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POPE PLEADS WITH ALL TO SPARE ROME

One church is reported damaged in Monday's raid on the sacred city

WASHINGTON, July 21, (UP)—Pope Pius XII Wednesday appealed to Allies to refrain from further bombings of Rome and warned that future generations will pass severe judgement upon those who destroy what ought to be zealously protected as the riches and pride of all humanity and of the progress of people.

His appeal was contained in a letter he wrote Cardinal Francesco Marchetti-Selvaggiani, Vicar General of Rome. It was printed in the Catholic newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, received here by radio and distributed by the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The Pope revealed that in the heavy United States raid in Rome Monday the sacred Roman Basilica of San Lorenzo, housing the tomb of Pope Pius IX, was almost completely destroyed.

"As we contemplated the ruins of that famous temple," he said, "the words of the prophet Jeremiah flashed to our mind: 'Quomodo obscurabitur est aurum, mutatus est color optimus, dispersi sunt lapides sanctuarii.' ('How is the gold become dim, the finest color is changed, the stones of the sanctuary are scattered in the top of every street.'—Lamentations 4:1.)

LONDON, July 22—Critics of the action taken by the Pope in protesting the bombing of Rome, answering his regrets at the damage to one of Rome's 400 churches, pointed to the over 4,000 English churches destroyed or damaged by Nazi raids.

"The sorrowful experience of these acts," he said, "proves once again that despite the precautions that may be taken it is almost impossible to avoid, on this sacred soil of Rome, the destruction of venerated edifices.

"Therefore, we deem it our duty once more to raise our voice in defense of the priceless treasures that constitute the ornament of human and Christian civilization. Also because it is our sacred intention, according to the promptings of our heart, to safeguard and protect, in view of the opinion of all right-thinking people and of the judgement of future generations, the deposit with which we have been entrusted to protect and to transmit."

The German Transoceanic News Agency said the Pope's letter was the loudest and clearest protest against the bombing of Rome the Pope could possibly make. It said a diplomatic protest would only weaken the strength of the Pontiff's indignation.

Mrs. Hamilton To Be Buried Here On Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. John A. (Edith) Hamilton, a former Ranger resident who died in Colorado City Wednesday night at 7 o'clock will be conducted at the First Christian Church in Ranger Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Rev. H. B. Johnson in charge of the services. Interment will be in the Evergreen cemetery.

The deceased was the daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Hamilton of Olden, who survive her. Other survivors are the husband and a daughter, Jacquelyn, a niece, Mrs. Opal Seale of Houston, a cousin, Mrs. Emma Howell of Olden and Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Hamilton of Olden and their son, Flight Officer Virgil Hamilton of Tucson, Arizona.

SERVICES FOR A. O. HINMAN TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Funeral services for Andy Owen Hinman, who was killed when thrown from a horse near his home in Ranger, Wednesday, will be held at the Killingsworth Funeral Chapel Friday morning at 10 o'clock with Rev. A. B. English, assisted by Rev. H. B. Johnson and Rev. David M. Phillips, in charge of the services. The body will be carried overland to Arlington where interment will be at the Arlington cemetery. Brief services will be held at the grave at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The deceased was born in Bell County August 22, 1887, but had resided in Eastland county most of his life, having engaged in farming and in work for the county. He was a member of the Methodist church and of the Modern Woodmen of America Lodge.

Survivors include the widow, seven daughters, Mrs. J. W. Wolf of Houston, Mrs. Glenn Williams, Mrs. J. C. Wood and Misses Mary Frances and Betty Joe Hinman all of Ft. Worth, Mrs. D. B. Fortenberry of Los Angeles and Patsy Ruth Hinman of Ranger; three sons, Garlan of Houston, Billie of Crowley, La., and P. Howard of Palo Alto, California. His stepmother, Mrs. D. B. Hinman of Ft. Worth, five grand children, five sisters and one brother also survive.

