

CAPTURE OF ABDUCTOR REVEALS TRAGEDY OF BACKWOOD POVERTY

Vermont Police Dog Is Overnight Hero of Search for Missing Girl.

By BOB DORMAN.

RANDOLPH, Vt., May 12.—Through-out the countryside that stretches away from this little Vermont town, where hills are as barren and woods as lonely as the lives they hem in, Decker, sharp-nosed police dog, has become an overnight hero.

Where hundreds of armed searchers had failed, he succeeded in halting the flight of that most strangely mated couple, Lucille Chatterton, 11, and Earl Woodward, 26, an ex-convict who had been befriended by the child's father.

One sniff of some blankets found in an abandoned farmhouse and Decker, followed by his master, George Jend, and Winfield Dubois, a guide, was off to a hilltop. Here stood a ramshackle barn in which the couple, for whom a search of a week had been conducted, were finding temporary shelter from the heavy rain.

And so the hunt is over. The farmers and millhands have gone back to their homes. Cadets from Northfield are back in school. The rugged valleys and desolate hills have returned to their sedentary brooding. But in the full heart the 11-year-old child, small for her years, and Woodward, indolent product of a backcountry, are just beginning to face the problems of tomorrow.

In her inarticulate way the child already has convicted the drab circumstances into which it was her fate to be cast. With loyalty and affection she was ready to acclaim Woodward as the Lochinvar who came to carry her away.

It is not unlikely that less romantic visionaries roused the man accused of abduction to his dashing futile attempt at flight, though in sullen monosyllables he has sought to picture himself as one who pitied the child's predicament and wanted to help her.

Thus it would seem that Decker, the police dog, nosed out a queer study in the psychology of shut-ins, as well as a pair of fugitives.

For many hours I accompanied members of the posse engaged in the man-hunt, getting but a taste of the desolation of the thick-set, gravel hills and fields, plunging through roads deep with mud under a steady rain and wading through knee-deep water. From one man and another I heard of the poverty that gradually sinks little groups of settlers in the back-country into a squalor and bitterness deeper than the surrounding mud-holes that seem to symbolize their circumstances.

Squalor and Bitterness. Such was the condition of the Chattertons. They were poor to the point of destitution. And Lucille Chatterton grew up undisciplined and unhappy, surrounded by the gloomy and seemingly futile struggle that poverty breeds.

In the neighborhood lived Woodward, six-foot, lanky and restless. He went away and joined the navy. This is said to have deserted and drifted back to his home country only to do time in jail. When he returned to his Vermont home country most people washed their hands of him.

Finally Chatterton married him. He was a strapping lad. Maybe he might help turn the unpromising land into something productive.

But Woodward was indolent. In addition the father noticed that his



A member of the posse examines a footprint on a path through the wooded area.



Lucille Chatterton, tragic figure in the backwoods drama of poverty.

daughter and Woodward were frequently together.

Woodward would bring the child candy from the store and now and then take her to a movie in the village. This opened to Lucille a new vista—a land of things that ever beckon to a child.

Chatterton discharged Woodward, and then, awakening one morning, he found both Lucille and Woodward gone.

The child, with spring in the air, had gone in search of rainbow's end, as children will. Somewhere there was a land where there was more light and less bitterness, where the hills did

not crowd in. Doubtless she would have found only a more sordid horizon, and already this may be dawning upon the girl.

But for the Chattertons, who feared she would be slain by the 'abductor,' there is only happiness at her discovery as a child, when the rains drip dimly upon the roofs, and for Woodward there is the shadow of prison walls.

side at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Chatham. Throughout his long life he was a great favorite with all with whom he came in contact. His friends were legion, as was evidenced by the largely attended funeral conducted from the residence of his niece, the Misses Wheeler, on Sunday.

The funeral was held at the church, the services were conducted by Rev. P. W. Dixon. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Capt. W. J. McNair. YARMOUTH, May 11.—Capt. William J. McNair died at the Yarmouth Clinic Hospital today. After a distressing illness extending over many months. About a year ago, while at work in Boston, he contracted blood poisoning in one of his hands from which he never fully recovered. Returning last fall to his home at Argyle Sound, to his county, he failed to regain his former good health.

He was born at Mulgrave, N. S., but had practically his whole life in this country. For many years he was one of our most successful fishing vessel captains and was well known throughout the fishing centres of the two provinces. Capt. McNair was 68 years of age and is survived by his widow, five daughters and two sons.

Samuel Purvis. GAGETOWN, May 11.—Samuel Purvis, one of the oldest residents of this locality, passed away Friday at his home at Duck Creek. He was 87 years of age, and although feeble, had been able to be about until recently. He belonged to one of the old families of the county, and had been a life-long resident of the community. He is survived by an only daughter, Mrs. David E. Brown, with whom he resided. Mr. Purvis' wife, who was Eleanor Graham, passed away many years ago.

