

### New Year's Eve Ball

**Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 1946**

Grand Opening of the CLOVER CLUB  
Formerly Legion Auditorium  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
Refreshments — Novelties  
Dress, Optional

Tables Reserved. Make your reservations early by calling 1222.

Tickets on sale at Hughes Drug Co.  
Reddin Bros. and Legion Home

Dancing from 10.00 P.M. — 2.00 A.M.  
Admission, \$2.00 Couple

### County Club

By  
**Holloway Horn**

"Only once, he called on us in London."  
"What kind of man was he?"  
"Dark hair and a pesty complexion. A wash-out, I'm afraid."  
"Now, I echo the Superintendent's advice and urge you to get some sleep. Good-night!"  
"Their eyes met for a moment, and Dollimore held out his hand. "Good night!" he said again, and the two men turned to the door. "That does make you wonder," said Ducros.  
"There's another point. It's of minor importance, but it does show the type of people we're up against. You remember that the Pachmann woman insisted that she had never met Fernandez before she came to this place?"  
"He told me that he had known her for several years in New York."  
"I don't see that's important."  
"Only that she was lying. People don't lie like that if they have nothing to hide. If I'd put the same question to Miss Stenning she would have told the truth. I'm sure, Chief, that we've found out all that we are likely to find out in the club. We've got to get hold of the son and the man McKenzie—and the will—unless it's been destroyed. Why not tackle Rolliter about the will right off?"  
"As you say. You have a shot at it. There he is still."  
"Can you spare us another minute or so, Mr. Rolliter?" Dollimore asked, as they passed the table where Fernandez and the solicitor were still sitting.  
"Surely, in the office?"  
"Please!"

### The Police Agree

The local Inspector was already there, waiting.  
"You spoke, old chap, if you wish to," Ducros suggested. "Just see that your men are all awake and arrange for their relief—for the moment they should stay where they are."  
"Right! I'll be up early in the morning."  
"There's one point, Mr. Rolliter. I think that there was no will, I believe."  
"As far as I know, I said," the solicitor replied. "As a matter of fact I drew up one for Mrs. Lewin some few weeks ago, but she wrote to me a day or so later and said that she had altered her mind and destroyed it. I have no reason to doubt that she did."  
"I see," said Dollimore. "Do you remember the terms of that will?"  
"Yes. The greater part of the estate went to various charities. An annuity to the son—I think the existing sum was to remain unaltered—and an annuity to Miss Stenning—a small one I left the will with Mrs. Lewin. If it isn't in her room or with her bankers she has—presumably—destroyed it. It is of the first importance to find out whether she did, in fact, destroy it."  
"Why didn't you mention it when I spoke about it before?" Ducros asked.  
"I assumed that she had done what she said she meant to do and destroyed it, and there was no will in existence."  
"Thank you, Mr. Rolliter. We shall probably be glad of a few words with you in the morning."  
"Then I will say good-night. I'm half asleep as it is!" Again, for a moment, that intent eye rested on Dollimore as its owner turned to the door.  
"The two officials watched each other in silence as the door closed behind the solicitor.  
"Well?" demanded Dollimore, at length.  
"He was lying," said Ducros. "I'm a Dutchman, but he's as sharp as a needle. He knew we had found out about the will he drew up."  
"I agree. He saw us go up to Miss Stenning's room and guessed why. He may be a crook, and a dangerous one, but he's got it above the ears all right."  
"Look at the time!" exclaimed Ducros. "It's for an hour's rest."  
"Same here."

### CHAPTER IV

#### Mary Stenning Reappears

The difference in temperament between Superintendent Ducros, experienced and mature, and Station Inspector Dollimore, young and enthusiastic was clearly shown during the few hours which elapsed before they took up the hunt for the missing girl. Ducros, at once, but Dollimore remained awake for some considerable time, turning over the events of the night in his active mind. There is, of course, a certain amount to be said for both methods.  
When the two men met on the Sunday morning in the sunlit breakfast room, the place seemed strangely quiet. It was as if a bright had fallen on the club which the brightness of the morning made even more obvious. The servants moved silently as though afraid of making a sound; everyone knew, of course, that Ducros and Dollimore were in charge, could send the door men and question them at any time.  
The police officers' table was in one of the windows and they were able to talk without fear of being overheard.  
There were very few victors there, and they glanced curiously at the two men as they crossed to the table in the window. Of Fernandez and Rolliter there was no sign. Nor, as Dollimore noticed, was Miss Stenning down.  
"The lads from the finger-print department apparently got a lot of stuff to be going on with," said Ducros as he unfolded his napkin.  
(To be continued)

### Contract Bridge

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

#### BAD DEFENSE

The defense had to be (and was) pretty bad for South to make his game contract in today's deal.