Active pallbearers will be Sim Babbs, V. V. Cooper, Jr., George Murphy, J. C. Carothers, Hal Hunter and Wilson Simpson. Honorary pallbearers named are: H. V. Davenport, Jack Blackwell, S. O. Montgomery, Wes Marchbanks, A. J. Ratliff, John Neely and Nick Gallagher.

Health Building At Austin To Be Opened Monday

AUSTIN, Texas, July 22, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, announces the opening of the new Texas State Department of Health building, located at 409-412 East Fifth street, Austin, on Monday, July 26. Visitors will be given an opportunity to inspect the building and see exactly what is being done to protect the health of Texans.

To the original laboratory was added one floor and the new addition, 60 by 150 feet, consists of four floors. For the first time, all of the health department is at one location. The work has greatly increased during the past five years and the last two years have seen special emphasis placed on the program of protection for the armed services and civilian population. The establishment of Army and Naval camps throughout the state has brought a large influx of people to Texas and this has added many new public health problems, especially in military areas.

The new building will make for greater efficiency in handling the increased work. Dr. Cox states that although the building was completed in wartime, it has been under consideration and was planned during the last six years. The State board of Health extends a cordial invitation to its citizenship of our State to visit the new State Health Department building and hopes that all who are in Austin on July 26 will avail themselves of this opportunity.

For Servicemen's Good

LOS ANGELES, Cal. (UP)—The Police Department has decided to keep Uncle Sam's armed forces as intact as possible until they are actually facing the enemy. Heretofore, the department has hesitated moving in on the peace forces for jaywalking but the department has decided that the policy of non-interference was too lethal.



Growing Russian Offensive Pushing Ever Closer To Orel

LONDON, July 22.—In an offensive growing constantly in power, the Red army Wednesday captured two villages, Optukha nine miles from Orel, and Zolotarevo eleven miles away, to threaten seriously the German stronghold. New Nazi reserves thrown into the conflict were smashed by the Russians.

German losses were ninety villages, surrounding Orel, 5,800 Germans killed, seventy-seven tanks, 131 planes, and gains from four to nine miles. Since July 5, the Nazis have lost 3,593 tanks, 2,342 planes and more than 75,000 killed.

Adolf Hitler has ordered Orel held at all costs, the London radio said.

German tank, infantry coun-

terattacks mounted in fury, but failed to halt the Russians who had launched their first successful summer counteroffensive after absorbing the full shock of a German attack launched July 5 below Orel.

One Red Army column advancing on Orel from the northeast struck straight down the railway from fallen Mtsensk seizing Duna, Otrada and Optukha in that order, a special communique announced.

This column and other units striking cross-country to outflank Orel occupied forty villages during the day.

Soviet heavy artillery apparently now was being hauled into positions to shell Orel.

The communique said the Ger-

SCOUT FUND DRIVE NETS A \$632 TOTAL

T. J. Anderson and A. J. Ratliff, co-chairmen for the Boy Scout fund drive, announced today that all teams had reported to them and a total of \$632 has been secured for the fund. Of this \$526.50 is in cash contributions and \$105.50 is in pledges.

The team composed of Joe Dennis and M. L. King led in the amount secured for the fund, having collected \$89.50. C. E. May and H. P. Earnest were next with a total of \$9.00.

Both Anderson and Ratliff expressed their appreciation to the team members for their work and to the public for their support of this worthwhile effort. It is felt that the response was unusually good considering the demand being made on the people at this time.

Forgot for a Minute

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal. (UP)—Lt. Ralph Carlson of the First Army Air Corps, home on leave for the first time from Guadalcanal, where he was officially scored for knocking down five Japs and scoring possible victories over five others, asked for a second cup of coffee with him in a local restaurant. "Say, mister," replied the waitress, "don't you know there is a war on?"

Today's Thought

"When men are full of envy they disparage everything, whether it be good or bad"—Tacitus.

