

The Unlatched Door

By Frank Price

CHAPTER SIX
Part Two

"I'll be careful." He switched on the light in a room across the open door of which the man was lying and glanced round. "Nothing here," he said and passed along to the next. Here was a closed door. Turning the handle cautiously he gave a vigorous push and stepped back. The door swung open on darkness and silence. He waited a moment and then, as nothing untoward happened, moved forward and felt inside for the light switch. The light came on and he gave a startled cry.

"What is it, Stan?" his wife knelt from where she was kneeling beside the servant.

"Borden!" he gasped. "I—I think he's dead!"

"Dead!" She jumped to her feet and ran to his side. Clinging to each other they stood staring into the room where Roger Borden lay with the revolver beside him.

"It's murder!" she gasped. Then suddenly she screamed: "Murder! Murder!"

"Shut up!" Her husband seized her roughly by the arm and shook her into silence. "Come away, old girl! I ought to have let you see that but I was knocked over." He drew her back, past the unconscious man, to the landing. "Pull yourself together! We must let the police know. Get on to our phone—all you have to do is say 'Police' and Exchange will put you through at once. Tell them what we've seen. They'll slip down to the heat is about. I'd better stay here till somebody comes."

"But, Stan, if there's a murderer in there—"

"All the more reason for doing what I say!" He pushed her across the landing and opened the door of Number 9 with his latchkey. "Get on with it!"

She went in and a moment later Mr. Parkes, standing shakily in his own doorway, heard her agitated voice at the telephone. Evidently she got through without delay for her confused attempt to explain their discovery came brokenly to him. There was an interval during which he heard her moving about the sitting-room, then she came out with a glass in one hand and a zolf club in the other.

"I brought you a drink and this," she said, handing both to him. "You'll feel safer with that in your hand."

"I feel better with that inside me!" he returned, having emptied the glass at a gulp. "As for this," he looked at the club. "well, it can't do any harm. Are the police coming?"

"They said they'd be round at once. May I stay with you?"

"Better get him if you can. I think this is about his time for passing. You can come back if he isn't about."

The life was still where they had left it. He put her in and sent it down. Then he walked over to the man lying in the hall of Number 11 and bent over him. He was still breathing with an unpleasant, gurgling noise and seeing that his wife had begun to unfasten his collar and tie before she was interrupted by the discovery of the other man, Mr. Parkes laid down the club and continued the work.

A noise behind him brought him to his feet. The door of Number 10, the flat between his and Borden's, had opened and three people were standing there.

"What's on here?" asked one of them. "Anything wrong with old Kruger?"

"Burn Kruger! Roas' 'im! Lerr

Brackley School Closing Picnic

The annual school picnic of Brackley School was held at Stanhope Beach on Wednesday afternoon, June 25, with a large crowd of parents and ratepayers in attendance.

Mr. Edward Sellick, secretary of school, was master of ceremonies for the occasion. The first event of the afternoon was the distribution of certificates and prizes to the pupils by their teacher, Mrs. Leona Cameron, as follows:

Grade VIII—Certificates to the following successful pupils: Ernest Roper, Allan Blatch, Lena Kelly, Marlene MacDonald, Janet MacDonald, Marie Strickland.

Trustees Honor Certificates in order of merit to: Virginia MacKay, Faye Sellick, Bernice Newson, Carol MacMillan, Marie Brynton, Sheila Roper, Luella Clark, Donnie Roper, Jeanne Jenkins, Ernest Roper, Allan Blatch, Dorothy Proude, Hazel Walker, Johnny Blatch, Lena Kelly, Betty Brynton, David Jenkins, Blair Brynton, Audrey Strickland, Gail Prowse, Bobby Brynton, Wallace Jackson, Marlene MacDonald, Ernest Brynton, Jean Bambrick, Fay MacDonal.

Senior Writing Certificates: Marlene MacDonald, Janet MacMillan, Allan Blatch, Wallace Jackson, Virginia MacKay.

