

MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Cox

Chapter Seven Gloomy Garden

"Lay the money on the line," Clarke was saying, "and it's yours. You've got until tomorrow morning."

The answering voice was low and precise. "Very well. I'll get in touch with you."

With that the stranger turned and started for the gateway. Perry Clarke watched him and if Joyce had not at that moment shifted her glance she would never have known that there was still another witness to that meeting on the lawn.

She had almost lost the stranger in the shadows and had glanced along the terrace. Between her and the corner light from four windows made a bright, clear-cut platform; beyond, the corner of the house was all but hidden darkness. Yet it was here that some fleeting movement caught her eye, the movement of some shapeless blotch that stood out blacker than the shadow of the house. An instant later it was gone but the impression that someone had been there was distinct and unshakable. She looked away just as Perry Clarke turned and started for the house.

He passed twenty feet away from her, whistling softly. He cut through the swatch of light and disappeared around the corner of the house. Presently Joyce followed him and when she reached the sun-room he was seated at the piano lightly running his fingers up and down the keys.

She saw as she went into the drawing room that there was still no sign of Ward or Della and she made a show of stopping a moment to talk to some people before she continued on to the hall. The maid remained politely unconcerned as she crossed to a smaller sitting room opposite.

Dimly-lighted and furnished with a comfortable informality, it was empty at the moment, but there was a door connecting with some room to the rear and as Joyce approached she saw the door was ajar and heard nearly reached it when it opened.

There was an impulsive quickness to Della Stewart's entrance that stopped Joyce short and when the girl saw her, she stopped. Joyce saw that she had been crying. There were no tears now, but her eyes were red-rimmed and in one clenched hand there was a handkerchief, wadded and damp. "Della," Joyce, her heart turning over at the white, strained look on the girl's face. "What is it, darling? What's wrong?"

"Oh, Joyce," For just an instant the girl's voice broke and she took a half step as though to seek comfort in Joyce Murdock's arm; and then she checked herself. Her chin came up and she stopped its quivering. Her voice got small and tight. "It's nothing. Really, I've just been feeling sorry for myself, I guess."

When that her face twisted in what was supposed to be a smile and she stepped past. By the time she reached the hall her head was up and her shoulders were back. Joyce glanced at the half open door, moved up to it. The room beyond was gloomy and book-lined. Over by the windows, outside the range of the table lamp, stood Ward Allen, his back turned, his hands thrust hard in his jacket pockets.

He did not look round until Joyce was at his shoulder. "Oh, hello," he said shortly.

"What have you done to her?" Joyce asked.

"What have I done?" Ward said. "Well, somebody's done something, that's obvious, isn't it?" She hesitated and he continued to stare out the window. "You're both being pretty silly about something—Why?"

He turned quickly, startling her with the savageness of his words. "What is it with you women? Must you know everything? Is there some law that gives you the right to demand an explanation for—"

"Don't be angry with her," Ward.

"I'm not angry," he said, following as she started from the room. "I'm just—all chewed up inside."

The piano playing had grown in volume, and as Joyce started across the drawing room she saw the reason. Della Stewart was seated on the bench beside Perry Clarke. They were playing a four-handed duet and an appreciative audience had gathered around them.

A familiar voice made her look up.

"Why so grim?" Kent Murdock said, one brow cocked.

"I feel grim," Joyce said.

"I did sort of desert you, didn't I?"

"It's not that," Joyce said. "Although now that I think of it you certainly did."

She brought her eyes back to Perry Clarke and Kent followed her glance.

"Oh," he said presently. "Him."

"I only wish we could do something about it," she said.

Late Visitor

IT WAS EXACTLY 11:30 when the buzzer sounded. Joyce Murdock noticed this at once because the sudden noise startled her and she looked immediately at the clock. She had just slipped on her nightgown and for a second or two she stood there, wondering who it could be. When the sound came again, sharp and insistent, she reached for her dressing gown and belted it about her.

She had known at once that it could not be Kent because he never forgot his key, and by the time she reached the entryway there was just enough doubt in her mind to make her hesitate.

Just then the buzzer went off for the third time and with her hand on the knob she called:

"Who is it?"

The instant Joyce saw her she knew that something had happened. This was a new and different Della.

She was still wearing the frock she had worn to the cocktail party, but over it she had put on a brown half coat and a plain brown felt hat. Below the hat her hair color was high and her eyes were wide and bright.

"Well," Joyce said. "Della."

"Oh, Joyce," The girl put her arms around her and hugged her hard. "I've just done the most awful thing. And now I don't know what will happen. I must even be arrested. So I just had to come."

Joyce screwed up her eyes and held the girl off, feeling the excitement herself now and groping for something to say. Della didn't wait. She tore off her hat and coat and flopped on the divan. She folded her arms and hugged her breasts and sat looking at Joyce as though she could not utter another word.

To be continued

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Wednesday

5:00 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KSL, Maurice's Orch., KPO, KGW, Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR, Stars of Today, KGW, Afternoon Dances, KOIN; Dance Orch., KOMO.

