

MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Cox

Chapter 23 The Divorce

Hector stopped, coloring faintly. "Well, Perry had an idea. He'd help put over my campaign—Miguel knew him of course as my partner, but did not know I was married—if I would give him a share of whatever I got."

She laughed abruptly. "You could always count on Perry if there was any money involved. But anyway, he did help. He cultivated Miguel, and found out how he felt about me, and all the time he was working me a marvelous build-up. Don't ask me why he felt, but one day I knew he had—and then he was so impatient that I was afraid I'd lose him. He wanted to marry me. He said I must go back to Caragusa with him the next week or not at all."

"That scared me. I had no divorce yet, nor any idea that he planned to return so soon. But Perry said not to worry; he'd get the divorce and as soon as he had, he'd come back and get me. Well, Miguel bought me a trousseau and got me a French maid, and I delayed things as much as I could, and we finally sailed for San Baria."

She paused, searching Murdock's face. "He wanted to get married the week we arrived, I tried to think of excuses and sent cables to Perry and—oh, I was frantic. I finally had to go to bed and pretend I was sick. I stayed there three weeks, believe it or not, until I got word from Perry and a copy of the divorce."

"We were married in July, Kent and from then on everything was different. Miguel was older, and kind, and there was plenty of money for everything. Later, Perry came, he gave him money from time to time. Actually I could have given him more because Miguel was generous, but instead of that I began to send drafts to Dean Thorndike to invest for me."

She sighed and sat up. "Just before Miguel died, Perry came to me for a showdown. How much was I going to settle on him? How much would I inherit? I told him what I thought and he said he wanted a hundred thousand or he'd go to my husband's idea being that when Miguel died I'd be a rich woman. He said I'd deceived him he would cut me off."

"So yesterday I paid him, because he wanted to go away and I knew I would have more the first of the month. I could have refused if I had wanted to, but I didn't. I had it and I paid, and now that I've lost a hundred thousand by being so prompt, I'm taking the half million I'll get and buy government bonds so I can be safe."

The Kim
SHE stood up, offering her hand to pull him up beside her. "And that," she said, smiling up at him, "is the story of my life. Before that there was you, and before that the chorus, and before that the little coal mining town in Pennsylvania—but you know all those things."

She snapped on the radio and went over to make herself a highball. The music of an orchestra swelled into being and when she had sampled the drink she put her arm up.

"Dance with me."

They danced silently for a while and Murdock was barely aware of her or of the music, so busy was he with his thoughts. The piece ended and there was an announcement. Someone began to play the piano. They danced a few steps and then Murdock stopped, his arm still about her.

Hector was watching him. She stood very close, his palm on the small of her back, her head tilted. He smiled down into her eyes, still tingling with the spell of the music, and not quite realizing that she was leaning closer and lifting her face until, somehow, his mouth found hers and she was kissing him back, her arm sliding about his neck and drawing him to her.

For a long moment they stood locked in each other's arms, the scent of her in the back of his throat, her body crushing against him, then something happened and suddenly he was standing alone, his face hot and his hands at his sides. Something had changed in Hector too. Her eyes held scorn and mockery in them, and her mouth was no longer soft.

"Still the Puritan, aren't you?" "I'm sorry, Hector. It's no good. Her face was flushed now, and her lashes made narrow frames for her eyes."

"I've been wondering about you," she said, "and your wife—Does she ever let herself go or—?" "I'm still in love with her, if that's what you mean. His cheeks were still hot but he kept his voice level. "Let's skip the rest of it, Hector."

He turned and made a drink. When he turned back he saw with relief that she had changed again. Her eyes still mocked him as she handed him her glass but when she spoke her voice was sardonic and stiff rather than angry.

"You're right of course," she said. "I didn't mean to be nasty but I couldn't help remembering." "She stopped, eying him askant. "I'm going to tell you something. I've always hated you just a little. You practically kicked me out of bed, you know."

Oh, yes, you did. And looking back I can't say that I blame you. My slant on marriage wasn't all that it should have been, was it?"

To Make Trouble
SHE perched on the arm of the divan, swinging one leg. "I came here to see just how things were with you. I could as well have gone to New York, but I was out to cause a little trouble, to see how your wife took it, and if you had changed your mind."

