

The Wrong Murderer

By HUGH CLEVELY

Chapter 49
"IF YOU INSIST..."

"FRANKLY, I shouldn't care a hoot if she thought I'd massacred battalions of her uncles," Terence stated. "What the devil did she want to come butting in for tonight? There was no need for her to be there at all. She'd arranged with Lawson to have me kidnapped, and instead of letting him get on with the job, as any sensible person would have done, she had to come barging in herself, turning the whole business into the last act of a film play complete with fair-haired heroine registering lots of emotion. That's the trouble with actresses; they must have scenes."

"There was a pause. Then" "I think you are an utter pig," said Ruth in a tone of deep conviction.

"What!" exclaimed Mahony. He looked at her and saw, to his surprise, that she was on the point of tears.

"What's the matter, Ruth?" he asked in a concerned voice.

"I think you're beastly," answered Ruth, a little indistinctly.

"But... why? For heaven's sake, why?" demanded Mahony hopelessly. "What have I done?"

There was another pause, while Ruth collected her dignity.

"I'm sorry I came barging in, turning all your nice, neat little arrangements into a film play," she said in a cold, haughty voice. "However, you won't be bothered with me any more."

"Stop it, Ruth," said Mahony rudely. "Stop being all temperamental."

"I'm not being all temperamental," answered Ruth angrily. "You said that Elsa came barging in, turning everything into a film play, and as I came barging in, too, I must have done the same. Do you think I couldn't see what you meant?"

"I didn't mean anything of the sort," protested Mahony. "You... well, you're different. You didn't barge in—that is, not really barge

in. I mean, we've been sort of partners..."

He found his meaning very difficult to explain.

"You are different," he went on. "You just barged in because you wanted to, so to speak; you weren't Ruth Fraser, the girl heroine avenging her uncle's death by vamping the deceitful villain, or Ruth Fraser righting a wrong by having the misunderstood but well-intentioned young man kidnapped for his own good and insisting on being present when the kidnapping took place because the heroine must be in the big scene... I hate all this drama. It gives me a pain in the neck."

"Nonsense," replied Ruth. "You've been behaving like the perfect little film hero ever since I met you. And you're annoyed with Elsa because you're in love with her and she made a fool of you."

MAHONY was stung by this monstrous accusation.

"Don't talk so damned wet," he said irritably. "I'm not in love with her. You know perfectly well I'm not in love with her. You know I'm in love with you."

Ruth smiled slightly. Her expression was a little smug, like that of a kitten which has just put away a saucer of delicious cream.

"Well, you needn't shout," she said primly.

She looked sideways at him out of the corners of her eyes. He looked at her at the same moment. Suddenly they both burst out laughing.

Mahony took her hand and drew her towards him.

"Let's get married and clear out somewhere as soon as we can," he said.

She shook her head.

"No," she said. "I couldn't do that. If I married you now, after all that's happened, it would be too much like the ending of a film story."

"Stop it, you little hell-cat," said Mahony, and drew her closer and kissed her. She kissed him too.

"Oh, well," she murmured. "If you insist..."

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OREGON LEGION NEAR GOAL IN MEMBERSHIP

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Oregon's department of the American Legion is rapidly going over the top in membership. O. E. Palmateer, Salem, state vice-commander, said today.

More than 6,500 members have paid up dues for 1937, making the total 83.5 percent of the national quota of 10,480 and putting the enrollment nearly two months ahead of 1936.

600 HOGS ROAST ALIVE AT PLANT IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Six hundred hogs suffered cremation and the plant of the Portland Rendering company burned to the ground in a fire which swept buildings on a five and one-half acre ranch near here Sunday, causing damage estimated at \$15,000. The origin of the blaze had not been determined.

THE FAMILY ALBUM—PUTTING THE CAR AWAY

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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Stable Art. Ranked by many critics as the greatest work in the history of painting, the famous "Last Supper" has experienced an odd career.

Commissioned by the Duke Lodovico Sforza and the Dominican monks of Santa Maria delle Grazie to paint a mural on the dining room wall of the Dominican convent at Milan, Leonardo da Vinci began work on the masterpiece in 1498. Some ten years was spent on the work.

When one of the convent officials suggested to Leonardo that he was taking too long, the artist threatened to paint the object's face on the character of Judas. Da Vinci was hurried no more.

Painted on a plaster wall, "The Last Supper" soon showed signs of deterioration due to dampness, and suffered further misfortune when, in 1652, monks cut away a part of the fresco, including the feet of the Savior, to make a doorway—but this wasn't to be the worst desecration to befall the art treasure.

When a conquering French army under the flag of Napoleon marched through Italy and into Milan, troops were quartered in homes and buildings throughout the city. To the convent of Maria delle Grazie went a detachment of cavalry, and in the room of the "Last Supper" were stabled the Frenchmen's horses!

Later the room came to be used as a hayloft—on one occasion it was filled with flood waters. Today it is a national shrine. Each time the colors of the masterpiece have faded, they have been skillfully replaced. The painting at present is in a remarkable state of preservation.

No First Down: Penalized 20 yards and thrown for loose totaling another 16 yards, Harry Martin took the ball for University of Virginia on fourth down, 48 to go. Plunging through the Davidson College gridlers, Martin netted 47 yards on the play, but falled by a yard in making first down!

Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Nov. 30.—(Sp.)—Women's Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. G. O. Sanden November 27. Mrs. S. H. Jones led devotionals and the last three chapters of the study book "Congo Crosses," were ably presented by Mesdames Beach and Marion Niedermeyer, after which refreshments were served.