Junior Certificates: Marie Brynton, Bernice Newson, Ernest Brynton, Clair Brynton.

Progress Certificates: Sheila Roper, Jeanne Jenkins, Faye Sellick, Blair Brynton, Carol MacMillan, Hazel Walker, Luella Clark, Dorothy Proude, Donald Jenkins, David Jenkins.

Primary Certificates: Donnie Roper and Betty Brynton.

Prizes for highest average in each grade were awarded as follows:

Grade IX—Lena Kelly.
Grade VIII—Ernest Roper.
Grade VII—Johnny Blatch.
Grade VI—Ernest Brynton.
Grade V—Virginia MacKay.
Grade IV—Bernice Newson.
Grade III Sr.—Luella Clark.
Grade III Jr.—Faye Sellick.
Grade II Jr.—Donnie Roper.
Grade I—Jean Bambrick.

Special prizes for the highest mark in the following subjects were merited as follows:

Spelling—Ernest Roper, Marlene MacDonald, Virginia MacKay, Sheila Roper, Faye Sellick, Betty

Springton Annual School Picnic

The Springton annual school picnic was held at Dalvey on Thursday afternoon, June 19. The afternoon was spent in bathing, swimming, sliding, and games, under the direction of the teacher and members of the W. I. who sponsored the outing.

A delicious treat of ice cream was given by the teacher.

The following is the list of certificates and prizes:

Grading certificates for completing Grade III: Eleanor Thompson, Lawson Thompson, Allistair MacIntosh, James Farrar, Donald Nicholson and Joyce Hambly.

Grade IV: Florence Farrar.

Grade V: Iris Lamont.

Grade VI: Jean Farrar.

Grade VII: Bruce Lamont.

Writing certificates: Senior certificate, Jean Farrar; junior certificate, Iris Lamont.

Progress certificates: Edwin Farrar, Bruce Lamont, Joyce Hambly, Eleanor Thompson, Allistair MacIntosh, Donald Nicholson, James Farrar, Lawson Thompson and Florence Farrar.

Prize for having the most stars in Grade III: Eleanor Thompson.

Prize for being late the least times: Iris Lamont.

Prizes for good work during the year: Jean Farrar, Florence Farrar, Iris Lamont, Eleanor Thompson, Joyce Hambly, Donald Nicholson, Allistair MacIntosh, and Lawson Thompson.

A nicely worded address was read by Jean Farrar, and Joyce Hambly presented three beautiful gifts to the teacher, Reta Todd.

After a delicious supper was served, everyone returned home in the evening after thoroughly enjoying a pleasant outing.

Brynton 100 per cent—drawn by Faye Sellick.

Geography—Hazel Walker, Audrey Strickland, Sheila Roper, Jeanne Jenkins, Luella Clark, Faye Sellick, Blair Brynton, 100%—drawn by Luella Clark.

Science—Gail Prowse.

Hygiene—Virginia MacKay, Bernice Newson, Marie Brynton, drawn by Bernice Newson.

French—Lena Kelly.

Arithmetic—Bernice Newson.

Spelling—Ernest Roper.

Geometry—Gail Prowse.

Literature—Dorothy Proude, Virginia MacKay, Bernice Newson, Marie Brynton, David Jenkins, Luella Clark, Hazel Walker, Bobby Brynton, Audrey Strickland, Faye Sellick, Blair Brynton, Jean Bambrick, 100%, drawn by David Jenkins.

History—Virginia MacKay, 100%—Tables—Gail Prowse, Allan Blatch, Wallace Jackson, Virginia MacKay, Bernice Newson, Marie Brynton, Carol MacMillan, 100%, drawn by Marie Brynton.

Spelling—Ernest Roper, 100%—Meanings—Virginia MacKay, 100%.

Word Drill—Hazel Walker, Sheila Roper, Jeanne Jenkins, Faye Sellick, Carol MacMillan, Blair Brynton, Donnie Roper, Betty Brynton, 100%, drawn by Carol MacMillan.