Supply of Oil at Arctic Circle Is Being Tapped

Less than 100 miles from the Arctic Circle in the Northwest Territory of Canada troops of the Army of the United States have overcome the difficulties of wilderness and rough weather to tap a huge source of oil to supply the armed forces in Canada and Alaska, the War Department has announced.

This, the Canol Project, is going forward under an agreement with the Canadian Government, which retains ownership of the wells developed.

Men and machines began the task about a year ago, after preliminary surveys had been made. They are still at it, and progress has been rapid despite manifold natural obstacles.

Source of the oil is at Norman Wells on the Mackenzie River near Fort Norman. A single well had been drilled there in 1929 by the Imperial Oil Company of Canada to supply prospectors, trappers and others in that land where radium, copper, gold, silver and other minerals are found. The oil produced by that one well was refined on the site and was used locally for airplanes, tractors and other purposes.

Wells were sunk by a private oil company at Norman Wells. Their capacity and number are not disclosed, but it may be said that they have produced sufficient oil to meet originally specified requirements. Drilling is going on to bring in more of them.

Apine line is now under way to carry the crude oil from Norman Wells to Whitehorse, Yukon, on the Alcan Highway. There a refinery will be built. Construction of the pipe line has started and surveying parties are in the wilderness collecting data to determine its location. It will be about 600 miles long.

SHEEP, GOAT RAISERS TO MEET FRIDAY

A meeting of the directors of the West Cross Timbers Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association will be held at the Ranger Chamber of Commerce Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

The organization was recently formed at a meeting of ranchers at the Ranger country club and Friday's meeting will be devoted to completion of the association set-up and the discussion for a sheep and goat show.

Dr. Bob Hodges of Ranger is president of the association, Luther Jernigan of Goldthwaite is vice-president and J. F. Donley of Ranger is secretary-treasurer.

Pete Baird Is Captured By FBI Near Uvalde, Tex.

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Capture of Pete Baird, who made a sensational escape from a train near Royce City, Tex., on June 22, while being brought to San Antonio from Minnesota by Federal officers, was announced here today.

Baird was picked up at Uvalde, Tex., by FBI agents, assisted by Texas Highway Patrolman Louis Lanz. He was armed with a shot gun but offered no resistance.

The Golden Gate entrance to San Francisco Bay, was given its name by Col. John C. Fremont, after the Golden Horn at Constantinople.

The present site of San Francisco is largely man-made, as is the Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

ALL EVIDENCE INDICATES AXIS WILL WITHDRAW TO NORTHEASTERN CORNER

BRITISH EDGE FORWARD IN HARD FIGHTING

More than half of plain and two airfields are taken from the Axis

Representing the American Press (Distributed by the United Press) WITH BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY on the Catania Plain, July 20—(Delayed)—Sweating British troops forced back tough German defenders yard by yard in a bloody, wide-open battle south of Catania Tuesday after winning more than half of this embattled plain and two of its airfields.

Battle weary but dogged Eighth Army troops held bridgeheads on the northern side of the key Simeto River which slashes across the middle of the plain in a zigzag line. All the territory to the south was theirs but the whole plain was still a battle area and the two captured airfields could not be used.

German guns concealed in the rocky, sloping foothills of Mount Etna to the north were pounding all the British forward positions constantly.

The fierce struggle for the northern half of the plain has become a battle for bridges and river crossings. Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery has numbered his troops in men, guns, tanks and transport, but the half dozen German parachute battalions which had been pressed in as infantry were fighting savagely for every yard.

An even greater difficulty for the British, however, were the physical handicaps of the battle area. When they came to grips with the enemy they usually won, but they could not follow through with desired advances because of the terrain.

On the coastal road, the British were feeding a bridgehead across the estuary of the three rivers of the plain at four points after capturing the main bridge—a 420-foot long steel girder structure. It was a big and secure bridgehead, but most of it was under incessant enemy fire.

The plain for the most part is flat as a table top, with creeks, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

Cadets At San Angelo School Enter Maneuvers

SAN ANGELO, Texas, July 21 (UP)—Cadets at the San Angelo army air field bombardier school went to war today, digging in at dispersal areas while "enemy" planes roared over in simulated attack.

