MRS. MURDOCK TAKES A CASE

by George Harmon Coxe

Chapter 34

Dealing Kent In

JOYCE sat down. She put her head back and shook her blond hair, pushing it back from her ears when she finished. Then she looked at him and smiled.

"You're not angry, really. You're hurt."

"I'm sore," he said.

"All right, you're sore."

"And disgusted."

"And disgusted."

She was watching him, her eyes concerned and still faintly smiling. When he saw that look he melted a little and with some reluctance, said:

"All right. Forget it."

"Don't mind us," said Fenner. "Go ahead and sulk."

"Shut up!"

"Maybe the reason Delia didn't want to tell you was because of Hestor," Joyce said.

"Hestor?" Murdock's frown bit deeper. "How does Hestor—"

"Delia knew you'd been married to her. You must have loved her once, you know."

"Look," Murdock said gently. "If Hestor was the killer—she wasn't but suppose she was—and I found it out, you're wondering if I'd turn her in, is that it?"

"Well, would you? Be honest now."

Murdock thought it over.

"If it was only a question of Perry Clarke, probably not. With a guy like that you generally figure he had it coming and you hate to see anybody hang for the job. I don't know. It's funny about murder. I've been mixed up in a couple, but never by choice, and if I ever helped the police it wasn't because of any moral obligation to society. At least I don't think it was.

"Two men have been killed. I still don't know much about it but I do know it's time for you to stop fooling around. You saw Raeburn come out of that building. You told the police. You're the one who, on a witness stand, can practically pin the crime on him. Okay, now suppose he saw you."

"Oh—I don't think he did," Joyce said.

"You hope he didn't. But anyway, that's what I mean. That's what I was trying to tell you last night. People always figure that murder is something that happens to somebody else. Right now it can happen to you. Right now you're a potential victim."

"Nonsense."

"Why do you think Hardacker was killed? Because he knew too much, wasn't it?"

"I suppose so."

"Your testimony will convict Raeburn, won't it?"

"Yes, but—"

"I mean it, Joyce," he said. "Stay out of it. So far you've been lucky. Don't fool with it any more. And don't worry about Hestor. If she—or anyone else—is covering up and I happen to find out about it, I'm going to do some uncovering." He grinned up at her. "If I don't give it a try, I suppose you will."

She made a face at him and Fenner spoke up.

"I've got a little stake in this too, now." He was looking in his glass and his voice was cold and quiet. "Hardacker was a nice little guy. A little dumb, but a regular. I'd sort of like to get a crack at this lad Raeburn."

Fenner's mood reached out across the room. The knocking which followed came as a relief.

Joyce opened the door. "Come in," she said, and Delia Stewart entered, greeting them with a tentative smile.

"I heard you," she told Joyce. "When you didn't come back I—I thought I'd get up too."

She took a chair and curled up with her bare feet under her. The cream-colored robe was too large for her but she had wrapped it tightly about her young body and was using the sleeve for a muff.

"We were just talking," Joyce said.

"Do go on," Delia said. "I'm not intruding, am I?"

"Indeed you're not."

Checked Out

MURDOCK found enjoyment in just watching her. The long part of her hair had angled across her forehead and the flush of recent sleep was still in her cheeks. She smiled at him, her eyes wide and friendly and he thought: She's cute. And she's not afraid any more.

"I thought you were my pal," he said.

"Oh, I am, Kent."

"Couldn't trust me, huh?"

"Leave her alone," Joyce said.

"He's right, though," Delia said. "I was stupid and it was a shabby trick, Kent."

"But everything is all right now, isn't it?" he said.

"Oh, yes. About tonight, you mean, don't you? Yes, because Ward couldn't have been mixed up in this; he was still in jail."

Joyce stood up. "I think I want something." She looked at Delia. "A hot chocolate, maybe. It'll make us sleep."

"Yes," Delia said. "I'll help you. . . . No, I really want to." She got up.

"You'll go get your slippers then," Joyce said.

"Make mine beer," Murdock said. "And if there's any crackers—"

"I know," said Joyce.

Murdock hesitated; then asked something that had been on his mind since Joyce had interrupted them.

"The police have any line on Raeburn yet?"

Fenner shook his head. "That's why Bacon was so burned. It was after eleven when he got there and by the time he could get a man to Raeburn's hotel he'd skipped. Checked out about twenty minutes before."

