

Lena Hates Men

by MARGOT NEVILLE



Clarice Dodd, wealthy middle-aged widow who lives in Sydney, Australia, keeps her house filled with gay, indolent young people. Her nephew and niece, Felix and Joyce Burke, live with her. Besides two house guests, Eileen Foster and Denise Deschamps, others are constantly in and out. Denise has designs on Felix and is jealous when he talks in love with Eileen, a sweet girl quite different from the other pleasure-loving crowd. Then, one night, Clarice dies from an overdose of sleeping tablets. It is apparently suicide, for her will and a valuable ruby brooch labeled "For Denise" are found on her dressing table. However, her eccentric maid, Lena, insists that she had only one sleeping tablet in her possession that night. Inspector Grogan of the police investigates. Then Eileen and Denise learn that Joyce recently tried to buy some of the drug that killed her aunt. Eileen, who has information as a club over Felix, threatening to tell the police unless he breaks his engagement to Eileen. Meanwhile, Eileen's room has been entered twice by a mysterious intruder, and an old photograph of Clarice's wedding party has disappeared from Eileen's dressing table.

CHAPTER XXIV

WHEN Grogan and Manning returned to Rockwater late that afternoon, Eileen was on the veranda.

The inspector stopped in front of her. "Well, now, Miss Foster, he said cheerfully, "have you anything new to tell me? Have you observed anything significant since I saw you last?"

"You're laughing at me," Eileen reproached.

"Indeed I'm not. I know you've got a sharp eye as well as a very pretty one."

Eileen smiled guardedly. She was thinking of Joyce—of her attempt to buy some of the drug. Grogan mustn't be told about that. However, there were other things he should know.

"As a matter of fact, I do have something to tell you," she said. She went on to describe her experience with the intruder in her room the night before, then told of the disappearance of the photograph from her dressing table that morning.

"I can't help feeling," she ended, "that those two intrusions into my room—the one last night and the one yesterday evening—were attempts to get hold of that photograph."

"I should say there was no doubt about that," Grogan agreed. "The intruder was interrupted the first time by you, and the second time by you. You finally succeeded in getting the picture this morning."

"But who in the world would want it and what for?"

"Can you describe it to me in detail?" Grogan asked.

Eileen told him all she could remember about the picture—who was in it, how they were grouped, what the background was.

"Well, that doesn't help us much," he said, shaking his head. "But perhaps I'll get an idea later."

A FEW minutes later, Felix came out onto the veranda. He didn't sit down. Just stood and looked at Eileen with a strange expression in his eyes.

Then, he said abruptly, "I think you'd better get away from here, Eileen. Why don't you go back home?"

"What?" She was startled. "Why should I go home?"

"Because this whole business is such a mess. I want you out of it. Grogan will let you go. Whoever murdered Clarice, he doesn't think it was you."

"Well, I'm not going, thank you," Eileen retorted. "I'm going to stay and see this thing through with everybody else."

Felix took a few nervous paces back and forth.

"You should never have come here. And I shouldn't have said the things I said to you on the evening before Clarice died."

Seabees—with variations. This bee had Santa Claus whiskers skis on his feet and clutched two documents, one reading "leave" and the other "rating." Evanson storekeeper second class, is in the Aleutians.

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On the growing list of Medford men overseas is Pvt. Marshall K. Williams, who writes that he is in Italy with the American forces. His brother, Warren, recently went into the navy and last week was assigned to sea duty.

A veteran of seven sea battles, Robert Louis Walker, boat-swain's mate second class on a

destroyer, is home to visit his parents. Walker has seen his ship torpedoed three times, has had two landing barges shot from under him, and spent 32 hours on a rubber life raft before being rescued. News of another navy veteran concerns Robert M. Hanlin, recently promoted to a storekeeper second class. Hanlin, assigned to a carrier, has engaged in eight major battles, holds the President's citation and the Purple Heart award for wounds received in action.

From what Medford men write, the Seabees training must really be rugged. Dick Baze has written from Camp Peary that the drilling is "awfully hard" and that "we get a whole year's military training through in six weeks." Kenneth Sutherland has also written from Camp Peary telling of the strenuous life while training and mentions that a number of Medford men are now at Camp Peary.

Pvt. Martin B. Webb, Jr., made the highest individual score during a recent five-day course in the ML rifle at Camp Roberts, scoring 192 out of 210. Three other Medford men, Pvt. Roger Westerfield, Pvt. Harmon Peters and Pvt. Charles Wayne, were also among the men firing the test course.