Mrs. J. Strayhorn. MONCTON, May 11.—The death occurred in the City Hospital today of Mrs. John Strayhorn, of Alma, after an illness which extended over a year. Mrs. Strayhorn was about 58 years of age and was a daughter of Mrs. Louise Connors, of Alma, by whom she is survived. Besides a sorrowing mother, Mrs. Strayhorn leaves her husband, four sisters, Laura, Annie and Louise Connors and Mrs. Fred Haslam, of Alma, and four brothers, William and Lawson, in California, Roy, in Alma, and Dexter, in Saint John.

A LONG JOURNEY. G. G. Amiraux, Mrs. Amiraux and V. H. Amiraux, all of Concord, San Joaquin Valley, California, passed through the city last night on their way to Quebec to visit the birthplace of their father, P. Amiraux, who was born there in 1834. Their father returned to California when 20 years of age. They traveled via New Orleans, Baltimore, Boston and Portland.

PLANT MANY TREES

Private Companies Will Reforest Thousands of Acres in the Adirondacks.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., May 12.—Private companies will this year carry out the greatest tree-planting programme on record in the Adirondacks.

The biggest of the reforestation projects is that to be put through by the Chateaugay Ore and Iron Company, which will plant 10,000 acres of its land between upper and lower Chateaugay Lakes.

Two million three hundred thousand trees are to be set out. They will come from the private nursery of the company at Bluff Point, which has been maintained for several years. The major portion of the trees will be red pine. There will also be Scotch pine and spruce.

So important does the company deem reforestation that in addition to maintaining a private nursery, it has an expert forester as superintendent of woodlands to directing all planting. His principal assistants are graduate foresters. One hundred and fifty men will do the planting. The cost of labor will be about \$100,000.

Another huge planting project is being carried out by the St. Regis Paper Company, which is planting 1,200,000 trees in wilderness lands in St. Regis Falls. The work is being done by the company's own force of foresters. Last year the St. Regis Paper Company planted 750,000 trees.

In Parliament Today

THE SENATE will sit.

IN THE HOUSE—Trade treaties with Finland and the Netherlands will be considered.

TO RECEIVE DEGREES. Three New Brunswick boys will receive their law degree at Dalhousie today. They are Russell L. Snodgrass, L.B., Young's Cove, Queens County; Henry C. Friel, L.L.B., Moncton; and Paul R. H. Barry, L.L.B., Fredericton.

GOES TO SCOTLAND. M. M. (Max) MacOdrum, B. A., with distinction, Dalhousie, 1923, McGill 1924, a member of the English staff of McGill University, has been chosen for a teaching fellowship in Scotland under the new scheme for "The reciprocal interchange of student teachers between the national committee for the training of teachers, Scotland, and McGill University." Mr. MacOdrum is a son of Rev. Donald MacOdrum, for years minister of St. John's church, Moncton.

WEDDINGS. **Tower-Sheney.** At the home of the officiating clergyman, 187 Waterloo street, Rev. A. Lawrence Tolford united in marriage Arthur Lewis Tower of 22 Johnson street, and Miss Ethel May Sheney of 68 Paradise row on Monday evening, May 11, division of forest insects, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. His name is entered on the eligible list established by the Civil Service Commission as published in the Royal Gazette.

HAS QUALIFIED. Horace P. Webb, forestry professor at the U. N. B., has qualified for appointment as an assistant entomologist, by the Civil Service Commission as published in the Royal Gazette.

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Yesterday In Parliament

THE SENATE did not sit.

IN THE HOUSE—Amendments to the Canada Grain Act were given first reading. A minor amendment to the Canada Temperance Act was given first reading and amendment to the Mount Police Act was put through all three stages.

Amendments to the canned foods and root vegetables acts were given second reading. Estimates for the Department of Trade and Commerce, were passed totalling \$1,876,850, providing for the commercial intelligence service and government elevators.

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CLAIMS AGAINST HYDRO COMMISSION

Gas Company and Record Foundry Ask Damages For Right of Way.

Two claims for damage caused to Moncton properties by the right of way of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission are now being heard by Mr. Justice LeBlanc at Moncton. The New Brunswick Gas and Oil Fields Company is asking for \$17,008.10 and the Record Foundry and Machine Company is asking \$9,000. The Commission offered the former \$1,600 and the latter \$8,000 in settlement of their claims. James H. Friel, K. C., is representing the companies, and J. D. P. Lewin, K. C., the commission.

DID NOT MEET. There was not any meeting of the Board of School Trustees last evening as no quorum was present, this being the first time in many years this has occurred.

