

MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Cox

Chapter 23 Up The Dark Stair

IN FRONT of the doorway she hesitated, and looked up and down the street. Suddenly she found herself shivering. Not from cold, for the night was warm, nor from fear; but from the full knowledge of what the delivery of the envelope meant. Until now she had been able to keep this thought well back in her mind. But there it was and she had no choice. Better to betray the secret of Ward Allen's South American trouble than to have the police find out that he was in Perry Clarke's apartment at the time of the murder.

The wooden treads were worn in smooth hollows and each had a sound of its own as she put her weight upon it. In all that stillness the creaking of her progress was loud and disconcerting, and she went steadily upward, one hand on the banister, neither hurrying nor lagging.

In itself, the second floor was dark, the only light coming through a frosted glass panel halfway down on the left-hand side. Although she realized that this must be the office she sought, she paused for a second to orient herself.

There was no sign on the door, just the number 26; and in the left-hand lower corner the notice: Enter 24. She went back to the preceding door, took a breath and knocked.

The effort was weak, as she realized when she heard it, so she knocked again, aware now that some light was also filtering through this panel. Alarm struck at her when there was no answer, and she was about to knock again when a muffled voice bade her enter.

"Come in."

She turned the knob, stepped forward, pausing with the door partly open, noting that the room was in darkness and that the light she had noticed came from the adjoining office, the door of which was open. She pushed on, her eyes on the lighted doorway beyond as she felt behind her to close the door.

She was never quite sure what warned her. She heard nothing, saw nothing but the lighted doorway. She sensed rather than felt the threat, and suddenly, with nothing more than this premonition, she knew that someone else was here in this room. Close to her.

Something fell about her and the weight of heavy cloth settled over her head. She screamed once, but the sound was stifled at her lips. The quick hand pressure of two arms went about her shoulders, and the fabric came rough and tight against her face, and when she tried to scream again there was no air. She could not breathe. Her senses reeled and the strength went from her body and she was sinking down and down and down.

Out Of The Night

WHEN Joyce Murdock saw Delia go through the darkened doorway and disappear, she was sitting well forward on the seat, her arms circling the wheel. She remained that way until she realized what she was doing, then she leaned back, found a cigarette and fired it with the car lighter.

Going back over the sequence of events which had led up to this rendezvous, she realized how difficult it would be to commit the perfect crime.

This line of thought ended abruptly in a new and startling conclusion and she wondered why she had not thought of it before. If the man Delia was meeting

QUEEN—Helen O'Hara, Los Angeles model, queen of the California Millinery Openings, wears velvet fall hat.

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:
Chain affiliation and where they are on the dial:
KALE (MBS) 1330, Portland.
KEX (NBC-Blue) 1190, Portland.
KGA (NBC-Blue & MBS) 1510, Spokane.
KUG (NBC-Blue) 810, San Francisco.
KGW (NBC-Red) 620, Portland.
KJL (NBC-Blue) 1060, Seattle.
KNA (CBS) 1070, Los Angeles.
KOA (NBC-Red) 850, Denver.
KOIN (CBS) 870, Portland.
KOMO (NBC-Red) 850, Seattle.
KPO (NBC-Red) 680, San Francisco.
KSL (CBS) 1160, Salt Lake City.