"I don't believe it," Murdock said. "You were sore at me once but—"

"I still was. Maybe I still am. You were the one man that I loved," she smiled—"brushed me off."

There was something flat and brittle in her voice. She was very elaborate in her calmness, very cool, and yet he had the feeling that deep down something smoldered, resentment, anger, hate—he could not tell, he only knew that the things he saw in her eyes made him uncomfortable. He could not tell how much to believe, or whether to believe anything at all, and she went on, leaving him with nothing more than the uneasy impression that she had made him feel like this before, a long time ago.

"But that's over, Kent," she was saying. "Really. For two reasons. One, you and your wife are too close. A little dull, I think, but close enough at least to make me lose interest. Two, I think I may have fallen for Dean Thorndike."

"He's a nice guy," Murdock said with an inward sigh of relief.

"Now you can go," she said. "And thanks for coming, it was fun."

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On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:
Chain affiliation and where they are on the dial:
KAL (NBC) 1330, Portland.
KGA (NBC-Blue & CBS) 1310.
KGO (NBC-Blue) 810.
KSN (NBC-Red) 810.
KGO (NBC-Blue) 1070.
KGO (NBC-Blue) 830.
KSN (NBC-Red) 930.
KGO (NBC-Blue) 630.
KSN (NBC-Red) 1130.
Salt Lake City.

Time shown in PST

Sunday
5:00 p. m.—Star Spangled Vaudeville. KPO, KOW, KMO: World News Tonight. KXJ, KMO: Gospel Clinic. KJR: Heroes of the War. KAL.

5:30 p. m.—Song Shop Romance. KGO, KEX, One Man's Family. KPO, KOW, KMO: William Winter. KXJ, KMO: William Winter. KXJ, KMO: William Winter. KXJ, KMO: William Winter.

6:00 p. m.—Mitscha the Magnificent. KXJ, KMO: Phil Bovero's Orch. KJR: Manhattan Merry-Go-Round. KPO, KOW, KMO: America's Town Meeting. KXJ, KMO: Speaking of Sports. KGO.

6:30 p. m.—American Album of Familiar Music. KPO, KOW, KMO: Star Theater. KXJ, KMO: Jimmie Fidler. KGO, KJR, KEX.

7:00 p. m.—Hour of Charm. KPO, KOW, KMO: Goodwill Hour. KXJ, KMO: KJR: Take It Or Leave It. KXJ, KMO: KJR: Take It Or Leave It.

7:30 p. m.—Report to the Nation. KAL, KMO: Walter Winchell. KPO, KOW, KMO: Ingelwood Park Concert. KXJ.

8:00 p. m.—Crime Doctor. KXJ, KMO: John Robert Pason. KXJ, KMO: John Robert Pason. KXJ, KMO: John Robert Pason.

8:30 p. m.—Story Behind the Headlines. KPO, KOW, KMO: Sunday Evening Service. KAL.

9:00 p. m.—Quis Kida. KGO, KEX, KJR: Les Brown's Orch. KXJ, KMO: Remarkable Miss Tuttle. KPO, KOW, KMO.

9:30 p. m.—Ocean Music. KOW, KMO: William Winter. KXJ, KMO: Granddaddy and His Pals. KGO, KEX, KJR: Everybody's Music. KMO: Art Linkletter's Interviews. KPO: String Ensemble. KAL.

9:30 p. m.—Teddy Powell's Orch. KOW: Del Courtney's Orch. KGO, KEX, KJR: Leon F. Drews. KXJ, KMO: We Believe. KMO: Regal Ambassadors. KPO: On Temple Square. KAL.

10:00 p. m.—Reporter News. KPO, KOW, KMO: Freddy Martin's Orch. KGO, KEX, KJR: Vespers. KJR: Emil Cote Singers. KAL.

10:30 p. m.—Quiet Hour. KEX, KJR: Irish Eyes. KOW: Gospel Hour. KJR: Report to the Nation. KXJ, KMO: Women. KXJ, KMO: Sabbath Reveries. KAL.

11:00 p. m.—Manny Strand's Orch. KXJ, KMO: Harry Owens' Orch. KPO, KOW, KMO: News. KXJ, KGO.

Monday
5:00 p. m.—Don Vining. KPO: Vox Pop. KAL, KXJ, KMO: Stars of Today. KOW: Translunettes. KMO.

