

Murder at High Tide

By CHARLES G. BOOTH

SYNOPSIS: The murder of Dan Parados appears to be an inside job. Lum We, the Chinese cook, is locked up for creating a false alibi. Parados' symbol of luck, Claude Annersley, also is suspected. Both deny guilt. Granger, the odd job man, is caught telling several lies. He refuses to talk to the detective. Annersley, a French detective, has been out during a full moon. Granger is found dead, a hole in his back. An empty gun cartridge is near his head. A nearby telephone is up-bled. Fliques calls this a "wild case."

Chapter 24 CELIA AND GRAINGER

SAMUELS took it very well. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Parados. We'll do our best to get to the bottom of this. Granger was shot by the one who killed your husband, of course."

"Because he knew too much," Mrs. Parados said positively. "You weren't able to get much out of him, I suppose?"

"No," Samuels admitted. "He wouldn't tell what he knew."

"That was like Granger," she muttered.

An awkward silence followed. Samuels brought his eyes to rest on Caroline.

"What were you doing out there, Miss Brent?"

"I heard the shot and I came down."

Caroline's face whitened.

"Where were you when you heard it?"

"Upstairs. I'd just stepped onto the roof. It was nearer to come down the outside stair."

"You always are alone at the wrong moment, aren't you, Miss Brent?" Samuels inquired ironically.

A protest sprang to his lips, but Fliques intervened. "What is this?" he whispered. He was on his knees beside the body, going through the pockets of Granger's garments. A knife, keys, a pipe, some money and matches were spread out on a handkerchief. As he bent over his shoulder he was lingering a piece of twisted steel shaving—some two inches long and possibly a seventh of an inch wide. The shaving had been wrapped in a scrap of newspaper.

"What is it?" Samuels asked, as he took the bit of steel.

"But a shaving of steel, monsieur," Fliques replied. "I found it in a pocket."

"Anything else?" Samuels wanted to know.

"Would you expect the assassin to leave his card?" Fliques inquired mildly.

Samuels, at this, included Caroline, Miss Jahries, Manning, and Mrs. Parados in a sentence or two of dismissal. I went as far as the door with Caroline.

"Have you any idea why Granger took the trouble to put it away in his pocket?" Samuels was saying as I returned.

"Perhaps it told him who killed monsieur, his master," Fliques answered.

"Does it tell you that?"

Fliques twirled his mustache. "Monsieur," he said impressively, "I am generous. It is the living tissue that irrite of steel. You will treasure it, I implore."

"What's on your mind, Fliques?"

"Von, von," the little man cried, wagging his head. "The pot—it is not yet cooked."

"The shot was fired inside this room," Samuels continued moodily. "That is certain this time. We smelled powder and found the empty shell."

"Also," Fliques reminded him significantly, "that telephone is upset, the patio window is wide open, and Granger dies in front of the fire he has just lighted."

"I don't get your idea at all," Samuels said irritably. "There may have been a struggle. If there was, the telephone could have been upset."

Fliques twirled his mustache. That gesture signified most of his triumphs.

"If there had been a combat would Granger have continued to hold the match, I ask you? Would it not have been heard by Manning and Miss Jahries?"

He ran nimbly to the patio window and we followed him. Both doors of the window were swung back.

"You see?" he inquired.

"The killer may have flung them back as he made his getaway," Samuels insisted.

Fliques shrugged.

"The window was closed when you found Parados, wasn't it?" Samuels demanded impatiently.

"Yes, monsieur, it was closed."

"I suppose you admit the field is narrower?" Samuels said. "Lum We, Granger and John are out. So are Miss Jahries and Manning."

"It is of alibi that you are thinking," Fliques inquired beaming again. "Perhaps we shall break a few yet."

Monday Celia tells her story—and the field of suspects is narrowed to a few!

News Notes of Pomona and Subordinate Grange Chapters Given by Official Reporters

Grange Motto.
In essentials, unity;
In non-essentials, liberty;
In all things, charity.

The Grange and the Community. Results Count.

"By their faults ye shall know them," is as true today as two thousand years ago. The Grange, or any other organization, is best measured by the actual accomplishments that flow from its activities.

The Grange and its work has been many-sided and practical. It has touched every activity of rural life. It has stimulated all movements that add to the material welfare of the farmer.

It has contributed to the organization of Grange fire insurance and similar protective activities. It has supported and been a leading factor in the formation of many helpful cooperative organizations, such as the Dairyman's League, Grain Growers, Cattle Breeders, Wool Pools, Cotton Pools, DeWormers' Associations, Fruit Growers and many similar activities.