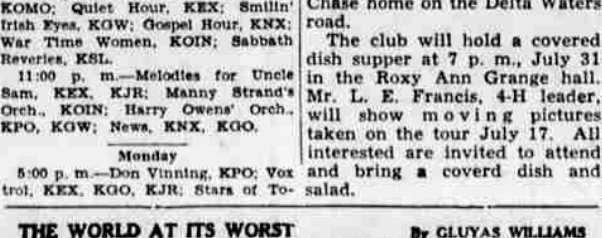
Time shown to PST
Sunday
5:00 p. m.—Star Spangled Vaudeville, KPO, KGW, KOMO; The Inevitable Mr. Sand, KGO, KEX; World News Tonight, KNX, KOIN; Gospel Clinic, KJR; Heroes of the War, KSL.
5:30 p. m.—Song Shop Romance, KGO, KEX; One Man's Family, KPO, KGW, KOMO; William Winter, KNX; Ellington White Recital, KOIN; Vesper Hymns, KSL.
6:00 p. m.—Mischka, the Magnificent, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Phil Boyer's Orch., KJR; Manhattan Merry-Go-Round, KPO, KGW, KOMO; America's Town Meeting, KEX; Speaking of Sports, KGO.
6:30 p. m.—American Album of Familiar Music, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Jimmie Fidler, KGO, KEX, KJR; Star Theater, KNX, KSL, KOIN.
7:00 p. m.—Hour of Charm, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Goodwill Hour, KGO, KEX, KJR; Take It Or Leave It, KNX, KSL, KOIN.
7:30 p. m.—They Live Forever, KSL, KOIN; Walter Winchell, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Ingelwood Park Concert, KNX.
8:00 p. m.—Crime Doctor, KNX, KOIN; John Robert Paason, KOMO; Earl Godwin, KGO, KEX, KJR; Music for a Night, KPO, News, KSL.
8:15 p. m.—Story Behind the Headlines, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Sunday Evening Service, KSL.
8:30 p. m.—Quiz Kids, KGO, KEX, KJR; Les Brown's Orch., KNX, KOIN; Remarkable Miss Tuttle, KPO, KOMO, KGW.
9:00 p. m.—Organ Music, KGW; William Winter, KNX, KOIN; Grandpappy and His Pal, KGO, KEX; Everybody's Music, KOMO; Art Linkletter Interview, KPO; String Ensemble, KSL.
9:30 p. m.—Teddy Powell's Orch., KGW; Del Courtney's Orch., KGO; News, KEX, KJR; Leon F. Drews, KOIN; We Believe, KOMO; Regal Amblings, KPO; On Temple Square, KSL.
10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Valley of the Shadow, KGO, KEX; News, KOIN; Vesper, KJR; Emil Cote Singers, KSL.
10:30 p. m.—When Evening Comes, KOMO; Quiet Hour, KEX; Smilin' Irish Eyes, KGO; Gospel Hour, KNX; War Time Women, KOIN; Sabbath Reveries, KSL.
11:00 p. m.—Melodies for Uncle Sam, KJR; Manny Strand's Orch., KOIN; Harry Owens' Orch., KPO, KGW; News, KNX, KGO.

Monday
5:00 p. m.—Don Vining, KPO; Vox tool, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of the Week, KSL.

News of 4-H CLUBS
Roxy Ann 4-H club met July 23 at the home of Mrs. Higgins to plan for the community fair to be held August 7 at the Cecil Chase home on the Delta Waters road.

The club will hold a covered dish supper at 7 p. m., July 31 in the Roxy Ann Grange hall. Mr. L. E. Francis, 4-H leader, will show moving pictures taken on the tour July 17. All interested are invited to attend and bring a covered dish and salad.

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST
By CLUYAS WILLIAMS



Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Hebrew measure
2. Soft drink
3. Belay
4. Strategem
5. In a time
6. Bleat
7. Hawaiian
8. Division of ancient
9. Black bird
10. Gasteropod
11. Ocean
12. Male descendant
13. June bug
14. Part of the eye
15. Revolved
16. Seattle
17. Grendy
18. Cattle fly
19. Greek letter
20. Cluster of fibers
21. In wool
22. Kind of seaweed
23. Put on
24. Artista
25. Student
26. Before long
27. Snore
28. Pasture
29. Vegetable
30. Term of address
31. Thine; law
32. Languished
33. Arable
34. Marriage
35. Russian city
36. Filling
37. Weight
38. Part of the eye
39. Biblical region
40. Age
41. Transmit
42. Gave for time
43. Down
44. Nocturnal birds
45. Bearlike
46. Lamb's pen
47. Lived
48. Successful
49. Metaliferous rocks
50. Rounded roofs
51. On the windward side
52. Humble
53. Light boat
54. Corrupt
55. Record of a ship's voyage
56. Cover the top again
57. Tier
58. Genius of the frog
59. Ship's crane
60. Frigate
61. Needy
62. Tavern
63. Female deer
64. Article of dress
65. With up
66. Tropical fruit
67. Talk idly
68. Tule
69. Answer the purpose
70. Witnessed
71. Number of the Muse
72. Lustrous ledge
73. Smell
74. Buy