For the cadets the attack was the beginning of a week of combat maneuvers during which actual wartime conditions—with the exception of the imminence of death—are simulated.

The cadets live in the field, get their food—cooked in the field—handed to them in a "chow line," and run for camouflage cover when the make-believe enemy makes his attack.

The maneuvers, worked out by Col. George M. Palmer, commanding officer at the field, and Maj. R. C. Crawford, director of training, are designed to give the cadets experience in combat conditions, to teach them to react instantly to unexpected problems, to develop initiative and the combat spirit.

In previous maneuvers, the Ozona air field, a typical country air field having little more than a windsock and a level spot, has been used for use. Nearby mesquite thickets provide cover for dispersal tactics—where the cadets scatter their equipment and themselves to lower the percentage of loss of life and destruction of property.

Motor convoys operating just as they would in actual battle conditions move men to and from the Ozona base and air attacks are made on the convoys.

Previously, the army has considered the Ozona base an "enemy" stronghold, which has been established near the San Angelo school's bombing ranges, spread out over several counties. The "enemy" attacks the San Angelo targets from the Ozona base, using demolition and practice-type bombs.

The "enemy" and the San Angelo forces all come from the senior class at the San Angelo field.

"Reason should direct and appetite obey,"—Cicero.

THE WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Little change in temperature this afternoon and tonight.

EXPECTED TO TAKE MARSALA ANY MOMENT

Moves by Americans are threatening to cut the Sicilian island in two

Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's Seventh Army raced virtually at will through the collapsed Axis defenses of Central and Western Sicily today, carrying the invasion campaign through what British military quarters called the mop-up stage in those regions.

LONDON, (UP)—The German DNB news agency said today that a violent battle had been in progress on the Leningrad front since early morning.

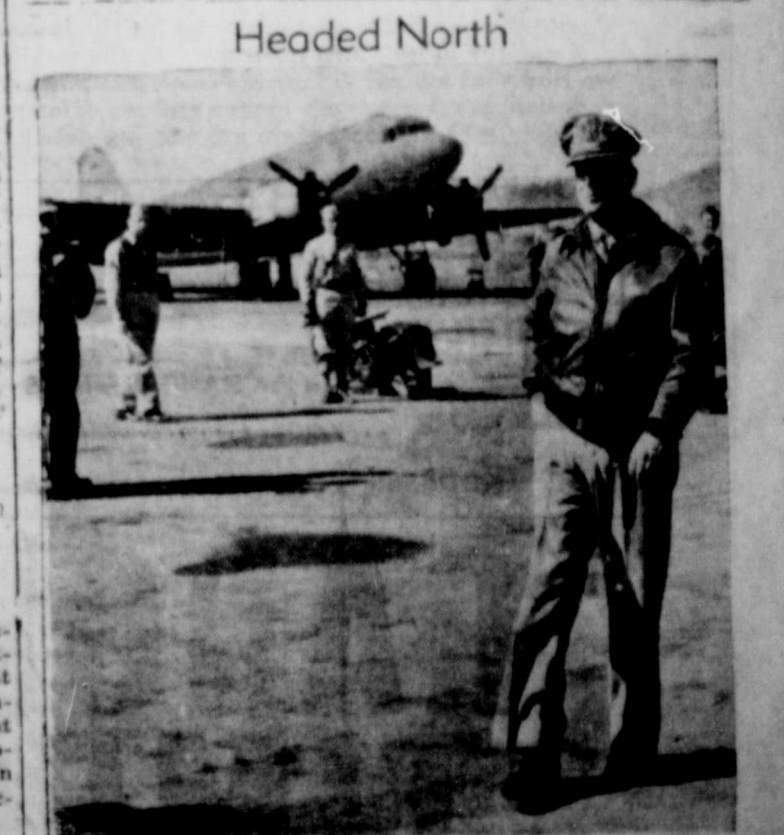
The Americans and Canadians to the extreme tip of the island, where they were expected to occupy Marsala at any time, acting war secretary Robert P. Patterson said in Washington. Other columns thrust up from the Enna area toward the north coast, threatening to cut the island, in half.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS in North Africa (UP)—A strong force of surface ships shelled the port of Crotone in southern Italy in the early hours of Wednesday, it was announced today.

