## FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1948 FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1948



Chapter 17

piercing shrick soared again Vince and Johanson dashed for the French doors openit ] onto the terrace. Outside they halted in their tracks and Johanson pushed his red hunt-ing hat to the back of his head

in surprise. "What in Valhalla ails the woman?" he demanded,

Mrs. Lin Gook stood 'acros From them on the far side of the swimming pool excavation, Evi-h dently she had just returned h from digging clams for her black sateen trousers were rolled to her knees and a bucket spewed hts molluscoidan contents beside her. She emitted another an-guished wail. from them on the far side of the

<sup>N</sup> Above them a window clat-<sup>W</sup> tered open and a startled gasp drifted across the sluggish air. <sup>W</sup> Sonia, her face a horrified mask, was leaning from the casement. Now she pointed with a dramatic

finger to the excavation. "Een the hole!" she said dis-tinctly, "Een the hole!"

And that was how they found Sophie Mannley.

She lay face up in the deep end of the swimming pool. The rainwater had collected there in a shallow pool; in it, Sophie's corpse made a small black sodden island. Except for the business-like arrow still ouivering above like arrow still quivering above her still. heart, her body was quite

They placed her on one of the wrought-iron benches that dotted the terrace. Vince gazed dowr at woman who through years had been capable of an unquenchable love for one man and, since two nights ago, an unforgiving hate for another. Now emotions were forever dead for giving Sophie.

One of the mullioned windows squeaked and they looked up to see Julia staring down at them. Before Vince could remove his coat and cover Sophie's face Julia sank from sight inside her room

"She's fainted!" Vince's throat " went dry. "Apparently." There was a queer ironical gleam in Johan-

Chapter 18 DEBBLES slid and crunched be-

neath their boots as Vince and Johanson trudged along the tide line toward the Oland farm Since , leaving the house the investigator had been sunk in a morose silence but now he pointed at a V forma-tion of ducks silhouetted against the somber sky.

"Look at that. Bonnay! Tealthey're flying south already!"

"Well Johanson. I'm afraid you're another victim of Mann-ley's."

Johanson grunted and sent a stone skipping across the water "The more I learn of that son-ofa-gun the more I wonder why he wasn't murdered long ago. Every member of his family certainly had a motive."

"Except Julia," Vince corin rected.

"She had the most obvious rea-son of all-money."

"I'm afraid it was." Her hand felt so small in his, so helplest. Two large tears grew and sild down her cheeks. "How did, it der!"

der!" Johanson's pupils were like highly-polished agate as the happen? How could it happend-we just got home!" He put a pillow behind her head. "Can you remember when you returned?" highly-polished agate as the words were torn from her "What are you afraid of then? Tell us where he is."

you returned?" She glanced at the traveling clock on the rosewood nightstand beside her bed. "Twenty-five minutes ago—it was exactly four o'clock." "Do you feel like talking? Could you tell me about your trip to town?" "We went directly to town. First we went to the morticians where he is." "Aunt Sophie had him taken to the Olands' farm last night. She was afraid that if the police heard of his frailty he would be blamed for Uncle Sim's death and she knew he was incapable of such a heinows thing." Vince put his hand over hers again, "Look here, Julia, hadn't you better tell us the truth about tug?" We want sophie made the arrangements for Uncle Sim then him?"

First we went to the morticians where Aunt Sophie made the arrangements for Uncle Sim then

him?" "He isn't insane," she explained "He's - he's just we stopped at a bank. Aunt Sophie withdrew some money-about two hundred dollars—and John Bissett deposited a personal check. At the telegraph office we hicked up a measure from Ms

hers. "Has he always been that way?" "No, it was the result of a brain picked up a message from Mr. Topping, Uncle Sim's lawyer, saying he wouldn't be here for a injury when he was about nine-

week because he couldn't get plane reservations from Hono-lulu." "What happened to him?" Julia flushed

