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strict conventions of a mystery story, possibly have committed the crime.

That six-year-old for instance. Her golden curls and her delicate features automatically rule her out of the picture.

The boy-meets-girl combination. The love interest, male or female, is never led to the electric chair. If it develops that it is the boy who is guilty, his crime is the result of a pitiable lapse into the subconscious or an outgrowth of a split personality. Just before the Law, in the person of a sympathetic Inspector, regretfully takes him into custody, he will shoot himself or take poison, and the lady-friend will collapse prettily into the arms of the sterling child-hood friend who has been hopelessly in love with her ever since the fourth grade.

The gardener is, of course, a suspicious character and will bear watching. We mark his name with a red question-mark, and go on to the next character.

That maiden aunt must be kept in mind. She has peculiarly strong and restless fingers.

The butler is apt to be a shady character, knowing entirely too much about the family soiled linen, and bringing forth his gleanings at times calculated to do the most harm. A butler who can not heave at least six bombshells in the course of a Whodunit is not worthy of the profession.

That errand boy who comes peddling up the front walk, whistling so blithely. Probably he has nothing to do with the actual plot, but freckles and a plaid shirt are always suspicious, particularly when in combination with a telegraph blank.

By this time, we are on page twenty-one, and we settle down to steady reading. We may as well pursue the plot to the bitter end, pitting our small deductive powers against those of the author. The author always has the distinct advantage of having started from the crime itself and worked backward, planting small hints and laying traps as he goes.

The corpse is but a piece of stage property, invoking no slightest particle of human interest. He needed killing, or he would not have been killed. With this comforting reflection, we can settle down for a solid three hours, secure in the knowledge that no matter what

Township Students Purchase Projector

Dallas Township students have received priority and placed an order for a moving picture projector to be delivered about April 1st. They earned enough money to complete funds for the projector in their current Curtis magazine campaign, during which they sold \$610.50 worth of magazines. Approximately \$225 of this goes to the students. High scoring rooms in the campaign, which lasted from February 22nd to last Wednesday, were Mrs. Dorothy Teresinski's home room with \$173, and Miss Estella Goldsmith's home room with \$124.

happens in the course of the unravelling of the plot, nothing will upset us in the slightest.

That is probably why mystery stories are so popular. The plot unfolds according to a conventional pattern, the murder and the murdered have no claim to sympathy. A good mystery story is a perfect escape mechanism.

The midnight trip to the cellar to bank the furnace does not engender grisly fears of that dark area under the stairway or that closet door on the other side of the laundry.

But twenty-five years ago there was a short story in a magazine that raised the hackles on the back of the neck. It haunted me for years. I still see, on occasion, a small and ferociously intent little skull leering around the door-jamb, patiently waiting for a chance to even the score with her murderer.

Common-sense tells me that this is ridiculous. The laws of gravity do not countenance the suspicion in midair, with no visible means of support, of a neat little skull concealing in its innards a large lump of lead.

And probably even the most vengeful of skulls would find difficulty in clamping the teeth tightly together over the jugular vein of the murderer, thereby putting him quite completely out of circulation.

It was a very well-told story. And it has a moral.

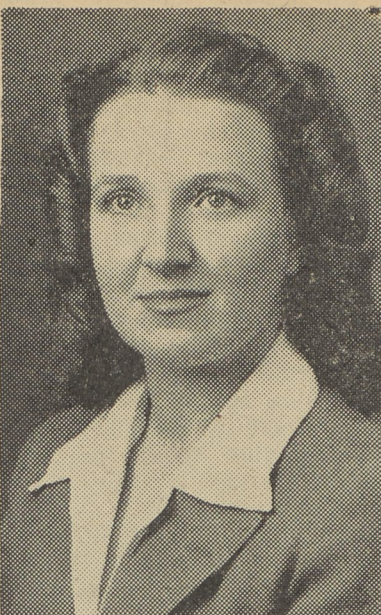
If you must put your wife out of the picture, do it in some less spectacular way than pouring melted lead down her ear while she is lying drugged and helpless.

I am considering writing a Whodunit myself. But I shall employ different tactics in bringing the murderer to justice.

I plan to follow convention to the extent of implicating the gardener, throwing suspicion upon the first wife, winding a net of circumstantial evidence about the butler, and grilling the maiden aunt. But the actual murderer, gentle reader, will be something new and different.

The last page will show, simply and conclusively, that it is the reader himself who committed the crime.