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Just Now The Summer Bride Receives Our Special Attention

Here she may come and leisurely shop for her trousseau, gather together her going-away wardrobe and equip herself with shining new luggage. Lovely things for the new home also await her approval, such things as hangings to lend the right color touch, curtains to best suit all windows, and high grade furniture she will be proud to own. We welcome her here, and call her particular attention to our window display which has been arranged in recognition of her day of days.

Her Lovely Gowns

Her first choice—the wedding gown, which may be of shining white satin crepe with insert of silver lace in skirt and narrower silver lace used to edge a becoming cape-like effect in back. Others may be chosen with fluffy ostrich trimmings or very plain, as she prefers. For other occasions she may select Printed Silk Frocks, especially suitable for afternoon or sports wear. Plain colored silk crepes for more dressy uses. Stunning Evening Dresses for all formal events; and in happy contrast, all sorts of smart Gingham, Broadcloths, etc., for house and morning wear.

(2nd floor.)

Her Hats

Of course she'll want several and she'll find choosing them here a delightful task, for we can show her Hats with soaring crowns crushed down and enlivened with nosegays; sleek ribbon hats with new ornamentation; Hats diminutive or large and in all the season's best liked shapes and colors. Wedding veils made to your order.

(2nd floor.)

Her Suits and Coats

For going away she'll surely want a fashionable ensemble suit with long coat of Poiret twill, Patou crepe, or corded silk and dress of printed silk to match the gay coat lining. For commoner use we would suggest a smart 2-piece light tweed suit or a becoming model in navy blue. Several coats should be included in a complete trousseau. One should be light in color and trimmed with soft fur, another should be in a sportsy trend; and she could easily stand a third in short jacket style.

(2nd floor.)

Her Lingerie

Finest garments in silk, satin, georgette and nainsooks are exquisitely fashioned and will please the most discriminating tastes. Among them are: Handmade Georgette Nightgowns in daintiest shades of flesh, helio and yellow. Priced at \$9.50 each. Shimmering Crepe-de-chine gowns in pink, white, honeydew, green and helio, \$7.50 each and up. Handmade gowns beautifully embroidered and in very newest styles, \$3 each and up.

Envelope Chemise and Step-In Sets are fashioned from materials such as those mentioned above and in the same fascinating shades. Some are quite plain, others as elaborate as you please.

Princess Slips of tricolette, (shadow proof), may be chosen in shades to match the various frocks. Price is only \$3.75 ea. Others in fine batiste, pink or white, plain and elaborate, \$3.50 to \$7.25.

Silk Undershirts in white or colors, \$3.75 up. Fine Silk Undervests in pink or white, \$1.25 to \$3.75. Silk Bloomers in tricolette, satin or Jap silk. A great variety of colors, \$1.75 to \$7.50.

Corsets, Corsetellets and Brassieres may be chosen in varieties dainty enough to please the loveliest bride.

9-Piece Dining Suite in dull walnut finish. Queen Anne Period design. It consists of one extension table, buffet, china cabinet, five side chairs and one arm chair.

Price \$175.00

4-Piece Bedroom Suite in walnut finish, satin rubbed. Queen Anne period design. Suite consists of Dresser, Cheffierette, Bed and Vanity Dresser.

Price \$182.50

3-Piece Chesterfield Suite upholstered in good grade tapestry. Suite has Marshall springs, loose, shaped cushions and easy rolling casters. A beautiful suite and only \$154.

(Furniture store—Market Square)

Other Important Items Sheer Silk Stockings to match various frocks; New Gloves in pull-over, 2 done or gauntlet style; Fine Linens in all wanted household pieces; Dainty Handkerchiefs, Purse, Neckscarf, etc. They're all here! (Ground floor.)

After The Honeymoon The Home

Our large and beautiful furniture stocks come to the aid of newly-weds who are seeking best value in furniture of which they can be proud. Here are just a few outstanding examples of M. R. A. value.

Kitchen Cabinets—The most modern styles in golden oak and white enamel. Everything about them designed to save steps and keep things handy.

\$51 to \$70 Davenos—Can be used in any room and will open up into a full sized bed. Upholstered in brown leatherette. Complete with mattress, \$60.50. Other styles upholstered in tapestry and mohairs, \$62.50 and up.

Beautiful Separate Chairs, Tables, and all other wanted pieces for all rooms will be found at equally impressive values. The Home Maker's Plan affords special easy payment terms to those whose purchases amount to \$100 or over.

(Furniture store—Market Square)

Her Gifts

In the mad search for suitable and tasteful wedding gifts, take these lovely things well into consideration. Any bride would appreciate any one of them.

Table Lamp with short polychrome stand in urn shape and beautiful hand decorated parchment shade in velvet eect.