He folded his hands and looked up at the ceiling. "It's a break your wife saw him, too." His glance came back to Murdock and leveled there. "For the kid's boy friend, I mean. Bacon didn't tell her, but Allen was released around seven-thirty last night. Arnold Gage sprung him."

Line On Raeburn

LIEUTENANT BACON arrived at the Murdock apartment at ten the following morning. Kent brought him in the dining room, where the others were lingering over their coffee.

Joyce poured coffee for him and Loretta came in with two hot muffins and put them beside his plate.

"I just wanted to see if maybe you'd remember anything more about last night. Sometimes you sleep on a thing and you think of little details that you hadn't thought of before. If we could sort of run over again what you did maybe something would come up we could use."

"What about Raeburn?" Murdock asked. "Anything more on him?"

"A little. For one thing he hired Hardacker about a week ago."

"Oh," said Fenner and the word dragged out thin.

Bacon took a look at him, then sipped his coffee and continued:

"We got that from the girl that worked in his office. She don't know all of it, but she knows a little. Raeburn came in—said he got Hardacker's name from a telephone book.

To be continued

VACCINE STUDY SHOW RESULTS

Grand Rapids (U.P.)—Results of a control study among school children dealing with the effectiveness of a combined vaccine for diphtheria and whooping cough have added to the nationwide recognition given Dr. Pearl L. Kendrick by medical men during the past four years.

From a group of 2,000 boys and girls under study over a period of two years, it was found that whooping cough infection for those who received the vaccine was one per cent. Meanwhile, for those who did not receive the vaccine between nine and 10 per cent showed infection.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

U.S.S. Baltimore Launched

The new U. S. navy cruiser, U.S.S. Baltimore, fourth American warship to bear that name, was launched into the Weymouth Fore river at the Bethlehem Steel company's Fore River yard at Quincy, Mass.

On the Radio Chains

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KALE (MBS) 1330, Portland. KEX (NBC-Blue) 1190, Portland; KGA (NBC-Blue & MBS) 1510 Spokane; KGO (NBC-Blue) 810, San Francisco; KGW (NBC-Red) 620, Portland; KJR (NBC-Blue) 1000, Seattle; KNX (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 Is PST

Friday

5:00 p. m.—Lewishohn Stadium Concert, KSL; H. V. Kaltenborn, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Flying Patrol, KEX, KGO, KJR; Stars of Today, KGW; Afternoon Dances, KNX.

5:30 p. m.—Bill Sabransky, KOMO; News, KGO; Harry W. Flannery, KNX, 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; Wilbur Hatch's Orch., KSL; Serenade, KJR; Accent on Rhythm, KNX; Leon F. Drews, KOIN.

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

7:00 p. m.—Meet Your Navy, KGO, KEX; Lanny Ross, KSL, KNX, KOIN; People are Funny, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Aloha Land, KJR.

7:30 p. m.—Tent Show Tonight, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Lightning Jim, KGO, KEX, KJR.

8:00 p. m.—Fred Waring, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Earl Godwin, KGO, KEX, KJR; Amos 'n' Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN.

8:15 p. m.—Dear John, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Melody Magic, KGW, KOMO; Duke Ellington's Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR; On Our Bandstand, KPO.

8:30 p. m.—Songs My Brother Taught Me, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Gang Busters, KEX, KJR; Playhouse, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Remar Rally, KGO.

9:00 p. m.—News, Richard Himber's Orch., KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, Ray Kinney's Orch., KNX, KOIN; News Here and Abroad, KGO; Down Memory Lane, KEX; Meet Your Navy, KJR; Roth String Quartete, KSL.

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

10:00 p. m.—Hollywood Legion Stadium Fights, KGO; Reporter News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; News, Lud Gluskin's Orch., KNX; Studio Party, KEX; Popular Potpourri, KJR; Five Star Final, KOIN; Masterwords of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Sports, Lou Breese's Orch., KNX, KEL; Organ Music, KGO; Betty Martin, KOMO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Moonlight Sonata, KGW; Northwest Bible Institute, KJR; War Time Women, KOIN; Roller Derby, KPO.

11:00 p. m.—Harry Owens' Hawaiians, KGW; This Moving World, KEX; Al Donahue's Orch., KOIN; News KGO; Folk Music, KJR; News, KNX; Reveries, KOMO.

