

MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Cox

Chapter Ten

'No Pictures, No Details'

LEUTENANT BACON of the Homicide Squad was a stiff-backed, graying veteran with shrewd gray eyes and a matter-of-fact way of talking that was deceptive.

"What else do you know about that guy?" he asked.

Kent Murdock replaced the telephone. "Nothing. I've already told you. I only met him last night."

"Tell me again, then," Bacon said, rolling the cigar between his lips with apparent relish. "He married my first wife," Murdock said. "Three or four years ago, but I never knew that until yesterday."

"How did he shape up to you?" "Like a rat."

"He did, huh?" Bacon sucked smoke and made some signal to his blocky assistant, Sergeant Keogh, who brought out a notebook. "And he was at the Losado woman's party this afternoon, and you were there, and your wife, and Dean Thorndike, and this Ward Allen and his girl. Who else?"

"John Nason was there," Murdock said.

Keogh was writing all this down and Bacon said:

"That's the lawyer guy who used to be a purchasing agent for the Germans. Who else?"

Murdock went over near the door and picked up his camera. "Now wait a minute," Bacon said. "I told you no pictures."

Murdock opened a plate case and found a flashbulb. "That's before you found out I could help."

"That makes no difference," Bacon said. "I told you no pictures and—"

"Okay," Murdock shrugged. "No pictures, no details."

He screwed the flashbulb in the synchronized flashgun and waited, dark eyes steady, a grin tipping his mouth. Actually he was not particularly care whether he got any pictures or not. The less publicity the better, considering those involved—and yet, it was his job. If he did not take them now he would never have the chance; if he did, he would have them in case they were needed.

Bacon was glowering now. "You can be made to talk."

"You always say that."

"I ain't kidding."

"I know you're not. I can be made to talk—"

Sergeant Keogh was watching them. So was the fingerprint man and police photographer, both grinning covertly. Bacon made a snorting sound.

The Story

"AHH—nuts. One of these days I'm gonna—" He choked off, turned away, turned back quickly, pointing the stogie. "But just one, understand?"

Murdock was adjusting shutter and focus. "Over by the body," he said. "You and the Sergeant. Block it off a little, will you, and try and look interested."

"All right," Bacon said when it was over. He was still growling, but without rancor. "Now who else was at that cocktail party?"

Murdock told him. That he was here at all had been largely a matter of chance. On his way home from the Courier-Herald he had passed within a block of police headquarters and on a hunch had stopped in to see if Bacon was on duty. A well-known labor organizer had been murdered three days previous and he had wanted to know if anything new had developed. As a result of his curiosity, he had been in Bacon's office when the telephone call came.

He put away his camera as he finished talking and took a turn about the room, which was a typical furnished-apartment layout with a few inexpensive reproductions and some well-worn

overstuffed pieces. The fingerprint man was again busy with his camel's hair brushes and powders, so was the photographer. Throughout the building a couple of plain-clothes men were questioning tenants in an effort to find out who had tipped off the police.

Awaiting the arrival of the medical examiner, the body had not been touched, and Murdock circled over to it.

His profession had accustomed him to the sight of death, yet he could seldom look upon it dispassionately, and there was something about the still figure on the floor that stirred him. Still clad in the gray-striped trousers, Perry Clarke lay flat on his back a few feet back from, and slightly to one side of the door, his feet pointing towards it. He wore a heavy silk house-jacket and underneath this a pearl-gray vest which had been unbuttoned.

Both this and the shirt were blood-soaked and there were two or three small stains along the front of the trousers, extending to the knee. One thing which became at once apparent after close inspection of the vest was that the pattern of the two tiny holes proved that this garment had been opened after the man had been shot.

"Hey, look!"

Next Door

THE fingerprint man was standing by the doorway to the inner hall, pointing to something in the wooden frame. "Here's your slug. One of 'em anyway."

Murdock went over with Bacon and Keogh. About three feet from the floor and half buried in the dark wood was a bullet.

"Good," Bacon said. "Cut it out and don't scratch it. The other one must be in him."

The fingerprint man dropped to one knee and just then the door opened and in walked a dapper, middle-aged man clad in Chesterfield and black Homburg. He wore thick-lensed glasses and a mustache, and in one hand was a leather bag which he promptly dropped on a chair.