The Americans and Canadians captured 18 towns in Central and Western Sicily, and all evidence indicated that the Germans and Italians had given up the defense of all but the northeastern corner adjacent to the Italian mainland.

U. S. Liberators Bomb Mines Near Lashio In Burma

NEW DELHI, (UP)—American Liberators dropped 24,000 pounds of high explosives yesterday on the Namta mines near the Burma Road terminus of Lashio in Burma in an effort to cripple a Japanese source of raw materials, a U. S. air force communique reported today.



His face set as he contemplates offensive moves ahead, Gen. Douglas MacArthur strides across an Australian airfield to board a plane for New Guinea, where he is now directing the Allied attack in the Southwest Pacific.

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Camp Hospital Council Elects New Officers

The Camp Bowie Camp and Hospital Council held a meeting of special importance last Thursday afternoon in Brownwood at the Red Cross Hospital recreation hall when the annual election of officers was held. Upon the resignation of Mrs. E. E. Frey, chairman, Eastland, who held the office of Council Treasurer and Eastland County chairman, Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins, Eastland was elected as treasurer and Mrs. F. M. Kenny also of Eastland was elected as county council chairman. Mrs. M. F. Allen of Gorman, chairman in that city was agreement with four others from that city.

Mrs. Willie Mae Carswell, chairman, from Cisco was present and made cash donations to the Bingo prize funds. Mrs. E. E. Freyschlag of Eastland made the

annual treasurer's report and gave the report of the contributions made by Eastland County which included several hundred Bingo prizes, several hundred cookies for the Fourth of July party, book ends, cartoon books, magazines, records and glass water pitchers. These were contributions made since the last meeting two months ago. Mrs. Claude Strickland of Eastland who has assisted Mrs. F. M. Kenny each week in the Re-Sale Shop also attended the meeting.

In the business meeting which followed the election of officers, plans were developed for the financing necessary for purchase of athletic equipment for the Rehabilitation Center. The Eastland Council, through funds from the Re-Sale Shop was able to donate \$25 towards the purchase of this equipment. A special appeal is being made for playing cards for the hospital and the Rehabilitation Center. Books on hobbies, travel and adventure are also in great demand. Horseshoes, croquet sets, ping pong balls, shuffle-

board, badminton and other game are requested.

The usefulness of the hospital recreation plant will be enhanced by the use of the newly designed landscaping plans which will beautify the surroundings and make it possible for more outdoor cures for the boys there. Eastland County is asked to assist in the beautification plans by the contribution of shrubbery later in the season. Yard furniture is also needed and the county promised to purchase wooden furniture of the Adirondack type for use in one of the courtyards of the hospital.

Among other requests were those for a victrola for the new air field at Brownwood, for maps of the United States and for large dictionaries. Large, unbreakable ash trays and card tables are still needed.

Great appreciation was expressed to this county, which is one of ten composing the council. The many cash donations throughout the past year have been made possible by the continual operation of the Re-Sale Shop in Eastland which has paid no salaries, has had no expenses, but has turned into cash gifts made to it from all over the county. The shop will close during August to prepare for a fall opening and contributions for the shop may be left at Red Cross headquarters at any time.

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river and canals interlacing it in a mesh of hazards, for the infantry. Big fields of yellow grain and tall grass are excellent places for the Germans to hide while the British win their more exposed positions one by one.

After each successful clash there is a nerve-racking period of mopping up. Dry river beds are infested with concealed Germans and the enemy leaves motors and heavier gun batteries in every cluster of trees.

