

The Secret of Mohawk Pond

By Natalie Sumner Lincoln

SYNOPSIS: Convinced with the strange conditions at her uncle's old house, Peggy takes up her residence at New Lodge on Mohawk Pond in Medford, with only her wren, Miss Julia, as a companion. Herbert Peck, eccentric brother of Peggy's father, stumbled that she really of New Lodge to "a day and a month" never, obedient herself for more than one hour during that period at the price of losing her inheritance. She enters the house to find a woman named Julia who looks like a young woman with curly hair and blue eyes who looks like the daughter of the house, a young woman, before her and smiles. Inside the house she is greeted with a friendly smile.

She could see to furnace, and concluded that heat for the upper stories was depended upon from open fires and the kitchen range, which supplied the hot water. Steps led upward to a stanting cellar entrance and Peggy mounted them, only to find that the two doors were evidently locked on the outside. To the left of the steps were large cupboards, partitioned off. The further cupboard was padlocked and none of the keys fitted it.

Chapter 2 THE LOCKED CUPBOARD

Peggy awoke to be surprised by Julia who brought a breakfast tray to her bedroom.

"Dis heah am de berry best I kin do with de flage in de kitchen; thar ain't no eggs, no butter, nor milk—jes' muffin' but what yo' see," Julia explained.

The tray contained a steaming pot of black coffee, deliciously crisp bacon and the toasted bread—the latter salvaged from the lunch kit they had brought.

Peggy wasted little time in eating breakfast and finished her dressing in less than 20 minutes.

"Tain't no use o' worryin' 'bout that, Miss Peggy," reassured Julia practically. "Ef der's anything inside dat closet, it zayn't get out dis a-way. Dera ain't no ice box down hyar, an' it's awful dirty. Come away, honey; I'll clean it up—mebbe."

The reservation was made under her breath as Julia glimpsed something crawling a short distance from them.

"Lard ha' mercy, what's dat?" The candle dropped from her trembling fingers and its flame spluttered on the concrete, dying out entirely. Julia led the scramble for the kitchen stairs.

"How you scared me! Aren't you ashamed?"

And Peggy half laughing, half out of breath, leaned against the kitchen table.



"Lard ha' mercy, what's dat?" cried Julia, and scrambled for the stairs.

She glanced behind the mirror and surveyed herself. She patted her curly hair which, cut in a straight bob, proved a most becoming frame for her piquant features and wild rose beauty.

From beneath her pillow she drew the automatic pistol she had found in the silver soap tureen. Where to hide the weapon was a question. She knew Julia's terror of a weapon of any sort.

She went into the hall which, with the railing, formed the circular gallery overlooking the living room below. It was about four feet wide and furnished with several comfortable lounging chairs, a coin machine sectional bookcase and writing desk. Stuffed animal heads hung on the walls.

From one of the antlers of a deer head was suspended a beaded Indian pouch and into this Peggy slipped her pistol. It was of a type of automatic which she was familiar, her father's top-scorbut having taught her to shoot both revolver and pistol.

Peggy called to Julia and they went downstairs.

"Dere ain't no ice box, Miss Peggy," Julia said as Peggy came downstairs. "Whar yo' 'reck yo' Uncle Herbert kep' his butter an' eggs?"

"Have you been in the cellar?"

"No, ma'am; I ain't," Julia's eyes rolled at the question, "is yo' gwine thar?"

"Certainly."

And taking out her key ring, supplied by Mr. Chase, Peggy made for the servants' quarters. A short passageway from the pantry gave access to the right wing of the lodge.

The thoroughly equipped kitchen looked homelike and comfortable. It was lighted by three windows and there was a screened-in porch on which the side door opened.

Another door, also secured by a lock, which one of her keys fitted, proved to be the entrance to the cellar stairs, and Peggy descended, followed by Julia carrying a lighted candle.

Apparently the cellar extended under the entire building. At the farther end they found the power system which furnished electricity for lighting the lodge.

Towards the water front, small, dark covered windows looked out on the floor of the veranda, and piled against the wall were what she took to be empty crates and old chests. On her left were bins filled with split wood, apparently for the range, while two of the larger bins held glove coal.