Miss Elizabeth Grover and Chester Tunnel left November 25 to spend Thanksgiving with their families in McMinnville. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Runaker celebrated likewise at Myrtle Creek.

The Sunday school orchestra of 12 pieces made its initial appearance November 22 at the Sunday school hour and was much enjoyed by everyone. It is expected that this will be a regular feature.

While en route from San Francisco to their home in Portland, Mrs. J. T. Hardy and daughter visited over the week-end at the G. W. Godward home. Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Godward are sisters.

Charles Biltzsch, accompanied by Miss Alice Hoefs and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson, took a long trip November 22, going to Bandon via Drain and returning by way of Crescent City. They reported a wonderful trip.

Mrs. Larkin Reynolds of Applegate visited friends here November 24. James Connelly and family have just moved into their recently completed house.

Randall Gifford left the 26th for Corvallis, where he was to pick up Herbert Gifford, Doris and Lena Conger and Hal Green and bring them home for the holidays.

Frank and Jeff Clouston returned from their elk hunting trip around Ukiah with one elk.

Jacksonville Businessmen's association met at the city hall November 17, and elected the following officers: President, J. B. Hamaker; vice-president, G. W. Godward; secretary, Ray Coleman; treasurer, Mrs. Milkowski. They also adopted by-laws.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Green, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Smith took a short vacation November 17 to 20, going to Chetco, Cal., on a fishing trip. They caught seven big salmon and report a wonderful time.

Mesdames S. E. Dunnington and Ida Wilson visited at the Louis Iverson home south of Ashland November 22.

Mrs. Bibby of Chelan, Wn., spent two days last week visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hannum of Grants Pass spent November 22 at the Peter Pick home. Mrs. Hannum is Mrs. Pick's aunt.

A splendid crowd attended open house at the school November 24 and responded generously with staple groceries for the hot lunches. After a fine program of songs by the boys and girls' glee clubs under the able direction of Mrs. Hunsaker, a duet by little Betty Connelly and Donald Wendt, readings by Mrs. Satsbury's one-act skit put on by the juniors and directed by Miss Alberts, and a song by a quartette of "high school girls, also a song by a boys' octette which were all thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment closed with a grand march, during which a silver offering of \$15.06 was deposited in soup kettles, to be used for the soup fund. Music for the march was furnished by the high school orchestra.

Mrs. Ida Wilson and her mother, Mrs. Henrietta Pick, visited the George Gilman home near the airport November 19.

Mrs. Moe Forbes and son, Stanley, motored to Bonanza to spend Thanksgiving with her husband and son who are employed there.

Mr. and Mrs. Amel Paul of Klamath Falls visited with Mrs. Young on the 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ayres and family spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Ayres' sister, Mrs. W. H. Roberts, in the Oak Grove district.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Milkowski entertained 25 relatives at a big Thanksgiving dinner.

Quite a few of the local members of the C. E. attorney Crater Lake Union convention in Ashland.

Russell Ayres was employed at the Jones Grocery in Central Point Saturday.

Howard Kimball, who has been running the Jacksonville garage, moved with his family out to the Applegate last week. As a result the garage is closed.

Amy's place is being redecorated inside and out by R. C. Chappell of Medford.

Mrs. Dwight Hartman left a week ago for Seattle to visit a brother, who recently returned from Alaska.

Jacksonville folk who ate Thanksgiving dinner in Medford hotels were Mr. Emil Britt and sister, Molly, at the Hotel Medford, and Mesdames Lulu Saulsbury and John M. Williams who entertained Miss Isie McCully and nephew, George Merritt and John M. Saulsbury at the Hotel Jackson.

Mrs. A. H. Macgley and daughter, Monte, of Portland are visiting at the home of the former's sister, Miss Stella Levy, who is critically ill.

Miss Lena Johnson, who has been ill at the home for the past 10 days, is much improved.

Mayor Wesley Hartman left November 23 for Portland, to undergo medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Durr arrived November 25 from Montana, where they have been for the past three months working on a government project.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson entertained 12 of their kin at a Thanksgiving dinner. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Muir of Portuna, Calif. Mrs. Muir is a sister of Mrs. Wilson.

At 8 p. m. December 1, there will be a Townsmeet meeting at the city hall. An excellent program is being arranged with outside speakers, special entertainment, etc. The public is invited.

Mrs. Zetta Loutz was another of the many who entertained on Thanksgiving, having as guests Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop of Ashland and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jenkins and family of Medford.

At the Grange meeting November 27, Central Point Grange put on an officers' seating drill and occupied the chairs for the Jacksonville officers. After a short business session the following program was put on: Group singing, readings, games and folk dances. The latter led by Mesdames Brockway and Conger, after which refreshments were served. A goodly representation of Central Point Grangers were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Waters of Klamath Falls spent Thanksgiving night at the G. O. Sanden home.

At a meeting of the school board November 24 it was voted to install a furnace in the gymnasium and also a drinking fountain for the same place. A contract for the furnace was placed with Mr. Purucker.

Ernie Olson from O. B. C. has been spending the holidays with Judge Tou Velle.

According to Frank Zell, curator of the Jacksonville Museum, 1248 visitors registered there during July and August, and many others who didn't register.

Buy Title Lake Land KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 30.—(AP)—A group of Klamath county operators forming the Stieck Land & Livestock company, purchased approximately 1200 acres of rich Title lake land from a California company for agricultural development.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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