6:30 p. m.—Jim Backus Show, KSL, Clute Roberts, KGO, KEX, Masters of Music, KGW, Harry W. Finney, KXN, KOIN; Folk Music from Many Lands, KJR; Afternoon Dances, KXN; Streamlined Fairy Tales, KOMO; The Parade, KPO.

8:00 p. m.—Music Hall, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Major Bowes Original Amateur Hour, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Letters to a Lieutenant, KEX, KJR; Voice of Victory, KGO.

8:30 p. m.—Big Town, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Fifteen Minutes from Broadway, KGO; News, KEX; Armchair Cruises, KJR.

7:00 p. m.—Al Pearce's Gang, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Rudy Vallee Show, KGO, KEX, KJR; The First Line, KXN, KOIN, KSL.

7:30 p. m.—Talks, KSL; Red Ryder, KGO, KEX, KJR; Moyle Sisters, KGW; Time Out for Melody, KXN; Leon F. Drews, KOIN; Romance Time, KOMO; Toast to America's Allies, KPO.

8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Fred Waring, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Raymond Clapper, KGO, KJR, KEX.

8:15 p. m.—Lum and Abner, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Sur Les Boulevards, KGO, KJR; Glenn Miller's Orch., KXN, KOIN, KSL; Flowers for the Living, KEX.

8:30 p. m.—Death Valley Days, KXN, KOIN; Fanny Brice, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Over the Top, KGO, KJR, KEX, News, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—News, Here and Abroad, KGO; United We Sing, KXN; Aldrich Family, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Old Times, KJR; Company at Ease, KOIN; Maudie's Diary, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Elmer Queen, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Les Brown's Orch., KGO, KJR; Maudie's Diary, KXN, KOIN; News, KJR, KSL, KEX.

10:00 p. m.—America's Town Meeting of the Air, KGO, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KXN; Masterworks of Music, KSL; On with the Dance, KEX; Five Star Final, KOIN.

10:30 p. m.—Sports, Harry James' Orch., KXN, KSL; Carl Kalaiah's Orch., KPO, KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; Sports Masterworks of Music, KXN; War Time Women, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Swing Your Partner, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; Al Donahue's Orch., KSL.

KOIN; News, KGO; Evening Reveries, KOMO.

Friday

5:00 p. m.—Kate Smith Hour, KSL; H. V. Kaltenborn, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Afternoon Dances, KXN.

5:30 p. m.—Bill Sabransky, KOMO; Seaside News, KGO; Harry W. Finney, KXN, KOIN; America Sings, KGW; Folk Music from Many Lands, KJR; Passing Parade, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Waltz Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Listen America, KEX, KGO, KJR; Lud Gluskin's Orch., KSL; Accent on Music, KXN; Leon F. Drews, KOIN.

6:30 p. m.—Plantation Party, KPO, KOMO, KGW; That Brewster Boy, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Dinah Shore, KGO, KEX.

7:00 p. m.—Ella Maxwell's Party Line, KGO, KJR, KEX; Bob Hawk, KSL, KXN, KOIN; People Are Funny, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

7:30 p. m.—Columbia Workshop, KXN, KOIN; Grand Central Station, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Lightning Jim, KGO, KEX, KJR; Arthur Gaeth, KSL.

8:00 p. m.—Fred Waring, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Meet Your Navy, KEX; Amos 'n' Andy, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Buy Washington, KJR.

8:15 p. m.—Dear John, KXN, KSL, KOIN; Lum and Abner, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

8:30 p. m.—Who Done It, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Gang Busters, KEX, KJR; Playhouse, KXN, KOIN, KSL; Remar Rally, KGO.

9:00 p. m.—News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Kate Smith Hour, KXN, KOIN; News Here and Abroad, KGO; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Meet Your Navy, KJR; Sports, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Teddy Powell's Orch., KGW, KOMO, KPO; News, KSL, KJR; Moonlight Sonata, KEX; Charlie Harper, KGO.

10:00 p. m.—Hollywood Legion Stadium Fights, KGO; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KXN; Studio Party, KEX; Serenade, KJR; Master Works of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Sports, KXN, KSL; Stadium Fights, KGO; Betty Martin, KPO, KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; Northwest Bible Institute, KJR; War Time Women, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Stadium Fights, KEX; Harry Owens' Hawaiians, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Folk Music, KJR; Know Your Navy, KOIN.

The program, put on by Home

The Grange

Phoenix Grange

Phoenix Grange met in regular session Tuesday night with about 50 present, the largest attendance for some time. Four visitors were welcomed, Mrs. Babb and Mrs. Walters of Talent Grange; Mrs. Brockway, Jacksonville Grange; and Mrs. Olive Floyd. Two were obligated in first and second degrees and two more were referred for investigation.

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SUBURBAN HEIGHTS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



keeper, in a lumber company office there.

Mrs. Frances Pearson and her son, Paul, motored to Corvallis, Friday to attend summer school at Oregon State College for the next few weeks.

