

Lena Hates Men

by MARGOT NEVILLE

CHAPTER XXXVI
GROGAN looked down at Ellen and seemed reluctant to answer her questions. Then he turned his flashlight onto Michael's body, lying there on the jetty.

"There you are, Miss Foster," he said grimly. "There's who did it." Michael! The world seemed to rock around Ellen for an instant. She couldn't credit her ears. Grogan continued. "He was hiding away on that yacht out in the harbor. We suspected he was there, but we were afraid he would make a getaway if we went out in a policeboat to nab him, so I arranged for Mr. Burke to swim out to the yacht. If Mr. Burke found him there, he was to persuade him to swim back here, where we'd be waiting, ready to seize him."

Ellen still was incredulous. "But—but what reason could he have had for killing Clara—and Lena?" "His name wasn't Rawson," Grogan told her. "It was Eric Dodd. He was the only son of George Dodd's brother, who inherits the Dodd money and estates now that Mrs. Dodd is dead. Lena was killed because he feared she had discovered his secret..."

"The next day, Ellen was writing to her mother. She now knew the whole story, and she wrote:

"Apparently Michael—I can't help still calling him Michael—had always been mad for money, wanting and spending it until his father couldn't give him any more. And then, four or five years ago, he left his home in Perth and worked his way in a French ship to New Caledonia, where he hoped to make a fortune in some project. The project collapsed and, after that, he wandered from place to place, lured by various money-making schemes. "During these years of wandering, he must have dwelt on the thought of all the money that his uncle's widow had inherited—money that would go to his father when Clara died and, eventually, to him. It must have become an obsession with him. It's hard to imagine anything so cold-blooded, but he planned to do away with Clara so that his father would inherit the money. Then he would turn up at home, a prodigal son, knowing that his father was rich and would be likely to live long."

"No one here had ever seen Eric Dodd—he hardly knew of his existence. He struck up an acquaintance with the Wheatleys somewhere, passed himself off as a Brisbane doctor, and eventually won an invitation from the Wheatleys to come and visit them. "Learning that Clara regularly took sleeping medicine, he somehow got hold of some sodium and probably made a solution of it. He evidently slipped it into that last drink he took her. Dennis, who was watching that night, wandered downstairs at half-past two, saw that Clara's light was on, and went into the room. She supposed that Clara had simply fallen asleep without turning out the light, so she turned it out and left. "It must have been later that Michael came back, slipped into the room by the veranda door, put out Clara's light and jewel box, and attached to the ruby brooch the little piece of paper that he'd torn from the flowers he'd taken to Denise's room some days before."

"He felt secure until Joyce found the old photograph of Clara's wedding party. He noticed an uncanny likeness between himself and his uncle, George Dodd, as a

younger man, and he wondered whether anyone else noticed it. On top of that, Lena came forward with her claim that Clara couldn't have committed suicide. "He made two attempts to steal the picture from my room, but was thwarted both times. Then, Lena got it. He must have known it was she who took it, because she evidently was after it when they ran into each other the first time he entered my room. According to the detectives, he probably hid when she came in, saw or heard her rummaging in the dressing table, then scared her away before she got the picture. But she succeeded in stealing it the next morning. She only wanted to cut it up, but he appeared to be afraid that she was going to take it to the police and point out to them the likeness between him and his uncle."

"When she went into her room that evening, he was sitting on the veranda just outside—and it seems that she must have left the door open. He crept there after cutting the knife and sent it flying through her window when he saw her standing in her room. I don't suppose she knew a thing—perhaps only heard the faint ringing of the knife. "He must have intended to slip into the room soon afterward and take the picture, but I found it before he had a chance. Then, that night, when Inspector Grogan was looking over Lena's gruesome collection of cut-up pictures, he found a piece that he thought was Michael's face. But it turned out to be George Dodd's face. "That gave him the idea of who Michael was. He telephoned the police in Perth and got a description of Eric Dodd and information about him, including the fact that he had left Perth as a member of the crew of a French freighter. Grogan knew that French sailors practice knife-throwing endlessly on long voyages and that they become very skillful at it."

"MEANWHILE, Michael, knowing that the detectives had been poring over Lena's possessions, feared that the same was up and decided to hide away on a yacht out in the harbor. It belongs to a man who has been away for some time."

