

THE WAYNE MURDER CASE

By ARTHUR HOERL

CHAPTER IV

"The next one mentioned is Gloria Gryden," said Wilfred Sands, breaking the silence. "The entire residue of the estate was to be left to her, except that if she married Robert Wayne she was to be entirely disinherited." The ominous character of Silas Wayne's bequests was beginning to throw a pall over the entire gathering. The district attorney paused to refer to the document in his hands. "I do this," he read, "because John Dryden, her father, stole from me what was rightfully mine. In return I now take something from his daughter; I take love from her and give her wealth, or let her choose love and become a pauper as I found her." Gloria broke down and sobbed bitterly. There was no question that a man, passed out of life, was still the predominating force swaying that little gathering to a will that lived after death. Young Robert was trying to calm Gloria when he heard his name spoken. "To Robert Wayne one dollar was to be bequeathed. There was to be one other bequest to him. I'll read that. 'And he is to have the Candor Diamond, which I have bought for that purpose. It is a gem of ill-omen and if Robert Wayne attempts to sell or give away this diamond it shall imme-

diately become the inheritance of Gloria Dryden. I desire that its heritage of disaster remain with Robert Wayne in repayment of an act of his father, who was my brother.'" "I knew what he had written," said young Robert bitterly. "He took delight in telling me, this afternoon, assuring me that he would see that I could never have Gloria, even after he was dead. I wasn't sorry for him even when I saw that dagger thrust into his heart." "It seems almost as if that ill-omened diamond cast its shadow of disaster sooner than expected, doesn't it?" Robin Dale's suggestion, coming unexpectedly, caused a moment's silence. "Rather ironic, wasn't it? You knew you were going to inherit the stone, Mr. Wayne?" "Yes, I did! What of it?" "What would you think?" "Do we have to answer him, sir? Who is he?" asked Robert sharply of the district attorney. "Someone I have a great deal of confidence in. But I think I'll go on for the present. There is one other very important and unusual bequest." Sands laid the document on the desk and picked up a bulky envelope. "The last bequest is a brief one. The inheritance of Claude Wayne, in the words of the will, is the

penitentiary. His uncle discovered that the young man had been defrauding him for some time and collected the evidence of guilt, which is in my hands." It was evident now why Sergeant Jardin had been sent from headquarters. "Captain Blake, place Claude Wayne under arrest!" ordered the district attorney. Of course, they discovered that Claude Wayne had not been in the gathering. Blake went across the hall to Claude's room, but it was empty. On the bed was a traveling bag fully packed. Robin Dale paid little attention while the search was going on. He sauntered to the window in the library and gazed out with an abstracted air. Rain was still falling steadily. The window looked out toward the river. The dismal toot of a tug siren echoed over the water. On the Jersey side the blinking lights atop the Palisades were scarcely discernible. Dale shuddered even with the warmth of the room. Motives. There were motives aplenty behind this tragedy. They led in every direction, at every turn uncovering some hitherto submerged factor in the strangely crossed lives of the Waynes. Dale reviewed them all as he gazed out into the murky night. Beyond any question, there was not one of those who had been in Silas Wayne's study when he met his death who would not have preferred the tragedy to the signing of the will. But there was still the unexplainable manner of his death. No one near enough to stab him, no dagger thrown, no contrivance in the desk and yet the tragic fact remained. Dale walked to the desk and stood for a long moment studying it. He reviewed the action in his mind, as it must have happened. Suddenly he paused in his thoughts, walked around the desk and sat in Silas Wayne's chair. His hands gripped the arms tightly. He became aware that there were people moving about in the room, hurrying to the door. Captain Blake's call for Winfred Sands was so sharp that Dale head it, subconsciously. He arose and went quickly into the upper hall. Miss Sheen had remained in the library. Gloria and Sarah Boulter cried out in horror as the second tragedy unfolded itself. The captain had opened a door to the closet under the flight of stairs leading to the attic. As he did the body of Claude Wayne swayed from within and crashed to the floor. There was a gag in his mouth and a heavy curtain cord wound tightly about his neck. Captain Blake made a hurried examination. "Dead! Strangled!" The women turned away in terror. "Take the ladies downstairs, please," Sands addressed Robert Wayne. Captain Blake was trying to undo the cord about Claude's neck. "Just a minute, captain. Won't do any good taking that off now. Let's take him into the library." Dr. Bailey had gone in for Mrs. Sheen and hurried down the hallway with her, toward the stairs. Dale was on his knees beside the body of Claude Wayne. He was

Paging Mr. Morgenthau



Allen Mink, 5 1/2 years, is pictured giving a penny to the Deacon, one of the pets of the Children's Zoo in the Bronx, N. Y. The Deacon is attracted by bright objects, especially pennies. In the past, he would hide his head under a tree, but now he does his part for the war effort by placing the pennies in a special box to be used for the purchase of savings stamps. (Central Press)

Government Asks Less Meat Eating

All families in the nation are being asked to contribute alike in the "share-the-meat" program by holding down weekly consumption to 2 1/2 pounds per person over 12 years of age.

