

The Birthday Murder

By Lange Lewis
CHAPTER FOURTEEN
Part One

Tuck turned to Bernice Saxe. Certainly the idea of murder must have occurred to you, Mrs. Saxe.

"It's too fantastic," said Bernice Saxe, but did not say why. "My name's Tuck," Tuck told them, mechanically showing his badge. He turned to the servant. "What's your name?"

"Hazel Bennett, Mrs. Hazel Bennett."

"Mrs. Saxe says you've worked for Mrs. Hime for three years. Do you know any reason why Mr. Hime could have taken his own life?"

Hazel shook her head rather dubiously. It was Bernice Saxe who elaborated. With the ash long ago tucked on her cigarette which she held, Tuck noted, at an affected tilt in her hand, she spoke from the kitchen stool on which she was rather gracefully ensconced. "I've known him only six months or so, from the time they were married, but I'd say no, I mean, to commit suicide a person has to have... well, a sort of passionate quality. Albert was well, he was quiet. He was a matter-of-fact person. I can't imagine him killing himself over anything."

"That seems to leave accident or murder, then," said Tuck and watched them.

Mrs. Saxe slipped from the stool, her high heels clattering on the floor. "It can't be murder!" she exclaimed, with what seemed to Tuck undue passion. "She just can't be, she's starting into his eyes with her shining brown ones. I mean they were such a devoted couple."

Hazel's little gray head turned toward Mrs. Saxe and at the same moment the friend of Mrs. Hime seemed to realize the implication of what she had said, and abruptly lowered her lids over her eyes.

As Tuck turned to leave the kitchen he told them, "You'd better wake Mrs. Hime now. I have to talk to her, you might give her some black coffee."

"There isn't any coffee," said Hazel. "I was just going to the store to get some."

In the narrow hall leading back to the bedrooms Tuck came face to face with Froody. Froody, a white handkerchief around his hand, was holding out a cardboard box about six inches high. "Look!" he said.

Tuck moved so that the light from the window above the recessed bar fell on the yellow box. It had a fine coating of dust and wore the legend, "Fuller's Ant Poison." It had been opened.

"I found it on the top shelf of the cupboard in the den," said Froody. "It was shoved way back."

The medical examiner turned into the hall from the dead man's room, his bag in his hand, his hat on his head. Tuck held out the box which he had taken from Froody in order to read the fine print containing a list of the ingredients of Fuller's ant poison. "Ninety per cent sodium fluoride," Tuck said to the medical examiner. "Would you say a dose of this could have killed Hime?"

"Sodium fluoride," repeated the doctor. He cocked his head to one side. "Yes. That could have done the trick. I'd say that—oh, about a teaspoonful would kill—"

"He let his eyes rove up Tuck's height—'even you.'" With a grin and a gay salute he left them.

"I think I'll take a look at this den," said Tuck. He used two sheets from the stack of yellow paper on the desk to wrap the box of poison carefully.

"Someone around here must have been a writer," said Froody, nodding toward the typewriter, the deep stack of pages beside it.

"Mrs. Hime," said Tuck, looking at the first page of the manuscript. "She calls herself Victoria Jason."

To be continued

Barbara Brent's BUYS AND WHYS

MONTREAL, Nov. 1st.—I could hardly believe that those snow-white hands were mine! I'd grown so used to seeing them rough and red after dish-washing and housecleaning. (Those new detergents are grand for cleaning, but not so good for hands!) Then I discovered that my favourite JERGENS LOTION was the very thing to smoo-th 'n' soothe detergent-dry hands! Because Jergens is liquid it quickly supplies the softening, smoothing moisture that dry, thirsty skin needs. When you use Jergens after every watery chore, your hands will stay soft and smooth as rose petals. Yes, truly! Do try it. Keep a bottle handy in both kitchen and bathroom. Just 15c, 37c, 65c and \$1.15.

There's The Rub! With winter about to snow and blow colds in on us again, there's one sure way to get quick relief from chest cold misery—just rub in BEN-GAY (Baume Bengale) and rub out "Peter Pain"! I find that whether "Peter Pain" strikes in a cold or headache, this rub-in breaks up congestion and gives happy relief, along with a soothing, nice warm feeling. It does the trick too, in chasing away muscular aches and strains. Ben-Gay is easy to apply... just rub it on the aching areas—yes, it's kind, even to a child's tender skin—and see how quickly you feel better. Always keep Ben-Gay on hand—the generous tube costs just 75c at your druggist's.