Word from England is to the effect that Sgt. Carl R. Smoot of the Eight AAF heavy bombardment group has been awarded a Good Conduct Medal and from Bruce W. Moffatt comes word that he has been promoted to major. Maj. Moffatt has been at Stockton, Calif., but was recently transferred to the AAF and is now at Galveston, Tex. Paul Meyers, who was on the staff of the Medford First National bank until transferred to Portland more than a year ago, has been commissioned a lieutenant (jg) in the navy. Cadet Richard Wray has completed basic training at Marana field near Tucson and has been transferred to Marfa, Tex., for his advanced work.

William H. Bartlett, Jr., is attending Carnegie Institute of Technology as an ASTP student and Pvt. Earl Thomas has completed his parachute jump training at Ft. Benning, recently making his fifth and qualifying jump last week. The fifth jump is made at night. Bob Gail has graduated from aviation radar school at Corpus Christi, Tex., and has been assigned to the main naval air station there. Gail has been in the navy 14 months and before going to Corpus Christi trained in Chicago and at the University of Houston.

Henry Lee Bray arrived home last week bringing his bride, the former Edna Stevenson of San Francisco. Bray is chief sound and radar man on a destroyer and has just returned from a sea duty assignment. Also home is Staff Sgt. Abe Halfhill, who arrived from Greenville, Miss., to spend several days with his parents.

Sgt. Dan Hull arrived home Tuesday from Memphis, Tenn., where he is in the finance detachment at Kennedy General hospital and is spending a 15-day furlough in the city. Sgt. Lynn E. Waggener, stationed at Vancouver Barracks, returned north Sunday after a brief furlough here. Home from Farragut last week, Theodore Yorton also left Sunday to return to the station. Yorton, seaman second class, and his brother, Bryan, are both in the navy, the latter being a pharmacist's mate serving at a base hospital in the southwest Pacific war zone.

Bob Bauman, aviation radio-man third class, has reported to the pre-flight school at Athens, Ga., for three months instruction in advanced ground school subjects. Russell Johnston has returned home, having received an honorable discharge from the navy as a result of injuries sustained while on duty with the fleet in the Caribbean sea. Johnston spent eight months at sea in both the Pacific and Atlantic areas and received a fractured skull while on duty.

Rhoda Williams won first place in a recent essay contest at senior high school on the subject, "Printing and a Free Press."

David Chirgwin's entry won second place and honorable mention went to Hortense Jennings. Pearl Brock, Shirley Pankey, Joan Smith, Donna Dawes, Margaret Drysdale, Gerald Pence, Harlow Carpenter, Regina Smith and Helen Rubenstein.

The Southern Pacific Railway company has purchased the old Chamber of Commerce building on Main Street but as yet the company has no plans for the structure.

Wednesday night Herb Grey was awarded a certificate from the national American Legion citing him for having received honorable mention for an editorial, "The American Legion," which appeared in the Mail Tribune last July 25.

Home folks are glad that the November just passed was a normal month, with temperatures somewhat warmer than usual and but 1.26 inches of rainfall. November of 1942 went down in history with a record rainfall of about eight inches.

Weddings of interest in the news this week were that of Miss Betty Southwick, married Nov. 25 in Philadelphia to Capt. John J. Dougherty of Darby, Penn. They will live at Albany, the captain being with the 91st Infantry Division. Georgia Currier and Frank A. Ralston of Rogue River were married in Corpus Christi, Nov. 3 and will make their home in Corpus Christi. Mr. Ralston being assigned to the naval air station there.

Frances Anne Fraedrick of Prospect had joined the WAC and is at Ft. Des Moines for training. Her sister, Jean, has been a WAC for several months and is now at Spokane.

Larry Schade was re-elected president of the Crater Lake Area Council of Boy Scouts at the annual meeting held recently.

Washington, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—Sen. Ellison D. (Cotton) Ed Smith, D., S. C., oldest member of the senate in years of continual service—34 years—told the senate today that the time for a new political party is at hand and suggested Sen. Harry F. Byrd, D., Va., as its candidate for president.

Smith spoke in answer to a week-end statement by Sen. Joseph F. Guffey, D., Pa., charging that an "unholy alliance" of southern democrats and republicans emasculated administration-backed soldier vote legislation.

Guffey charged that Byrd led southern senators into the so-called "unholy alliance." Smith predicted that if the southern states did organize their own political party "you would never have another democratic president—I mean of a certain variety."

Christmas Parcels Rushed Into Italy Allied Headquarters Algiers, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—By jeeps, trucks, trains planes and pack mules—with air crews voluntarily doing double duty and with labor battalions of former Italian prisoners aiding—more than 10,000 tons of Christmas packages are being speeded to allied soldiers in this theater.

Postal authorities said most of the Christmas mail and packages will be delivered before Dec. 25, except in the case of soldiers reassigned in recent weeks.

