

'Miss Minnie's' Apparent Need For Affection Prompted Thefts

Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles on Miss Minnie Mangum, who is charged with stealing some \$2,000,000 from her employers.

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Norfolk, Va. — (U.P.)—Miss Minnie Clark Mangum, a plain, gray spinster from a plain, gray neighborhood, was known as a soft touch. She showered gifts on others, spent little on herself. It made her feel good to give things to others.

wealth of Virginia, she felt good to the tune of nearly \$2,000,000 during the last 22 years. It accused her of embezzling the money from the Commonwealth Building and Loan Association, of which she had been assistant secretary treasurer for 26 years.

In court this week she admitted taking more than \$1,100,000 million about the same amount that the federal government is suing to collect from her friends and relatives to whose "use and benefit" she allegedly diverted the funds.

"She always seemed to be having the time of her life, giving things to people," said a woman who knew her. "She was real sympathetic, and she made a lot over children. At Christmas time, she was more than generous. And you can bet the department stores snapped to attention when she called them."

Miss Minnie reared a nephew and sent him to college. She gave expensive gifts. One automobile dealer said she bought \$30,000 worth of cars in one year and gave them away. One sister and her family allegedly got \$287,000; another \$128,000. I Told You So

Although there were some "I told you so's" voiced by male acquaintances in her neighborhood when the crash came for Miss Minnie, the general reaction of those who knew her socially and in business was shock. "It must be a horrible mistake—she's a real fine woman."

Why did she do it? The most plausible theory of her generous gift giving is that she had an inbred hunger for affection.

Miss Minnie's father died when she was in her early teens, and life for the family was grim. Neighbors don't recall any girlhood romances for her, nor does she seem to have had other than business relations with men during her middle age. She lived with-and-for-her job. She supported an aged mother and blind sister in her plain, frame house.

Her pastor, the Rev. Clayton Pitts, who has a Ph. D. in religious psychology, puts it this way:

"Due to the fact that she had to become very early in life the main support of the family and had the responsibility as she matured of a widowed mother and a young brother and a sister who was losing her sight, the ordinary girlhood associations with men were largely denied her.

would get outward affection. It made them look on her as a very fine person."

Lived Quietly
Miss Minnie lived quietly. Neighbors don't seem to have been too well acquainted with her.

"I never heard anything about her," one said, "except that every once in a while somebody would wonder where she got the money to do some of the things she did."

She gave toys to poor children at Christmas, was active in the women's bible class at the Port Norfolk Baptist Church, and, for a time, taught a Sunday school class. Her regular church offerings were modest, but she did give \$8,800 to the church building fund over an 11-year period.

Roy F. Phillips, president of Commonwealth Building and Loan for the last 10 years, says "Miss Minnie was good natured and met the public well. People were crazy about her. They'd shout, 'Hi, Miss Minnie' as they passed by. I heard that a man who came in the office one day had said of her, 'There goes a saint, if there ever was one.'"

'Medic,' TV Show, Losing Sponsor

Hollywood — (U.P.) — The producers of "Medic" today put the partial blame on a controversial Caesarian program for reportedly losing the sponsor of their television show.

Frank La Tourette and Jim Moser, creators of the medical series, Thursday said they had been informed by an NBC official that the sponsor had quit. They said the official also told them the network would drop the show rather than find a new sponsor.

An NBC spokesman, however, said the network hadn't decided what action to take "and perhaps another sponsor and time slot will be found."

The program recently caused a furor when the network at the last minute cancelled a scheduled filmed program showing a Caesarian birth.

"We think this was on factor in the present situation," Moser said. "However, we had other difficulties with NBC."

RACE COURSE CLOSED

Brussels, Belgium — (U.P.) — A public works inquiry committee has ordered Chimay race course closed until a modification is made on Salles Bend where four persons were killed and 19 injured last Sunday.

Feeding the Family

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Vegetable Scallop That Is Different

Everyone fixes scalloped potatoes and everyone likes them. Here's a version that is certain to become a family and a party favorite. Keep this recipe handy.