In clarifying the request, Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the extension service of N. C. State College, said all meat slaughtered on farms for home use and that which families purchase in quantity for storage in freezer lockers should be counted in the 2 1/2-pound weekly sharing allowance.

This applies to the meat from home-slaughtered cattle, calves, hogs, and sheep, since the "share-the-meat" program affects all beef, pork, veal, lamb, and mutton. All meat, whether slaughtered on the farm or commercially, makes up the total supply to be available to consumers.

Explaining the situation, Dr. Schaub said that huge amounts of meat must be supplied to the army, the navy and our allies. Civilian consumption must be held to the amount available after all of these needs are met.

If the civilians were allowed to buy all the meat they wanted, their purchases alone would take 21 billion pounds of the total available supply of slightly more than 24 billion pounds. Since army, navy, and lease-lend requirements amount to 6 1/2 billion pounds, civilian consumption must be cut to 17 1/2 billion pounds.

Dr. Schaub said a meat-rationing system cannot be worked out until early in 1943, so citizens have been asked to cooperate in the voluntary "share-the-meat" program so as to assure adequate rations for the army, navy, and American allies.

Visitors From 23 States Register At St. John's

One hundred and eleven guests from 23 states and two foreign countries registered at St. John's church this summer.

Florida registrations led all other states, with Michigan occupying the second and third places, respectively, with South Carolina and

Car Owners Must Turn In All Tires Extra Over Five

Passenger car owners showing on their applications that they still own more than five tires per car will not be issued future mileage ration books after December 12, it was announced by D. M. Watkins, chairman of the local rationing board this week.

They will be told they must get rid of these tires first, Mr. Watkins pointed out. When the car owner does apply he will have to present proof that he has disposed of the excess tires he reported on his application form.

A receipt showing that he has turned them over to the Railway Express Agency will be acceptable as such proof, or the applicant may show that he has turned in unserviceable tires for scrap. All excess tires, even scrap tires, must be disposed of before December 12, according to Mr. Watkins.

Under the government's idle tire purchase plan, the local office of the Railway Express Agency will collect all serviceable tires, and leave a receipt. The government will send a check later covering the price of the tire or tires. Tires beyond repair should be disposed of through a local scrap dealer or salvage committee.

Navy Recruiting Officer To Be Here Nov. 19th

Eighteen and nineteen-year-old men have a great many more opportunities in the navy than in any other branch of service, Chief Petty Officer W. S. Baskerville of the Asheville navy recruiting station declared yesterday.

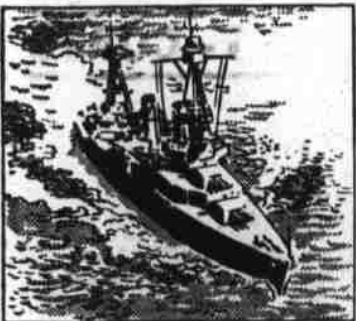
Chief Baskerville, who will be at the count court house in Waynesville on Thursday, November 19, to set up a navy recruiting station for the convenience of the men between 17 and 50 in this territory.

"The spirit of the navy is evidenced by its men," Baskerville said. "They are proud of their service, they enjoy its life and they are thrilled by its adventure. Every man in the navy is proud to be a volunteer, and every sailor becomes a specialist in a trade which he can use when the war is over. That is why we say, 'The men make the navy, and the navy makes men.'"

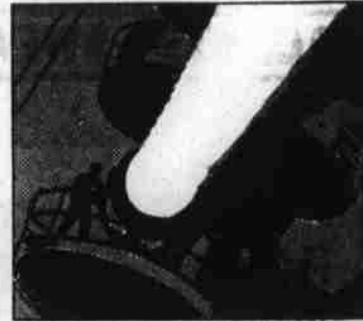
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On the Seven Seas

For 45 years General Electric has developed and built electric equipment for warships. Here are a few of the ways in which electricity serves the Navy.



