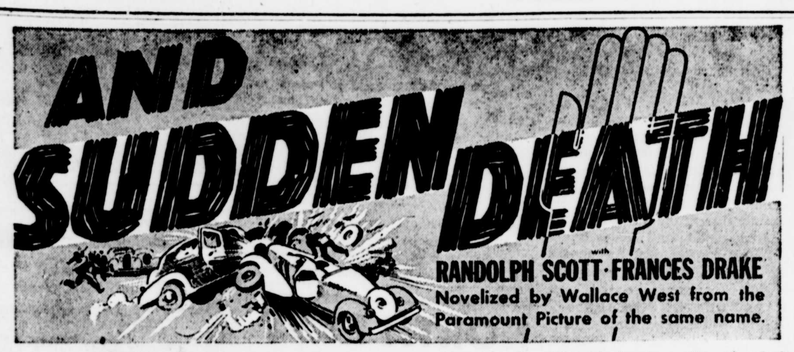

SYNOPSIS

Arrested for the fourth time for speeding Betty Winslow madcap society girl meets Lieut. Knox, handsome head of the Traffic Department. Knox is campaigning for more traffic safety. He falls in love with Betty despite her penchant for speeding. Jackie Betty's young brother crashes into a school bus while driving drunk. Betty riding with her brother takes the blame for the crash saying that she was at the wheel. She is indicted for manslaughter when one of the children injured in the bus dies on the operating table.

CHAPTER VIII

"NOW we'll see what happens," whispered Jackie, who was sitting beside his sister, as the head of the traffic department took the stand.

"Raise your right hand," the court clerk directed. "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

"I do."

"Lieutenant Knox, you're the officer in charge of the traffic department of this city, are you not?" queried the district attorney.

"I am."

"Will you tell the court in your own words what you know about the defendant, Miss Betty Winslow?"

Haltingly, and without meeting the eyes of the girl at the defense table, Knox related the circumstances of their meeting, told of the Traffic school, and of the party on the evening of the accident. He denied heatedly that Betty had had anything to drink on that occasion but explained that she was driving her brother's car because the latter was too intoxicated to do so. Under the prodding of the questioner he admitted that the Winslow's car passed that of the Sloan's at a speed which he reluctantly estimated to be around seventy-five miles an hour.

There was a murmur from the spectators as this damaging point of evidence was brought out. Betty stared at Knox as though unable to believe her ears, then glanced at Jackie as if asking an explanation.

"I object," Anderson was shouting. "This evidence is wholly a matter of conjecture and as such is immaterial and irrelevant!"

"Objection sustained," ruled the Judge.

"Perhaps we can show that seventy-five miles an hour is not such sheer conjecture as the lawyer for the defendant seems to think," said the prosecutor as he went to his table and picked up a photographic enlargement. Then, turning back to the witness, he continued:

"Lieutenant Knox, what was the precise time that Miss Winslow's car passed yours?"

"One second before ten."

"How could you know the time so accurately," asked his questioner with a faint smile of triumph as those in the courtroom gasped in surprise.

"The radio of our car was going. As Miss Winslow's car passed ours, the announcer happened to broadcast the correct time."

"Where were you at that time?" The D. A. tried to hide his own excitement.

"A little over ten miles west of Kingston Junction, where the accident occurred."

The prosecutor handed him the photographic enlargement and asked:

"Can you identify the clock in that photograph?"

"Yes. It is the clock on the dash board of Mr. Winslow's car."

"How can you be so sure?"

"It was photographed by my orders." Knox stared straight ahead and looked in Jackie's direction as though half expecting some sort of explanation. As if in answer to her questioning look, Jackie was staring at Knox with hatred and contempt while his lips formed the words: "The double-crossing rat!"

"Lieutenant Knox, as head of the Traffic Department, and as a matter of expert testimony, is it your opinion that this accident could have been avoided?" the Prosecutor continued inexorably.

"I object!" shouted Anderson. 'Any answer the witnesses might make would be conjecture and therefore immaterial!"

"Not at all!" the District Attorney shouted in return. "The witness' expert knowledge entitles him to express a valid opinion."

"Objection overruled," came the Judge's monotone.

"Yes—I think the accident could have been avoided," answered Knox when quiet had been restored.

"One last question, Lieutenant." The Prosecutor's attitude was reminiscent of that of a cat about to pounce on a bird. "After a person has had her brakes tested as Miss Winslow did, and has been warned not to drive more than thirty miles an hour, and she nevertheless does so, with fatal results, would you say that she was guilty of criminal negligence?"

Knox did not answer. Instead he stared straight at Betty, beseechingly and yet hopelessly.

"Did you hear the question?" the Prosecutor demanded relentlessly. "When the car struck that bus—" the Prosecutor turned dramatically to the jury. "The clock on the dashboard stopped. What time do the hands of the clock in this photograph show, Lieutenant?"

"They show seven minutes after ten," was the toneless answer.

