

# THE MURDER OF GEORGE COURT

BY MILTON PROPPER

## SIXTH INSTALLMENT

"If Hugh Campbell is involved in this at all, he'll be too clever to do anything so conspicuous or suspicious. In fact, he'll probably come forward as soon as he learns headquarters wants him," he paused. "Phone the bureau, Jenks, and tell Gordon to inquire for him at all the best hotels in town. If he's staying in Philly and isn't with friends, he'll check in only at the finest."

He deliberated a moment and then finished his instructions. "Besides, he has connections here, through which he might be traced. Let's see—there's Gusie Morton at the Morton club and Nick Albert, manager of the Regency Club on South Broad street. Tell Gordon to visit him, too."

"Jenks made a note of the addresses mentioned, and his superior continued.

"Now, what else have you learned from the office force? Did you visit the firm during the afternoon?"

"He nodded toward the chair. "I went against the wall beyond the rail where a man and woman waited whom Rankin had barely

noticed on his arrival. They sat apart, the woman demure and chic in a gray dress that revealed an attractive figure; about twenty-three years old, she was physically small, with petite features—pretty in an unobtrusive manner.

The man was as large as she was small. Close upon fifty years, he was tall and broad-shouldered. His eyes were dull and unimaginative and altogether he radiated ponderous energy, without alertness or vitality.

Studying them a moment, Rankin asked his superior, "For whom were they waiting, Jenks? Who are they?"

"The girl's name is Edmond—Miss Jill Edmond," Jenks replied. "Earlier, I understood she worked as Mrs. Rowland's secretary last December and January."

"Worked is right, but not any longer," Rankin commented with a smile. "Because she happens to be his correspondent—the woman he had the affair that caused his wife to sue for a divorce."

It was the other's turn to smile—knowingly, with a slightly lascivious smirk.

With regard to the order of entrances and exits that afternoon, Jenks fully corroborated Rankin's own inquiries. His timetable, together with some notes and observations, read as follows:

2:20—Mrs. Rowland and Mr. Willard arrive and enter the library.

2:25—Mr. Trumbull arrives, waits in outer office.

2:30—Allen Rowland and Mrs. Keith arrive, and with Mr. Trumbull, pass into library.

2:35—Jill Edmond arrives and waits in outer office.

2:38—Hugh Campbell arrives and waits in outer office.

2:38 (about)—Allen Rowland leaves Mrs. Keith in 1505, and rejoins Mr. Trumbull.

2:39 — Mrs. Rowland joins Campbell, has brief conversation. (Find out what about.)

2:40—Allen Rowland and Mr. Trumbull leave suite through main office, Rowland to dismiss chauffeur. Mrs. Rowland returns to library.

2:41 (about)—Mrs. Rowland leaves suite through main office, and Mr. Trumbull returns to phone his office.

2:45 (about)—Allen Rowland returns to 1507, and retires with Mr. Trumbull to Mr. Dawson's office. (Check the time with Mrs. Keith's chauffeur, Alvin.)

2:49 (about)—Mrs. Rowland returns, speaks to Campbell and rejoins brother in library.

2:51 (about)—Hugh Campbell leaves suite by central door for a minute and returns.

2:56—Hugh Campbell receives phone call and hurries off without explanation.

2:57—Mr. Henry Dawson arrives, and enters his office.

3:00—Mr. Simpkins, court clerk, arrives, also enters Mr. Dawson's office. The hearing begins.

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF LAND

State of North Carolina, County of Wilkes.

The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, Plaintiff, vs. Ada V. Burch and husband, Elmer W. Burch, T. J. McNeill, D. H. Morrison, J. B. Church, William Bullard, John Mastin, Tyre Felts, Sam Pardue, J. A. Porter, Cecil Binghamer and The First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank of Columbia, South Carolina, Defendants.