Julia flushed. "You ve got to believe me! Hugh is narmless! He was nurt in an accident-a "Anything happen on the way home?" Vince encouraged. "The car began acting up and we coasted directly into the garage. Aunt Sophie said she wanted to see how the rain had fight over a Portuguese girl he wanted to marry. He lost his footing and hit his head against a cement balustrade. He's been to affected the new swimming pool all the best brain surgeons but The Olands are building it for us, they say that some of the nerve

you know, it's impossible to get centers are affected and that ne'll skilled labor to come out this far always be this way-he'll never

skilled labor to come out this far always be this way-he'll never now. John and I went in the front doer." The door was open and Johan-son slipped in, carrying a small glass of brandy which he gave to Julia. "Drink this," he said. "It may nelp and I've got to ask you some questions." Vince frowned in irritation ome questions" Vince frowned in irritation.

my reputation on him more than once." "Well, if Hugh was at the Olands all day he couldn't have killed Sophie."

Sophie now. If they find Hugh or he re-Johanson's reply to that was a "If they find Hugh or he re-turns here, I want him brought to the house immediately." Johanson pointed out. "Is that clear, Mrs. Oland?" "Sure I get you." She snickered with obvious relief and waved towards the woods. "Why don't noncommital snort. They had arrived at the Olands learing. A narrow planked walk ed up to a one-story house which

seemed badly in need of repair, yet the precise rows of corn and cabbages either side of it were well-cultivated and the grazing you take the short cut, it's easier trio of cows, fat and sleek. The walkin'."

front door was wide but as they approached it slowly swung shut and a window curtain was lifted approached it slowly swung shut and a window curtain was lifted surreptitiously. "Evidently the Oland's are not the subtle type," Johanson said and knocked. In a moment of the subtle type, and the s and knocked. In a moment a blowzy woman in a soiled dress appeared: ahe stared and pushed back a strand of sun-bleached hair. "What you want?" she drawled. "We've come to see about Hugh Mannley," Johanson informed. "He is the state of the state. "Barbar Strand of sun-bleached hair. "What you want?" she drawled. "We is the state of the state. "No, but I found something: "Barbar Strand of sun-bleached hair. "What you want?" she drawled. "No, but I found something: "Together they examined the

Son of all-money." "Julia has her own mheritance, Mannley was just her legal guardian." Johanson shot him an ironreal glance "I went through his pa-"Mrs. Oland," the investigator "Mrs. Oland," the police. "Mrs. Oland," the police. "Mrs. Oland," the investigator "Mrs. Oland," the police. "Mere porcine eyes widened. "I knew it was wrong! I told Arree tive. I'll agree, but you know as "Why not? She's very attrac-tive. I'll agree, but you know as "Why a la i do that you can't judge "A minute ago you ware "Why? He could have and the police." "Why? He could have and police." "Mrs. Oland." I'l how the police. "Why is here in the police. "Miss of the trail while Johanson to to do it!" "Twenty dollars." "Why brought him here." "Why? He could have and the police. "Why? He could have and the police. "Why? He could have and the police. "Why? He could have and police. "Mrs. Oland." I'l how the police. "Mrs. Oland." The police

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Saturday afternoon

afternoon.

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## SMYRNA

Mrs. Harry Chadwick, Mrs. Her Hancock, Mrs. Louis Smith Mrs. Hilda Gillikin, Mrs. J. B. Davis and Mrs. Laura Lewis attended the meeting at Harlowe hurch last week.

Mrs. Hattie Stead, of Gloucester ttended services at the Methodis church here Sunday morning ...

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith, Cap ain H. C. Willis, Mr. George Davis was served by the hostess. Mr. L. F. Taylor and Mr. J. B. Da

vis spent Sunday afternoon Swansboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Leffers, of a few days last week. Strai's, spent Sunday here with Miss Maida Moore, Mrs. Troy Moore, Mr. E. T. Piner, Jr. and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Simpson, of Mr. Wilbur Hill, of Marshallberg Beaufort, visited Mrs. Irene Simp- attended the baseball game here son Sunday. Mrs., Maggie Hancock spent Fri-

iay and Saturday at Marshallberg with her son and family.

