

Murder In Duplicate

CHAPTER SEVEN

Continued

The sneer was lost on Whitcombe. "I thought you'd be interested," he said, smirking with satisfaction. To tell you the truth, a fellow called Corder really gave me the idea — though he doesn't know it."

"Corder?"

"Oh, of course!" Whitcombe exclaimed. "I'd forgotten that you know him. He was mixed up in the case."

"I don't mind telling you," said Whitcombe, "that for a long time I wondered if perhaps Corder himself mightn't be the murderer. But he couldn't have done it." Regretfully, he shook his head. "No, Corder's real importance in this business has nothing to do with the fact that he was a relative of Mrs. Dormer. It's that his cats couldn't catch mice."

Frank regarded Whitcombe curiously. His confidence was fast returning. It was very plain that he regarded the man as a madman. Jim, in whom hope for a moment had flared up, was coming to the same conclusion. In a few minutes the police would be here . . .

"Corder's cats couldn't catch mice," Frank repeated. He smiled. The smile broadened, with an edge of contempt to it. "Tell us what you infer from that," he suggested good-humouredly.

"Well, that's the whole point," said Whitcombe. "Corder's house is infested with mice. And his Siamese cats are no good at catching them. So Corder had to destroy the mice some other way. He used poison."

"You can get little pellets, with strychnine in them. The mice eat the pellets, but the poison doesn't take effect right away. The pellets have to dissolve, releasing the pure strychnine. The mice die in their nests."

Frank moved impatiently. Jim, watching him, saw that he had gone very pale.

"I don't quite see —" Frank began.

"Well," said Whitcombe triumphantly, "that's what happened to Mrs. Dormer. Someone gave her the equivalent of one of those pellets for destroying vermin — a hollow capsule, with strychnine in it."

"It would be easy," Whitcombe went on reflectively. "Of course it has to be someone she trusts. Say she's got a headache, or a bad cold, or something like that. The murderer offers her a pill, telling her it's a wonderful cure. Then he goes off. She seems perfectly all right. She doesn't show any symptoms until the capsule dissolves in her stomach. Then she collapses and dies. But everyone knows strychnine is a quick acting poison. So when strychnine is found in her stomach, no one suspects the murderer, who can prove he was nowhere near the victim when she collapsed."

The final answer to the riddle was also the solution of Smith's death. Smith had had a heavy cold. He didn't suspect Welles. If Frank offered him "something for his cold," he would take it. Smith had been virtually a dead man before he ever set foot in Mary's flat. The brandy he had taken there had instantly dissolved the fatal capsule. He had collapsed with all the symptoms of a man who had just swallowed poison.

"That's how Mrs. Dormer died," Whitcombe was repeating. "It couldn't have been Mary Lincoln. For she hadn't seen her aunt for a week. It couldn't have been Corder, for he was hundreds of miles away. The real murderer was someone else — someone who hasn't even been suspected. You know what I think, Mr. Welles? There was someone who visited the cottage that night when we've never heard about. When we find him, we've got the murderer . . ."

Whitcombe stopped, and stared. "Hey!" he said querulously; "what are you doing?"

Frank had stepped back. The hand he had kept constantly in the pocket of his dressing gown now emerged, holding a gun. He

Kensington and Vicinity

Her many friends will be glad to hear that Mrs. Arthur Henry has returned to her home after her recent operation and is making progress towards recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Keir Clark and Dr. K. L. Beer and Mrs. Beer left Monday morning by motor for holidays in the eastern states.

Miss Minnie Steels of Summerside was a week-end visitor to Kensington and Indian River.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Johnson of Long River and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Clark returned on Monday, October 6th from a motor trip to Halifax and other points of interest in Nova Scotia.

Mr. David Clark underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis on Saturday night, October 4th. His numerous friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The first card party of the season sponsored by the C. W. L. was held in the town hall on Tuesday, September 30th. Nine tables of auction were in play. Prizes were won by Mrs. James Thompson and Mr. Linus Gorman, and the freeze-out was won by Mr. Peter McDonald. A delicious lunch was served by the committee in charge.

ROSEVILLE SCHOOL

Following is the report for August and September for Roseville School:

Grade IX — 1. Sandy Donahue; 2. Betty Senter; 3. Jack Senter.

