

I did not kill Osborne

By VICTOR BRIDGES

Chapter 49
AND JIMMY TOO

"YOU heard Molly's boast," I said. "It would never do to let her down in front of her partner."

The door opened, admitting an eager-eyed and obviously curious Jimmy.

"You wanted me, sir?"

Jerry beckoned to him. "Step this way, James. Sir William Avon wishes to speak to you."

Our visitor cleared his throat. "I have been hearing some very complimentary things about you, my lad. I like boys with intelligence and courage and you've certainly shown both these qualities to a remarkable extent. In return for what you've done I have great pleasure in making you this present. It's a check for two hundred and fifty pounds—a joint gift from Miss O'Brien and myself."

Jimmy's eyes positively goggled. "Two—two hundred and fifty quid!" he stammered. "Wot—all for me?"

"That is the idea. If you take my advice you will invest it in Savings Certificates." Sir William handed him the envelope. "I have something else to say to you as well. I don't know what ambitions you have for the future, but if you would like to come into my employment, I will find you an opening at the Avon Works. As Mr. Trench will tell you, there is plenty of opportunity there for a boy with energy and brains."

Jimmy stood still, clutching the envelope, his face flushed, and his eyes shifting in a troubled stare from one to the other of us.

"D'you want me to clear out, sir?" he asked huskily.

I shook my head. "Of course I don't. I should be frightfully sorry if you left us, Jimmy. All the same, when you get an offer like this, I don't want to stand in your way."

He drew in a deep breath, and moistening his lips looked up at Sir William.

"It ain't all good of you, sir, but if it don't make no difference in a way o' speaking, I'd rather stop with Mr. Trench. He's going to teach me to be an artist—like 'Issell."

THE hard blue eyes twinkled. "In that case," said their owner gravely, "I think you've made a very sensible choice. Now, Cresswell," he continued, as Jimmy backed out, "I assume that you're prepared to look after Miss O'Brien's interests and see that I don't take advantage of her youth and inexperience? How would it suit you to come along to the hotel with me now? We can have some lunch and run through these suggestions of mine afterwards."

Mr. Cresswell got up from his chair. "I shall be delighted," he said,

"That's excellent. Sir William rose also. "Before we go there's just one promise I should like to extract from these young people. As soon as the doctor gives his permission—say one day next week—I want to have a little dinner-party to celebrate the inauguration of the company. I hope that all four of you will honor me by being my guests at the Park View Hotel."

"I will for one," said Jerry promptly. "They do sole bonne femme better there than anywhere else in London."

"Then I take it we accept as well, Molly," I said.

AS I spoke the telephone on the side table suddenly began to ring, and Jerry, who was standing beside it, lifted up the receiver.

"Hello! Yes. Yes, he's here. Do you want to talk to him?" He turned to me. "It's for you, Nick."

I hoisted myself from the sofa and crossed the room.

"Who's speaking?" I inquired.

"It's Seymour," came a familiar voice. "I've been trying to get hold of you all the morning, but I've only just found out where you are staying. My dear Nick, I can't tell you how delighted I am at the good news."

A mischievous thrill of pleasure shot through my heart.

"Thank you very much, Seymour," I said. "Awfully nice of you to ring up."

"Nonsense. Why, my dear fellow, is there anyone in the world who would naturally be more pleased and thankful than I am? I always knew you were innocent, of course, but this—this wonderful public vindication was almost too much to be hoped for."

"It was indeed," I admitted.

"When can I see you? I am most anxious to hear the full story."

"You can drop in whenever you like," I said generously.

"Then I'll come round this afternoon," he paused. "By the way, I've just been talking on the phone to Lord Redland. He tells me that the committee of the club have officially accepted your resignation, but, of course, that was all an unfortunate misunderstanding. He intends to propose your re-election personally at the next meeting. I shall second it myself."

"I shouldn't do that if I were you, Seymour," I said.

"Why not?"

"It would be a waste of time," I explained. "I've no wish to come back to the Royal United Arts. I only used the place to wash my hands in."

And with that I rang off.

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THE END

GANG MASSACRE AIDES REVEALED BY CONFESSION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, investigating chief of the department of justice, today denied a report at Chicago that Byron Bolton, under arrest for the Bremer kidnaping, had confessed to participation in Chicago's 1929 St. Valentine day massacre.

"There is not a word of truth in it," Hoover said.

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FIRST AID INSTRUCTION GIVEN CCC PERSONNEL ON NATION-WIDE BASIS

Robert Fechner, director of emergency conservation work, recently announced that a total of 25,684 enrolled members of the Civilian Conservation Corps had been awarded first aid certificates by the American Red Cross during the months of September, October, November and December, 1934. The men receiving certificates were graduated from the first aid schools established in the CCC camps on a nation-wide basis last August.

Before receiving certificates in first aid, each man was required to pass an examination upon completion of the standard 15-hour course of instruction prepared and issued by the Red Cross.