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ J 10 6  
♥ J 7 5 4  
♦ A 9 6 2  
♣ 5

♠ K 4 3  
♥ 2  
♦ K J 8  
♣ J 5

♠ A Q 8 7 2  
♥ A Q  
♦ 10 5  
♣ A Q 6 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
♠ Pass 2♣ Pass Pass  
♥ Pass Pass Pass Pass

West made what was unquestionably his best opening by leading the singleton heart. Declarer won with the queen and after long reflection, decided against going to dummy with a diamond's suit, trusting the club finesse. He did not know that he was about to lose his heart ace to a ruff by West, and therefore hoped to win at least two heart tricks, four of his own five trumps, the diamond ace, the club ace, and two club ruffs in dummy.  
So he laid down the club ace and ace, and after studying the situation, West returned his last trump, hoping to protect his possible club tricks against further ruffing in dummy.  
East was obviously disgusted with his partner's lead that "trapped" East's trump king, and he put up that card with an air of unenjoyable martyrdom. South won with the spade ace, coolly ruffed another club with dummy's last trump, and soon claimed his contract. He lost in all, only a heart ruff, a diamond and one club.  
It was inexcusable for East to part with his king of trumps, merely because West had "led through him." Obviously from the bidding, it would not establish any trump trick for West to cover the trump ten with the king, but equally obviously, it would be a very good idea for East to hold the spade king so that he could over-ruff dummy in clubs.

#### BRINGING UP FATHER

"We'll sing 'Til the cows come home—my love!"  
"The cows won't come home if they hear that!"  
"Someone's at the door! I hope it's not the riot squad!"  
"Listen—you'll live upstairs—and in going to the police and register a complaint about the noise in your apartment."  
"Just a minute—I'll get me hat and go with you!"

#### HENRY

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DUNCE CAPS MADE TO ORDER ANY SIZE TAKE A FEW BACK TO SCHOOL

#### TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBBS

GEE, TIPPY—YOU'D THINK A FELLA COULD GET A PRETTY NICE BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR A GIP FOR THREE DOLLARS—!

"SIXTY-SEVEN, SIXTY-EIGHT—GEE I GUESS WE'RE GOIN' TO HAVE ENOUGH—"

COME BACK HERE AN' PRACTISE YOUR MUSIC, CAP STUBBS—!

MY LAND! DON'T TELL ME HE TOOK TH' MONEY OUT OF HIS BANK, TOO! I SHOULD HAVE BEEN 'BUFF' FOR ANY THINKIN' GEE—! PRESENT!!

#### NAPOLEON AND UNCLE ELBY

RESTAURANT FRENCH TABLE D'HOÏE

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#### TILLIE THE TOILER

MAC, I WISH LOLA'D NEVER WRITTEN A DIARY! MAYBE SHE DOESN'T!

YES, MOTHER, I DID SPEND \$1000 ON DETECTIVES TO HUNT MY STOLEN DIARY!

LOLA! WHAT EXTRAVAGANCE!

BUT, MOTHER, IN IT I TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT UNCLE YOU DID?

GOOD HEAVENS! AND YOU ONLY SPENT ONE THOUSAND?

### QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



"The Guardian Want Ad said 'Gold Mine'—but after I bought it I found I owned a cafe!"

#### CAUSE OF GOITRE

Goitre trouble is caused by the malfunctioning of the thyroid gland in the neck.

#### REMOVING STAINS

To remove lipstick stains, wash white clothes in hot suds and bleach with peroxide if necessary.

### DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS	1. Rascal	5. Beg	25. Labyrinth
	2. Hourly	6. Rude	26. A break-
	3. Strident	7. Saying	water
	4. John	8. Vein	29. Loose-
	9. Harangue	9. Long, fur	hanging
	10. Small drum	10. Leaf	point
	11. Public	11. Sign	31. Goes
	12. Rough lava	12. King	to bed
	13. Behold!	13. Zodiac	33. Sign
	14. Chinese coin	14. Wandering	of the
	15. Selected for military service	15. Peoples	god
	16. Coarse bromine (U.S.)	16. Help	35. Wandering
	17. One of many layers	17. 22. Charges for services	peoples
	18. Placed	18. 23. Woody perennial	36. Borders
	19. Antlered animal	19. 44. Past	45. Vitality
	20. Fervor	20. 46. Before	48. Disfigure
	21. Observed	21. 47. Before	48. Disfigure
	22. Comes into view	22. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
	23. Sign of the indefinite	23. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
	24. Perform	24. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
	25. Cry of pain	25. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
	26. Obscure	26. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
	27. A juicy berry	27. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
	28. Beetle	28. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
	29. Anxious	29. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
	30. Leveled to the ground	30. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
	31. Inclined	31. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
	32. Garment	32. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure
DOWN	1. Shallows	1. 44. Past	45. Vitality
	2. Warm	1. 46. Before	48. Disfigure
	3. Macaws	1. 47. Before	48. Disfigure
	4. Cushion	1. 48. Disfigure	48. Disfigure

#### CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation

PF OTLSJUW IPF LTFUW. MKI WJLCW TI IPF SJEFW—RKEFUTH.

Saturday's Cryptoquote: TIS BETTER TO HAVE LOVED AND LOST THAN NEVER TO HAVE LOVED AT ALL—TENNYSON.

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### OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. WILLIAMS



### OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoopie



### KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Zane Gray



### DOTTY DRIPPLE

By Buford Tuna



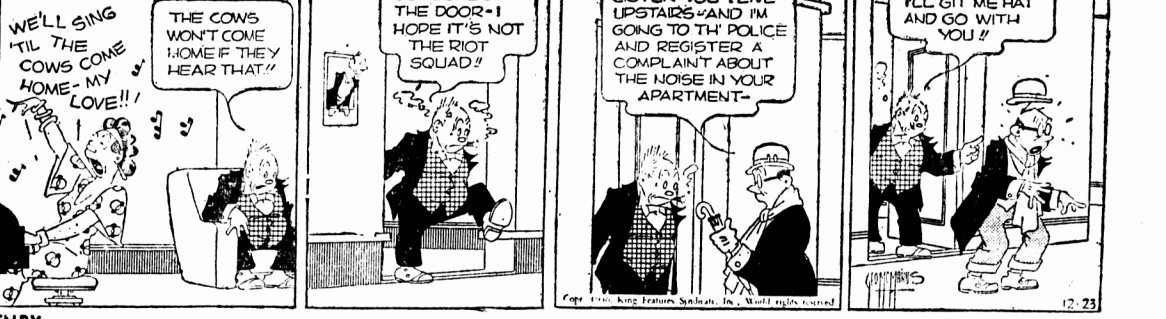
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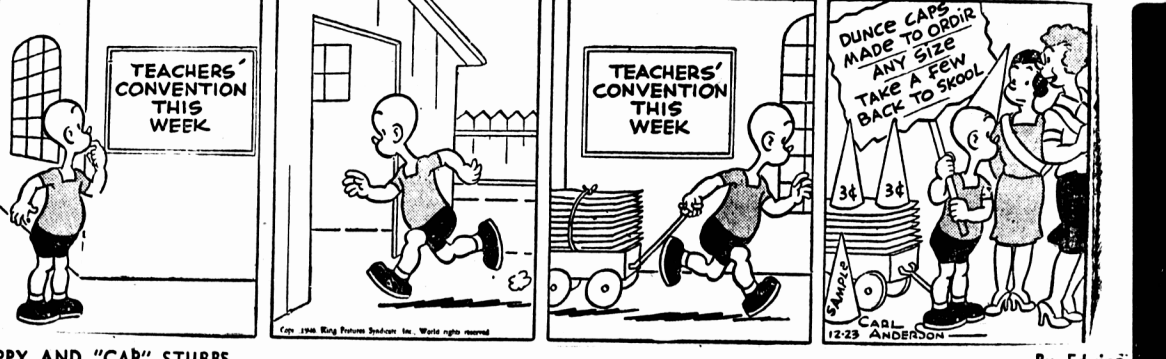
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