Highest average in school was awarded to Virginia MacKay, 98.6%.

Highest average in Senior grades was awarded to Ernest Roper, 88.8%.

Prize for best attendance for the year was merited by Allan Blatch.

Prizes for department were merited by Wallace Jackson and Dorothy Proude.

Prize for most improvement during school year was won by Ernest Brynton, with David Jenkins and Gail Prowse next in line.

Following this part of the programme an address was read to the teacher by Lena Kelly, and the presentation of a beautiful gift was made by Donnie Roper. The teacher thanked the pupils for their kindness and expressed her thanks to both pupils and parents for the co-operation and interest in school work, during the year, which eventually leads to success.

The ladies of the Brackley W.I. then very generously treated all present to ice-cream, after which a hour of sports were enjoyed by old and young, the winners of the different events were as follows:

50 yd dash—boys and girls over 14—1. Gail Prowse, 2. Stanley Jackson, 3. Gladys Brynton.
50 yd dash—girls and boys 6 and 7—1. Sheila Roper, 2. Jeanne Jenkins, 3. Betty Brynton.
50 yd dash—Boys 13 and 14—1. Wallace Jackson, 2. Ernest Brynton.
50 yd dash—boys 11 and 12—1. Ernest Roper, Johnny Blatch, equal, 2. Donald and David Jenkins, equal.
50 yd dash—girls 10 and 11—1. Marie Brynton, 2. Bernice Newson, 3. Virginia MacKay.
50 yd dash—girls 8 and 9—1. Luella Clark, 2. Dorothy Proude, 3. Faye Sellick.
Wheelbarrow Race—1. David Jenkins and Ernest Brynton; 2. Donald Jenkins and Wallace Jackson; 3. Bobby Brynton and Ernest Roper.
Hopping Race—1. Johnny Blatch, 2. Wallace Jackson, 3. Marie Brynton.
Relay Race—1. Ernest Brynton's team.
Standing Broad Jump—1. Wallace Jackson; 2. Gail Prowse; 3. Hazel Walker.
Tug-of-War, Girls versus boys—was won by girls.
Free-for-all—50 yd dash—1. Gail Prowse, 2. Stanley Jackson, 3. Ernest Roper.
Ladies' Race—1. Mrs. Allison Brynton, 2. Mrs. Frank Blatch, 3. Mrs. Ivan Brynton.
First Men's Race—1. Harvey Jenkins, 2. Stanley Jackson, 3. Emmons Newson.
Second Men's Race: 1. Ernest Walker, 2. Allison Brynton, 3. Ivan Brynton.
Tug-of-War, men versus ladies—was won by the men.
Fat Ladies' Race: 1. Mrs. Guy Pierce, 2. Mrs. Harvey Jenkins, 3. Mrs. George Jackson.
Men's Tug-of-War was won by Vernon Proude's team.
Following the sports all present assembled for lunch, and a very enjoyable afternoon then came to a close.

Breadolbane and Vicinity

Miss Juretta Murray, Breadolbane, has been re-engaged as teacher of Rose Valley School.

Mrs. William Anderson was hostess to the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society on Wednesday evening, July 2nd.

The many friends of Mr. William Graham are glad to know that he has recovered sufficiently to return to his home after his recent illness in the P.E.I. Hospital.

Mrs. Henry Hurry and her little daughter, Charlottetown, visited with Mrs. Hurry's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Millage MacLeod on Wednesday, July 25th.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Stuart and family of New Glasgow were visitors with Dr. Stuart's sister, Miss Mamie Stuart and his father, Mr. Malcolm Stuart the weekend of June 22nd.

Misses Juretta and Eleanor Murray and Mr. Wellington Murray are at present attending the Canoe Cove Christian Church camp which opened on July 2nd and closes on July 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Murray, Henniker, N.H., Mrs. James Murray and Miss Roma Murray, Pleasant Valley, were visitors with Mr. and Mrs. P.E. Murray on Dominion Day.