PHOENIX CONGREGATION GREET'S REV. BANCROFT

PHOENIX, Ore., Nov. 19.—(Special.) Rev. Francis Bancroft of San Francisco delivered the morning and evening services at the Presbyterian church on Sunday. He will also deliver the morning and evening services next Sunday. A large attendance of both young and old people welcomed Rev. Bancroft by

MEETINGS SCHEDULED PHOENIX CLUB WOMEN

PHOENIX, Ore., Nov. 19.—(Special.) The Coleman Creek club will meet at the home of Mrs. Malmgren for an all day's meeting on Tuesday, November 26th. All the members of the club are requested to be present. A very interesting meeting is being planned. Mrs. Mack, the county demonstrator, will be present to discuss with the members plans for their work for the winter months.

The Thursday club met at the home of Mrs. Mackley last Thursday afternoon. Their next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Guy Bishop and will be an all day meeting with a covered dish luncheon at noon.

1930 BUDGET ESTIMATES, JACKSON COUNTY

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 118, General Laws of Oregon, 1921, notice is hereby given that the afternoon Court of Jackson County, Oregon, will meet at the Court House, in Medford, Oregon, on Saturday, the 14th day of December, 1929, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day and at the said time and place opportunity will be given for a full and complete discussion of the estimates of the amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year as published herewith, by any taxpayer subject to such tax levy when made, in favor of or against any of the proposed tax levies herein as the County Court may deem for the best interest of Jackson County.

The County Budget Committee for Jackson County, Oregon, has prepared and submits the following: An estimate of the amount required for each department of County Government, County Office or County Officer, each County Improvement, the maintenance of each County building, structure or institution, the salary of each County officer or employee, including those whose salaries are fixed by statute, for the improvement and maintenance of public highways, roads, bridges, the construction, operation and maintenance of each public utility and redemption of outstanding warrants, the estimate of the public receipts of the County from sources other than direct taxation upon real and personal property in the County during the period for which such tax is to be levied and an estimate of the probable unappropriated and unexpended balances in the funds of the County on the last day of year.

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON	
General County Fund	\$336,483.72
Balance remaining, Est.	\$18,000.00
Balance in Funds to revert	2,506.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	104,400.00
Penalty and Interest on Taxes, Ave.	14,112.21
Delinquent Taxes collected, Ave.	28,549.41
Total Receipts for General Fund	167,567.62
Tax Delinquency, Ave.	49,665.34
Total Net receipts for General Fund	118,502.28
General County Fund, Total Levy for 1930	\$111,981.44
School Expense	\$83,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	\$7,550.00
Land Sales	\$6,195.72
Delinquent Taxes collected, Ave.	\$6,195.72
Total Receipts for Co. School Fund	\$13,745.72
Tax Delinquency, Ave.	9,993.69
Total Net receipts for Co. School Fund	\$3,752.03
County School Fund, Total Levy for 1930	\$89,247.97
School Library, 10 cents per capita on 9,282 children	\$ 928.20
High School, to be levied on school districts not maintaining high schools	\$59,356.72
Delinquent Taxes collected, Ave.	2,513.83
Tax Delinquency, Ave.	\$47,842.85
Total Receipts for High School Fund, Total Levy for 1930	\$141,593.53
County Library, to be levied on property outside City of Ashland	6,650.00
General Road Fund (to be levied on property outside the City of Ashland)	\$141,040.00
Balance Remaining, Est.	\$2,000.00
Balance by Transfer	171.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	167,530.00
Delinquent Taxes collected, Ave.	5,148.73
Total Receipts for General Road Fund	\$114,849.73
Tax Delinquency, Ave.	11,537.79
Total Net receipts for Gen. Road Fund	103,311.94
General Road Fund, Total Levy for 1930	\$27,228.06
County Fair Operation	\$5,515.30
Emergency Fund	12,000.00
Amount to be raised by taxation for County Purposes for year 1930 within limitation imposed by Section II, Article XI, Constitution of Oregon	\$215,768.33
Estimated State Tax	227,000.00
Market Road Fund	\$95,200.00
Estimated Receipt from State and equipment and rebate on taxes on Motor Vehicle Fuel	43,200.00
Market Road Fund, Total Levy	\$2,000.00
Pacific Highway Bond Interest Fund	\$10,850.00
Less Transfer to be made from Motor Lic. Receipts	10,850.00
No Levy for 1930	\$9,250.00
Crater Lake Highway Bond Redemption Fund	9,250.00
Less Transfer to be made from Motor Lic. Receipts	9,250.00
No Levy for 1930	\$14,911.41
Crater Lake Highway Bond Redemption Fund	\$14,911.41
Total amount to be raised by taxation in Jackson County, Oregon, for the year 1930	\$594,768.33