"Ten miles in seven minutes," remarked the attorney to no one in particular. Then, turning to the jury, he cried: "Gentlemen, this shows it is no longer a question of conjecture that Miss Winslow was going seventy-five miles an hour. It is a question of simple mathematical proof."

The men and women on the jury leaned forward and whispered to each other excitedly. The courtroom was in such an uproar that the clerk had to pound for order. Betty stared at Knox like a child which has been hurt and cannot understand why. She turned her head slowly to the jury, paused for a dramatic effect as though to say to them "What else is there to say?" Then he turned in the direction of the Judge's bench.

"The Prosecution rests, Your Honor," he smiled.

"Would she be guilty of criminal negligence?"

"Yes . . . she would," answered Knox in a low voice.

The District Attorney swung toward the jury, paused for a dramatic effect as though to say to them "What else is there to say?" Then he turned in the direction of the Judge's bench.

"The Prosecution rests, Your Honor," he smiled.

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"What do you think, Anderson?" Betty's perspiring father asked as he, Betty and Jackie sat in the almost empty courtroom waiting for the jury to end its deliberations.

"I think we have a good chance," said the attorney ponderously, but his strained smile belied his words.

"Sure we have," cried Jackie as though desperately trying to convince himself. "They'll never convict her in a thousand years."

"Did you hear the question?" the Prosecutor demanded relentlessly. "Would she be guilty of criminal negligence?" "Yes," Knox answered in a low voice.

"I don't care what happens now," said Betty in a bitter voice.

"Here they come," whispered Anderson tensely as the door to the jury room opened and the twelve men and women filed into the box.

There were a few moments of confusion as the courtroom filled up with excited spectators and the Judge climbed to the bench. Before the session was resumed Knox hurried up to the defense table.

"Betty," he stammered earnestly. "I'm sorry I had to say those things on the stand. But there wasn't any way out of it."

At that moment the Judge rapped for order. "Gentlemen of the jury," he asked. "Have you arrived at a verdict."

"Yes, Your Honor—we have," said the portly, baldheaded foreman as he rose to his feet and handed the Judge a sealed envelope. His Honor studied it closely for a moment, then looked up.

"Will the defendant please rise?" he asked in an almost gentle voice. As Betty did so, her face white and strained, he continued: "Betty Winslow, this court finds you guilty of murder in the second degree."

At those words Jackie half rose from his chair, as though to say something. But he lost his nerve, sank back and buried his face in his hands, as the courtroom burst into pandemonium, with everybody talking at once despite the pounding of the clerk's gavel, and with flashlights flickering as newspapermen made photographs for the evening editions.

(To be continued)

HOBBIES

By MAX CHAMBERS

Cards were first played by the Chinese centuries before Marco Polo and other white adventurers visited the Orient. Late in the 14th century cards appeared in France after having been brought to Italy a century earlier.

Card playing is a universal game but Bridge is the American version of the English game of Whist as played the Crown Coffee House in London. Here occasional disputes brought about the establishment, about 1743 by Hoyle, of rules for playing the game, hence, "According to Hoyle."

I don't know much about the game but as I understand it, it is played with small pieces of decorated pasteboard which are equally divided among the four players. There are a lot of bids, tricks, trumps and tallies tangled up in it but the intrepid players always get across the bridge to the next table.

At the Great Lakes Exposition in Cleveland, Ohio, I saw a multiple hinged card that would answer many a bridge players dream for a king to make a spades in slam ground. It is the table game of games where brilliancy and boredom often face each other, exchanging bum plays for "over the glasses wisdom." The real romance of Bridge comes from the enjoyment of personalities when cards are used to take tricks if played at all.

I know one lady who attended about seventy-five bridge parties during 1935 and as a hobby made a collection of her tallies which show that she won nineteen prizes—her husband claims he nearly starved but he doesn't look it. While she still has the tallies, the prizes dwindled with the passing of the Xmas season.

The tallies run the gamut of style, size, color, design and scores in both auction and contract. Your present dealer plays one as well as the other.

Once upon a time not so many years removed even the subject of card playing was taboo. Today few places frown on Bridge. In this another indication of American trends?

Bridge is one of the leading indoor escape hobbies and while it no doubt easey many a depression evening, it certainly is not played to the crowds it occupied two or three years ago. People are on the move again, looking for a new game. This winter will tell a new story about Bridge.

Books—Common Sense - Contract Bridge, Work; Contract Bridge Blue Book, Culbertson.

Next Week—Whittling.

Really Perfect Dress For Early Fall Wear

The really perfect dress for early fall wear, this year, is of black, either shiny black or dull, or both combined. For instance a lovely model seen recently was made of dull finished crepe trmmed with bias folds of shiny satin. The waistcoat or vestee had a high draped neckline and was made of very shiny white satin. It was all extremely smart.

The Directoire influence, now so pronounced in the new fall fashions, shows even in the color selected. A stunning scarf for evening wear is of a rather dark green silk trimmed with an appliqued design of laurel leaves in gold colored silk.