Saturday

5:00—Little Blue Playhouse, KGO, KEX; Harry Owens Hawaiians, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Soldiers With Wings, KNX; Traffic Quiz, KOIN.

5:30—Velvet Music, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Swap Night, KGO, KJR, KEX; News Review, KNX, KOIN.

6:00—Your Hit Parade, KSL; National Barn Dance, KPO, KGW, KGW, KOMO; USO Program, KNX, KOIN; Commonwealth Club, KGO; Popular Music KJR.

6:30—Hollywood Whispers, KNX; Grant Park Concert, KEX, KPO, KOMO; News, KEX; Gilbert and Sullivan, KGO; Melody Lane, KJR; Leon Drews, KOIN.

7:00—Sports Newsreel, KPO, KOMO KGW; Tune Out Time, KGO, KEX, KJR.

7:30—Grand Ole Opry, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Red Ryder, KGO, KJR, KEX; Eileen Farrell, KOIN; Accent on Rhythm, KNX; Ninth Corps Quartermaster, KSL.

8:00—News of the World, KNX, KSL; News, KPO, KGW, KOMO; Earl Godwin, KGO, KJR, KEX; Melody Time, KOIN.

8:15—Thornhill's Orchestra, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Gibbs & Finney, KGO, KJR, KEX; Olmsted's Dramas, KPO, KGW, KOMO.

8:30—The Whistler, KNX, KOIN; Cab Calloway, KGO, KJR, KEX; Dant's Orchestra, KPO; Arthur Gaeth, KSL.

9:00—News, KOMO; Your Hit Parade, KNX, KOIN; Dance Orchestra, KGW; Ice Follies, KPO; Dance Tempos, KSL.

9:30—Ray Noble's Orchestra, KGO; Hospitality Times, KGW; News, KSL, KJR; Sport Scrips, KOMO.

10:00—Musical Steelmakers, KGO, KEX, KJR; Erwin Yeo, KSL; News, KOIN, KGW, KOMO, KPO, KNX.

10:30—Freddy Martin's Orchestra, KGO, KJR; Harry Owen's Hawaiians, KPO, KOMO, KGW; Sports, KNX, KSL, KOIN; The Quiz Hour, KEX; String Quartet, KSL.

11:00—Organ Music, KPO, KGW; Martha Mears, KSL; This Moving World, KJR, KEX;; News, KGO, KNX; Evening Reveries, KOMO.

ALLOWANCE LAG REPEAL SOUGHT

Washington, July 31.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) drafted for introduction in the senate today a measure to repeal a provision of the soldiers family allowance bill holding up payments to dependents of service men until after Nov. 1.

Vandenberg said he was surprised to learn that when it passed congress the bill carried a provision specifying that "any allowances which accrue under this title for the period preceding Nov. 1, 1942, shall not be actually paid until after Nov. 1, 1942."

ENOUGH

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Goddess of the harvest
4. Labored breath
8. Tax
12. Type of poker hand
13. Recorded proceedings
14. Set of three
15. Crowded
16. Ardor
17. Sea in the antarctic
18. Character in Hawthorne's "Marble Faun"
20. Outrages
22. Performed alone
23. Paths
24. Small wild ox
26. Grow less severe
28. Rolled parchments
32. June bug
33. What?
34. Shrinks
36. Toward
38. Pikelike fish
41. Walked with high steps
43. Music dramas
47. Edible seaweed
48. Injury
50. Iron corrosion
52. Spread on thick
53. Greek letter
56. Public vehicle
57. Pinery
58. Tennis stroke
60. State positively
61. Biblical region
62. Addition to a building
63. Invited
64. Support
65. Feminine name

DOWN

1. Marine fishes
2. Courtyard
3. Starry
4. City where Samson died
5. Playing card
6. Step
7. Pertaining to a part of the hand
8. Walk leisurely
9. Traversed
10. French river
11. Throw lightly
19. Giver
21. Kind of pastry
22. Soft mineral
25. Palm leaf
27. Negotiable financial instrument
28. Walked
29. Plant of the lily family
30. Fellow
31. Soak
35. Persia
36. Fall behind
37. Trap
40. At ease
42. Kind of cake fried in deep fat
44. Withdraw
45. Tree
46. Belaguerments
49. Artistic symbol of the faithful dead
51. Roman matron's garment
52. Article of furniture
53. Dagger wound
54. Molten rock
55. Refuse
59. Extinct bird