For each six generous servings (eight if there's another vegetable), peel and slice eight or nine good-size potatoes, five or six carrots and two medium size onions. Mix one can cream of mushroom soup and two cups milk. In a buttered baking dish, put a layer of potato, carrot and onion, sprinkle lightly with salt, pepper, bits of butter; now a light sprinkling of flour or crumbled crackers and add part of the soup and milk mixture. Repeat until everything is used. Add more milk if necessary so that it comes up just to top of potatoes.

Cover and bake in moderate oven, 325 to 350 degrees, about 45 minutes; uncover and bake 30 to 40 minutes longer, until potatoes are tender and well-browned.

Wall Buffet. In the garden, it is a good idea to place the table against a wall. Flowers or other table decorations can be a flat arrangement close to the wall; takes up little room, gives a dramatic effect, isn't so likely to blow away.

Picnic Salad In-a-Jar

For outdoor salad serving, take along this quart-jar salad mix that is quite filling, together with a washed and chilled head of lettuce wrapped first in a damp cloth then in waxed paper. At the scene, break lettuce into bits on picnic plates and heap with this bean and cheese mixture. Six to eight servings, again dependent on variety in other foods.

Blend one-half cup mayonnaise and one-fourth cup French dressing in a bowl, add two cups drained, cooked or canned green beans, one cup thinly sliced celery, one cup diced American cheese, two tablespoons minced onion, salt and pepper to taste. Toss together until well coated, then put in a quart jar, cover and chill thoroughly ready to go into picnic basket along with wrapped lettuce.

Picnic Sandwiches. Carry sliced bread of several kinds to the picnic spot or back yard, along with the various sandwich spreads so that each can make his own sandwiches.

Pickles Perk Up Picnics And Most Other Meals Too
The pickle packers are celebrating National Pickle week. Being a pickle enthusiast, we think it a fine idea to remind people that pickles perk up picnics and every other meal, too, with the possible exception of breakfast.

Pickles have been popular since ancient times. Both Egyptians and Romans prized them. More pickles are sold in America than any other vegetable; that's what a pickle packer told us. Most pickles are packed in clear glass jars with small informative labels in order to allow a maximum of pickles to show. Pickle packers feel that a good looking pickle is its own best salesman. And we agree.

Pickle Varieties

Walking down a pickle aisle in a local store, you're likely to find nearly two score varieties of good-tasting, crisp, piquant pickles to choose from. There are three kinds of fermented dills; genuine dills, genuine Kosher dills and overnight dills. Then there are processed dills. Dills are to hamburgers as mustard is to ham. There are whole sour pickles, sour mixed pickles, sour relish, chow chow. There are whole sweet pickles, sweet mixed pickles, candied dill sticks, strips or chips, cut lengthwise or in slices, sliced sweet pickles (sometimes called cross-cuts) and sweet pickle relish. There are fresh-packed pickles, sweet fresh cucumber pickles, pasteurized or Polish-style dills and there is vegetable relish in variety according to individual packers.

Easy to Digest
Pickles are packed with good food values and are very easily digested; so let the children eat all they want! Keep a variety handy for adding zest to sandwiches and mixed green salads; for fresh crisp flavor contrast for roasts, chops, fish, poultry.

Grill Notion. Problem in garden grill cooking sometimes is how to keep meat or fish from sticking to the hot metal mesh. To avoid this, use a folding wire toaster and set its corners on small stones so that meat is an

inch or so above the hot grill. When meat or fish is done on one side, flip toaster and all. We needn't remind you that charcoal must have burned down to red-gray coals before you start grilling.

Picnic Season Finds Record Poultry, Eggs, Pork, Beef

Before we get over in the edibles departments, we remind you to put in good supplies of waxed paper, aluminum foil, paper plates, cups, napkins and other time and energy savers for frequent use from now on.

Whatever the weather, we westerners stretch the summer season just as far as we can as we take to the woods, the nearest waterways, picnic grounds or any other handy outdoors spot where food tastes so much better than indoors.