Mrs. Blanche Willis and daugh-ter, Mildred, Mrs. Blanche Davis Mrs. Hettie Stead, Mr. and Mrs Miles Willis and daughter, Glenda and Mr. Shelly Willis, attended the baptizing at Atlantic Sunday after noon

Mr. George Davis spent a few days at Baltimore last week. Mrs. E. H. Heady, Mrs. Edith Sontar and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Willis visited Mrs. Olive Willis Thursday night.

Mr and Mrs J D Lewis of Marshallberg, attended the Baptist Sunday School here Sunday morning and the baptizing at Atlantic Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Herbert Hancock spent a

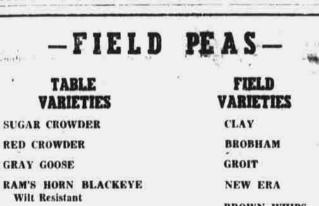
day. Mrs. Johnston, who has been spending some time at her home in New Jersey, returned to her home here Saturday.

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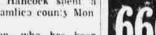


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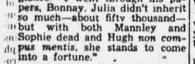
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be Vince argued. The investigator shrugged. "I

"Which is a lot that you can't judge "a criminal's insides by his out-"sides." "A minute ago you were con-vinced the murderer was Hugh." If Vince argued. The investigator shrugged. "I don't knov. Zveryone insists he's quite harmless, but suppose he had a shock that restored his memory? Wouldn't it be logical for him to blame Mannley and his sister for his predicament?" "But he'd have no reason to hate Julia." "A maniae doesn't need a rea-son, that's why I'm having Julis suarded from now on-she may be next in line for all we know. I'm getting Dr. Zendro over from seattle to examine Hugh; he's a noted psychiatrist and I've staked

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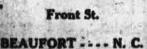
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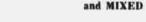
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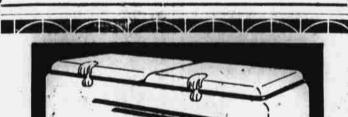
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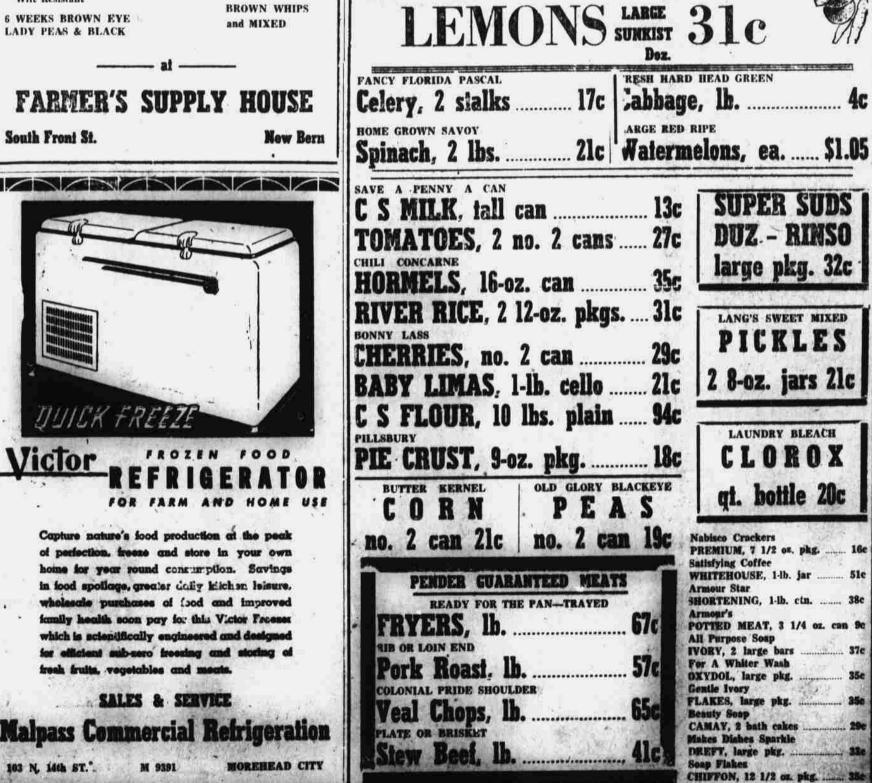




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