Reservations Chairman



Miss Rhoda Thomas

Reservations for the card party, first social function of the new Junior Dallas Woman's Club to be held at Dallas High School Wednesday, March 15, can be made with Miss Rhoda Thomas or any of her assistants: Eleanor Bartells, Elsie Ayre, Susan Rice, Nancy Nichol, Aileen Dymond and Marjorie Nichols. Reservations must be in by Saturday, March 11. The party begins at 8 o'clock.

Over Township Borough Wins

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tenbender, center, was next highest scorer for Township, with eight markers. He dropped in three from the floor and two from the 15-foot marker.

Referees were: McGowan and Leo Levy.

Borough, Luzerne Game
Dallas Borough, Back Mountain champions, were landslided Wednesday night at Kingston High, by Luzerne, leading team in the valley, in a P. I. A. A. play-off game. The borough team was handicapped from the beginning, since Luzerne's boys were, on the average, six inches taller, and several pounds heavier. During the first few minutes Borough was ahead, 6-5, but Luzerne lead for the rest of the game. At the end of the first quarter, Charlie Moore, Borough guard, sprained his ankle, and was replaced by Besecker. Final score was 72-37. Leo Levy and Boyer refereed.

Service Held For Mary Brobst

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Phoebe Frantz Hay, Mrs. Brobst was born on June 17, 1864, in the old homestead at Carverton, now occupied by her brother, Edwin Hay. She attended Harris Hill grade school, and later married Frank Brobst, of Glen Lyon. They made their home in Glen Lyon, where Mr. Brobst was Supply Superintendent at the coal company for several years, then moved to Nanticoke, where Mr. Brobst operated a general store. Later he had a store in Scranton, and then retired at his home on Walnut street, in Dorancton. About seventeen years ago they came to Trucksville. Mr. Brobst has been dead fifteen years.

Mrs. Brobst leaves one son, Clarence, of Buffalo, two grandchildren and two brothers, Edwin Hay, of Carverton, and John Hay, of Philadelphia.

Rev. Clayton W. Hoag, of Trucksville Methodist Church, officiated at the services. Flower carriers were: Mrs. Neal Kester, Mrs. Cedric Griffith, Mrs. Morris Lloyd, Mrs. Ben Post, Mrs. Herbert Williams, Mrs. Sheldon Jones, Mrs. Floyd Wells and Mrs. C. A. Perkins. Casket bearers were: Raymond Finney, Archie Woolbert, William Hanson, Arthur Johnson, Frank Mathers and David Williams.

Burial was in Hanover Green Cemetery.

Rosie The Riveter's Reputation Redeemed

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nor tough and were neatly dressed in slacks and blouses. Both Mrs. Bonning and Superintendent Peter Racovich agreed that the girls made an excellent job of the difficult work which required the use of scales, micrometers and gauges.

Such a ticklish job would never suit us, but Mrs. Bonning told us that the girls enjoyed it and would come back at a moment's notice. And here's why. Imagine working at a long table in front of a window which overlooked a garden that rated an annual visit from the Garden Club and simultaneously enjoying the sweet fragrance of apple blossoms. And if you like apples—all you have to do is take one from those that are being handed around by Mrs. Scott. And if you get thirsty—there's a cooler near at hand, supplied with soda. And who knows? Maybe it will turn out to be someone's birthday and you'll all celebrate with cake and ice cream.

The cooler, which Mr. Scott bought and supplied until it could pay for itself, turned out to be a good investment for the employees. At the end of the season, there was a \$55 profit which went into a picnic of fried chicken, corn on the cob and all the rest, with water-melons supplied by Mr. Scott.

And now that we know why Rosie rivets, we're thinking seriously of joining her—provided we have enough energy after filing our income tax return.

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Pennsylvania Emergency Seed Potatoes, grown by A. W. Rice & Sons, Dallas, R. D. 2. Telephone 469-R-9. 9-1f

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Wanted To Rent—
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Three or four room heated apartment for mother and son. Husband inducted in Navy. Mrs. Robert Williamson, 101 Welles Street, Forty Fort, or notify The Dallas Post. 7-1t

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, under the provisions of the Public Utility Law, by Elizabeth and Joseph Wallo and Dallas Water Company for an order evidencing the Commission's approval of (1) the sale by the former and the acquisition by the latter of all the property and rights of Elizabeth and Joseph Wallo (2) the abandonment by Elizabeth and Joseph Wallo of the exercise of the rights, powers, franchises, and privileges now possessed or exercised by them, in the Borough of Dallas and the Township of Dallas, Luzerne County. (A. 62762).

A public hearing upon this application will be held in the Court House, at Wilkes-Barre, on Wednesday, March 22, 1944, at 10:00 A. M., when and where all persons in interest may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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