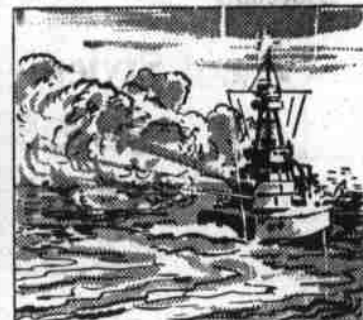
1. Just one battleship may have electric generators to produce as much as 180,000 kilowatts. This power would supply the needs of a city of 375,000.



2. Searchlights produce millions of watt-hours of light to aid in detecting enemy ships and planes, and to guide Navy gunners to their targets.



3. More than 20 different operations are performed in bringing a naval gun to bear on its target. Electricity helps to co-ordinate these operations.



4. When a battleship goes into action, electricity helps direct the ship, operate the guns, and give the orders. G.E. is building equipment to do these jobs.

General Electric believes that its first duty as a good citizen is to be a good soldier.

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The Truth About Coffee

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE COFFEE CONSUMERS OF AMERICA

Dear Friends:

It is possible that you have suffered some inconvenience, because of the temporary shortage of coffee.

The NATIONAL COFFEE DEPARTMENT OF BRAZIL, representing the coffee planters of Brazil, who grow most of the finer coffees imported into the United States greatly sympathize, as good neighbors, with you in the situation which has made it temporarily necessary to reduce the quantity normally used in your household.

There is no shortage of coffee in Brazil. However, a temporary shortage of ships prevents regular delivery to American roasters.

Under the circumstances, patience will become a virtue while the shortage exists, for as shipping improves there will be plenty of real, rich, full-flavored Brazilian coffee for everyone.

In publishing this open letter, we believe it our duty to sound a warning to safeguard, if possible, American coffee consumers against those seeking to take an unfair advantage of the emergency by dumping on the market adulterated coffees as substitutes for the rich, delicious beverage you have been accustomed to buy.

Purchases of these coffees will unwittingly align the purchaser with unjustifiable, ruthless competition for highly reputable American coffee roasters, who are willing to continue to serve the American public with genuine products. They should not be expected to compete with producers of adulterated coffees. May we repeat, your purchases of adulterated coffees will drive reputable and responsible American coffee roasters out of business, or compel them to change their existing high quality standards.

As a constant user of good coffee, you are entitled to know these facts, to exercise caution when buying coffee. If your dealer cannot supply your favorite brand and offers you a new one in its place—make sure you are getting pure coffee and see that it is labeled accordingly. That is your government's guarantee of complete protection against adulterated, or "doctored" coffee. Don't waste your ration coupon by giving it in for one pound of a mixture that is only 50% coffee. No one should be unduly alarmed over the present situation, but above all don't hoard coffee and don't waste it. It is unfair to your neighbor to hoard, and coffee is TOO GOOD TO WASTE!

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The Greenville Tobacco Market

Opens December 8th

High Prices Are Not Only Expected To Rule For This Crop, But Also For the 1943 and 1944 Crops.

Although, due to favorable handling weather, over half of the crop will be ready for market at its opening, there is no reason to rush to sell and cause to put tobacco on any floor a week to ten days and have it drift in quality as a result of exposure before sold.

Two Daily Sales Prevent Such Exposure On The Greenville Market

The war has caused much shifting of tobacco forces. However, Greenville being an ESTABLISHED MARKET, both small and large manufacturers, as heretofore, will be represented, assuring strong competition on all grades. In this connection, the following is copied from a recent issue of the Southern Tobacco Journal:

Multiple Buying

"To reduce buying expenses it is common practice for Companies to place buying orders . . . this is especially true on the smaller markets.

"Thus a company, instead of incurring the expense of maintaining ITS OWN BUYER on a certain market, places a buying order with a LEAF DEALER who has a buyer at that market.

"This buyer bids not only on behalf of his employer, but possibly half a dozen other companies.

"Were it not for the multiple buying orders it is probable that many of the smaller markets would cease to operate, and the existing trend toward elimination of small markets would be more pronounced.

"Viewed alone, multiple buying may become an abuse which is hurtful to the interests of the growers by reason of the fact that competition in buying is diminished."—Southern Tobacco Journal.

Due to war conditions multiple buying during the duration will increase on the smaller markets and the grower having more than an acre should bear that fact in mind, and if not a too long haul, sell it on an ESTABLISHED Market.

The Re-drying, Stemming and Storage Plants are located at Greenville. Help conserve gas and rubber by selling direct on the Greenville market.

Tune in on WWNC 7:30 A. M.—and WNOX at 12:10 for the Tobacco market report.

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