These isolated positions are

hard to get at, because the approaches are flat and open, and times for hours until a hidden gun flashes, then pound the spot with their own artillery.

So violently has the battle been raging here night and day that there is no time to bury the dead, for the greater part German.

I saw the British navy join in the battle. Lying offshore, the war ships with their white ensigns fluttering in the breeze suddenly unleashed a series of salvos on the German gun positions in the northern hills.

Teacher Says We Gripe More Than English About War

AUSTIN, Tex. (UP)—Home from nine months' teaching at Oxford University, Dr. Walter Prescott Webb says the chief difference between wartime England and the United States is the absence of "gripping" in Britain.

"Why, I heard more grumbling about the war in 15 minutes in a New York hotel than I did the whole nine months I was in England," the University of

Texas historian and author said. "However, I think a certain amount of questioning of our war program is definitely wholesome and healthy," Dr. Webb added.

Taught Jap Air General

SAN DIEGO, Cal. (UP)—There is one thing in the life of Maj. John W. McClaskey, 66 US MC, retired, that he would like to forget. That is 31 years ago he helped lay the foundation of Japan's present aviation strength. He was instructor to six young Japanese who came here in 1912

to train as pilots. All are now generals in the Japanese aviation service and his best pupil, Gen. C. Yamada, is believed to be the head of the Japanese aviation.

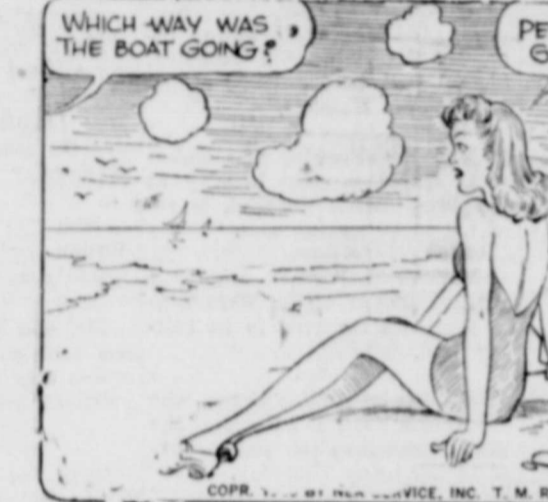
Aircraft modification centers, an American development, weatherize and equip each new plane for a specific theater of operations.

Women in a Shogun robbery fixed up a very low, false door leading to the pay office. On it is inscribed, "You will learn to duck low or if you don't Buy a Bond."

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



BY MERRILL BLOSSER



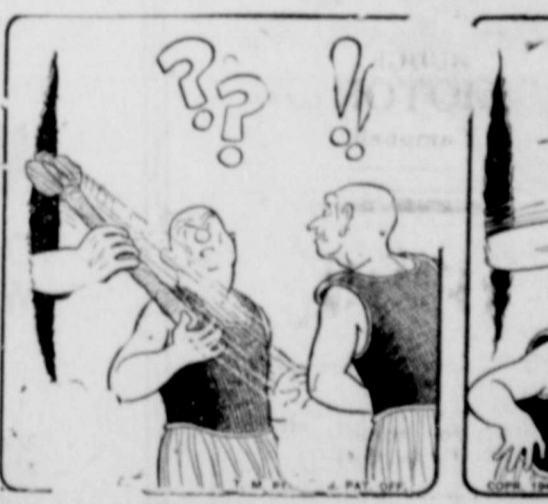
RED RYDER



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ALLEY OOP



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WOMEN WON'T TALK

BY RENE RYERSON MART

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ACCUSED CHAPTER XX

"I DON'T know who took the gun, or when," I said wearily. "I only know it's gone." Mattison looked from me to Kathy and then to the gun in his hand. "We might try tracing this gun ourselves before we turn it over to the police," he said slowly. "Mrs. Kraik, if you'll tell me where you bought it?"

Walter answered, "I got it for Mother. Bought it at a hardware store in Middleton."