Four Freedoms Hit As Negative Policy New York, Dec. 10.—(U.P.)—Frederick C. Crawford, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, today described the four freedoms as negative and fit only for men in jail and called upon business to take over post-war leadership.

He spoke before the NAM's 48th annual convention and its second war congress to 4000 industrialists.

On the Radio Chains

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Seattle: KRX (CBS) 1070
Los Angeles: KOA (NBC-Red) 830
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Seattle: KPO (NBC-Red) 680
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Time shown is PWT

Friday
5:00 p. m.—Terry and Pirates, BN.
Galen Drake, CBS.
5:15 p. m.—Dick Tracy, BN; Superman, MBS.
5:30 p. m.—Jack Armstrong, BN

5:45 p. m.—Louis F. Lochner, NBC; Capt. Midnight, BN.
5:55 p. m.—Bill Henry, CBS.
6:00 p. m.—Waltz Time, NBC; Three Romances, BN; Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
6:15 p. m.—Gracie Fields, MBS.
6:30 p. m.—People Are Funny, NBC; Spotlight Bands, BN; That Brewster Boy, CBS; Double or Nothing, MBS.
6:35 p. m.—Harry Wismer, sports, BN.
7:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, NBC; Durnale and Moore, CBS.
7:15 p. m.—Pulitzer Courier, MBS.
7:30 p. m.—Bill Stern Sports News, NBC; Stage Door Canteen, CBS; Lone Ranger, MBS.
8:00 p. m.—Fred Waring, NBC; Love & Mystery, CBS.
8:15 p. m.—Fleetwood Lawton, commentator, NBC; The Parker Family, BN.
8:30 p. m.—All-Time Hit Parade, NBC; Gang Busters, BN; Playhouse, CBS; Name That Song, MBS.
9:00 p. m.—Furlough Fun, NBC; Meet Your Navy, BN; Kate Smith Hour, CBS; News, MBS.

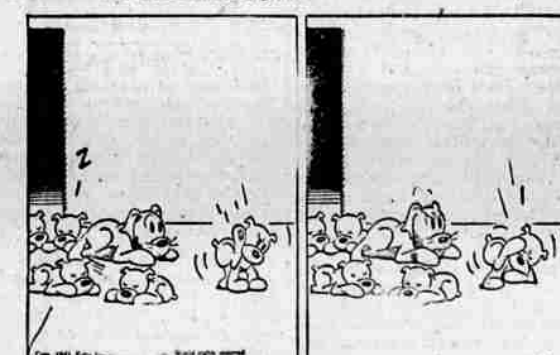
STRANGE AS IT SEEMS by JOHN HIX



BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY SMITH—Water-Boy!



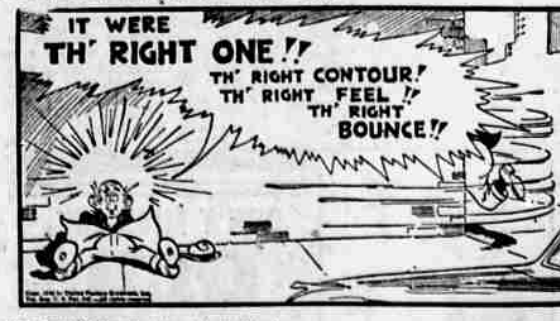
BLONDIE—It's That Elmer Again!



HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Strategic Approach.



LTL ABNER—Is This the Trail's End?



THE NEBBES—Seeing Is Believing.

