

THE DIVORCE COURT MURDER

BY MILTON PROPPER

NINTH INSTALLMENT

The officer shook his head. "No, I haven't found him; he may be in town at all," he replied. "I was too late to visit his office, so I called at the Aldrich Apartments and learned from his father, Stanley, that he had gone away on business, he thought, to Washington."

Rankin pursued his Mps in dissatisfaction. "Washington? I suppose you discovered what business took him there and communicated with the people he went to see, Cottman?" the detective inquired.

"No, I didn't, although I tried to. That's what took me so long."

The secretary said it had something to do with the New Ray-Site Company. Neither he nor the better had any idea at what hotel Mr. Keith might stop to-night.

"Hotel? Then he isn't expected back today?"

The policeman shook his head. "No, not until tomorrow," he answered, "when he's completed his business."

"Well, I imagine we can wait and give him a chance to turn up according to schedule," Rankin said, dismissing Cottman.

Johnson entered as Cottman left. "Finished, Johnson?" asked Rankin.

Johnson did not reply until

the officer had gone. "I've taken everybody's fingerprints, Tommy," he said, "but I can't make a detailed report until I've had time to study them—say tomorrow-morning."

"How about the gloves?" The detective spoke eagerly. "Any clue to who owns them?"

"Again I couldn't swear to it," the expert said, "not without trying them on all the men here. But personally, I've little doubt about the only pair of hands here with such a wide palm and short pudgy fingers that could wear a seven and three-quarters comfortably."

"Who do they belong to, Johnson?" asked Rankin.

"Harvey Willard, Tommy—Mrs. Rowland's brother, who, I understand, denies ever going into that room."

The furor Rankin expected the death of Barbara Keith to produce was fully realized in the early editions of Thursday's papers. They made capital of the crime in black screaming headlines; and half of every front page in the city devoted itself as much to the facts behind Mrs. Rowland's suit as to the murder. There were articles about the manufacturer's business excesses and social position; and it was recalled, with some relish, that before her marriage Mrs. Keith was Barbara Webb, an unknown manicurist in a beauty shop in Detroit.

Yet the dearth of really material information about the dead woman or her life was immediately and significantly apparent. The detective read the accounts at breakfast.

At his desk in the Central Detective Bureau, Captain Thomas greeted Rankin, from behind his newspaper.

"Any news, captain?" the latter asked his superior. "Have you any word from Gordon or a message from Mr. Keith from Washington?"

"No, I haven't seen Gordon this morning," Thomas replied, "and Mr. Keith hasn't shown up or got in touch with us."

At that instant, Johnson entered with some papers and addressed Rankin eagerly.

"I think I've made a discovery, Tommy!" he declared. "I've just finished comparing the prints I took with those I found. There's one set that doesn't belong to anyone in the office yesterday and can't be explained in my reasonable way."

"A strange set?" But what good is that, if we can't tell who it belongs to?"

"That's just it, I've been able to trace them."

The expert paused dramatically and Rankin asked, "Who was it?"

"In our hands several times," Johnson announced triumphantly. "Mitch" Riley, alias Tony Lynch, alias a half dozen other names."

It was Rankin's turn to become excited.

"Mitch Riley?" Recognition rang in his startled tone. "That second-story man and rumrunner. Are you positive there's no mistake, Johnson?"

Johnson extended the paper he had brought. "Here, you can see for yourself the prints are identical."

From personal encounters, the detective was acquainted with Mitch Riley. Originally he came from New York, a hoodlum, expug and jack of many crimes. His criminal career began fifteen years before.

His photographs disclosed a typical felon's features, with a bullet head, low forehead and closely cropped brown hair. He was about thirty-five, he had a flat nose and heavy lips. He was strongly built, broad-shouldered and, according to the record, six feet tall. Even Rankin's inexperienced eye could note the similarity of the finger patterns Johnson was comparing.

"It looks damn suspicious," Rankin commented grimly. "He must be brought in to explain, if we have to turn the whole city inside out to locate him."