"However, the inspector found, by questioning Morah, that some provisions were missing from the pantry. He concluded that Michael had taken them and must be hiding somewhere near by. Then, he found evidence that Dr. Nugent's boat had been used the night before, and he found the bit of blood-stained sackcloth on the doctor's jetty. "Michael had left it there to give the impression that he had been murdered and that his body had been dropped into the harbor. Also, the little scene he staged with me in the drawing room on the night of his disappearance was to suggest that he knew too much, which would give a motive for some one to murder him."

"The inspector, however, was not fooled. When he learned that Brenda's key to the doctor's boat was missing, he pieced everything together. He figured that Michael had stolen the key and used the boat to take his provisions to his hiding place. That meant that it was somewhere on the water. As the yacht had been unused and deserted for some time, it seemed a logical hide-out. So Felix was enlisted to swim out to the yacht. "You can have no idea what a frightful time it has been. Felix and Joyce are afraid to leave Rockaway Joyce is going to stay with Brenda for a while, and then is to take her to Darwin to marry a young engineer with whom she's been in love for some time. Felix is coming up home with me at the end of the week. Let Father that he's looking for a job. When he gets one, we're going to be married..."

(THE END)
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Allied Seizure of Offensive Outstanding News of Year

New York, Dec. 24 — (U.P.) — "The one outstanding news development of 1943 was allied seizure of the offensive on all major war fronts," Earl J. Johnson, vice-president and general manager of the United Press, said today in announcing the UP's selection of the year's ten biggest news stories.

"Practically every development in the war contributed to or resulted from this reversal of military trends," Johnson said. The UP list, compiled largely from American newspapers, named the following:

1. Allies gain initiative on all major war fronts.
 - a. Italian surrender.
 - b. Russian summer offensive.
 - c. Air war on Germany.
 - d. American offensives in the Pacific.
 - e. Victory over U-boats in the Atlantic.
 - f. U. S. builds world's biggest air fleet and navy.
2. Allied war conferences climaxed by participation of Russia and China at Tehran and Cairo.
3. Military preparations for opening western front in Europe.
4. Domestic manpower crisis including plan to draft fathers.
5. Anti-inflation battle and rise of black market menace.
6. United Nations collaborate

STALEMATE CONTINUES IN MONTREAL WALKOUT

Montreal, Dec. 24 — (U.P.) — The three-day-old strike of more than 2,000 of this city's municipal workers was no nearer settlement today and negotiations appeared to have reached a stalemate with the announcement by C. O. Brunneau, vice president of the Workers union that the strikers would accept no arbitration until the granting of their salary demands were guaranteed.

THE GRANGE

Pomona Grange
A joint installation for all officers of the Granges of Jackson county will be held at the Central Point Grange hall Dec. 30 at 8 p. m.
Phoenix Grange will have charge of the installation ceremony and all grangers who have not installed are invited to attend.

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS:
Chain affiliation and where they are on the dial:
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KPO (NBC-Red) 880, San Francisco.
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Time shown is PWT

Friday
5:00 p. m.—Terry and Pines, BN; Galen Drake, CBS.
5:15 p. m.—Dick Tracy, BN; Superman, MBS.
5:30 p. m.—Jack Armstrong, BN; Harry W. Flannery, news, CBS.
5:45 p. m.—Louis P. Lochner, NBC; Midnight, BN; Norman Nesbitt, MBS.
5:55 p. m.—Bill Henry, CBS.
6:00 p. m.—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.
6:45 p. m.—News, BN.
7:00 p. m.—Amos 'n' Andy, NBC; Durand and Moore, CBS; John Gunther, commentator, BN; Dale Carnegie, MBS.
7:15 p. m.—Pulton 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 a Mystery, CBS; Honolulu Army Party, MBS.
8:15 p. m.—Fleetwood Lawton, commentator, NBC; The Parker Family, BN; Deteline, CBS.
8:30 p. m.—All-Time Hit Parade, NBC; Gene Summers, BN; Playhouse, CBS; Name That Song, MBS.
9:00 p. m.—Purroughs Fun, NBC; Meet Your Navy, BN; Kate Smith Hour, CBS; News, MBS.
9:30 p. m.—General Malones, CBS; Hollywood Theater, NBC.
9:45 p. m.—Pulton Lewis Jr., MBS.
10:00 p. m.—News, NBC; Football Forecasts, MBS.
10:20 p. m.—William Winter, CBS.
10:30 p. m.—Nite Club, BN; Joseph C. Harsch, CBS.
10:45 p. m.—Voice of a Nation, NBC; Cafe Orchi, BN; Henry King Orchi, MBS.
11:00 p. m.—Hotel Biltmore Orchi, NBC; This Moving World, BN; Milton Charles, organist, CBS; Don Redman Orchi, MBS.

