

## THE PHONE BOOTH MURDER

by Phoebe Atwood Taylor

Chapter Eight  
Brief Retreat

HE EXPECTED that Jennie would register an immediate protest against a retreat, but Jennie waited until they were on the top step and the door had been slammed to behind them by Mrs. Doane before she let out a loud snarl of indignation.

"Asey, you goin' to stand for this?"

"Nope," Asey said. "Climb into the truck while I pick up our claims. I just wanted to see how anxious she was to get us out of the way."

"What you goin' to do?" You don't intend to leave, not knowin' what become of that woman in the phone booth?"

"Wa-el," Asey said, "to make Mrs. Doane feel good, we'll leave temporarily. Right now, I think it's best that she thinks she's won."

"Later what?" Jennie asked after Asey had returned the claims to the truck and got in himself.

"Asey what happened to that body?" That woman's body was in that phone booth when you an' I come, an' it was there when I closed that door!"

"Uh-huh," Asey's foot bore down on the starter. "An' it was there when I came back from rushin' around outside. Let's see. I was gone fifteen minutes or so. Huh. I probably come back around six-twenty-five. I'd say. It was only six-forty when we left the livin' room just now. An' Mrs. Doane was listenin' to Mrs. Doane talkin' to her daughter for four or five minutes. I think, Jennie, this kind of resolves itself into what you might call a time problem."

"I don't see how it's any time problem," Jennie said as Asey backed the truck out of the Inn driveway. "Seems to me as if it was more of a body problem. Asey, where did that body go?"

Asey chuckled.

"It didn't go. It got moved, Jennie."

"Where? Ain't you goin' to try an' find it? Where are you goin' anyway?"

"I'm goin' to turn this corner," Asey said, "an' park the truck. Then you're goin' to the nearest store, an' phone Hanson up at the barracks. I got a suspicion that girl Freddy didn't phone him. You find out. If Hanson's there, tell him where the truck is, an' then go back an' wait for him. When he comes, tell him what's happened. If they say at the barracks that he's on his way you try an' hail him when he goes past. By rights, he ought to go past here."

"An' just where are you goin'?"

"Back to the Inn," Asey said, "to sort of meander around. I got a hunch. You know, Jennie, no matter how you look at it, some one only had at the most about eight or nine minutes to move that body in. That'd be from the time I bellowed for you, till the time we come downstairs after rousin' that Mrs.—what was her name?"

"Hingham. An' you know what? I think I know who she is," Jennie said. "I heard 'em talkin' about her at the Sewin' Circle. She's the one that's been divorced so many times an' has all that money an'—"

## Plans

"I'M GOIN' to park right here," Asey said, "I only hope Syl's lights last. They're the feeblest lights I ever seen on a four-wheeled vehicle. The point about all this body-movin', Jennie, is that people didn't have much time."

"Who moved it?" An' why didn't someone see 'em?" Jennie demanded. "Why, after you come upstairs, that girl went right down again, didn't she? She was there!"

"We took it for granted that she was," Asey said, "but I don't know."

"You think she moved it?" Asey smiled. "You ever move a body, Jennie?"

"I should hope not!"

"Wa-el," Asey said, "it ain't one of the easiest things in this world to do. Not for one person. Unless you was a city fireman, say, or an ambulance worker, or had some kind of special trainin' in jugglin' people by yourself. I should think it would take a good eight or nine minutes for you to figure out where to start hoistin' that phone booth angle, too. Some-how, Jennie, I don't think that body's gone so far that with a little meanderin' I can't locate it. You get started, now, an' call Hanson."

"I don't suppose," Jennie said tentatively, "it could have been her I seen."

"You still think you seen someone walk through that room?"

"I still know I did!"

"Don't try to tell Hanson about it," Asey said. "There's no use confusin' him at the start. Oh—before you go. You better call Sam at the garage home an' have him drive my roadster over. He can hang around till Hanson's come, an' then drive you back in

last year, Secretary of State Earl Snell said today.

Sales for the first 10 months of 1941 were a record high of 251,324,777 gallons, a gain of 31,102,338 gallons over the similar period of 1940. Gas tax collections during the 10 months were \$12,868,239, a gain of \$1,553,116 over the similar period last year, and more than the collections for all of 1939.

In the United States more persons die at age 71 than at any other age, except in the first year of life.

The age group 15 to 19 years now contains more persons than any other five-year age period, according to 1940 census figures.

Lucien Muratore, retired opera singer, was once mayor of a town in France.