Before they could depart, the detective Gordon arrived to present the results of his hunt for Hugh Campbell. Finally he had located him at the exclusive and ornate St. Andrew Hotel, on Broad Street. From the registry, it appeared Campbell had been stopping there for two weeks—ever since Friday, May 26th. The difficulty now was that he had not been seen since he went out yesterday; he had not returned to the hotel last night. At the same time, since his baggage remained in his rooms and he had not checked out, he apparently intended to return.

(Continued Next Week)

Use Unemployed In Construction Of New Building

Don Baker and Lottie Howell, who hold contract for the construction of a new building for A. N. Phillips on Tenth street, are getting their labor from the national re-employment office.

The labor is taken from the files of unemployed and in this manner jobs are furnished those who otherwise would be without work.

Officials at the NRS office state that it would be a great boost for the office's services if all contractors would report to that office the names of men being used by them. If this was carried out the name of a person who is on a job would be removed from the active file until the job on which he is being used is completed.

Much progress is being made on the building on Tenth street at the present time. When completed it will be occupied by the Gaddy Motor company, local Chevrolet dealer.

SCOUT COURT HONOR MEETING IN BOONE

Much interest was shown in Scouting in the court of honor meeting held in Boone on July 28, according to many from here who attended.

T. E. Story, president of the court, presided, and P. W. Eshelman, Scout commissioner, acted as secretary. The court of honor of the North Wilkesboro district and several Scouts from the various local troops, attended the meeting.

Merit badges were presented to Robert Wood Finley and Don Story. Awards for various activities were made to Pat Williams, Jr., M. G. Edwards, Jr., William Gray, Don Story, Tom Wright, J. C. Canipe, Jr., Junior Greene, R. D. Hodges, Samuel Lysterly, Baxter Davis, James Hemphill, Sam Smoak, Ray Stroud and Edward McNeill.

Ferguson News

FERGUSON, Aug. 5.—Misses Ellen, Sara and Estelle Segars of Dalton, S. C., are visiting their Aunt Miss Jesse Spicer for several weeks.

Mr. Robert Lee Foster leaves today for Fort Bragg where he will spend several weeks with the National Guard.

The Little Four year old daughter, Helen, of Mr. and Mrs. Ted R. Setser died of septic sore throat last week and was buried at the Beaver Creek cemetery.

Rev. A. J. Foster and Mr. Carl Triplett conducting the funeral. This community is responding very readily to the vaccination for typhoid fever conducted by Dr. A. J. Eller, county health officer and Mrs. Bell, county nurse. The next day for vaccination was Wednesday, 11 o'clock.

Mrs. T. C. Carlton, of Centralia, Kan., is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. V. Ferguson, and other relatives of this county and of Caldwell, for some time. Mrs. Carlton is a former resident of this vicinity and moved to Kansas in her early life.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brookshire, of Statesville visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brookshire, of the Beaver Creek section last Sunday and attended church at the Advent Christian service while here.

Dr. C. E. Nicks and Dr. Edwards, of Elkin and North Wilkesboro, were here this week in the interest of the cattle test for Bangs Disease which they have been conducting in the county for some time.

Quite a few from this section are preparing to attend the big camp meeting of the Advent Christian church and annual conference to begin next Thursday, Aug. 8th, on the Yonahlossee highway just beyond Blowing Rock. The denomination owns a large Camp site at this place and will build a large commodious tabernacle in the near future. Accommodations are now furnished to any one wishing to attend at very reasonable rates. The hum of the thresher is at

least heard in the community and the farmers are glad to have their grain threshed now since the rains are about over.

Both the Subordinate and Jurisdiction Granges will meet in regular session next Friday night, Aug. 9th, 7:30 o'clock at the school building. Every member is urged to keep this in mind and prepare to come early. Miss Pearl Thompson, state secretary of the Grange will be present and give an address and other Grange people from over the county are expected to be present.

Cotton growers in eastern North Carolina are reporting heavy infestations of boll weevils on low lands. Some of the cotton on high fields shows a slight damage.

Recent rains in North Carolina will increase the tobacco yield by 100 to 150 pounds an acre, reports County Agent S. U. Wheeler.

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W. P. Kelly

TAX COLLECTOR FOR TOWN OF NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C.

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