Grade VII — 1. Eddy Senter; 2. Jimmie Clements; 3. Geordie Luttrell.

Grade VI — 1. Ruth Thomson; 2. Alberta Myers; 3. Anna Myers.

Grade V — 1. Verna Clements; 2. Lorne Luttrell; 3. Ivan Luttrell.

Grade IV — 1. Clair Dalton; 2. Ariene Senter; 3. Murray Clements and Vance Luttrell.

Grade III — 1. David Senter; 2. Elaine Dalton; 3. Sheila Clements.

Grade II (A) — 1. Helen Dalton; 2. Tommy Clements.

Grade II (B) — 1. Willard Clements.

Grade II (C) — 1. Francis Richards; 2. Frank Luttrell; 3. Eric Luttrell.

Grade I — 1. Wendall Luttrell; 2. Benny Richards; 3. Johnnie Clements.

Teacher—Gerard Kelly.

The independence of Greece after four centuries of Turkish rule dates from 1821.

was breathing very fast.

"Stand still, all of you!" At Whitcombe, he snarled: "You damned interfering old fool!"

Whitcombe turned to Jim.

"What the devil's the matter with him?" "Has he gone crazy?"

"No, not crazy," Jim never took his eyes off Frank. You see, he visited Mrs. Dormer that night. He's the murderer. You've just proved it."

Whitcombe's jaw dropped. He stared at Frank with bulging eyes. His adam's apple jerked spasmodically.

"Over there, all three of you." Frank gestured with the gun.

"I —"

For the second time that night, the front door slammed. Frank half-turned. Jim fired the gun which he had taken from Corder and which had lain forgotten in his pocket.

Frank Welles gripped his shoulder. The weapon dropped from his nerveless fingers. Jim held his own gun levelled steadily.

"Poetic justice, Frank," he said evenly. "The police are here. You sent for them yourself. Now they can take you away."

The door burst open, and men cascaded into the room. In that instant, when Jim's attention was momentarily distracted, Frank Welles's other hand flashed to his mouth. He managed to grin.

"I kept cyanide for myself," he coughed. "It's even quicker than strychnine, Jim . . ."

He left before they could reach him.

"Will someone," Whitcombe appealed, "tell me what's going on here?"

Only the policemen heard him. Jim had Mary in his arms.

THE END

St. John The Evangelist Church, Crapaud, To Observe Anniversary



Pictured above is the interior of St. John the Evangelist Church of Crapaud, which on October 19 will observe the fiftieth commemoration of the present building and the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of the first church. —Photo by Wotton

(By J. L. M.)

This parish is of great historic interest as fifty acres of land and money were donated by the Countess of Westmoreland for the erection of a church, which was built in 1841.

The earliest record of the parish of Crapaud was taken from the P. E. I. Register, August 30th, 1835: "We are informed that the inhabitants of Crapaud and its neighborhood are about to erect by subscription a small church or chapel for divine worship for the use of Christians of all persuasions—the established church to have the preference—the building will be light with a steeple, gallery and altar and the situation chosen is beautiful."

Until 1841 the members of the Church of England in the parish of Hillsborough had no place set apart for the worship of Almighty God and the proper administration of the Holy Sacraments, so that it was necessary to hold services in private homes and school houses. The new church was equipped with a sterling Communion Service (still in use), consisting of flagon, paten and chalice, the necessary 'fair linen cloths' for the proper celebration of the Holy Eucharist, an altar cloth appropriately embroidered, hangings for the pulpit and reading desk and a complete set of books for the same—all through the generosity of the Countess of Westmoreland. In following the pious example of a revered mother, the Lady Georgiana Fane ever evinced a lively interest in what she often called 'Her Mother Church' and at various times gave money to keep the building in repair.

The first rector was the Rev. J. Herbert Read, who commenced his ministry in September, 1843. Succeeding him was the Rev. R. T. Roach, the frame of the rectory was raised in 1854, the year the Rev. D. B. Parnter became incumbent. Records for this date show that nine candidates were confirmed by Bishop Binney. The report of 1863 records the ordination of Mr. Wilkins and his appointment, but as he made no entries in the register, it is not known whether he actually came or not. The Rev. H. Sterns was appointed in 1864 and his successor in 1869 was the Rev. J. Sargent. During his rectorship the monthly celebration of the Holy Communion, which is still observed, was commenced.