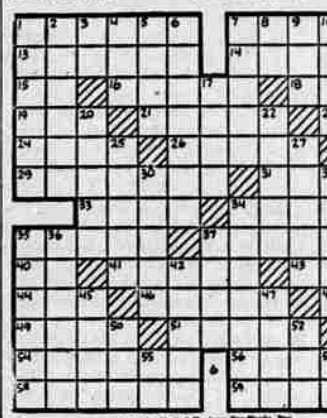


5:30 p. m.—General Barrows, MBS
5:45 p. m.—Pulitzer Lewis, Jr., MBS
10:00 p. m.—News, NBC; Football Forecasts, MBS.
10:20 p. m.—William Winter, CBS.
10:45 p. m.—Voice of a Nation, NBC; Cafe Orch., BN; Henry King Orch., MBS.
11:00 p. m.—Hotel Biltmore Orch., NBC; This Moving World, BN.
Saturday
5:00 p. m.—Hollywood Open House, NBC; Buena Orch., CBS; Cisco Kid, MBS.
5:15 p. m.—Boston Symphony Orch., BN.
5:45 p. m.—Louis F. Lochner, NBC; Norman Nesbitt, MBS.
6:00 p. m.—National Barn Dance, NBC; Dorothy Allen, songs, CBS; Theatre of the Air, MBS.
6:30 p. m.—Can You Top This, NBC; Spotlight Bands, BN; Beauty Talk, CBS.
6:45 p. m.—Saturday Serenade, CBS.
6:55 p. m.—Harry Wismer, sports, BN.
7:00 p. m.—Million Dollar Band, NBC; John Gunther, commentator, BN; John B. Hughes, MBS.
7:15 p. m.—Remember, BN.
7:30 p. m.—Grand Ol' Opry, NBC; Red Ryder, BN.
7:45 p. m.—Deane Dickason, news, CBS.
8:00 p. m.—Truth or Consequences, NBC; Thanks to Yanks, CBS.
8:15 p. m.—Edw. Jorgensen, commentator, BN.
8:30 p. m.—Abbie's Irish Rose, NBC; Leon Henderson, news, BN; Inner Sanctum, CBS; Ted Lewis Orch., MBS.
8:45 p. m.—Orch., MBS.
9:00 p. m.—Cowboy Hit Review, BN; Hit Parade, CBS; News, MBS.
9:30 p. m.—Curtain Call, NBC.
9:45 p. m.—Don't You Believe It, CBS; Sheep Fields Orch., MBS.
10:00 p. m.—News, NBC; Bridge to Dreamland, BN.
10:15 p. m.—Henry King Orch., MBS.
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Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1—Leave
2—Part of stamen
3—More vile
4—Roman poet
5—Musical note
6—Roman official
7—Troubles
8—Purpose
9—Other words
10—Highest card
11—Largest spoon
12—Hock
13—Vase
14—Lilies
15—God of love
16—Place
17—Unit of weight
18—Ancient city of Sicily
19—Avenue (abbr.)
20—Tugs
21—Blagger
22—Game official (abbr.)
23—Boat
24—Clear profit
25—Lady of Arthur's court
26—Olive oil
27—Tetorium
28—Tail
29—Wing
30—Dialysis
31—Lowest points



DOWN
1—Debase
2—Show plainly
3—1416
4—Reverge
5—Hit for three
6—In front
7—Negative
8—Fretful; three
9—Passageway
10—Pastry
11—Take offense
12—Meadow
13—Balls
14—Movie light
15—Whip
16—Go to
17—Wain city
18—German city
19—Tetorium
20—Public life
21—Retailer
22—Poor district
23—Banane
24—Changes
25—Close approach
26—Unyielding
27—Volcano on Sicily
28—Climo
29—Steamship (abbr.)
30—Government name (abbr.)

ON THE HOME FRONT

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

News From Jackson County for Men in the Armed Services

The Mail Tribune suggests you clip and mail this news roundup to a relative or friend in service.

Date: _____

Dear _____

In an effort to comply with a stern warning from the post office officials to mail all Christmas packages by tonight, the home folks have all been busy this week making last minute purchases and tying up packages. Stores are crowded and the streets are full of soldiers and civilians with their arms full of bundles. Completing the picture are the piles of Christmas trees on vacant lots.

The annual Elks lodge Christmas tree party was last night and a number of other lodges and clubs are having their Yuletide celebrations this week or next. Schools close Dec. 17 for Christmas vacation.

Interesting seasonal greetings are beginning to arrive from the servicemen and women scattered over the world. From Edward Evanson a friend received a V-mail Christmas drawing showing the famous bee of the

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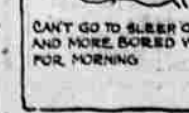
STIRS AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP AND RUBS EYES



STRETCHES AND YAWNS



GETS EYES OPEN AND IS SURPRISED TO SEE IT'S STILL DARK. FELT SURE IT MUST BE MORNING BECAUSE HE HAD ALL READY TO START PLAYING



SETTLES BACK IN DISGRUNTLED BECAUSE HE KNOWS PARENTS DON'T LIKE HIM TO WAKE UP AND PLAY AT NIGHT

THE NEBBES—Seeing Is Believing.

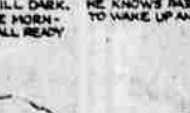
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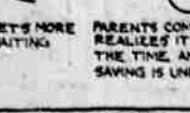
HE THINKS HE CAN FIND OUT WHY DOGS HAVEN'T THE SAME MENTAL ABILITIES AS MAN-- THE GUYS CRAZY!



TIME IS UP--I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE PROFESSOR'S FACE WHEN HE FINDS HIS FORMULA DOESN'T WORK



I MUST BE DREAMING AGAIN--THIS CAN'T BE TRUE!



PROF NOODYS FORMULA IS SUPPOSED TO CHANGE HIM INTO A DOG TEMPORARILY RUDY AMUSED BY THE WHOLE IDEA, AWAITS RESULTS