Pursuant to a judgment entered in above entitled civil action on the 16th day of June, 1935, in the Superior Court of said County by Honorable J. H. Clement, Judge Presiding, I will on the 31st day of July, 1935, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the County Courthouse, door in said County sell at public auction to the highest bidder therefor the following described lands, situated in said county and state in Edwards Township, comprising 310 acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows:

"All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, containing 310 acres, more or less, situated, lying and being on the Yadkin River about one mile east from the village of Roaring River, in Edwards Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, and having such shapes, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof made by W. A. Gwyn, Surveyor, sometime in March, 1912, and being bounded on the north by lands of S. J. Greenwood, on the south by the Yadkin River and on the west by lands of L. J. Salmon, this being the same land conveyed to the said Ada V. Burch by S. J. Greenwood, and wife, M. P. Greenwood, on May 18, 1912, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wilkes County, in Book 91, at Page 80, and conveyed by the said Ada V. Burch and husband, Elmer W. Burch, by mortgage deed on the 23rd day of July, 1918, to the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, which said mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wilkes County in Book 105, Page 50 on the 24th day of July, 1918, which mortgage deed is hereby referred to for more complete information.

The terms of sale are as follows: Cash on confirmation of sale. The entire tract of 310 acres, after first deducting therefrom the following tracts, to-wit: W. A. Bullard tract of 51.14 acres, John Mastin tract of 12.2-10 acres, J. Porter tract of 1 acre, First Carolinas Joint Stock Land Bank of Columbia 16 acres, making a total of 91.76-100 acres, leaving a balance of 218.84-100 acres, but it is expressly stipulated in the judgment of foreclosure that in the event the said 218.84 acres when sold fail to bring a sufficient sum to pay the principal, interest and costs of the said judgment, then and in that event the entire tract of 310 acres shall immediately be put up and sold as a whole, in accordance with the terms of said judgment.

All bids will be received subject to rejection or confirmation by the Clerk of said Superior Court and no bid will be accepted or reported unless its maker shall deposit with said Clerk at the close of the bidding the sum of Eight Hundred (\$800.00) Dollars, as a forfeit and guaranty of compliance with his bid, the same to be credited on his bid when accepted.

Notice is now given that said lands will be resold at the same place and upon the same terms at 1 o'clock p. m. of the same day unless said deposit is sooner made.

Every deposit not forfeited or accepted will be promptly returned to the maker.

This the 1st day of July, 1935.

FRANK D. HACKETT, Commissioner.

## NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed on the 15th day of July, 1929, by S. A. Mitchell and wife, D. J. Mitchell, to A. Y. Rash and duly assigned for value received by A. Y. Rash to the undersigned assignee, said mortgage deed being recorded in Book No. 149, Page No. 224, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wilkes County, the same being to secure the payment of a certain note executed on the same date by S. A. Mitchell and wife, D. J. Mitchell, and default having been made in the payment of said note, the undersigned assignee of A. Y. Rash will expose to sale at public auction at the Courthouse door in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 3rd day of August, 1935, at twelve o'clock noon, the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Somers Township, Wilkes county, North Carolina, and more particularly defined and described as follows, to-wit:

"Beginning on a white oak at the Marth Spring, thence running up Little Hunting Creek a west course to a black gum near the James Combs old ford; thence south with Jarvis and Inscorpe's line to J. C. Mayberry's line near the old school house place; thence east with said J. C. Mayberry's and Manuel Roberts' line to the bridge; thence down Little Hunting Creek as it meanders to the Bill Robbins Spring branch; thence north to Elisabeth Norman line to the beginning, containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less.

This 3rd day of July, 1935.

W. F. RASH,

7-29-41 Assignee of A. Y. Rash, By Trivette and Holshouser, Attorneys for W. F. Rash.

would be her duty to attend to her employer's correspondence, manage her social engagements and in general serve as a companion. Of all the applicants, Miss Edmond, petite and neatly dressed, after, clever and willing, had appeared most suitable for the post.

Mrs. Rowland first had reason to suspect the girl's relations with her husband less than three weeks later. She had remained at home from a bridge party on the 13rd of the same month, because of a headache; but she retired without informing Miss Edmond of her indisposition. Descending unexpectedly from her room at 4 o'clock, she found her in the library, ostensibly writing letters at her desk, while Allen Rowland bent over her, his arm around her shoulder. Their nonchalant air in attempting to carry off the embarrassing situation did not deceive her.