GENERAL COUNTY FUND	
Circuit Court Reporter	\$1,400.00
Circuit Court Reporter's expenses	700.00
Court Reporter's expenses	100.00
Jury meals	130.00
Telephone and Telegraph	150.00
Jury's & Witness fees	8,000.00
Miscellaneous expenses	500.00
County Court and Commissioners	\$2,000.00
County Justice's salary	2,000.00
County Justice's traveling expenses	1,700.00
Commissioner's fees and travel	100.00
Telephone and Telegraph	1,000.00
Stenographer	1,000.00
Miscellaneous office expenses	120.00
Juvenile Court	\$400.00
Commitments, probation, etc.	100.00
Boys & Girls Aid Society allowance	250.00
Delinquent and neglected children	500.00
Widely Baby Home allowance	500.00
Insane, Deaf-mutes and Feeble-minded	250.00
Widow's Pension	6,500.00
Justice of the Peace Medford District	\$2,400.00
Justice of the Peace Ashland District	1,200.00
Justice Fees—Jacksonville and Gold Hill District, constables, jurors, witnesses, supplies, etc.	1,800.00
County Advertising	\$3,000.00
Advertising county resources and State Fair exhibits as the County Court may hereinafter deem advisable	\$3,000.00
For bids of all kinds, printing of notices and	

Clerk's Office	
Clerk's salary	\$2,000.00
1st deputy	1,500.00
Stenographer	1,320.00
Typewriter	200.00
Bookkeeping Department—	
Bookkeeper salary	1,500.00
Recording Department—	
1st deputy	1,200.00
2nd deputy	1,000.00
2 typists at \$850.00	1,700.00
Extra help	400.00
Telephone and Telegraph	182.50
Express and Freight	25.00
Printing and Record Books	2,000.00
Postage and Stationery	200.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Two Typewriters	140.00
Electric Calculator	425.00
Coroner's Office	\$500.00
Fees of coroner and physicians, jurors, witnesses and other expense	\$500.00
Fruit Inspector	\$3,000.00
Salaries and expenses of inspectors	
Pathologist	\$3,100.00
Clerical assistant	1,200.00
Stationery and small printing	250.00
Postal Tel. & Telegraph	1,850.00
Travel	250.00
Office rent, furniture, fixtures, etc.	\$7,650.00