The first aid courses are given under supervision of war department medical officers in cooperation with the American Red Cross. The regulations prescribe that each class should be taught by an instructor holding a card of appointment from the Red Cross, authorizing him to conduct first aid work. Examination blanks as well as instructor's outlines are supplied by the Red Cross. At the completion of each course, the company commander in charge of the CCC camp submits a list of graduates to the war department.

The number of first aid graduates for Oregon was listed as 308.

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D. A. V. AUXILIARIES INSTALL OFFICERS

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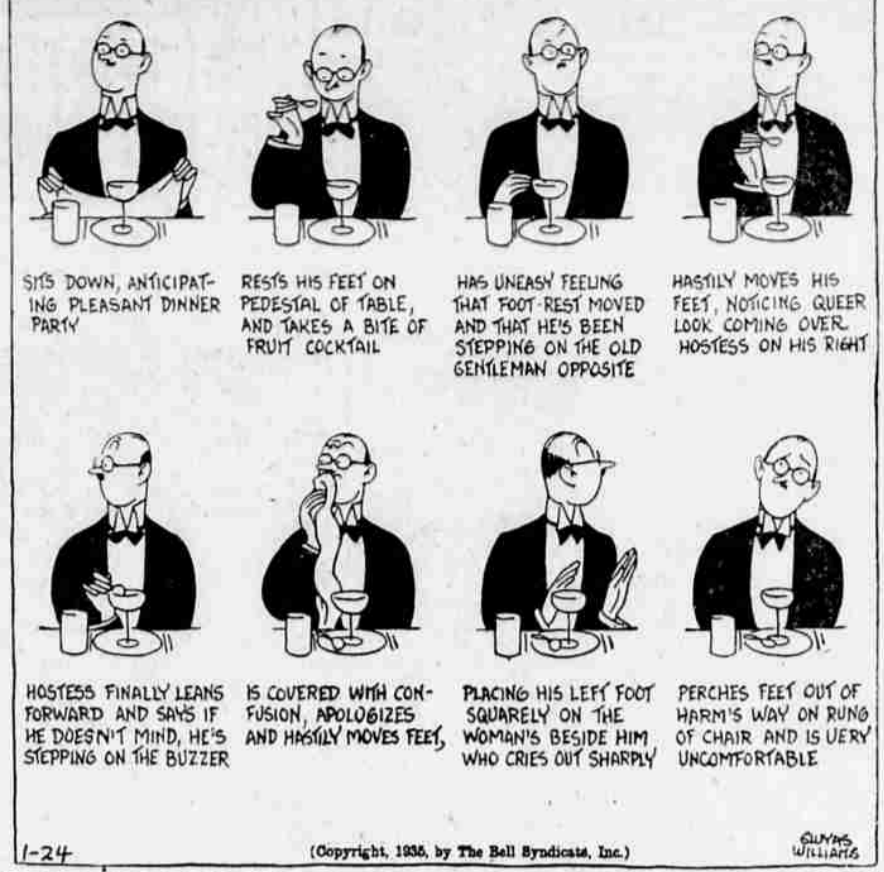
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UNDER-TABLE TROUBLE



SIT'S DOWN, ANTICIPATING PLEASANT DINNER PARTY

RESTS HIS FEET ON PEDESTAL OF TABLE, AND TAKES A BITE OF FRUIT COCKTAIL

HAS UNEASY FEELING THAT FOOT-REST MOVED AND THAT HE'S BEEN STEPPING ON THE OLD GENTLEMAN OPPOSITE

HASTILY MOVES HIS FEET, NOTICING QUEER LOOK COMING OVER HOSTESS ON HIS RIGHT

HOSTESS FINALLY LEANS FORWARD AND SAYS IF HE DOESN'T MIND, HE'S STEPPING ON THE BUZZER

IS COVERED WITH CONFUSION, APOLOGIZES AND HASTILY MOVES FEET

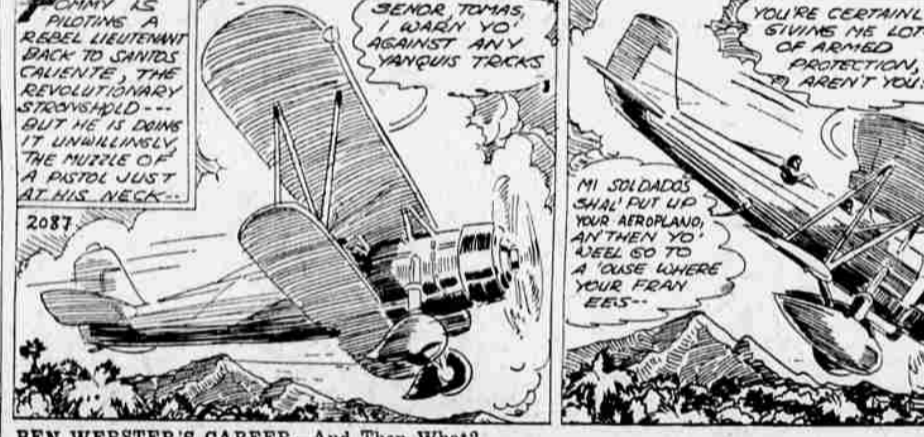
PLACING HIS LEFT FOOT SQUARELY ON THE WOMAN'S BESIDE HIM WHO CRIES OUT SHARPLY

PERCHES FEET OUT OF HARM'S WAY ON RING OF CHAIR AND IS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE

S MATTER POP—



TAILSPIN TOMMY—A Gentle Hint!



BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—And Then What?



THE NEBBS—Simon Legree



BRINGING UP FATHER



By C. M. Payne

By Hal Forrest

By Ben Webster

By Simon Legree

By George McManus

SPEAKING CLASS GIVES CONFIDENCE

The SERA public speaking class held its third meeting Monday night in the senior high school. Part of the period was devoted to accentuation, enunciation and vocabulary drills. A few minutes were given to an exercise in the rapid choice of synonyms and antonyms. Sixteen members gave brief talks. Those attending are already making progress in gaining that confidence which is so vitally necessary to effective speaking. The class meets again next Monday, 1:15, in room 4.

The interpretive geography class meets in room 4 at 7:15 tonight. Tuesday night the class enjoyed a map contest in which topographic features of the United States were located. Mr. Crocker was high scorer for the evening, correctly placing 63 in one minute.

The pictorial class, after having so successfully completed their pictorial maps, are now beginning a new project which will require considerable research.

The general public is invited to these meetings, held each Tuesday and Thursday, in room 4, Senior High. There is no charge.

PLANT QUARANTINE TO BE MAINTAINED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Officials of the plant quarantine bureau of the department of agriculture have announced their regulations would not be relaxed to permit negotiations of trade agreements with countries now affected by quarantines.

California bulb growers, who plan to oppose phases of the proposed trade agreement with Holland, have expressed the fear that relaxation of quarantine regulations might damage their industry.

The bureau of plant quarantine said its regulations were based on biological risk and had nothing to do with trade movements. The state department, through negotiations of trade agreements, cannot, bureau officials said, supersede quarantine regulations.

The lifting recently of the quarantine on narcissus bulbs, one bureau official said, was interpreted in some quarters as a concession of negotiations of a trade agreement. This interpretation, he added, was unwarranted.

Young People of South Methodist Plan Institute

Rev. J. A. McKee of Walla Walla, Wash., will hold a Young People's Institute at the South Methodist church beginning Friday at 7:30 and running through to 4:45 p. m. Sunday. Miss Dorothy Dale Jackson of Roseburg will assist in the teaching.

All young people from 12 to 23, who wish to take advantage of these classes, may do so.

The Missionary society will join the young people Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in a covered dish supper. Members are asked to bring a covered dish and the family.

Wagner Creek

WAGNER CREEK, Jan. 24.—(Sp.) The hill on Mrs. Emma Kerby's place has been quite popular the past week with around a foot and a half of snow the young people are making the most of a sport seldom enjoyed.

Lathal Stienens, who has been working for Harry Lynch, was married and returned to his home last week. John Lacy is now working at the Lynch farm.

Mrs. Charles Holdridge and Mrs. Walter Emburg of Wagner Creek, and Mrs. Holmes of Anderson Creek attended the County Health meeting at Medford, Jan. 16.

Mrs. Everett Beeson of Wagner Creek and Wiley Jones of Talent made a trip to Carl Beeson's home-stead on Jan. 21 to see if they were snowed-in and found the snow from 18 to 20 inches deep.

Mrs. George Gilbrath who underwent a major operation at the Sacred Heart hospital, returned home Jan. 20 and is reported doing well.

Mrs. H. H. Goddard entertained Dr. and Mrs. Fred Goddard and Mr. and Mrs. Ormie Goddard, Jan. 20, in honor of Dr. Goddard's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Montgomery and Mrs. J. H. Withrow of Talent visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Goddard, Jan. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meule of Crescent City is visiting Mrs. Herman Bonimera for a few days this week.

Mrs. Ed Taylor went to the Ashland hospital where she will undergo an operation for appendicitis on Jan. 23.

Norma Work has been absent from school for a few days on account of a severe cold.

ASHLANDERS DISCUSS BUILDING AND LOAN

ASHLAND, Jan. 24.—(Sp.)—A luncheon attended by business men and all interested in the organization of a Federal Building and Loan association in Ashland will be held this noon at the Ashland hotel, with G. A. Moore, field organizer of the northwest area for the Federal Home Loan Bank board listed as the principal speaker.

The move is being sponsored by leading business and professional men of the city.

Rainfall in California varies from less than an inch a year in the Mojave desert to more than 100 inches a year on the northwest coast.

A A A WEAR BETTER CLOTHES 6 and 10 o'clock to measure \$21.50 up. Klein the Tailor, Upstairs.