The Rev. T. W. Johnstone took charge in 1874 and remained for 14 years, the longest incumbency on record in this parish. During his term of office the church was supplied with a bell, a new pulpit and a new organ.

In the minutes of 1875, it was recorded the passing of the late Georgiana Fane, formerly proprietress of this lot, also a sincere tribute of respect to the memory of the late Cecily Jane Georgiana Fane, and to acknowledge the many tokens of beneficence and Christian good will which the church has received from herself and her esteemed mother, the late Countess of Westmoreland.

When Mr. Johnstone came to the parish the rectory was little better than a log cabin and the barn was blown down. Being a man of indomitable courage, he persevered and by his wonderful inspiration and enthusiasm among the parishioners, the rectory was remodelled and the barn rebuilt. The congregation likewise increased. The church was put in complete repair, the old gallery and pulpits removed; the pews replaced with new and open seats, walls marble papered and varnished; the Chancel rearranged and furnished with new communion rails, reading desk and lectern; also a new fence for the burial ground.

In the minutes of 1877, it is noted that the organist, Miss Clara

Palmer deserves special mention. The records of Easter Monday, March 26, 1883 state that the wardens be authorized to pay James MacQuarrie at the rate of \$6 per annum for the ringing of the church bell.

The Rev. A. W. Daniel succeeded Mr. Johnstone in 1888 and remained for seven years. The Rev. S. J. Andrews arrived in 1895 and the Rev. J. M. Forbes in 1899 when the present church was begun. The Rev. C. R. Cummings became the rector in 1901 when the present building was completed.

The foundation stone was laid on September 9, 1901 by Ven. T. B. Reagh, Archdeacon of P. E. I. and rector of Milton parish (where some of his family still reside). The addresses were delivered by Hon. Sir Louis Davies, K.C.M.G.; Justice Fitzgerald, D.C.L.; and Judge Warburton, D.G.L. with the service being in charge of the minister, Charles B. Cummings, B. A. On October 19, 1902 the church was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God by Bishop Courtney of Nova Scotia. The architect of this building was Mr. James Harris of Charlottetown and the contractors were Messrs. John, Lemuel and Samuel Haslam. The beautiful ceiling is a groin arch and the oak pulpit is hand carved.

The Rev. J. W. Godfrey became rector in 1906 and the next year under his incumbency the church was consecrated. The succeeding rectors were the Reverends R. M. Fenton, R. T. Doble, W. Deathe, W. F. Wrixon, C. C. Rand, E. R. G. Bridgewater, G. R. Hartmann, B. Fream, S. J. Armstrong and the present one, G. R. F. Ebsary.

In October 16, 17 and 18, 1927, the 25th anniversary of the dedication of this church was celebrated. Among the church officers at that time were the Rector, Charles C. Rand; organist, Miss Ethel M. Inman; wardens, Messrs. Crisp Moore and H. R. Frohli; Vestry Clerk, Mr. Robert MacDonald. The sermon on the Sunday special service of Thanksgiving was given by His Grace, the Archbishop, the Most Reverend Clarendon Lamb Worrell, D.D., on Monday the preacher was the Rev. A. E. Gabriel of Charlottetown and on Tuesday the Venerable Archdeacon White of Summerside.

In 1936 Mr. Crisp Moore had completed fifty consecutive years as warden and treasurer and was appropriately remembered by the parishioners.

New concrete steps were constructed, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. James Newsome (Alice Lowther) of Boston, Massachusetts; a perpetual flower bed in the cemetery was the gift of Mrs. Bennett of California; the cross on the altar donated by Mrs. Stewart in memory of Robert Bruce Stewart of Strathgartney; a brass tablet erected by the Women's Auxiliary in memory of the Countess of Westmoreland and her daughter, Lady Fane. The present pulpit Bible was owned by Mr. Charles Palmer of Charlottetown in 1803 and donated by his daughters, M. A. and E. M., to the church in 1910. A private communion set in sterling was presented in memory of Lt. H. W. Stewart of Strathgartney.