Congratulations are being extended to Miss Dorothy Matheson who received her certificate for stenography at the closing exercises of Union Commercial College.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacKay and little daughter, Sandra, were among the guests at the Gamble-Wallace wedding reception, at Cascomque on Wednesday, June 25th.

Mrs. James Todd, Winnipeg, visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Graham on Friday, June 27th. The following day Mrs. Todd, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Graham, visited Hartsville where Mrs. Todd intends to spend some of her vacation with two of her sisters, Miss Marie Graham and Mrs. A.D. MacLeod.

York and Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Vessey spent the weekend of June 29th in Halifax.

Mrs. Frank Vessey and daughter Beverly were the guests of her mother, Mrs. Frank Boyer, Covehead, last week.

Miss Dianne Miller spent a few days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proud.

While Mr. George Watts was unloading a cow he bought he became wild and got clear, and ran away to the woods and the neighbours have been searching for him but with no luck.

York school picnic was held on June 27th at Stanhope.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Allen spent Sunday, June 29th in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vessey and two children attended the races at Summerside on July 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Watts were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts on Sunday, June 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crockett and daughter Leoneore spent Sunday, June 29th at Orwell Cove, the guests of Mrs. D. MacEachern.

Mr. Lewis Nicholson and Francky John spent Sunday, June 29th at Orwell Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Watts and little daughter spent Sunday, June 29th in York, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caswell and son spent a recent evening in York.

Mrs. Leonard Newson had as her recent guest her mother, Mrs. Pope Newman, New Haven.

Miss Norma Lewis, R.N. Boston, is spending her holidays at her home in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moore and little daughter, Norma, spent July 1st at her home in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Newman and family were visitors to York on Sunday, June 29th, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Newson.

Mrs. D. MacPherson and son Willard, Orwell Cove, were the guests of Mrs. Will Crockett on Monday, June 30th.

Mrs. Joan Vessey has left for Boston where she will be the guest of her mother.

Mr. Leonard Andrews, New Glasgow, N.S., is spending a holiday at his home in York.

Mrs. Brynton, who was the last of a family of five, was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Ford of Wheatley River where she was born on March 8th, 1867. After the death of her husband 25 years ago, Mrs. Brynton lived with her daughters in the States. For the last 14 years she had been living with her daughters in Union Road, Mrs. James Maund and Mrs. Harry Newman.

For the past two years she had been in failing health, causing her much suffering and distress. It was a great comfort to her, however, to be with her daughters, who so tenderly cared for her. She was happy too, to have her youngest daughter, Lyla, from Woburn, Mass., with her during her last illness at the time of her death.

In her younger days, Mrs. Brynton was an active member of the W. M. Society and a faithful member of the United Church, having made her profession of faith and united with the Methodist Church before her marriage to Mr. Brynton. She was known and respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, many of whom passed on before her, but many still remain by whom she will be affectionately remembered.

Her funeral services were conducted in her home church in Union Road, on May 16th, by her pastor, Rev. Thomas A. Wilson, assisted by Rev. A. C. Fraser of Valleyfield, P. E. I. The text of the funeral address was John 14: verse two, "In My Father's House are Many Mansions."

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The pallbearers were Messrs. James Maund and Harry Newman, sons-in-law, Ivan Maund, Glydon Maund and Alton Newman, grandsons, and Benjamin Mellett, nephew. The remains were reverently laid to rest in the family plot in the Union Road Cemetery.

Deep in our hearts lies a picture, Of a loved one laid to rest, In Memory's frame we shall keep it, Because she was one of the best.

The following are the floral tributes:

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Mr. and Mrs. Neil McInnis and family were visitors to York on July 1st.

Miss Freda Newson spent the holiday at her home in York.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Knox and family spent July 1st in York.

ROME, July 7—(AP)—Italians were scorched today as the thermometer stood over 100 degrees Fahrenheit and showed no sign of going down. The 10-day heat wave reached its peak in Florence yesterday. There the mercury rose to 103.3 degrees. At least 27 persons have died from the heat.

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