Saturday
5:00 p. m.—Peluso Orchi, NBC; Busse Orchi, CBS; Cisco Kid, MBS.
5:15 p. m.—Boston Symphony Orchi, BN.
5:30 p. m.—Dorothy Desmond, NBC; Norman Nesbitt, MBS; News, CBS.
5:45 p. m.—National Barn Dance, NBC; Dorothy Allen songs, CBS; Theatre of the Air, MBS.
6:15 p. m.—Edw. Tomlinson, commentator, BN.
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 Old Opry, NBC; Red Ryder, BN.
7:45 p. m.—Deane Dickason, news, CBS.
8:00 p. m.—Truth or Consequences, NBC; Thanks to the Yanks, CBS; George Duffey Orchi, MBS; Ray Henle, news, BN.
8:15 p. m.—Edw. Jorgensen, commentator, BN.
8:30 p. m.—Able's Irish Rose, NBC; Leon Henderson, news, BN; Inner Sanctum, CBS; Ted Lewis Orchi, MBS.
8:45 p. m.—Bernie Cummins Orchi, MBS.
9:00 p. m.—Cowboy Hit Review, BN; Hit Parade, CBS; News, MBS.
9:30 p. m.—Curtain Call, NBC; Faces and Places in News, MBS.
9:45 p. m.—Don't You Believe It, CBS; Ship Fields Orchi, MBS.
10:00 p. m.—News, NBC; Wings to Victory, BN.
10:15 p. m.—Henry King Orchi, MBS; Pasadena Auditorium Orchi, NBC.
10:30 p. m.—Hotel St. Francis Orchi, NBC; Barn Dance, CBS.
10:45 p. m.—Gus Arnheim Orchi, MBS.
11:00 p. m.—Hotel Biltmore Orchi, NBC; This Moving World, BN; Bandwagon, MBS; Diana Gayle and Milton Charles, CBS.

Oregonian Plans V-Mail Edition For Servicemen

Portland, Ore., Dec. 24 — (U.P.) — Editors of the Portland Oregonian today announced that a miniature edition approximately one-fourth the size of the regular newspaper would be published for servicemen in this country and overseas. When the Oregonian publishes its "V-mail" edition on Jan. 1, it will be the first such servicemen's paper issued on the Pacific coast, said the editors.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads

NO PEEKING

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS
SAY HE HAD TO GO INTO THE ROOM WHERE THE HUSBAND WAS PRESENTLY TO GET HIS DETECTIVE STORY, BUT HE HAD TO KEEP HIS EYES SHUT AND NOT LOOK.

CLOSES EYES AND SINKS IN WITH CONFIDENCE. IMMEDIATELY CRACKS SHUT ON A CHAIR THAT HAS BEEN MOVED OUT OF PLACE.

High School News

By Joan Mole and Viladean Halgren

The handsomely lighted Christmas tree in the front hall was erected by the F. C. A. boys, directed by Mr. F. A. Mentzer, in cooperation with the art classes under supervision of the new art teacher, Mrs. Beverly Lessen, who completed the decorations. Billy Patton, high school technician, was in charge of lighting effects.

To add to the school's Yuletide atmosphere, the art department featured a display in the showcase. This consisted of a group of Christmas cards made by the students and several clay sculptures. These sculptures include a horse by Betty Cox, the head of a negro by Bonicia Parsons, the head of Robert Clutter by Earl Downey, and the head of Earl Downey by Robert Clutter.

New F.C.A. officers elected last Monday at the regular meeting were Roger Hibbard, superintendent; Jerry Woodvine, foreman; Jerry Warren, timekeeper, and Charles Vanderpool, gatekeeper. Also during the meeting, plans were discussed concerning the annual initiation party, to be held sometime during January. Mr. Leland Mentzer, adviser, stated "This is the first time that I have seen an organization made up practically entirely of new members. Only about three have returned from last year."

At the Torch Honor Initiation party, Dec. 17, 14 new members were introduced. Receiving the honor were Wallace Woods, Norma Stearns, June Williams, Geraldine Jerome, Elaine Hoff, Virginia Vanderpool, Betty Mack, Bill Barnum, Jerry Liebman, Sybil Hagen, Janet Horsely, Shirley Pandey, George Graham and Mrs. Olivia Claypool, new adviser.