Patrons whose home Grange has not yet taken up community service projects in a definite way should do so as soon as possible. What other Granges have done, your Grange may profitably undertake.

Experience proves that work of this sort is most successfully done when definitely assigned; therefore, the naming of a community project committee in the local Grange to head up such contemplated activities assures well-planned endeavor and most satisfactory results.

With every one of the 3500 Grange halls in the United States a real community home, and every regular Grange meeting a place to start definite things, the Grange opportunity for organized rural activities is unlimited.

What is your Grange doing that is a very definite help to the farmer of your community?

Is your community projects committee working with the committees of other Granges to put over some worthwhile county project?

Grange Committees.
The founders of the Grange early declared the Grange purpose to be "to educate and elevate the American farmer," and it has amply made good for more than 60 years as the exponent and defender of the rights of the soil. Yet of all the benefits accomplished by the Grange in agriculture and other directions, they have been confined to no one class of workers, but they have been overflowing to all people. Rural life everywhere has been the beneficiary of Grange endeavor, and its people are more happily envied because of the Grange existence.

The beauty of the Grange is that there is a small army of men and women in every Grange working not only for the good of the community in general, but for the good of the farmer and his family in particular. Or, at least that is the case in every well organized Grange. These members, divided into small groups, each have charge of a certain definite part of Grange work. We call these groups committees, and on these committees does the Grange depend to keep their membership informed. And so, without too great a burden to anyone, the efficiently managed Grange educates and elevates the American farmer.

The marketing committee keeps its members in touch with the market, and the best methods of marketing, the best markets, and keeps its members advised of any cooperative marketing or handling of products, particularly local, and is active in getting Grange members actively interested in any project which will enable them to market their products for a better price or in a better way. Their whole object should be to be useful to the Grange members in assisting them to get larger returns for the products of the soil.

The agricultural committee is truly an educational committee. What a valuable service they can render their Grange by keeping the membership advised of the latest improved seeds or varieties, the value of commercial fertilizers; better methods of handling the soil and the newest machinery for use on the farm. No agricultural committee need be at a loss to find material for interesting reports, the hard thing will be to find time to report on all of the many things that the members should know about.

The legislative committee does not need to spend much time in study in order to keep the Grange membership advised on proposed legislation and its merits or demerits, or on the many laws which it would be well if the farmer knew more about.

And so with the committee on education. There are many persons of rural education which, on farm taxpayers and parents, and to spend a few minutes at the regular Grange meetings in a study of these problems would enable the committee to render a real service to their fellow Grangers that would be well appreciated.

There are so many things in which the rural home maker or owner is interested that the home economics committee would have its hands full giving out all the information in which the Grangers would be interested.

The Grange whose committees are all doing their part will find its Grange hall full of overflowing on regular meeting nights. The tired farmer will not be too tired to come to Grange, because he could not afford not to come.

The Grange members have a right to expect that the Grange will make good in giving them this assistance and education. Most of them joined the Grange with the expectation that the Grange would give them this service. If they do not get it, many of these members will remain at home and your

CENTRAL POINT GRANGE IN NEW HALL FOR NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 6TH

(By E. H. Strömmeier)

CENTRAL POINT, Ore., May 28.—(Special)—At the last meeting of Central Point Grange, May 16, the lecture hour in charge of Brother Sparrow was enjoyed by all with a program by the following members:

"The Village Ladies' Quartette," "Last Night," and "Katy Did." Grimes Wyatt, Tex and Strömmeier; Prof. Quick and his stunt girls, also two boys of the Central Point school, gave an exhibition of cart wheel, hand springs, neck work, pyramid building and a few other snake-like stunts; two violin solos, Mr. Loverton, Ross Lane, with Miss Merritt at the piano; reading, Doris Cozyer, Jacksonville Grange; reading, Jack Miller, "The Old Stage Road"; "The Goat Coughed Up a Red Shirt," by Mrs. Telena Barnes, Eagle Point; duet, Virginia and Endora Bolmert.

During regular Grange work, it was noted that the next Grange meeting, June 6th, will be held in the new hall and dedication will be held at a later date.

Ward and Perry of Eagle Point occupied the floor for the good of the order and gave their wives the wink to keep silent.

Sparrow, with a tender oblation, and the help of Mrs. Arnold Bolmert and Edith Enman, made the smoke go up the chimney just the same.

The ladies' drill team will put on the first and second degrees at the next regular meeting and will practice Monday night, June 2nd.