"We can phone there, then, and get the serial number," Mattison spoke briskly.

Kathy's voice was like a whip. "No! The girl on the village switchboard hears everything. Let's take the gun into Middleton and check it. I'll drive you."

I couldn't just wait around the house while they were gone. I went, upstairs and changed into slacks and an old sweater and a pair of low-heeled oxfords and went out to work in the rose garden.

A half hour later the sun glinted on a windshield in the drive, and Kathy's yellow roadster swung into view. She saw me among the roses, slid the car to a stop, said something to Mattison, and came over to me.

Her face was pretty terrible, and her eyes swollen and red from crying. Well, I had known all along that it must be my gun. "Gram," her voice was under fair control, considering the way she looked, "come for a ride with us. Clint wants to talk to you."

It was June and the countryside was lush. Wild roses clustered along the fences, and white-faced field daisies starred the pastures. Mattison tamped down his vile-smelling pipe, cupped a match in his two hands and lit it. Then he said without looking at me, "It was your gun, Mrs. Kraik."

As if that were news to me! Kathy slowed the car to a snail's pace and looked at me sideways.

He pecked at it before piping up: "Ghastly business, isn't this, darling?" I grunted. How Kathy was going to stand his inane remarks the rest of her life was more than I could imagine.

Her voice was as thick with tears as her eyes. "Gram, won't you tell us about it. You can trust Clint. He's with us. We want to help you—and we can't unless we know everything."

"Know what?" I said tartly. "Know what?—and how you killed Derek Grady?"

MY mouth hung open for a moment. "You—you think I killed Derek Grady?" Mattison was patient. "Well, in the first place, your gun has had one bullet fired from it. Kathy says she never knew until today that there was a gun in the house, so it's pretty safe to assume that your daughter-in-law didn't know it either. That leaves you as the most likely person to have used it."

"Then there's the matter of the sleeping tablets. You admit giving your housekeeper two of the tablets, but you broke the glass that had contained the medicine that morning. I thought it was merely an accident when I told the police about it. Now I don't believe it was accidental. You were deliberately trying to destroy evidence against yourself."

I glared at him. So it had been dear little Clint Mattison who had told Deputy Shaw about me knocking the glass off the stand and then stepping on it. I might have known.

"And then—" he looked rather sheepish. "I happened to see you through the window of my cottage a couple of days ago, when you were waiting for me. I'm human with a natural amount of curiosity, so after you left I looked to see what you had hidden in the mantle niche. At first I thought you'd hidden that stuff there to try and frame me, but now—I know you were just trying to protect Kathy. If the money and the ring had been found on Grady's body, she'd have been implicated."

"This is illuminating," I said bitterly. Mattison shifted uncomfortably in his seat. "I'm not passing

judgment" on you, Mrs. Kraik. You found out that Grady was black mailing your granddaughter and you killed him to protect her."

MY mind was beginning to function again. "And just when am I supposed to have done all this murdering young man?"

Katherine gave me a look, a pure misery. "We know about that, too, Gram—Imogene told me last night. After that chief deputy wormed it out of her she thought she'd better tell me of us so we could figure out what was best to do. You remember Imogene was present, Gram, when the deputy first questioned us. She heard you and Connie tell him that you two were together at lunch; when Derek was supposed to have been shot. But she knows that you weren't together all of that time. Connie came into the breakfast room with some instructions about Judy's food and sat down, and the baby herself. Imogene says Connie must have been in there with her and the children for six or seven minutes."

"This was too much. "Stop the car!" I commanded. Kathy obeyed out of sheer surprise, I suppose, and the next moment I had run open the door next to me, and stepped down into the road. "Thanks so much for the ride," I said idly. "I'll walk back."

It was dusk when I trudged into the house. It had been a long walk, and with every step my resentment against Clint Mattison had grown. It was his ingratitude that hurt most, for wasn't I the one who had invited him to do a little amateur sleuthing, never dreaming that he would fasten upon me as Suspect Number One. And, thinking about him, it hit me suddenly, and his logic was very like we knew about him. He said he was a writer, but who if he wasn't?