Bobbie Dunagan of Grants Pass visited here over the week end with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Dole.

Mrs. Sylvia Nye, of Ashland, spent Sunday with her children, who are convalescing from chicken pox at the home of their aunt, Mrs. Dee Hedgpeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bean and son, Darwin, spent the week end at Mrs. Bean's parent's home, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Nye.

E. Bootley, who returned from the hospital a short while ago where he had been for four months with a broken leg, fell at his home, Friday, and is confined to his bed again.

Tobe Carter of Klamath Falls has accepted a position as millwright at the Geote Lumber Co. He is staying with his brother, Hugh Carter.

Mrs. Fannie Lacy of Jenter Village took her little son, Lewis, to Medford, Monday, for medical care for ear trouble.

Arthur Dobyns, who has been employed at the California-Oregon Power Company here for the past two years, left Monday for Glendale to visit his parents a short while, and enlist in the U. S. Navy, the last of his visits.

Miss Nellie Beddingfield of Trail is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Sinclair, at the Geote camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Nye went to the Umpqua Hot Springs, near Diamond Lake, Monday, and will camp there and take baths for the next month. John Greve, Dee Hedgpeth and Dee Hedgpeth helped move their camping outfit in.

Rev. Crawford Vanderpool and Mrs. Vanderpool arrived here from Nampa, Idaho, June 20, and the former has taken up his work as pastor of the local Nazarene church.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webster accompanied their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Arnett of Klamath Falls on a trip to Berkeley, Calif., where they spent the week end with Russell Webster, who is employed at the Cutter Laboratories there. They were joined on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Rex Vowell (Nee Eunice Webster).

Nova Scotia is paying a subsidy of two dollars for each aged and undesirable apple tree removed from commercial orchards.

The Mail Tribune west ed.

Economic committee, featured a mock wedding, in which Mildred Ward as Homer Economics, was the groom, and Ada Bell as Aggie Culture, the bride; Laurel Poling was the bride's father and gave the bride away. The wedding vows were read by Bertha Inman, as the minister, and the part of flower girl was played by Addie Simmonds. Other program features were tap dancing by Darlene Harris and Verda Simmonds and community singing led by Vaughn Quackenbush.

Mrs. Olive Floyd, who represents the USO campaign for funds, advised organizing the grange to canvas this community. Those volunteering were Elva Caster, Phoenix; Mrs. Eta Parker, North Highway; Dollie Stevens, South Highway; Ada Bell, North Phoenix; Mildred Ward, Fern Valley; and Elvin Inman, Coleman Creek, and west of Phoenix, Kathryn Denzer has also offered to help in Phoenix, and these people would appreciate the wholehearted support of each in their district and those planning to give are asked to contact the person responsible for their district, to save some time and effort on the part of the solicitors. Contributions are to be in by July 1.

Plans were made for a picnic to be held at the home of Andrew Stevens July 5. Basket lunch at noon. All Grangers and their families are urged to be present.

LIONS WILL AID BLIND, SOLDIERS

Seaside, Ore., June 25.—(P)—Resolutions at the State Lions club convention last night earmarked surplus lodge funds for aid to the blind and to men now in the armed forces.

Another resolution proposed that inducted men be allowed to retain membership without payment of dues for the duration. That proposal will be made at the Lions International meeting.

R. W. Land, Salem, Dr. Kerby Fortune, Marshfield, and Robert Chrisman, Enterprise, were elected district governors.

Next year's convention was voted to Roseburg.

Mrs. Wilbur Jones, Albany, was elected president of the auxiliary; Mrs. O. L. Adey, Enterprise, vice-president; Mrs. C. V. Hickman, Albany, secretary.

Holman Plan Rapped By Labor Federation

Portland, June 25.—(P)—The State Federation of Labor yesterday upheld the right of school teachers to discuss politics in the classroom.

A letter from Federation Secretary D. E. Nickerson protested Senator Holman's proposal to ban such discussion by an amendment to the Hatch act.

"Your proposal is not only a flagrant invasion of the rights of citizenship to teachers but also is an attempted denial of academic freedom," Nickerson wrote.

Two of the most vital factors in the economic growth of a town are taxes and transportation, says a small town manual just issued by the department of commerce. The manual is free.

Victim Of Jap Attack That Backfired



Bombed into uselessness by carrier-based U. S. navy planes, a Japanese heavy cruiser of the Mogami class gives off volumes of smoke and steam, as navy photographer snapped this aerial view during the Midway battle. This official navy photo was released in Washington.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

by JOHN HIX



PIONEER
Donald W. Douglas, builder of the B-19, was Martin's chief engineer during the last war. Lawrence Bell, whose Bell "Aircobras" are used by Britain and the U. S., was Martin's general manager. J. A. Kindelberger, builder of the North American B-25's which bomber Tokyo, was Martin's chief engineer. Guy Vaughn, president of Curtiss-Wright, was with Martin in 1917. Interesting also is the fact that Edward Boeing was taught to fly by Glenn Martin in 1913!

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Inside Job!



By Al Capp



By Hess