"Hello," he said to the room at large.

"Hello, Doc," Bacon said. "Sorry to get you out—"

"Hi," said the examiner's physician. "You did me a favor. He slid out of his coat, removed the one underneath and rolled up his sleeves. "Yes, sir, and in the nick of time. I'd just bid four no-trump and my wife laid down her hand. You should have seen it. I'd've been lucky to take six tricks."

Bacon and Keogh moved up to the doctor knelt beside the body. Murdock sat down again, trying to remember what Joyce had told him about the shooting of Perry Clarke and Ward Allen the night before. Even then, he realized, she had been troubled by Allen's reaction; now with the added complication of murder Murdock was more worried about the affair than he liked to admit. Perry Clarke had been in Caraga, Allen had been in Caraga. . .

"Who opened the vest, Lieutenant?"

The doctor had paused in his inspection to ask the question and there was a note of asperity in his voice.

"I wish I knew," Bacon said. "It was like this when you found him, huh?"

Bacon nodded and looked up as the doctor opened and a burly six-footer entered.

"Yes, Malloy."

"Got something I'd like to show you," the plain-clothes man said. Bacon went to the door and Murdock tagged along behind Keogh.

"We can't find anybody that called or heard the shot," Malloy said. "There's four apartments on a floor. The one next to this"—he gestured toward the front of the building—"is vacant. But this one—I want to show you."

To be continued

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, June 29—(Spl.)—First lieutenant Arthur Gorham returned here by plane Saturday from Camp Williams, Utah, where he has spent the past month in military police training camp. He left Sunday for San Francisco where he will be stationed and will be accompanied there by Mrs. Gorham and their daughter, Donna.

The R. L. Cook home is being repaired by Warren Coppick.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Warburton of California are residing in the Kernal Buhler home for the summer.

Mrs. Earl Moore and daughter, Nadra, spent Thursday and Friday with relatives in Klamath Falls, accompanied by Mrs. Moore's sister-in-law, Mrs. Ray Hall, who has been visiting her parents in Grants Pass.

Among out of town guests at the Daisy Gilchrist and Douglas Cameron home Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Burt Johnson of Hornbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Johnson of Lake O' Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Smith and Mrs. Cecil Johnson of Grants Pass. They attended the funeral of the grandmother, Mrs. Charity Dunger, Friday.

Laurence Lantz, of Lindsay, Cal., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lantz, came Saturday for a short visit with his parents before leaving for officers' training in Florida. He will be in the air corps ground force.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Shoemaker of Campo, Calif., have announced the birth of a son, born June 24 and named Edward Lee. Mr. Shoemaker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shoemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Gardner and Janet Chisholm spent several days last week in Portland where they attended the funeral of their uncle, Joseph Hammarby, of that city.

Mrs. Jack Berry, Sr. of Portland, has been the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Finney.

Past Noble Grand club met June 26 at the George Dorman home with Mrs. Helen Dusenberry as hostess.

This was the last meeting for the summer. Following the business meeting a surprise shower was held for Mrs. Dusenberry. Attending were Mesdames Ruth Lee, Alice Clement, Madge Dorman, Helen Dusenberry, Pearl Ferguson, Mabel Hittel, Elmer Force, Etta Carter, Ethel Martin, Carrie Publ. Mrs. Evelyn Bertrand of California was a visitor.

Mrs. Merritt Davis and son, Dick, returned here Thursday from Tacoma, where they spent the past few weeks visiting Mr. Davis, employed there in the shipyards.

Roby Robinson, private first class, has been transferred to Corvallis from Ft. Stevens. His address is now: T. A. Robinson, C. A. S. C. 1911-M. P. Sec. Camp Adair, Corvallis.

Mr. Clee Gilchrist has been named captain of the group for home hospitality for enlisted men for Gold Hill.

Mrs. Milton Steinmetz and son, Harry Lee, are visiting Mr. Steinmetz at Warrenton, Oregon, where he is employed.

Recent guests of Mrs. Anna Gilchrist were her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Thomas of Ashland.

Clinton Walker is now employed at the Hi-way Inn in Medford and the family will move there, soon.