School Superintendent's Office and Department of Education	
County superintendent salary	\$2,000.00
Salary rural supervisor	1,400.00
Salary assistant	1,200.00
Chief help	100.00
Supplies	300.00
Printing	170.00
Telephone and telegraph	100.00
Postage, stationery expense, etc.	220.00
Rural supervisor's office costs	50.00
County superintendent travel	500.00
Rural supervisor travel	500.00
Eighth grade examinations	125.00
Teachers' examinations	10.00
School officers' convention	100.00
County institute	400.00
County educational board	50.00
Boys' and Girls' club work	100.00
Jackson County school day	50.00
County field and track meet	100.00
School attendance supervisor of county	50.00
Salary and traveling expense	\$400.00
Head Inspector	\$1,500.00
Fees and expenses and tubercular cattle	\$1,500.00
Water master's salary	\$2,100.00
Water master's mileage	240.00
Watermaster's salary	200.00
Telephone and tolls	165.82
Stamps, registration and stationery	33.00
Files, plat sheets, report forms, blue prints	85.00
Calculating machine, tools, etc.	25.00
Field station structure, weirs, gages, etc.	250.00
Snow survey equipment, stations, markers	476.00
Hydrographer assistants—	
Hydrographer salary	1,800.00
Hydrographer's mileage	1,120.00
Office assistant salary	900.00
Office assistant mileage	780.00
Little Bluff assistant salary	450.00
Little Bluff assistant mileage	444.00
Main canal assistant salary	300.00
Main canal assistant mileage	270.00
Apogate assistant salary	240.00
North Fork Big Butte salary	60.00
Rogue River (observer) salary	20.00
Snow Survey Anna Springs assistant salary	52.00
Snow Survey Fish Lake assistant salary	52.00
Snow Survey Hyatt Prairie assistant salary	12.00
Snow Survey Hyatt Prairie assistant mileage	20.00
Snow Survey Blue Lodge Asst. salary	52.00
State accident insurance	91.50
Cooperative Fund	\$11,172.00
Stenographer	\$420.00
Field notes	450.00
Mileage	1,000.00
Office phone and tolls	45.00
Reestablished corners	400.00
Field supplies and equipment	100.00
Surveyor's office work and field work	125.00
Plats and plat books	125.00
Office supplies	50.00
Assistants (chain and axe)	200.00
Treasurer's Office	\$2,000.00
Treasurer's salary	2,000.00
Traveling expense	70.00
Deputy's salary	1,500.00
Premium Treasurer's bond	250.00
Dremium County's bond	25.00
Office supplies	175.00
Printing	200.00
Postage and stamped envelopes	200.00
Telephone and telegraph	125.00
Surveyor's office work and field work	140.00
Repairs and maintenance	90.00
Rental safe deposit boxes	20.00
Typewriter	122.00
County Health Unit	\$1,800.00
First nurse salary	1,800.00
First nurse traveling expense	70.00
Second nurse salary	1,500.00
Second nurse traveling expense	70.00
Medical director, salary and expense	1,200.00
Continent fund	600.00
Office assistant	900.00
District Attorney's Office	\$1,500.00
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Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 14th day of November, 1929.	
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Care of the Poor	
Salary for Superintendent of Poor Farm	\$1,500.00
Maintenance of Poor Farm	4,500.00
Quarantine Poor	150.00
Indigents not at Poor Farm & Indigent Soldiers	20,000.00
Bounties on Wild Animals	\$2,800.00
Jail Expense	\$1,500.00
Jailor, salary	500.00
Extra help	500.00
Matron	500.00
Board of prisoners	4,500.00
Supplies and Misc. Expenses	500.00
Telephone	100.00
Insurance	15.00
Sheriff's Office	\$2,500.00
Sheriff's salary	2,500.00
Traveling expense Criminal & Civil cases	3,000.00
Telephone and Telegraph	500.00
Printing Bonds and Insurance	500.00
Tax Department—	
1st deputy	1,518.00
2nd deputy	1,200.00
One stenographer	1,200.00
Extra help	1,300.00
Legal Department—	
1st deputy	1,500.00
2nd deputy	1,500.00
Extra help	200.00
Check professor	60.00
Typewriter	100.00
Stamps and stamped envelopes	425.00
Miscellaneous office supplies and expenses	1,500.00
One electric calculator	350.00
Court House	\$1,500.00
Janitor salary	518.00
Fire insurance premiums	228.00
Water	1,675.13
Lights	1,163.74
Sanitary service	54.00
Fuel hauling	97.29
Other supplies, furniture, etc.	3,761.57
Assessor's Office	\$2,000.00
Assessor's traveling expense	300.00
1st deputy	1,500.00
2nd deputy	1,320.00
3rd deputy	1,950.00
Field deputies and traveling expenses	4,500.00
Writing Tax rolls and Tax extensions	1,000.00
Printing office stationery	100.00
Field sheets	120.00
Summary books	60.00
Tax rolls, and Post & Tongue binders	625.00
Map paper and personal tax statements	70.00
Index binder, sheets and card	150.00
Bond premium	15.00
Final entry report and maps	60.00
Stamps	90.00
Office supplies, pens and pencils, etc.	80.00
Telephone and telegraph	19.00
Calculating Machine and Typewriter	20.00
Repairing Calculating Machine	20.00
Exchange on Adding Machine	380.00
Clerk's Department—	
County Clerk's salary	\$2,000.00
1st deputy	1,500.00
Stenographer	1,320.00
Typewriter	200.00
Bookkeeping Department—	
Bookkeeper salary	1,500.00
Recording Department—	
1st deputy	1,200.00
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Extra help	400.00
Telephone and Telegraph	182.50
Express and Freight	25.00
Printing and Record Books	2,000.00
Postage and Stationery	200.00
Miscellaneous	150.00