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Murder Could Not Kill
(continued)

"Though the man fascinated me, I was under no illusions. I was afraid, too, for you. Had he known that you were in possession of his secret, if you had revealed that, heavens knows what he might have done to you. I made use of your information. I used it for my own ends. When he became engaged to Sherwood Dexter's daughter there was trouble between us. He swore to me it would make no difference—it was only her money he wanted. But I knew he was lying. It couldn't help but make a difference—and Barbara van Buren has never played second fiddle yet. But I couldn't change him. It was fate or fight. I could see I was going to lose him otherwise, so I made a fight for it. I wrote a letter to Sherwood Dexter. I didn't sign it. I disguised the handwriting; I told him who and what the man his daughter was going to marry really was. I reckoned that would put an end to the engagement if anything could. I tell you I made that letter convincing. It could not be ignored. Then Sherwood Dexter was murdered."

"That's just what Jack Sheehan would do," Hester said.

"No, no; I don't think that. Not from what the papers say. It seems clear enough that Dexter's old enemy, this man Brett, must have done it. No, I think that was just Peter's luck. He prides himself on always turning up good cards. But old man Dexter had spoken to him about the letter all right. I got that information from him."

"Does he suspect you sent it?"

"That's what I don't really know. What has happened to-night makes it look as if he did. It was Peter Lessing, Hester, who put that live cartridge in your automatic. And yet how could he suspect me? How could he know that I had learned who he really was? Of course, he knows someone has his secret. The letter to Sherwood Dexter would tell him that. He must have wondered—been anxious. Has he never spoken to you, Hester, never come right face to face with you in London here?"

Hester Rogan slowly shook her bowed head.

"No, He has seen me only on the stage, and even if he did talk to me face to face he would never recognise the wreck I am to-day as the woman he knew ten years ago. Besides, he thinks I was burned to death in that fire. How I wish to God I had been! I thought, too, that he was dead. That's why I was so ready to believe the resemblance between Lessing and him was no more than a resemblance. Merciful heaven, if I had only known!"

A curious expression came into Barbara van Buren's face.

"What would you have done, Hester?" she asked softly.

The other looked up, moved her hands in the pitiable, helpless gesture she had, and answered abruptly. "I don't know. I don't know." She raised herself painfully and demanded, with significance: "What do you intend to do?"

"Just what I was wondering. What can I do? A grim smile twisted her face as she saw so it that he doesn't try any more of his filthy tricks on me without his paying for it, though. I'll talk to him to-night and tell him so. No, Hester," she added, as her friend stared at her in sharp inquiry, "nothing to do with Jack Sheehan; I'll keep you out of it. I don't want him to go after you as well! But I know enough about him as Peter Lessing to hang him, and before the evening's through I'm going to write a letter which I'll let him know will be found after my sudden death—if any." She laughed bitterly. "That ought to ensure me many happy days to come. He's not the sort to risk his own skin unnecessarily. Not Mr. Peter Lessing!"

From along the corridor there came the sound of knocking at a door and the calboy's sing-song tenor voice was heard:

"Curtain up, Miss van Buren! Curtain up!"

INSTALLMENT TWENTY-TWO

The curtain ascended on the third and final act. Never had the play had a more enthusiastic audience. News that it was being withdrawn that night had reached the front of the house, and in the stalls excited gossip had circulated and the usual wild conjectures had been forward as to the reason for the abruptness of the closure.

In the circumstances the audience was peculiarly sympathetic towards the players, and this sympathy subtly communicated itself to them, inspiring them all to acting of really first-rate quality. In the case of principals, the effect was particularly marked. Never had Barbara van Buren, with her dark, scintillating beauty, risen to greater histrionic heights. Never had Hester Rogan's sombre intensity so gripped an audience. No person in that enthusiastic audience was more keenly interested in the performance than the man who was responsible for its being the last to be given in the theater. Seated in his box, withdrawn into the shadow of its interior, Peter Lessing followed every line of the play with close and

grim attention. In the knowledge secret to himself that he had invested this mock drama with a more terrible reality—a reality of terror that would soon be revealed to all—he found sadistic enjoyment.

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True Success Story
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When the employees of the plant were pounding their ears in sweet slumber, Chester and his loyal wife worked far into the night attending to advertising and other business routine. Some nights they never had their clothes off. Think of it! And the farmers got their cheques on the 15th of every month regardless of how low the treasury was, or maybe it was because the manager of the bank had faith in the man who would not bow to defeat.

Today the Pure Milk Company supplies about one third of the city's milk. Four horse-drawn vehicles and a couple of motor trucks attend to this.


In 1949 the company paid out to farmers over \$200,000 for milk and cream and over \$40,000 were paid in wages.

Mr. Cox attributes a great deal of his success to his wife, and in speaking about her part in the venture he says:

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Salt and pepper	Lemon juice
1 tablespoon minced parsley	1 tin green beans

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HIGHFIELD W. M. S.

On the evening of April 26 the members of Highfield United Women's Association held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Arthur Roberts. The president, Mrs. Bently Creed, conducted the devotional period which opened with the hymn, "Work For The Night Is Coming", followed by the Scripture reading from Matthew 26: 13-30.

The leader then read some extracts dealing with the twenty-fifth anniversary of church union which is to be celebrated on June

10th. Some of the W. M. S. duties as stewards of the church were pointed out, including that of regular attendance at worship. This period closed with the hymn, "Sun of My Soul".

The president then introduced the business of the meeting. The roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved. It was reported by Mrs. Stillman Frizzell that she had sent Easter cards to three shut-ins, and that a note of thanks had been received from Mrs. Bell.

The next meeting, on the evening of May 24th, is to be held at

the home of Mrs. Dennis Neal, when Mrs. Stanley Hurry and the hostess will serve lunch. Mrs. Ronald Sellick will be devotional leader. The meeting closed with a prayer by the president, after which lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by the committee in charge.

DAMPENS TOURIST TRADE

WINNIPEG, — (CP) — Officials of Manitoba's travel and publicity bureau are worried about the effect the floods will have on the tourist industry. The floods have

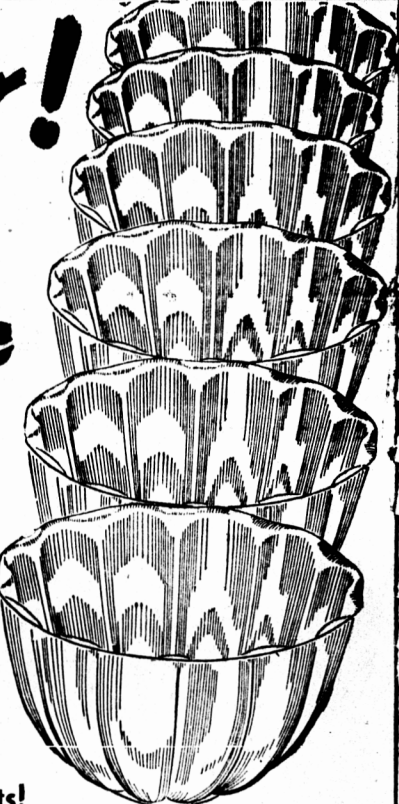
temporarily closed highway 74 principal route into the province from the United States and officials fear widely-read reports of the floods will deter many visitors from coming.

B. C. FINE ARTS SCHOOL

NELSON, B. C. — (CP) — Establishment of a summer school of fine arts—to teach ballet, music, painting and handicrafts—is under study here by the Civic Centre Commission. It is hoped to get the school, similar to one at Banff, Alta., under way in 1951.

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