The party was launched with a "tortuous" but amusing informal initiation for the new members. Initiation was followed by refreshments. President Ben Wharton gave a welcoming speech to the new members, followed by the presentation of club pins by Randall Lovejoy, keeper of the pins. Head chairman for the party was Nancy Swern, assisted by John Bullock and Elmer Kyle.

Hortense Jennings was elected luncheon chairman of the Spanish club, and Alvan Pena program chairman at a meeting held last Monday during activity period. Presiding were president, Helen Rubenstein, and adviser, Miss Carol Synder.

During the past two weeks girls basketball has been in progress under direction of Mrs. Janice Donald and the Girls' Athletic association. Last week the two teams playing were Betty Lou Allison's, which won both games, 9 to 8 and 14 to 12 from Adrienne Leach's. High point girls both times were Joyce Clares. Players are: Allison's—Laverne Yocum, Barbara Yocum, Dorothy Jean Farley, Gladys Nordstrom, Betty Lou Allison, Mary Nelson, Grace Meadows and Joyce Clares. Leach's—Bonnie Parsons, Ruby Graham, Mildred Shellabarger, Dorothy Casad, Jerri Conner, Pearl Broche, Hazel Burns, Roberta Gould, Aletha Emerick and Irene Munger.

A third team consists of Janet Horsely, Coral Morton, Barbara Olsen, Carman Wright, Norma Stearns, Betty Baker, Betty Cox and Barbara Sands.

Again the junior class leads the honor roll for the second six weeks. Sophomores and seniors tied for second place. Junior honor students included: Myrta Ball, Betty Jean Gaster, Georgia Graham, Wanda Johnson, Wilma Neale, Edna Price, Elaine Walker, Phyllis Whitlock, John Bullock, Lloyd Huston, Ferney McKibben, Gernal Ousterhout and Gerald Pence. Sophomores were: Virginia Allen, Beverly Autry, Betty Cox, Sybil Hagen, Janet Horsely, Geraldine Jerome, Geraldine Thomas, Norma Stearns, Naomi

Todd, Bill Hutchinson, Jerry Liebman and Bill Todd. Seniors were: Jean Brown, Louise Clark, Barbara Culbertson, Joan Elliott, Joyce Sims, Bernice Stearns, Bill Barnum, Kenneth Carpenter, Don Dixon, Randall Lovejoy, Jim Tucker and Wallace Woods.

Job's Daughters have announced that their traditional Queen's Ball, in honor of the retiring Queen JoAnne Humphrey, will be held in the Lincoln school gymnasium at 8:45 p. m., Dec. 30. Incoming queen and sponsor of the dance is Betty Jean McKenzie.

Also on the committee are Nancy Swern, clean-up; Ruth Andrews, refreshments; Peggy Young, tickets; Carmen Wright, program; Marjory Thompson,

music; Mildred McKenzie, patroness and patronesses, and Ann Conroy, decorations.

A meeting of H.E.C. bond salesmen was held Monday morning, its purpose being to organize the December bond drive, which was conducted in the home rooms Wednesday. Present were Bernice Stearns, president; Louise Clark, Paula Blanton, Betty Mack, Louella Arnold, Alice Brill and Olive Ogden.

This drive is conducted to obtain the privilege of flying the schools-at-war minute-man flag during January. The method of selling has been the same this month as it was in November, when the school went well over its quota of 90 per cent and obtained the flag.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS by JOHN HIX



BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY SMITH—Flying Fur.



BLONDIE—Out-Maneuvered!



HAP HOPPER, Washington Correspondent—Key Secret.



L'L ABNER—A Star Is Born.



THE NEBBS—Second Childhood.



COLD WAVE END LOOMS IN EAST

(By United Press)

The cold wave broke in the middle west today and will begin to moderate in the east tomorrow, with clear weather and little snow forecast for most of the nation Christmas day.

The U. S. weather bureau forecast at Chicago predicted snow for northern Minnesota and upper Michigan, but said the rest of the nation would not have a white Christmas.

The cold spot of the country

early today was Caribou, Me., where it was 15 below zero and getting colder.

NEW BOLIVIA REGIME CLAIMED ANTI-AXIS

Washington, Dec. 24 — (U.P.) — Dr. Enrique De Lozada, who resigned a job with the U. S. government to become "confidential agent" for the new government of Bolivia, sought today to convince American officials that the new Bolivian regime is anti-Axis and represents "a revolution of the masses."

His plea for American recognition will be based primarily on the contention that the new revolutionary government is the first in the last 50 years of Bolivia's history not to be dominated by the tin mining interests.

Crossword Puzzle

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