Gervais chapter conducted the opening, escort, good of the order and closing ceremonies; Evergreen chapter, exemplified the ballot and gave the degree work. Presiding for Gervais chapter were Mrs. Florence Burr, worthy matron, and J. Pierre Aspinwall, worthy patron, and for Evergreen chapter, Mrs. Lois Wengenroth, worthy matron, and Gail Wengenroth, worthy patron.

Mrs. Wimberly was introduced, escorted to the east and greeted with the grand honors. Other guests honored in the east were Mrs. Thelma Heater, pay of representatives committee of the grand chapter; Mrs. Mabel Dixon, grand representative of the State of Maine for Oregon, and Mrs. Lillian Quigley, worthy matron of Venus chapter of Donald.

After the opening ceremony, the flag ceremony and escort, the officers of Gervais chapter surrendered their chairs to the officers of Evergreen chapter for exemplification of the ballot and the initiatory degrees. Resuming their stations, officers of the Gervais chapter conducted

## Anniversary of Aid Society Due

Woodburn—The 63rd anniversary of the organization of the Presbyterian Aid society will be observed at the regular meeting Wednesday, March 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the church social room. Mrs. H. F. Butterfield will lead the devotional service and the history of the society from its organization to the present time will be read. Mrs. Harris Nelson is in charge of the program and will present the high school sextet in several numbers under the direction of Miss Harriet Nizic.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Clarence Wampole and Mrs. Margaret Johnson.

## Runkel Talks to Women's Club

Independence—The Women's club of Independence met in the club rooms recently. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Keith Mitchell, first vice president Mrs. Ralph Evans presided. Mrs. Ed Taylor acted as secretary pro tem.

Mrs. Taylor, also on the program committee, announced that at the March 17 meeting, David Dunlavy, state archeologist, would speak on "Older Homes of Oregon," and will show slides. Hostesses chosen for this meeting will be Mrs. Gordon Hadley, Mrs. Stella Calbreath and Mrs. Robert Gray.

Mrs. C. A. Fratze, education chairman, urged that everyone vote at the election for consolidation with Buena Vista on March 13. The election will be held at Central high school from 2 to 8 p.m.

Guest speaker of the day was Dr. Howard W. Runkel of the speech department of Willamette university. His subject was "Making Up Your Mind." He stressed the importance of making up our minds on world problems, improvement through action, keeping informed through at least one good daily paper, and the fact that the fundamental solution of our problems lies in our own hearts and minds.

Serving tea were Mrs. O. B. Lyday, Mrs. Flavia Branch and Mrs. George Ruef.

Smocking for Springtime. An interesting two-color smocked design on a pretty lawn, organdy, cotton (twill, linen or rayon silk dress is easy to do with a complete smocking transfer as a guide for the hand stitching. Dress pattern comes in three sizes 2 4 and 6 years.



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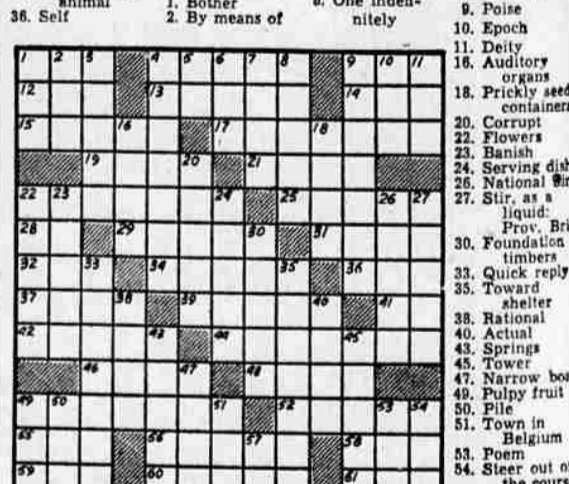
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## Crossword Puzzle

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| ACROSS                 | 37. Ancient Greek country |
| 1. Likely              | 39. U. S. president       |
| 4. Companions          | 42. Leaf of a calyx       |
| 9. Sack                | 44. Slumberer             |
| 12. Light              | 46. Units                 |
| 13. Negative ion       | 48. Swing                 |
| 14. Gone by            | 49. Opens                 |
| 15. Bay window         | 52. Metallic mixture      |
| 17. Made possible      | 55. Large tub             |
| 19. Condiment          | 58. Publication           |
| 21. Gull-like bird     | 59. Harem room            |
| 22. Move back          | 59. Imitate               |
| 23. Sea eagles         | 60. Endure                |
| 25. Draft animal       | 61. Novel address         |
| 26. Moves              | DOWN                      |
| 31. Get away           | 1. Bother                 |
| 32. Term of address    | 2. By means of            |
| 34. Slow-moving animal |                           |
| 36. Self               |                           |



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