Delightful Dessert— Peach Cream Pie

Two-thirds cup sugar, 1-3 cup flour, 1-8 teaspoon salt, 3 egg yolks, 2 cups milk, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1-2 teaspoon lemon extract, 1-4 teaspoon almond extract, 2 cups sliced peaches, 3 tablespoons confectioner's sugar, 3 egg whites beaten, 1 baked pie shell.

Blend half cup of the sugar with the flour and salt. Add yolks and milk. Cook until creamy in double boiler, stirring frequently. Beat well, add extracts and butter and pour into baked pie shell. Cover with peaches and sprinkle them with confectioner's sugar. Beat whites until stiff, add rest of sugar and beat until creamy. Roughly spread over peaches and bake ten minutes in slow oven. Cool and serve .

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Peacock Plumage

Purple and peacock blue are among the gay colors being combined in fall lounging ensembles. One pajama outfit has trousers of peacock blue satin under a tunic coat of violet moire. With moire-covered buttons down the front. "Venetian rust" washable velvet tunics are shown with green satin trousers, and "May-Wine" goes with garnet. A pair of thin wool lounging pajamas for a college girl has black slacks and a cream-colored shirt blouse with several colored flaps in olive green, wine and blue over the breast pockets.

Firm Cucumbers

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Long, slender cucumbers are best. They should be firm to the touch, the skin bright and smooth. Very large cucumbers which are unduly heavy are sure to have a spongy interior and huge seeds, which must be removed. However, even a good, firm cucumber may have a spongy layer under the green skin. The rule, therefore, is to peel thickly, in contrast to other vegetables.

Summer Cocktail

One cup raspberries, 1 cup diced fresh pineapple, 1 cup seeded red cherries, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 2-3 cup sugar.

If desired this can be served partially frozed by pouring into tray in mechanical refrigerator and chilling about one hour.

To Measure Butter

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The Board hereby gives further Notice that said application will be heard by it on

Tuesday, Sept. 1 ,1936.

at 9:00 o'clock A. M., at the Court House in the Town of Elkton, at which time and place any person may be heard on either side of the question.

MAULDIN LUM, Chairman
DANIEL H. GARRETT
LAWSON C. TOSH
Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County.

Notice To Creditors

This is to give notice that the subscriber of Cecil County, has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Cecil county, Letters of Administration on the personal estate of

HAZEL M. HOLLOWAY

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof duly authenticated on or before the 7th day of February, 1937, they will otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of August, 1936.

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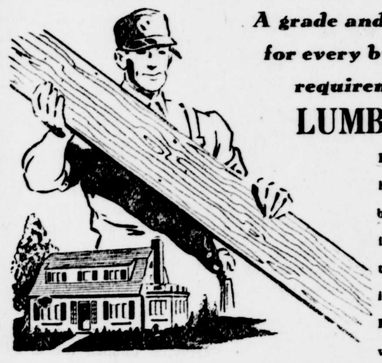
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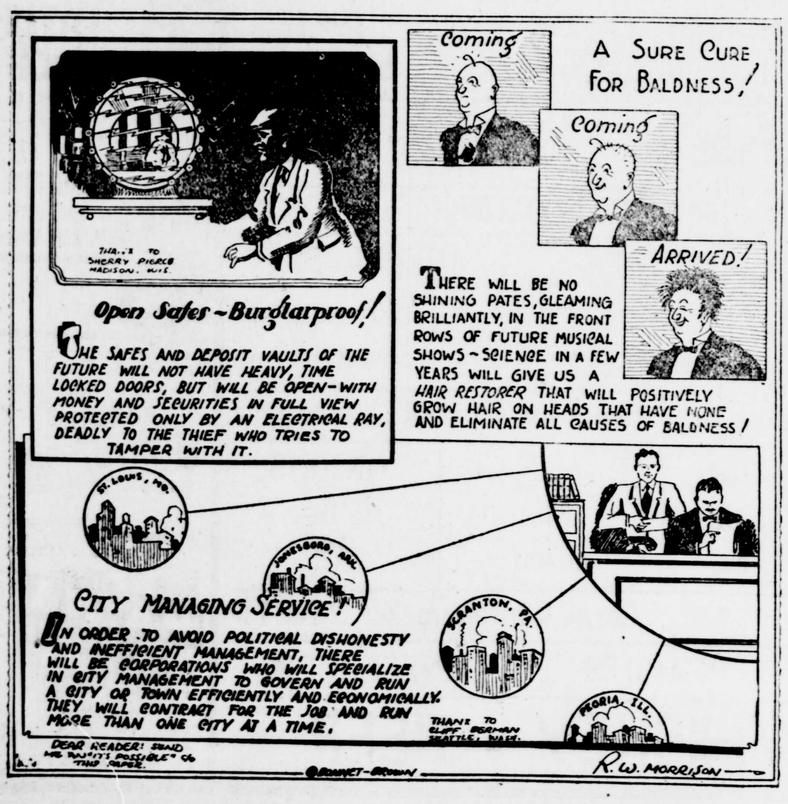

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