Convinced by the discovery, Adele Rowland consulted her brother, who arranged to hire detectives to watch the couple. Both parties were to be trailed every moment wherever they went, whether separately or not. There followed in the notes, a resume by the detectives of their movements in watching the subjects of their vigilance. On the Thursday afternoon after they began work, young Rowland kept a rendezvous with the secretary at a park in Germantown and took her to supper in town. Two days later they trailed Rowland alone to the Westview apartments in West Philadelphia. Investigation revealed that for eight months he had had an establishment there under the name of Seymour Kings.

The crisis occurred on a Wednesday, February 1st, the girl's next holiday. At four o'clock that afternoon, so Mrs. Rowland related in her testimony, she accidentally noticed a scrap of paper in her husband's writing in the secretary's library wastebasket. Evidently he realized at last that they were suspected and employed this indirect method of communicating with her. In the note, he made an appointment to meet her that very evening at 9 o'clock. Therefore, when the girl, during supper, specially requested to be excused from duty that night, her employer granted the favor. Rowland was not at the table nor had he been at home that afternoon.

In the meantime, Mrs. Rowland telephoned the detective and apprised him of her knowledge. Then they called Mr. Willard and prepared plans for trapping the faithless couple.

So it was that when Allen

Rowland reached the rendezvous that Wednesday night, his wife, Mr. Willard and the detective were already hidden there; they watched unseen from the lawyer's car. Rowland drove up alone in a coupe on the hour, and his paramour joined him. They followed him beyond the city limits along the Philadelphia Pike as far as Quakertown. Forty-five miles from Philadelphia, Rowland turned off the main highway to reach the fashionable and exclusive Sunset Inn, which, however, like many such roadhouses, possessed a questionable reputation. It was 10:30 when he arrived with his companion. As they went inside, the pursuers, careful lest their quarry observe them, halted a hundred yards from the building.

For some time they waited patiently. In ten minutes, a new light illumined one of the second floor rooms and Allen Rowland appeared at the window and lowered the shade. At 11:15 the three trailers entered.

The chamber the husband and his companion occupied was number 212 on the second floor. (Here the hotel book was placed on the record to prove Allen Rowland's registration for both of them as husband and wife. In the handwriting was the entry for Mr. and Mrs. King of Allentown, Pennsylvania.) Without warning, Mr. Willard knocked on the door; and when it opened, it revealed a scene that could hardly be more compromising. The guilty man stood in the doorway, charged and astonished, in colored pajamas, a robe and slippers, while Jill Edmond, pale

and breathless, sat on the bed in negligee.

It was at this precise juncture that Mr. Mortimer Keith stalked snarling into the inn bedroom, took in the situation with a hurried glance and, offering no explanation, departed as abruptly as he had arrived.

When Rankin reached the amazing statement in the record, he sat back with a jerk, audibly expressing his bewilderment. It came from the private detective, volunteered casually in his complete description of what occurred in Room 212, after the invasion.

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**DRY MAJORITY OF 519 LISTED IN ROCKINGHAM**

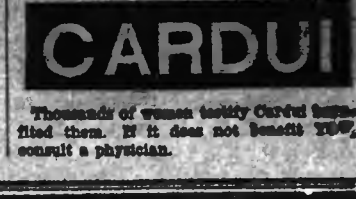
Reidsville, July 11.—The dry majority in the recent liquor referendum in Rockingham county today was shown to be 519 with announcement of the official canvass.

Drys mustered 4,022 votes and wets 3,503.

## RHEUMATISM

**Nervous, Weak Woman Soon All Right**

"I had regular shaking spells, faint nervousness," writes Mrs. Cora Sanders, of Paragould, Mo. "I was all run-down and cramped at my knees until I would have to go to bed. After my first bottle of Cardui, I was better. I kept taking Cardui and soon I was all right. The shaking quit and I did not cramp. I felt much better. I gave Cardui to my daughter who was in about the same condition and she was soon all right."



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