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Wednesday  
5:00 p. m.—Adventure Stories. KGO, KEX, KJR; Jane Arden, KOMO; Ken Stevens, KOIN; Stars of Today, KGW; Don Winslow of the Navy, KPO.  
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7:00 p. m.—Glenn Miller's Orch.,

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7:30 p. m.—Ahead of the Headlines, KGO, KJR; Romance of the Ranches, KXN; Modern Music Box, KEX; Leon F. Drews, KOIN; Clark and Spry, KSL.  
8:00 p. m.—Quiz Kids, KGO, KEX, KJR; Amos 'n' Andy, KXN, KOIN; KSL; Point Sublime, KPO, KGW, KOMO.  
8:15 p. m.—Lanny Ross, KXN, KSL, KOIN.  
8:30 p. m.—Plantation Party, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Dr. Christian, KXN, KOIN; Manhattan at Midnight, KGO, KJR, KEX; News, KSL.  
9:00 p. m.—Time to Smile, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Easy Aces, KGO, KEX, KJR; Fred Allen, KOIN, KXN; Hymn Service, KSL.  
9:30 p. m.—Mr. District Attorney, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Basin Street Chamber Music, KGO; News, KJR, KSL; Moonlight Sonata, KEX.  
10:00 p. m.—Paul Whiteman's Orch., KGO, KEX; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KXN, KOIN; Serenade, KJR.  
10:30 p. m.—Alvino Rey's Orch., KGO, KJR; Music for Listening, KGO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Public Affairs, KXN; The World Today, KOIN; Concert Hall, KPO.  
11:00 p. m.—Dancing with Glancy, KPO, KGW; Wilbur Hatch's Orch., KOIN, KSL; This Movin' World, KJR, KEX; News, KXN, KGO; Evening Reveries, KOMO.

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5:00 p. m.—Adventure Stories, KGO, KJR, KEX; Death Valley Days, KSL; Jane Arden, KOMO; Stars of Today, KGW; Don Winslow of the Navy, KPO.  
5:30 p. m.—Duffy's Tavern, KSL; News of the World, KGO, KEX, KJR; Ricardo's Rhapodies, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Tonight's Best Buys, KXN; Scattergood Baines, KOIN.  
6:00 p. m.—Secret City, KEX; Major Bowes' Amateur Hour, KXN, KSL, KOIN; News Here and Abroad, KGO; Bing Crosby, KPO, KOMO; Scandinavian Reporter, KJR.  
6:30 p. m.—Joe Gallochio's Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX.  
7:00 p. m.—Glenn Miller's Orch., KXN, KOIN; Fred Waring, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Rudy Vallee, KEX, KJR.  
7:30 p. m.—Frank Fay, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News Here and Abroad, KGO, KEX, KJR; Who Dunnit? KXN, KOIN, KSL.  
8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Fred Waring, KPO, KOMO, KGW; March of Time, KJR, KGO, KEX.  
8:15 p. m.—Lum and Abner, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Lanny Ross, KXN, KOIN, KSL.  
8:30 p. m.—Maudie's Diary, KOIN, KXN; Saunders of Circle X, KGO, KEX; Funny Brice, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KSL; Flowers for the Living, KEX; Hot Stove League, KJR.  
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By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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THE NEBBS—Oh, That's Different



By SOL HESS

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9:30 p. m.—Freddie Ebers' Orch., KGO, KGW; Icharl Himber's Orch., KPO; Death Valley Days, KXN, KOIN; News, KSL, KJR; Moonlight Sonata, KEX; Musical Quintette, KOMO.  
10:00 p. m.—America's Town Meeting of the Air, KGO, KJR, KEX; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KXN; Masterworks of Music, KSL; Five Star Final, KOIN.  
10:30 p. m.—Ed Stoker's Music, KGW; Reid Tanner's Orch., KSL;

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11:00 p. m.—Etchings in Brass, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KJR, KEX; Harry Owens' Orch., KSL, KOIN; News, KXN; Emmanuel Tabernacle, KOMO.  
**Plan To Salvage Wrecked Bridge**  
Washington, Nov. 26.—(P)—The OPM announced plans to

day to salvage approximately 3,500 tons of scrap steel from the wreckage of the Tacoma Narrows bridge which collapsed in November, 1940.

Officials previously had said the damaged bridge structure and cables would be dropped into Puget sound because it was believed the cost of reclamation exceeded the immediate scrap value of the metal.

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by JOHN HIX



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By AL CAPP



By HAL FORREST

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Largest in History

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