Solution of Saturday's Puzzle

DOUBLE FEATURE SHOWS NEAR END
Chicago, July 25.—(AP)—Samuel Goldwyn, the Hollywood producer, forecasts an early death for double feature movies.

Twin bills have been taking too much of the time that should be devoted to war subjects, he said yesterday in an interview broadcast by radio station WGN.

By war subjects, Goldwyn said, he meant films that would tell the public how they can best help the government carry on the war to a successful conclusion.

Goldwyn said he didn't approve of pictures that merely poked fun at the axis.

DESTROYER LAUNCHED
Quincy, Mass., July 25.—(AP)—The U. S. S. Champlain, one of four destroyers built this year at the Fore River Shipyard of the Bethlehem Steel company, was launched today.

PACKING SCHOOL REGISTRATION TO END ON JULY 29

Registration for the 1942 packing school will end July 29, those in charge announced Saturday. It was urged that all interested in attending this year's packing school make application for enrollment at any of the packing houses or at Medford senior high school.

Complete directions and announcements are being mailed to all those who have signed up for the course. First session begins Monday, August 3, at 9 a. m. The afternoon session begins at 1 o'clock. Classes will be held regularly from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4. Arrangements have been made to lengthen class periods if thought advisable by the fruit industry in order for students to complete the training in time to be ready at the beginning of the season. Present plans call for the class to end on August 14. Classes will be held six days a week. Students may attend either session but not both. There is a small registration fee which is returned when the course is completed.

Certificates will be granted by the State department of Vocational Education to each student who satisfactorily completes the course.

Mrs. M. L. Vorheis will be in charge of instruction. All work at the school will be on instructional basis and no commercial pack is planned. Students completing the course will go directly to the packing plants as they are needed.

Fern Valley
Fern Valley, July 25.—(Spl.) Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steele are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steele Jr. of Seattle Wash.

Edwin Neill left for Portland Monday.

Mrs. H. H. Puhl and children are spending this week at Lake O' Woods.

Joe Kantor Jr. is recovering from a sprained wrist caused from cranking a spray engine.

Miss Mary Hensler left July 15 for St. Riley, Kas., where she was called to serve as nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Marshall were guests Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammond of Four Corners.

Lula Roberts of Phoenix was a guest at the L. H. Hughes home Wednesday. Other guests during the week were Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Loosley of Eagle Point.

Russell Dunham of Marshfield was a business caller in Fern Valley Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Eldridge are moving to the S. Mitchell ranch near Ashland.

Mrs. L. O. Penland has as her guest her daughter and little granddaughter of San Francisco.

BOY, 5, SUFFOCATES IN UNUSUAL REFRIGERATOR
Tappanish, Wash., July 25.—(AP)—Gary Gibson, 5, died of suffocation here yesterday a few hours after his mother, Mrs. Floyd Gibson, found him trapped in an unused refrigerator on the back porch of their home. He had been missing several hours when found.

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Hot Spot



L'L ABNER—A Fate Worse Than Death!!



THE NEBBS—A Secret to Share



Prospect

Prospect, July 25.—(Spl.)—Sunday guests at the Howard home at the Goetz camp included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bailey and son, and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Filling, all of Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fairchild and daughter Dorothy motored to Lake O' Woods, and also visited relatives at Port Klammath, Sunday.