5:30 p. m.—News. KGO: Voice. KPO, KOW, KMO: Harry W. Flan-

ney. KXJ, KMO: Here Comes the Band. KEX: Folk Music from Many Lands. KJR: Melodious Moderns. KAL. 6:00 p. m.—Victory Theater. KXJ, KMO: Goldstein Band Concert. KXJ, KJR: Victory Army. KGO: Oregon on Guard. KOW.

6:30 p. m.—Paul Walsh. KGO: Dr. I. Q. from McClain. KJO, KOW, KMO: News. KEX: Greater Washington Hour. KJR.

7:00 p. m.—Your Blind Date. KPO, KJR, KEX: Contended Hour. KPO, KOW, KMO: Freddy Martin's Orch. KXJ, KMO: KJR.

7:30 p. m.—Vaughn Monroe's Orch. KXJ, KMO: Cavalcade of America. KPO, KOW, KMO: Lightening Jim. KGO, KEX, KJR.

8:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy. KXJ, KMO: KJR: Fred Waring. KPO, KOW, KMO: Earl Bodwin. KPO, KJR, KEX.

8:15 p. m.—Ray Kinney's Orch. KXJ, KMO: Comedy Story. KPO, KOW, KMO: Lam and Abner. KPO, KOW, KJR: News. KAL: Time Out for Melody. KXJ.

8:30 p. m.—Hawthorne House. KPO, KOW, KMO: Unlimited Horizons. KEX, KGO, KJR: Major Noogie. KGO, KJR: Gay Nineties Revue. KXJ, KMO: KJR.

9:00 p. m.—Telephone Hour. KPO, KOW, KMO: News Here and Abroad. KGO: I Was There. KXJ, KMO: Down Memory Lane. KEX: Treasury Star Parade. KJR: Sports. KAL.

9:30 p. m.—Hollywood Showcases. KXJ, KMO: Unlimited Horizons. KPO, KOW, KJR: KAL: Let There Be Music. KGO: Toast to American Allies. KPO.

10:00 p. m.—Natl Radio Forum. KGO, KEX, KJR: Reporter News. KPO, KOW, KMO: Masterworks of Music. KAL, KXJ: Fire Star Final. KXJ.

10:30 p. m.—Henderson La Vere. KXJ, KMO: Broadway Bandwagon. KEX: Moonlight Sonata. KOW: War Time Wompe. KXJ, KJR: Ice Polka. KPO.

11:00 p. m.—Wilbur Hatch's Orch. KAL, KXJ, KMO: Music and Moonlight. KPO: This Moving World. KEX, KJR: News. KGO, KXJ: Reveries. KMO.

British Ace Killed in Raid On France
London, July 18.—(AP)—Wing Commander Brendan (Paddy) Finucane, RAF ace credited with destruction of 32 German planes, was killed last Tuesday in a crash off the French coast after a German machine-gun bullet disabled his Spitfire, the air ministry announced tonight.

It was a "million to one chance" shot which ended the career of the 22-year-old ace as he was leading his wing during the largest mass attack yet carried out on German targets in France.

London, July 18.—(AP)—Reuters reported today that the Germans have seized Anton von Duinkerton and six other Dutch writers and singers as hostages.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEAGUE

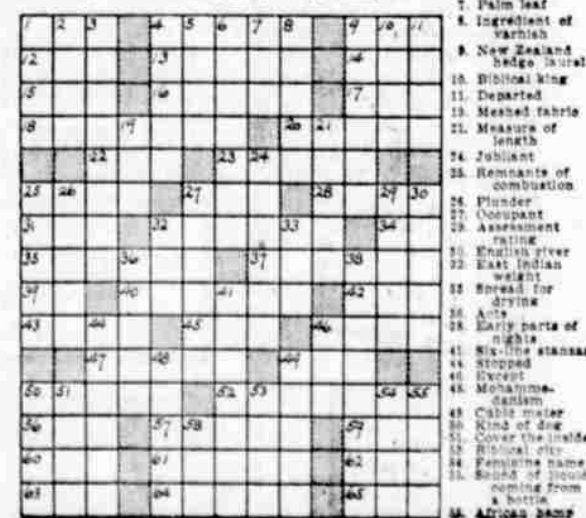
By CLUYAS WILLIAMS



WHEN BUD BEHMS GOT HIT IN THE EYE WITH A BATTED BALL, THE TEAM THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD CHANCE TO SHOW HOW MUCH KNOWLEDGE OF FIRST AID THEY HAD PICKED UP AT HOME.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Deep reverence
4. English dynasty
8. Children's game
12. Mountain
13. Anoint
14. Gown by
15. Ignited
16. Measures of distance
17. Flowed
18. Green copper
19. Great likeness
20. Thing law
21. Article of belief
22. Enclosure
23. Distant prefix
24. Metric land measure
25. Tomboy
27. Cylindrical
28. And Latin
29. Ooliterated
30. Moving wagon
31. East Indian
32. Groom
33. Masculine nickname
34. Girdle
35. Treatise for printing
36. Fried star
37. Group of pupils
38. Lanelle
39. Thirdward
40. Pronoun
41. Gladly
42. Nothing
43. Number
44. Behind
45. African
46. Antelope
47. Harry
48. Indifferent
49. Law
50. Hang down



Solution of Saturday's Puzzle

DOWN
1. Competent
2. River dam
3. Wholly
4. Kind of woolen cloth
5. Single thing
6. Canceled
7. Palm leaf
8. Incontinent of varnish
9. New Zealand
10. Biblical king
11. Departed
12. Measured fabric
13. Measure of length
14. Jobiant
15. Remnants of combustion
16. Plunder
17. Coquaint
18. Assuredly
19. Enslaving
20. English river
21. East Indian
22. Spread for drying
23. Afters
24. Early parts of night
25. Six-line stanza
26. Stopped
27. Except
28. Mohamudan
29. Gabled
30. Kind of dog
31. Cover the inside
32. Official title
33. Pennsylvania name
34. Sound of liquid
35. Afters

Ex-Medford Sailor Decorated By Navy

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HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Over the Wall



LIL ABNER—Here They Go Agin'!



THE NEBBES—A Lonely Man



The Grange

Gold Hill Grange
Gold Hill Grange met in regular session July 16. Four new members received third and fourth degrees. They are Mrs. Chas. Lee, Mrs. Medaion De Moux, Robert Burton and Chas. Lee, Jr. We welcome them as new members.

Grange annual picnic will be held Thursday, July 30, at 7 p. m. Each member bring a covered dish, sandwiches and service for themselves. H.E.C. will furnish coffee, and the losing side in the recent attendance contest will furnish the ice cream. Bring your own sugar. All Gold Hill Grangers are invited.

July 25 will be Pomona meeting at Central Point. Bring desserts. Also on July 25 will be recreation meeting at Gold Hill Grange. Dancing, games and card playing. Ice cream and cookies will be served to defray expenses. All are welcome.

JUNKER FORCED DOWN

Ankara, Turkey, July 17.—(Delayed)—(AP)—The second twin-engine German Junker 88 bomber forced down in Turkish territory in five days in Turkish in the sea at Trabzon today because of engine trouble.

Christian Church To Conduct Services In Park This Evening

The Union service in the city park will begin at 8 o'clock this afternoon. The First Christian church will furnish special music for the service and the Rev. R. W. Coleman will deliver the sermon of the afternoon in response to the question "What Can Christians Do in a World at War?"

All of the ministers and chaplains who can be present are requested to sit on the platform and to participate in the service.

The open air service is proving very popular with the people of Medford this year. Cantonment workers and service men are especially invited to share the meeting with the citizens of Medford.

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CAMP OFFICER TO ADDRESS KIWANIS

The Kiwanis club will play host at its Medford Hotel luncheon Monday noon to Major General Charles H. Gerhardt, commander of the 91st Division at Camp White, and Lieut.-Colonel R. A. Eads, chemical officer for the 91st Division. The latter officer will speak on "Incendiary warfare," dwelling particularly on the vulnerability of the local coast area to such methods.

Lieut.-Colonel Eads, lately assigned to this station, is a former professor of chemistry at Texas A. and M.

Because of the presence of the high ranking officers and interest in what they may have to say, a large attendance is expected at the Kiwanis luncheon meeting and Chairman W. E. Thomas requests that non-members who wish to attend contact him during the morning so that sufficient accommodations may be arranged.

Portland, Ore., July 18—(AP)—

All Portland produce prices steady, unchanged.