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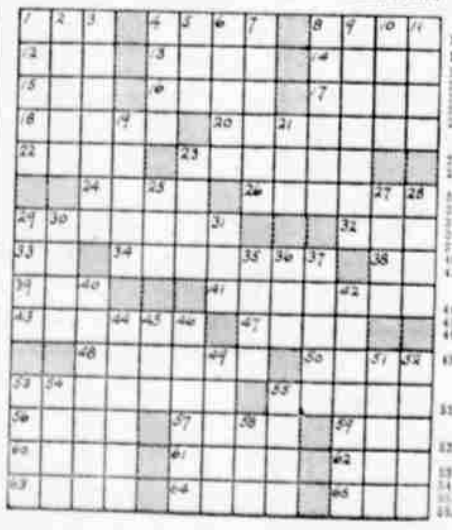
Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle



'CHUTE FOREMAN HAS 403 JUMPS ON HIS RECORD

Fourteen Years Experience is Boasted by Civilian Leader at Mather Field.

Mather Field, Cal. (U.P.)—Few men in aviation circles can match the experience or confidence that George Waltz, civilian foreman of the parachute department at Mather Field, has in the big umbrellas.

With 14 years of experience with the aerial life savers, Waltz has 403 jumps to his credit, all of them logged. The number of the ship, its pilot, date, altitude and kind of jump was recorded after every descent.

Waltz' parachute jumping career started by accident. While flying in Mexico, he took to his 'chute to save his life when fire broke out. He dropped about 5,000 feet before remembering to pull the ripcord, landing safely but considerably shaken by the experience.

Nevertheless, he went up again the following day and made a voluntary jump. His second descent gave him the idea of becoming a professional jumper, and after several exhibitions at air meets and other demonstrations, his services were in demand by many barnstorming pilots.

He has had four forced jumps and on two occasions fell out of the ship. His first fall occurred when one of his students became wedged in the plane door. Waltz gave him a push but lost his balance and fell headlong through the door himself. Fortunately he was wearing a parachute at the time.

38 Jumps in One Day

Another unexpected descent occurred while on an assignment for a mountain resort. He was taking pictures of a proposed landing field, standing with one foot outside the plane on a strut, the other hooked into the cockpit. About that time, the plane went into a spin, brushing Waltz off balance. Over he went but his parachute saved him and the expensive camera he was using.

While acting as chief tester for an eastern parachute manufacturing concern, Waltz made a total of 38 jumps in one day. On the same day with World War ace Bob Lindsay as pilot he made two jumps from 2,000 feet in the fast time of nine minutes from the time of take off for his first jump to the landing for the second one.

Of all the humorous incidents in his experience, Waltz believes the 7,500 foot descent he made into a freshly irrigated cabbage patch is the outstanding one.

A woman busily engaged with a rake in the patch must have thought him a man from Mars because Waltz had to beat a hasty retreat when she began shouting and waving her rake at him.

Made Low-Altitude Jumps

Waltz also has made several delayed jumps, the longest of 13,000 feet.

During a recent demonstration at Long Island, N. Y. he made two low altitude drops with a newly designed 'chute. After dropping less than ten feet he opened his parachute at 250 feet from the ground on one jump, 500 feet on the other.

It is Waltz' proud boast that he has given parachute jumping instruction to 170 students in one year without a single failure or injury.

Moviegoers have seen his work in a number of aviation pictures, among them "Hell's Angels." But the major portion of his parachute work has been for demonstration purposes.

Waltz came here from Reno, Nev., where he was associated with the Parachute Rigging school as chief instructor. He is a member of the Nevada State Police and Captain of the Washoe county, Nev., Sheriff's Aerial Squadron.

MORE SUMMER SCHOOL ENTRANTS THIS YEAR

Eugene, July 31—(AP)—Enrollment for the second session of University of Oregon summer school reached 343 students today, an increase of 6 per cent over the 323 enrolled last year, Assistant Registrar Clifford Constance said.

Complete summer school registration for both five-week periods has now reached 949 compared with 1036 for 1941.