Jim Harris, mechanic for the Goetz Lbr. Co., left for Spokane, Saturday.

Mrs. Joe Stevens took her little son Johnnie, and nephew Floyd Vello, to Medford for medical attention, Monday.

Mrs. James H. Grive went to Medford, Monday, after Mrs. Grace Lowrey, of Maxwell, Calif., who will spend a month visiting Mrs. Mary E. Grive.

Otto Bahr returned to his home at Jantner Village, Tuesday, after spending a few days with relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hale of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Thompson and daughter Olivia, of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Rohl and son Dale and Mr. Henry Rohl of Central Point, visited briefly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer M. C. Iemans, Sunday.

Other guests at the Clemens home over the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Andy Klum and daughter Sharon of Grants Pass, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Painter and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swan of Rosalia, Wash. The two latter couples remained here until Wednesday.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Chase were the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Linn of Yuba City, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Loren L. Hursh of San Francisco.

The Johnson Logging Company, which has been hauling logs out of the Red Bluff district to the Medford mills for the past couple of years, is moving to a tract of timber on the Tiller-Trail cut-off.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bette of Medford are spending this week with their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Ditworth, on the Green Meadows ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sinclair, Mrs. James Beddingfield and son LeRoy, and Mrs. Roberts Oliver spent the week end with friends at Selma, Oregon.

Mrs. Ernie Carlson had as her guest for the past week, her niece, Miss Betty Blotter, of Medford.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fairchild Friday and Saturday were Mrs. Viola Johnson, and Jack Kirkland of Lakeview.

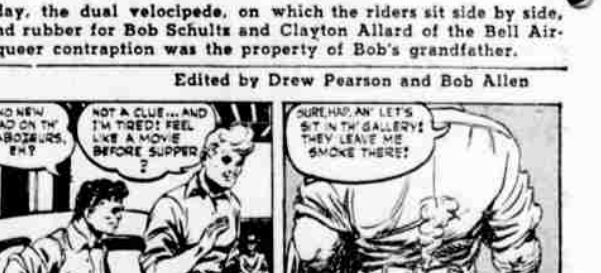
Mrs. Harold Owen (nee Nina Clarke) of Eugene visited old schoolmates here, Sunday enroute to Ashland to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. Mina Clarke, and sister, Miss Fern. Mrs. Owen is wellknown here, where she lived for several years and graduated from the local high school in the 1934 class.

BIRTHS
STOCKARD—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul, Cargill Court, Medford, July 23, 1942, a boy, seven pounds, at Community hospital.

Keep 'Em Rolling at Ashland Roller Rink
Plan A Party, Call 8681 Ashland. For Health's Sake, Roller Skat! Tue., Thur., Sat., Sun., Evns

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

by JOHN HIX



SIDE BY SIDE BIKE!
RARE "DUAL VELOCIPED," 70 YEARS OLD, RIDDEN TO WORK BY 2 BELL AIRCRAFT CO. WORKERS!
Buffalo, N.Y.

AN ATTEMPT TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN IN A BALLOON WAS MADE IN 1873!

THE "GRAPHIC," PILOTTED BY 3 NEWSPAPERMEN, TOOK OFF FROM BROOKLYN, BUT GOT ONLY AS FAR AS NEW CANAAN, CONN., IN ITS PROPOSED FLIGHT TO EUROPE!

Monday—SUPERSTITION COLLECTOR!

OCEAN FLIGHT
The abortive attempt at crossing the Atlantic by air in 1873 was made by William Donaldson, Alfred Ford and George A. Lunt, all connected with a Brooklyn newspaper.

STRANGE BIKE
So rare as to be forgotten today, the dual velocipede, on which the riders sit side by side, is now helping to conserve gas and rubber for Bob Schultz and Clayton Allard of the Bell Aircraft blueprint department. The queer contraption was the property of Bob's grandfather.

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Hot Spot

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