CAMP BOND SALE TOTALS \$31,106

Workmen at Camp White gave the contractors a real figure to shoot at when the contractors declared they would match whatever sum the men put into war bonds on July 4. Figures released Saturday by Major Theron W. Bean, area engineer, show the workers celebrated the national holiday by allocating their day's wages for bonds totaling \$31,106.

True to their promise, the firms making up Contractors Medford Cantonment purchased \$32,000 worth of the securities.

It was pointed out that the April 4 purchases were in addition to the large number of bonds being taken by cantonment workers, many of whom have made regular weekly or monthly allocations from their pay for the purpose.

Keep 'Em Rolling at Ashland Roller Rink

Plan A Party. Call 5681 Ashland. "For Health's Sake, Roller Skate" Tue., Thur., Sat., Sun., Even

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

by JOHN HIX



BILL GOLDMARK, BROOKLYN, JUMPS THROUGH A 100-LB. BARBELL!



HALEAKALA VOLCANO—
Maui, Hawaii—
IS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST EXTINCT CRATER... 20 MILES IN CIRCUMFERENCE, 1/2 MILE DEEP, ALL MANHATTAN COULD BE BURIED IN IT!

THOUGH ONCE SETTING WITH MOLTEN LAVA, THIS 10,000-FOOT CONE IS NOW ONE OF THE COLDEST PLACES IN THE PACIFIC!



THOUGH TERMITES EAT WOOD, THEY CANNOT DIGEST IT. IT MUST BE RENDERED DIGESTIBLE BY MINUTE ORGANISMS WHICH LIVE IN THEIR STOMACHS!

Monday—BACKWARD RIVER!

CAPTAIN'S BARS FOR SGT. LUCY OF CAMP WHITE

Master Sergeant C. R. Lucy, camp ordnance sergeant, Camp White, received word Saturday of his promotion to captain, effective July 15. He expects to be assigned to duty with the ordnance department at Camp White.

The newly commissioned officer has had a long and colorful career in the army, having first enlisted in the Coast Artillery corps in May 1922. He has had three tours of foreign service in the Philippine Islands, serving on Corregidor, Fort McKinley, Batangas, Port of Manila and in northern Luzon. He has served at most army posts on the east and west coasts as well as inland posts.

He went overseas with the Fifth Division as a second lieutenant in World War one and participated in the battles of Frapelle, St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne and was gassed and wounded in action. He was discharged as a first lieutenant in April, 1919, re-enlisted as a staff sergeant of infantry and has served continually since.

Captain Lucy was stationed in Medford twenty years ago with Headquarters Organized Reserves under the late Colonel Gordon Voorhies. The Lucys then resided in the Godlove bungalow on Woodstock street for eight months.

Captain and Mrs. Lucy live at 58 Bush street, Ashland, where they have resided since coming here in May of this year.

PHONE RECORDS MAY BE LEFT AT LEGION STATION

A reception depot will be set up Monday in the corner room of the Liberty building, Main and Grape streets, for the records for our fighting men" drive being conducted by the American Legion and auxiliary. The nation-wide effort has for its objective the furnishing of 37,500,000 phonograph records for army and navy stations, Red Cross and U.S.O.

Damaged records as well as good ones are acceptable, according to Fritz Nissen, Medford American Legion post adjutant, who stated that the broken or scratched platters will be sold to record manufacturing firms for recasting; the funds so received to be applied on the purchase of new records.

In addition to the pleasure and enhanced morale which the records will provide for the fighting men, Nissen pointed out that there is a conservation angle in the drive as shellac which is an important element in making the records is no longer obtainable and the salvaged plates will help fill this need.

NAZI WRATH ON POLES

London, July 18.—(AP)—Polish circles reported today the Germans executed 100 Polish hostages, including four women, in the town of Zgierz in reprisal for the shooting of two gestapo agents.

Youth Survives Toadstools

Portland, July 18.—(AP)—Nothing worse than a severe stomach ache apparently had resulted today from a lunch that seven-year-old Victory Campbell ate of toadstools in his front yard late yesterday.

Central Point Grange
Home Economics Club of Central Point Grange will hold their annual picnic at the home of Mrs. Virgil Burwell, Wednesday, July 22, at 10 o'clock. Pot luck dinner and each bring own service.