Baby Measures Up to your expectations when he grows strong and happy on a baby-wise diet. That's why so many mothers insist on foods made specially for baby. Heinz Cereals—and a little later HEINZ STRAINED BABY FOODS. Meat products, soups, vegetables and desserts—they're all expertly blended to give baby extra nourishment—all cooked to baby-ready digestibility. All you do is take them from the tin—warm them up and serve. And, mother—when baby is a little older—add HEINZ JUNIOR FOODS to help build strong bones and a sturdy little body. Ask your dealer for Heinz Baby and Junior Foods! You know they're good because they're Heinz.

"Statistics Prove That You're 364 Unbirthdays A Year," the Mad Hatter informed Alice in Walt Disney's production, "Alice in Wonderland." With 364 days a year that aren't birthdays, there should certainly be an UN-birthday Cake to celebrate occasionally—even if it's for no particular reason at all. That's why SWANS DOWN CAKE FLOUR has developed an UN-birthday cake you should try. It's wonderful! Melting, fine-grained, light as a dream—but then, so is every cake made with Swans Down Cake Flour.

SWANS DOWN'S UNBIRTHDAY CAKE: Bake Devil's Food Cake as directed on back of Swans Down Cake Flour package, but use 2 deep layer pans—one 10-inch, one 8-inch, lined on bottoms with paper, then greased. Cover larger cake with vanilla-flavored butter-type frosting. Place smaller cake on top of larger one. Frosting. Melt 2 squares Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate and 2 teaspoons butter over hot water and blend. Pour slightly cooled chocolate mixture over the set frosting on cake layers, letting it run down sides. Keep cake in cool place until chocolate is firm.

There's Lots Of Zip to this Season's popular Skirt—and Blouse Fashion! Particularly when your blouse-and-skirt "twosomes" are zipped with LIGHTNING SLIDE FASTENERS! So here's a tip when you're buying... the handsome new, snug-fitting blouse designs require Lightning Style No. 702 for becoming fit. If your skirt is lightweight, Style 702 will be just right for it, too. If it's heavyweight, better buy Lightning Style No. 805. Never before have zippers played such an important part in fashion... blouse sleeves and these new turtle-neck-lines need them... and, for skirts, full or sleek... they're a must. But be sure your zipper is a Lightning! It's flexible, it's durable—and it has that "one-and-only" self-locking automatic slider that never, never slips!

Exciting—Gorgeous—Complimentably Delicious... is that the way you like your desserts? Then here's a dessert recipe you'll love. The secret of its success is the fresh lemon flavour of SUNKIST LEMONS. They're the finest, juiciest lemons grown. Just wait 'til you taste them in this Lemon Cake Top Pudding... Cream: 2 tbsps. flour, 3/4 c. sugar, 1 tbsps. butter. Add: 2 egg yolks, beaten; 1/4 c. Sunkist lemon juice; 1 c. milk. Fold in: 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten. Bake in an 8 inch unbuttered pudding dish or individual custard cups, set in a pan of warm water. Bake 35 minutes in oven (350 deg. to 375 deg. F.). Will form a cake top with a layer of custard below. (Serves 4-6).

It's A Pleasure!... A warm and fragrant bath after a busy day of housework is a luxury we can all afford. And so is a C-I-L COLOURED SPONGE for the bath! Yes, those grand C-I-L Sponges come in five colours to blend with your bathroom colour scheme. Every member of your family can have a "personalized" bath sponge. Soft as velvet when wet, C-I-L Cellulose Sponges are kind to even a baby's tender skin. They float—hold twenty times their weight in water—and they're so clean and sanitary. Ask for C-I-L Sponges at grocery, drug, variety, hardware or department stores. C-I-L Sponges have been awarded the "Chasteline Institute Seal of Approval"—your assurance of quality.

's A Success! Yes, this instant coffee is a huge success with my friends, my family... and with me! For it's more than instant coffee—it's INSTANT CHASE & SANBORN! That makes it the only instant coffee backed by over 85 years' coffee experience. Such a wealth of flavour and heartwarming goodness! I'm saving money with Instant Chase & Sanborn Coffee and enjoying it! Yes, Instant Chase & Sanborn Coffee cuts coffee bills 'way down—and there's no waste. Make one or ten cups at a time. Easy! Just add hot water—coffee's ready!