Mrs. Gertrude Rosecrans and son, Jim, and Mrs. Lillie McKay spent last week-end in Albany, Corvallis, Eugene and Salem.

Zane Becker, son of Abe Becker, local druggist, is listed among the men who are prisoners in Japan.

Private Ellsworth Greer is now stationed at the air base in New Orleans, La., and writes that he likes it there, very much.

Rev. Frank L. Wemmet of Grants Pass has recently been re-appointed supply pastor for the local Methodist church.

RECORD UMATILLA RAIN

Pendleton, June 29—(AP)—Heavy crop and road damage throughout Umatilla county was reported here today as a result of a 36-hour downpour Thursday and Friday totalling 2.03 of an inch, heaviest rainfall recorded in Pendleton for 35 years.

On the Radio Chains

Chain affiliation and where they are on the dial:
KALE (MBS) 1230, Portland.
KEX (NBC-Blue) 1190, Portland.
KGA (NBC-Blue & MBS) 1510, Spokane.
KGO (NBC-Blue) 810, San Francisco.
KGIW (NBC-Red) 630, Portland.
KJH (NBC-Red) 1000, Seattle.
KJN (CBS) 1070, Los Angeles.
KOA (NBC-Red) 850, Denver.
KOIN (CBS) 970, Portland.
KOMO (NBC-Red) 950, Seattle.
KPO (NBC-Red) 680, San Francisco.
KSL (CBS) 1160, Salt Lake City.

Time Shown in PST

Monday

5:00 p. m.—Floyd Wright, KPO, KOMO; Vox Pop, KOIN, KSL, KNX; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW.

5:30 p. m.—Voice, KPO, KOMO, KGW; News, KGO; Harry W. Flannery, KNX, KOIN; Here Comes the Band, KEX; Folk Music from Many Lands, KJR; Voices of Yesterday, KSL.

6:00 p. m.—Radio Theater, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Minstrel Melody, KPO, KOMO; Music by White, KEX; KJR; Jr. Victory Army, KGO; Before the Bombers Come, KGW.

6:30 p. m.—Your Blind Date, KGO; Dr. I. Q. Jim McClain, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KEX; Greater Washington Hour, KJR.

7:00 p. m.—Lightning Jim, KGO, KJR, KEX; Contented Hour, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Freddy Martin's Orch., KNX, KOIN, KSL.

7:30 p. m.—Vaughn Monroe's Orch., KNX, KSL, KOIN; Cavalcade of America, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Fred Waring in Pleasure Time, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Carmen Cavallaro's Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX.

8:15 p. m.—Abe Lyman's Orch., KOIN; Lum and Abner, KGO, KEX, KJR; Time Out for Melody, KJR.

8:30 p. m.—I Love a Mystery, KGO, KEX, KJR; Hawthorne House, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Gay Nineties Revue, KNX, KSL, KOIN.

9:00 p. m.—Telephone Hour, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News Here and Abroad, KGO; I Was There, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Treasury Star Parade, KJR.

9:30 p. m.—Unlimited Horizons, KOMO; Hollywood Showcase, KNX, KOIN; News, KSL, KJR, KEX; Your Mayor Speaks, KGW; Let There Be Music, KGO; Toast to American Allies, KPO.

10:00 p. m.—Nat'l. Radio Forum, KGO, KEX, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Masterworks of Music, KSL; News, KNX; Five Star Final, KOIN.

10:30 p. m.—Manchester Buddy, KOMO; Henderson Lavere Piano Team, KGO, KJR; Alvin Roy's Orch., KSL, Sports, KNX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; War Time Women, KOIN; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX.

11:00 p. m.—Wilbur Hatch's Orch., KSL, KOIN; Moonlight and Music.

KPO: This Moving World, KEX, KJR; News, KGO; Dance, KGO, KOW; News, KNX; Reveries, KOMO.

Tuesday

5:00 p. m.—Ray Harrington's Orch., KPO, KOW; Are You a Missing Heir, Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; News, KOIN; Stars of Today, KGW; Afternoon Dances, KNX; Musical Portraits, KOMO.