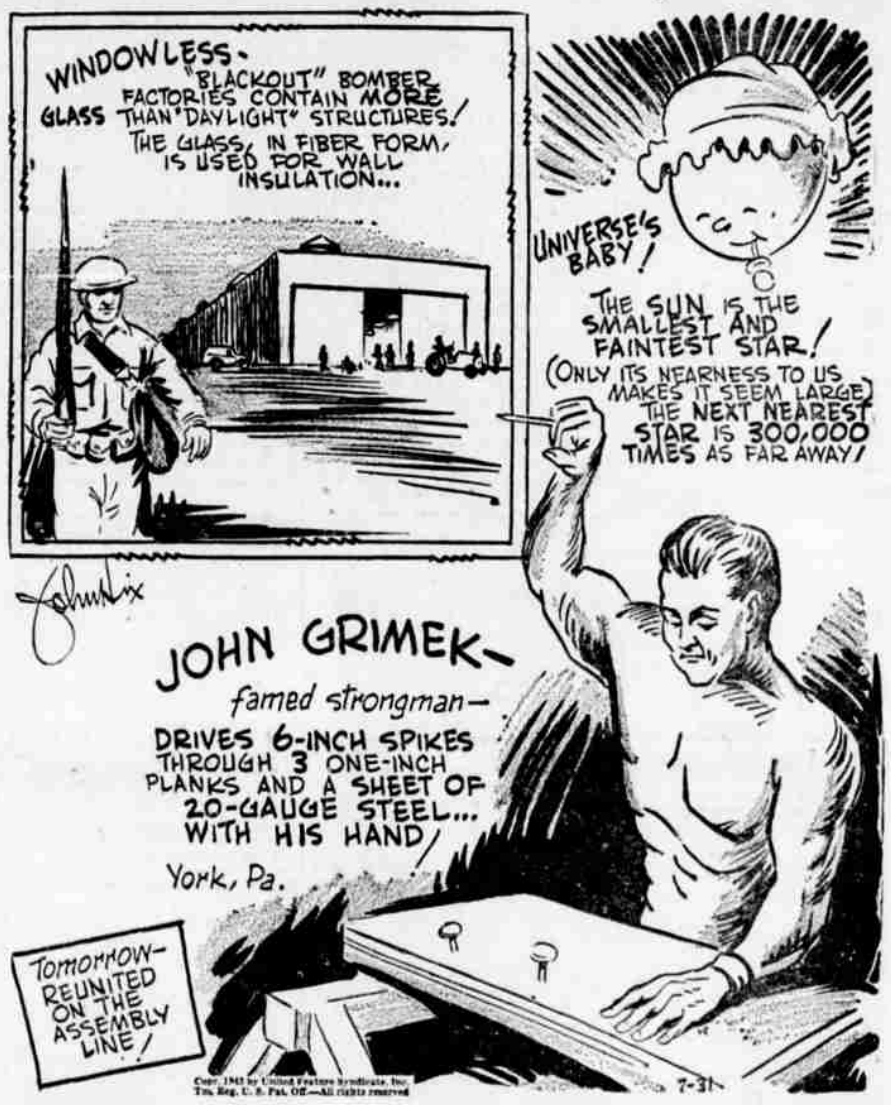
JOINS CHICAGO CUBS—Veteran pitcher Lon Warneke's face is wrinkled and tanned from many a season on the mound. St. Louis Cardinals sold him to the Chicago Cubs for the waiver price of $7,500. He broke into majors with the Cubs in 1930.

The steel saved by limiting the use of blackplate in bottle caps is sufficient to make more than 1,900 medium tanks.

A bass drum contains enough steel for two bayonets; a trumpet enough brass for 60 .30 caliber cartridge cases.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS

by JOHN HIX



HAMMERLESS CARPENTER

John Grimek, one of the world's strength experts, says it is easier to drive a spike through three thicknesses of wood and a piece of steel, than through the same amount of wood plus a sheet of leather! He also finds that oak is easier to drive into than gumwood or cypress. He once drove a long spike through 28 copies of "Strength and Health" magazine, of which he is an associated editor. This amounts to 1,300 sheets of paper.

HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Close Shave! Edited by Drew Pearson and Bob Allen

LI'L ABNER—Excess Baggage By Al Capp

THE NEBBS—Cleo Pihch-Hits By Hess