Some People Say that one of the nicest things about Christmas is the cake—that gorgeous, rich fruit cake that adds so much to holiday entertaining. But remember, you must make it early enough so the flavour has time to mature. That's why it's wise to shop for your WAGSTAFFE CUT MIXED PEEL and GLACE FRUITS now. Your grocer has a fine assortment—including Wagstaffe Cut Citron Peel that's tender, clear and flavourful. And when you see the delicious, transparent "twin fritters" or dried Glace Cherries—you'll want to stock up for your Christmas cake right away! So look for Wagstaffe Cut Mixed Peel and Glace Fruits and you'll get finest quality.

Which One Is The Daughter? That's a question often asked by people who see beautiful Metropolitan Opera star Jarmila Novotna and her daughter together. Madame Novotna says her secret of beauty and youth is a well-known one!... She gives her complexion the regular care of WOODBURY FACIAL SOAP. You see, Woodbury is more than just a cleanser. To every cake, Woodbury skin scientists add a rich beauty oil beauty-cream ingredient—the same beauty oil used in fine face creams. While some soaps dry, Woodbury smooths. Its beauty oil is intended to help replace the natural oils you wash away. So treat your skin to Woodbury's creamy lather regularly. And get the Big Beauty Bath Size for all-over loveliness.

SEA VIEW SCHOOL
Report for month of September:
Grade X-1. Theodor Campbell; 2. Ina Murphy; 3. Carl Murphy.
Grade IX-1. Grace Campbell; 2. Ethel Adams; 3. Robert Adams.
Grade VIII-1. Rita Murphy; 2. Eleanor Campbell; 3. Enid Donald.
Grade VII-1. Joan Duggan; 2. Lois Murphy; 3. Ethyle Adams.
Grade VI-1. Donald Adams and Clayton Coulson (equal); 2. Walter Stewart; 3. Terrence Murphy.
Perfect attendance: Grace Campbell, Eleanor Campbell, Laura Bell, Eleanor Campbell, Laura Campbell, Ethyle Adams, Joan Duggan, Clayton Coulson, Walter Stewart.
Wanda Murphy, Principal.
Grade V-1. Willis Adams; 2. Marjorie Adams.

HISTORIC TITLE
The rank of Admiral is one of the oldest in world naval history appearing in English records in the year 1200.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. NEIL MacNAUGHTON

It was with deep regret that Mrs. Wm. Matheson, Oyster Ben Bridge, received the news of the death of her niece, Mrs. Neil MacNaughton of Monticello, Minnesota, due to a car accident on Oct. 21st.

Mrs. MacNaughton was formerly Clara Matheson, who taught school for a number of years in this Province, later continuing her profession for several years in Saskatoon till her marriage to Neil MacNaughton, formerly of Winsloe, P. E. I.

She leaves to mourn a son, Reginald, his wife and four grandchildren, of Minneapolis, her husband having predeceased her three years ago, besides a host of friends.

She visited here last summer after an absence of 40 years, renewing a lot of old friendships who will mourn her passing.

Take comfort Christians, when your friends In Jesus fall asleep; Their better being never ends, Why then dejected weep?

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear father, John Munroe, who passed away November 1st, 1946.

This day we do remember, A loving thought we give, To one no longer with us, But in our hearts still lives.

Ever Remembered by Daughters Annie and Edna.

L.O.B.A. HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

Visitors were present from five L.O.B.A. Lodges on Friday night, at the regular meeting of Memorial Lodge, Charlottetown. The session was presided over by the Worthy Mistress, Mrs. Alice Jewell, with a large attendance of officers and members present.

Grand honors were extended to R.W. Grand Lodge officers. The lodges represented included Cra-paud, Melville, Canoe Cove, Kingston and Clyde River.

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At the close of the meeting a jolly band of costumed merry makers took over and carried out a program of music, songs, and reading. A pie-eating contest by four good sports created lots of fun. Among those assisting in the program were Gladys Downe, Annie Darrach, Christine and Betty King and Arthur Cudmore, with May King as chairman. The music was furnished by Helen MacEachern and Messrs. Birt and Groom. Lunch was served by the committee in charge, after which a silver collection was taken at which \$7.65 was received. This amount will be given to the Canadian National Institute for the blind. The committee responsible for a very enjoyable social evening were: Elida Brehaut, Mary Doucette, Pearl Cameron and Marjorie and Edna Lord.

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