5:30 p. m.—Nature of the Enemy, KSL; Clete Reports, KEX, KGO; Horace Heidt's Treasure Chest, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Harry W. Flannery, KNX, KOIN; Folk Music from Many Lands, KJR.

6:00 p. m.—American Melody Hour, KNX, KSL; Burns and Allen, KEX, KOW, KOMO; Green Hornet, KEX; Voice of Victory, KGO; Dance Time, KJR; Melodites, KOIN.

6:30 p. m.—American Songs, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Cheers from the Camps, KGO, KNX; Inevitable Mr. Sand, KGO, KJR; News, KEX.

7:00 p. m.—Counter Spy, KGO, KJR, KEX; Cheers from the Camps, KNX, KOIN, KSL; A Date with Judy, KPO, KOMO, KGW.

7:30 p. m.—Tommy Dorsey's Orch., KPO, KOW, KOMO; Red Ryder, KGO, KJR, KEX; Talks, KSL, KOIN; Time Out for Melody, KNX.

8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Lou Broeze's Orch., KGO, KJR; Fred Waring in Pleasure Time, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Air Base Hi Jinks, KEX.

8:30 p. m.—Information Please, KGO, KEX, KJR; Are You a Missing Heir, KNX, KOIN; Johnny Presents, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—Duffy's Tavern, KNX, KOIN, KSL; News Here and Abroad, KGO; Adventures of the Thin Man, KPO, KOW, KOMO; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Musicals, KJR.

9:30 p. m.—Mellow Moods, KGO, KJR; Battle of the Sexes, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Raffles, KNX, KOIN; News, KEX.

10:00 p. m.—Rumba Revue, KGO, KEX, KJR; Reporter News, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Masterworks of Music, KSL; News, KNX; Five Star Final, KOIN.

10:30 p. m.—Sports, KSL, KNX; Harry Owens Hawaiians, KOMO, KPO; Freddy Martin's Orch., KGO, KJR; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; War Time Women, KOIN.

11:00 p. m.—Swing Your Partner, KPO, KGW; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; Al Donahue's Orch., KOIN; News, KGO, KNX; Reveries, KOMO.

STATE OSTEOPATH HEAD

Portland, June 29—(AP)—Fred Richards, Forest Grove, was elected president of the Oregon Osteopathic association Saturday in the final sessions of its annual convention.

NEED MORE PICKERS

Portland, June 29—(AP) Chris With the strawberry harvest at its peak, Gerald C. Knapp, Portland manager of the U. S. employment service, said today hundreds more pickers are needed.

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

SUBURBAN HEIGHTS



FRED PERLEY IS OUT OF PATIENCE WITH HIS FELLOW COMMITTEES ON THE 8-15 BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL TURNED INTO SUCH RADICAL MILITARY EXPERTS AND STRATEGISTS THAT HE NEVER GETS A CHANCE TO TELL THEM HOW THE WAR REALLY OUGHT TO BE RUN

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Possessions
4. Cold dish
5. Tree
12. Old French coin
13. Old womanish
14. Sound of cattle
15. Cleaning implement
17. Shoemaker's tool
18. Settled in advance
19. Disorder
20. Bilingual
21. Basketball drill
22. Love and
23. Footing
24. Government
25. Acquire by labor
26. Gallie
27. Killer whale
28. Precipitous
29. Tribe or clan
30. Burn
31. Stuntlike
32. Number
33. East Indian
34. Cornering
35. Told an untruth
36. One in favor of
37. Metal mag.
38. Settled by an electric current
39. Tattered
40. Ringing voice
41. Masculine name
42. Ancient chariot
43. Depart
44. Term of address
45. Make lace

DOWN
1. Filter plant
2. Acidity
3. Unusual merit
6. Youthful beauty
7. The herb dill
8. Feasible
9. Vagabond
10. Advocate of freeing slaves
11. Shape
12. Black bird
13. Misfortune
14. Krimla
15. Slow musical movement
16. Wandering
17. Blind acrobat
18. Walrus
19. Thin metal plate or disk
20. Smart
21. Close
22. Ready
23. Mediterranean sailing vessel
24. Decide
25. Visit in person
26. Endure
27. Scotch
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29. South American
30. Hindu festival
31. Change position
32. Singsong
33. Boar

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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