He looked more like a gangster. (To Be Continued)

"Nothing of the kind. He was blackmailing Kathy."

That certainly punctured George's opinionated smugness. He nearly fainted. It was the only fun I had had that day. But it didn't last long. He mopped his brow again, and his logical mind seized upon the one thing that had stopped the police from making any arrest so far. "After all, it doesn't really matter—as long as the police haven't found the weapon."

The weight settled back on my heart. "But they have," I said tonelessly. "A friend of ours is going to hand it over to them today."

Walter gave me a murderous look. He hadn't thought my frank tactlessness a bit funny. He told George about the gun being found in the pool, and the bit of cloth caught in its trigger.

George looked desperate, and it was then he said the thing that started everything moving to its swift and appointed end. "That's fine! All the police have to do now is check all bit of cloth with the clothes of all you suspects and find out whose coat or dress was covering the gun when it was fired. There'll be powder marks on it, and probably a hole where the bullet went through, certainly a hole where the gun hammer took out a piece of the cloth."

All at once I was seeing Connie as she had been dressed that morning, the morning of the day Derek was killed. Connie in that slack suit with its dark coat cut like a man's. The slack suit that I had thought since she had worn to cover the bruise on her arm. . . but . . . she could have carried a gun concealed in a pocket of that coat!

And Kathy flying down the stairs when Mattison and I went out into the hall that morning. Kathy in a polka-dot and a black hood coat with huge patch pockets! For that matter I had worn black that day myself.

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Society, Clubs

Luncheon Honors Cecelia McDowell

Mrs. J. S. McDowell honored her daughter, Cecelia, a recent graduate of Southern Methodist University, with a luncheon at her home Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

The table was laid with an imported linen cloth and was exquisitely appointed in china and silver. The center piece of glass highlighted the hues of the hand-painted china.

Following the luncheon, the guests were entertained with a theater party. Those attending were: Misses Jane Matthews, Mary Kathryn Hatley, Mercedes Pearson, Sue Turner, Charlotte Jones of Enid, Oklahoma, and honoree, Cecelia McDowell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sutton announce the birth of a daughter, Sharon Dell, born July 20 at the West Texas Hospital.

Mrs. Roy Plumley who underwent major surgery Monday at the West Texas Hospital, is reported to be resting well.

Mrs. G. T. Parrock, who is a medical patient at the West Texas Clinic, is reported to be resting well.

Miss Louise Adkins Beggs, who has been a medical patient at the West Texas Hospital, was removed to her home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Marshall announce the birth of a son, born July 20 at the West Texas Hospital.

Brann Garner, who has been a medical patient in the West Texas Hospital, was removed to his home Tuesday.

Mrs. Lottie Davenport spent Tuesday in Ft. Worth, where she was the guest of friends.

Mrs. W. O. Shaffer of Odessa,

Personals

Mrs. J. L. Hineman, who has been a patient in the City-County Hospital, was removed to her home today.

Betty Jo Ryan, who underwent a tonsillectomy Wednesday at the City-County Hospital, was removed to her home today.

J. C. Craver, who underwent surgery Wednesday at the City-County Hospital, is reported to be resting well.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wilhelm announce the birth of a son, born July 22 at the City-County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Jacoby and sons, Eddie and Mac, of Terrell are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Stafford and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Jacoby.

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who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bob Hamilton, returned to her home Thursday.

Mrs. H. A. Crawford and John Eubanks of Strawn were Ranger visitors Wednesday.

Miss Lucille Wilson of Gordon was the guest of Ranger friends Wednesday.

Miss Ora Mae McGee spent Wednesday in Breckenridge, where she visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Onas Mills and son have gone to San Antonio, where they will be the guests of relatives and friends.

Miss Joe Anne Stallings of Dallas is visiting relatives and friends in Ranger.

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