\$30 complete Mahogany Clock with full Westminster chime. Very attractive shape. Silver face. \$84. Salad Bowl of English China in deep yellow with dainty Dresden band. Silver servers included. \$9.75.

Silver Candlesticks, in dull oxidized silver with rose pattern. 12 in. high. Complete with candles, \$20.

Silver Flower Basket in large size for roses, etc. \$16.50. Smaller sizes \$7.25 up.

Silver Trivet—An exceptionally pretty pattern. \$9.75.

Silver Water Pitchers, in large size \$14.50. Smaller size \$9.

Silver Service, consisting of tea pot with ebony handle, cream pitcher and sugar bowl. A handsome set very moderately priced. \$25.25.

Community Silver Chest of 26 pieces. Adam pattern. Stainless blades. A beautiful gift. \$34.70.

Lustre Tea Set with 1-2 doz. tea plates, 1-2 doz. cups and saucers, cake plate, cream pitcher and sugar bowl. Blue with gold lining. Very attractive. \$11.

Silver Sandwich Plates in many styles. \$4.50 to \$9.

(German street entrance.)

BRIGHTENING UP HOME FURNITURE

Hints For Women Who Want to Wield Paint Brush on Household Goods.

NEW YORK, May 12.—(United Press).—Repainting furniture is one of the pleasantest pastimes of the woman who likes to yield a paint brush. Old pieces of furniture can be converted into beautiful objects if one but knows how to paint. First, one must know whether to paint, varnish, enamel or stain.

For furniture with a smooth surface one can either use flat paint or enamel, according to the effect desired. When several layers of paint have already been applied on furniture, one should use a paint remover before applying either paint or enamel. Wicker can be gone over with enamel, varnish or stain. Radiators should be painted with aluminum or gold paint or with varnish. For screens, there is a regular screen enamel.

Mixing Colors. Much can be done with mixing colors. Suppose one wishes to make a dark stained end table a lacquer red. This requires a can of vermilion enamel and a can of orange enamel. By using equal parts of these one gets a perfect lacquer shade. Sometimes, more orange is required than red and one should always dip a small stick into the mixture and allow this to dry before applying to the furniture. Do not apply enamel too heavily or it will blister. Usually one layer is sufficient but a second layer can be used after the first is thoroughly dried.

An old cupboard can be made interesting by painting it black on the outside, with the inside shelving of contrasting color such as delf blue or lemon. This gives a quaint effect and lends a lovely background to colorful china or glassware.

There is a fad at present for old greenish green tones. Electric fixtures, lamp bases and then or brass vases and bowls are lovely when done in antique green tones. Standing lamp bases can be made to look like antique bronze. Even wooden chopping bowls can be made to resemble old bronze bowls of ancient times. All of this is accomplished by means of a can of green paint and a package of rotten rock. The paint is thinned with turpentine until it is of the thickness of a stain. This is applied to the object and when almost dry the rotten rock is dusted on with a soft brush to give a grayish green cast. Do not try to apply the rotten rock too evenly but dust lightly until the effect of old grayish-green bronze is obtained. If the tone is too gray, it can be rubbed in spots with a soft rag thus letting a greenish cast show through.

Deaths

Mrs. Margaret Haldane

The death of Mrs. Margaret Haldane, widow of James Taylor Haldane, occurred on May 4, at her home in Strathroy, Ont. She was 81 years of age and was the eldest daughter of the late Samuel and Janet (Elliot) Carruthers of Westminster, Ontario. Five daughters, one of whom is Mrs. A. W. Thorne, of this city, survive.

John McHarg

John McHarg, one of the oldest residents of Saint John, died at the home of his son, G. L. McHarg, 180 Main street, yesterday. He was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and was in his 92nd year. He had been a member of the Masonic order for 50 years and during that time held many important positions in his local lodge.

Mr. McHarg came with his parents to this country over 90 years ago and had been a lifelong resident of Saint John county. He was a master mechanic for years and also engaged in the shipping trade, being the owner of two boats which carried produce from the port of Saint John to New England cities. Up until three years ago Mr. McHarg resided at Prince of Wales, where he was a justice of the peace.

One brother, Thomas McHarg, of Prince of Wales, survives, as does one sister, Mary Jane Cooper, also of Prince of Wales. There are also three sons, Arthur Henry, of Los Angeles; Guy L., of this city, and Albert T., chief engineer of the cold storage plant here, and three daughters, Mrs. William Baldwin, of Orange, N. J.; Mrs. Everett Harrington, of West Saint John, and Mrs. Alfred D. Thomson, of Dipper Harbor, N. B.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon and the Masonic order will have charge. Interment will be made at Greenwood cemetery.

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