Those who are to serve on next refreshment committee are Ethel Lathrop, Eva Smith, Ethel Southwick, Marie Collins, Etta Parkeyville, Stella Anderson, Mrs. H. H. Williams, Ida Hamilton, Della Whitestone and Nancy Wilson.

CLEANING FLUID NECESSARY FOR VACATION DAYS

Vacation days, though rich in opportunities for outings and sport are in one respect the same as other days—the vacationist is just as apt to discover, and usually at a most inopportune moment, a greasy spot or smudge on outing togs or other attire—to dim the enjoyment of a morning at golf, an afternoon of tennis, an evening of dancing.

Knowing this, the wise vacationist remembers, when packing up, to include some cleaning fluid which will enable her, with just a little attention and effort, to keep sport clothes and even the finest fabrics and daintiest frocks, spotlessly clean. And to keep these things immaculate is so easy—just a few quick dabs of the non-explosive Oronite cleaning fluid with a damp soft cloth, and spots and smudges vanish in a jiffy.

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The housewife can also use this cleaning fluid on her rugs, cushions, drapes and upholstery—in fact, for all general house cleaning purposes. Thus it enables her to keep the home bright and cheery—to have springtime freshness all the year.

AMERICANS ARE FAVORED BY LOW PRICE OF SUGAR

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According to statistics, sugar is one of the cheapest food products bought by the American housewife day in and day out. In Australia and New Zealand, where the per capita consumption is thirty pounds more per year than in the United States, a higher price is maintained.

The standards of this country in refining sugar, not only insure uniform color, granulation, density and purity, but give it unlimited keeping qualities. Besides, Americans are offered sugar in many inviting forms, conveniently packed to suit their needs.

The low price of sugar, its many uses, and the important part it plays in the diet should not be overlooked. It is one of the chief ingredients in wholesome desserts, including puddings, custards and ice cream. It improves the taste-appeal of beverages, nutritious stewed and fresh fruits, also breakfast cereals. Used as a seasoning with salt, sugar heightens the flavor of vegetables rich in vitamins and minerals.

The healthy, well-fed United States Army consumes considerably more sugar per capita than those in civilian life. Inasmuch as the diet of these soldiers is constantly watched by medical and dietary experts, this consumption of sugar is significant. Good food promotes good health. The Sugar Institute.

RADIO AUDITION CONTEST IN CHARGE MRS. GEO. ANDREWS

Who have the best singing voices in Medford?

Opportunity will be offered them to participate in the distribution of \$25,000 in cash awards and to obtain at least a year's scholarship in some great American conservatory of music or under a world renowned teacher, according to the plans for the Fourth National Radio Audition, which has been announced by the Atwater Kent foundation of Philadelphia.

This year many towns, villages and large cities are hastening plans for local auditions. A young man and a young woman between the ages of 18 and 25 years are selected by competition in each city or community. These compete next in a state audition, in which one young man and one young woman are selected to participate for each state in a geographical district audition. There are five districts. Again a young man and young woman are selected to represent each district in the national finals held in New York in December, when their competition is broadcast from coast to coast.

In the national finals the prizes awarded are:

Winners of first place (one boy and one girl) \$5000 each and two years' tuition in an American conservatory.

Winners of second place, \$2000 each and one year's tuition.

Winners of third place, \$2000 each and one year's tuition.

Winners of fourth place, \$1500 each and one year's tuition.

Winners of fifth place, \$1000 each and one year's tuition.

"The more I consider the results of the three previous auditions," said A. Atwater Kent, "the more I am convinced that those who strive earnestly in the earlier stages gain very real benefits, even as those do whose efforts carry them into the national finals. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the foundation is that the radio auditions have awakened a sense of musical ability among thousands of the young people of America. In fact, I feel sometimes that all who take part in the auditions are winners after all, because they have learned how to employ their precious talent and have encouraged an ambition to achieve greater things."

Mrs. George Andrews has been selected to have charge of the local contest and would be pleased to have any boy or girl in Medford or surrounding territory who is interested to call and see her or phone 731-V.

PAST COMMANDERS TO STAGE FUN MEETING

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season of the veterans' organization on June 9. Seelye V. Hall was named chairman of the ex-commanders' committee by "Skip" W. S. Bolger at the last post meeting, and instructed to line up the "has-beens" for a night of revelry. Medford post members have been too busy to give much time to entertainment features for some time but this lack promises to be overcome at one stroke when the June 9 meeting convenes.

It is planned to invite ex-commanders from Ashland, Grants Pass and other nearby posts to participate in the big fun meeting, according to members of the past commanders' committee.

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Stayton.—Ben Ton quarters decorated.