An old wooden box with a Maltese cross engraved on the top contains a set shell with a silver cross as a handle to be used for baptisms. The organ and font were taken from the old church. Walking up the aisle to this edifice one is apt to tread on a tombstone. This is over a grave which had been at the south end of the old church. As the new building is much larger than the old one, although on the same grounds, it still covers the grave under which the tombstone lies, especially as there is no basement in that section of the church.

On the north end of the church near the altar is a beautiful stained glass window entitled "The Good Shepherd" with the following inscription: "This church was first opened for Divine worship, October 19, 1802. The three services were conducted by the Rev. P. Courtney, D.D., Bishop of N.S.; the Rev. L. T. Williams of St. Paul's, Charlottetown, and the rector, the Rev. Charles R. Cummings, M.A. On the east wall a four-light stained glass memorial window is surmounted by a rosette picturing the King of Kings and in memory of Samuel Sherren and his wife; George Sherren; James B. Palmer and his wife, Annie Marie; Jane Marshall, wife of D. W. Palmer.

The plaques include one in memory of Frank Herbert, eldest son of D. W. Palmer and Jane; and one in memory of Albert MacDonald on the south wall. On the west wall is a plaque to the Countess of Westmoreland and Lady Fane, also one to Lt. Arthur Leigh Collett (a Rhodes scholar). The Roll of Honour for World War I stars the names of Lt. Harry W. Stewart, Lt. Arthur Leigh Collett and Private Frederick T. Wadman, as killed in action; for World War II Capt. Wm. D. Sherren, MBE, and Pte. Ernest Norton.

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This parish, from a small beginning, has increased in membership until now it is one of the largest rural congregations in the diocese.

HISTORIC STATE
Mexico has an area of 860,000 square miles with a population of more than 25,000,000.

Borden and Vicinity

—Mr. William Trowsdale, who was a patient in the P. E. I. Hospital suffering an eye infection, returned to his home in Borden on Sunday, October 5th.

Miss Phyllis White, who has been spending her annual holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William White at Borden, returned to Moncton on Sunday, October 5th.

Mrs. William Ozon of Borden is spending a week with friends at Kensington, Long River, and French River.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler and sons, Tommy and Frankie, who have been spending a few days' holidays with relatives at Borden, returned to their home in Charlottetown on Monday, October 6th.

The Misses Margaret Poole and Mayna O'Halloran of Greenfield are spending a few days in Borden, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ranaahan.

Mrs. John Sanford, accompanied by her two sons Barry and Brenton, left on Saturday, October 4th for Vancouver, B.C., where they will visit Mrs. Sanford's parents.

Mr. George Tombs of Borden underwent an appendectomy in the P. C. Hospital on Saturday, October 4th. His many friends wish him a speedy return to good health.

Mr. Harold MacDonald, who has been visiting in Boston, Mass., returned to Borden on Tuesday, October 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Malone of Charlottetown were visitors to Borden on Sunday, October 5th, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gallant.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Clark, Borden, left on Monday, October 6th to spend their annual holidays with relatives in Virginia and Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Mr. and Mrs. John Creamer and son George, Borden, returned home on Thursday, October 2nd, after spending their annual holidays with relatives at Boston, Mass., and Montreal, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIvor of Borden are spending their annual holidays with relatives at Boston, Mass.

The Borden Women's Institute held a pantry sale in the Town Hall on Saturday, October 4. The sale was well patronized and the nice sum of \$45.00 was realized to help defray expenses of the Dental Clinic which has been at Borden School for the past month.

On Sunday, October 5th, Mrs. James A. MacNeill of Summerside celebrated her 97th birthday by visiting her son, Mr. Willard McNeill at Borden. She was accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. J. P. Hogan and Mrs. W. P. Callaghan of Summerside. Each year on her birthday Mrs. MacNeill visits her son in Borden, and her many

friends here join in wishing her many more happy birthdays. —L.

B-H PAINTS
cover more area!

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Oct. 8—(CP)—Edith Walker, an official from Britain's Food Ministry, sailed tonight for Canada and the United States to explain Britain's plan for emergency feeding in event of atomic attack. The plan calls for 11 food "flying squads" to be stationed at strategic points.

LONG HISTORY
Largest state of Central America, Nicaragua, was discovered by Columbus in 1502.

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