Fryers and Broilers. Twenty-six ways of fixing fried chicken, says a book on our desk; and all of them probably will be in use as record supplies of poultry continue to come to market. Indoors or outdoors, charcoaled, grilled, fried, barbecued, broiled, hot or cold, poultry makes superlative eating at surprisingly low cost. While you're about it, pile it high, hoping to have enough left over for another meal tomorrow or the next day.

Cold chicken with bread and butter sandwiches for eating at home, taking to work or to school.

Plentiful Eggs. For myriad uses including hard-cooked, stuffed, deviled and for going into potato and macaroni salads, eggs are a good buy. Buy from a dealer who sells graded eggs in cartons and who keeps them refrigerated. Look for "good buys."

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Picnic Pork. Pork bonanza is nearing an end, so enjoy it accordingly. Most of the surplus has been eaten which means prices are due to rise. Current supplies of bacon, pork sausage, hams and smoked shoulder cuts are good; prices low.

Quality beef continues plentiful but lower grades will increase as summer advances. Now is the time to stock the freezer with a good assortment of both plain and fancy cuts.

Other Good Buys. Dairy production is rising. Food fats and oils are plentiful. Among fruits, fresh oranges and grapefruit are plentiful, reasonably priced. Plenty of bananas. Eating apples

Attorney General Rules On Married Pupils

Salem —(U.P.)—The attorney general has ruled that any

school board rule or regulation excluding married pupils who are otherwise eligible would be arbitrary and unreasonable and therefore invalid.

"There is no law of Oregon which authorizes the exclusion of a pupil by reason of the marriage of such a pupil," the ruling stated.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

HELPLESS EIGHT HOURS

Jackson, Miss.—(U.P.)—W. G. Whaley, 76, lay helpless for eight hours Thursday with injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Whaley's chest was crushed and his leg broken when his truck turned over on a county road about midnight, but no one heard his shouts or honking of the truck horn until a passer-by found him long after sunup.

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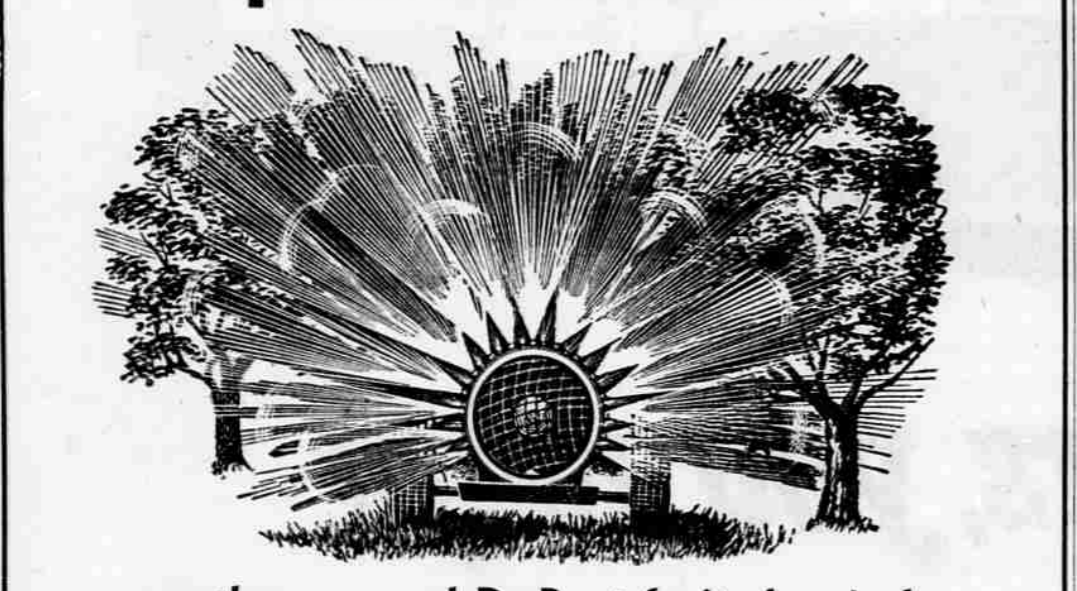
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