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MR. C. WALDRON FAREWELLED.

About 35 members of the Beaufort Methodist congregation and residents of the town and district gathered at the Beaufort Methodist schoolroom on Saturday night, 22nd ult., when a farewell social was tendered to Mr and Mrs C. Waldron, who are leaving the district. Mr Waldron has been a local preacher, senior circuit preacher, and one of the leading Methodists in the Beaufort circuit for many years. Rev. W. H. Taylor presided. During the evening songs were contributed by Misses Jean Hamley, Stella Jackson, and Pearl Lister; a trio by Misses S. Jackson, P. Lister, and Miss Taylor; a duet by Misses D. George and B. L. Lister; and recitations by Mrs R. T. Macdonald and Miss F. Lister. Mrs. Waldron presided at the organ. Owing to his being Xmas week, many people who would have been present were absent, meeting their relatives at the railway station.

Rev. W. H. Taylor said they were sorry to say farewell to a family who had stood to them in their church work for many years. Mr Waldron had been a connected member of the church since he was a boy, and he was glad to have him to go. There was also to be a farewell service at Raglan. He was glad to have many people present to pay their respects to one who so generously deserved it. Mr Waldron had been a spiritual force in their midst for over 10 years. In the Waldron family they were doing two local preachers—Messrs Chris. and Henry Waldron. All the work they tried and his family had done had been a labor of love. Years ago Mr C. Waldron was in the habit of working long distances from his home to his appointments at Clute and other places. It is good to have preachers who are so devoted to their work. Mr Waldron had also been a friend indeed to the minister and church. He had labored for 14 or 18 years to the greatest satisfaction of the ministers and people. His religious had the true ring. He carried it out, not only in theory, but also in practice. His removal would leave a gap in their midst that would be hard to fill, and they hoped that in temporal things it would be filled by his relatives. They prayed, though parting with the friends tonight, that they would be able to enter into the Kingdom of God. The resignation of Mr Waldron was received with great regret at the quarterly meeting of the trustees on Thursday night, and a suitable resolution passed. The chairman's remarks were heartily endorsed by Messrs J. George (who spoke on behalf of the trustees and the congregation), and Mr M. Waldron had labored earnestly and faithfully among them, and they regretted his departure and wished his wife and he every success. D. Stevenson (secretary of church trust, who said he did not know how they were going to get on without Mr Waldron, who had always been at his post), N. Lyons (superintendent of the Sunday School, who said Mr Waldron was a preacher he liked to go and hear, and who was a true and faithful worker for the Kingdom of God), and others. The chairman's advice they had appreciated in the Sunday School.

Mr J. H. George, who spoke in a reminiscent strain, then presented Mr Waldron with a wallet containing £13 in banknotes as a token of esteem from the congregation and officers. He asked the recipient to purchase a memento of his work here. He was the only one here to-night who heard Mr Waldron's first sermon about 43 years ago as a young Primitive Methodist. They were losing one they would miss very much.

Mr Waldron, who was received with long-continued applause on rising to respond, thanked them for the kind things said. He hated saying good-bye and leaving this spot. If he had his way he would finish where he started. He preached his first sermon, about the spot where their chairman was seated, 43 years ago. He thought they had a better system of dealing with young local preachers than they now, and before him when he preached his first sermon were such staunch old Methodists as Messrs W. C. Thomas, W. M. Chalker, Jas. Prentice, and J. B. Cochran. When he was 25 years old

BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

Messrs. R. A. D. Sinclair (chairman), D. F. Fry, and L. Smith, J.P.s, occupied the bench at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday, 24th ult. J. R. Woodroffe & Co. prosecuted against John P. Higgins for the recovery of £11/19 for goods sold and delivered. Senior-constable J. T. Ellis (cork of court) said that as the summons had not been served, an extension of time to 7th January was allowed. This was granted. Decree O'Brien, sued E. W. McQuade for the recovery of £3/2/6, being the amount of a cheque drawn by him on the Bank of Victoria, Jobad. Senior-constable J. T. Ellis said the summons had not been served, as they had been unable to locate the defendant up to the present. He asked for an extension of the summons to 7th January, which was granted. Decree O'Brien prosecuted against Lockhart for the recovery of £25/0/4 for goods sold and delivered and freight. Senior-constable Ellis said that no notice of defence had been filed. The bench gave an order against the defendant for a fine of £5. Senior-constable J. T. Ellis said that as this was the last sitting for the old year, he wished the bench and the press a happy Christmas and a pleasant and prosperous New Year. Mr Sinclair said he hoped the police would have a happy and peaceful time, that there would be very little crime in the town, and that their labors would be light, and also that they would remain here a long time. He hoped that the press would also have a prosperous year, and thanked the representative present for the truthful and honest reports furnished during the past 12 months. Mr Fry endorsed the chairman's remarks, and particularly he referred to the police. Mr Smith—So do I. The reporter present thanked the bench and the senior-constable for the sentiments they had expressed.

RAGLAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The public of Raglan treated the school children to a break-up feast in the school grounds on Thursday, 24th December. The children, wearing distinctive caps, went through a series of organized games, which greatly excited the interest of the onlookers. The swing, as usual, was availed of for the whole afternoon and a few hours more, just as it was a thousand years ago, and children, yet, to experience the beginning school feeling, quickly adopted the spirit of their bolder elders and swelled the heart of the gathering with their jolly shouts. After ample justice had been done to the varied and abundant assortment of edibles, fruit, and lollies provided, all returned to the schoolroom, where the head teacher (Mr McBurney) submitted a brief report on the year's work. The year has proved most profitable, and the

BEAUFORT METHODIST TENNIS CLUB.

On Saturday afternoon, 22nd ult., the Beaufort Methodist Tennis Club's court was officially opened for the season. The court was recently topped with lawn by Messrs W. Main and W. Fitzpatrick, and the members are well satisfied with the work, which cost under £5. The club had a membership of 30 last year, and it was expected that this year that number will be exceeded. Rev. W. H. Taylor (president) performed the opening ceremony, and expressed pleasure at the satisfactory condition of the court. He congratulated the members upon the prospects of the club. They had decided that to asphalt the court was beyond their means, but those they had engaged to top-dress it with lawn had made a very good job of it. He declared the court open, and hoped they would have many pleasant games. Afternoon tea, provided by the ladies, was partaken of.

A mixed doubles tournament was played. On the previous Monday night a social was held in aid of the club's funds, and nearly £2 was realized. Games were vigorously indulged in, and the ladies provided supper.

Tomorrow or tonight, maybe, you will lose something that you prize highly. Nearly everybody loses something at one time or other, but in the Riponshire Advocate, it's easy to mail an ad. to the "Advocate," or just call at the office and tell us your trouble.

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DEATHS. CLELAND.—On 28th December, 1923, at St. Ann's Hospital, Arthur John Cleland (of Corsek East, late of Waterloo), loving husband of Emma and father of little Roy.

IN MEMORIAM. JONES.—In loving memory of our darling wife and mother, Ellen Jones, who departed this life 2nd January, 1919.

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WATERLOO TENNIS COURT. The Waterloo tennis court was opened for the season on Saturday afternoon, 2nd inst.

DANCE AT RAGLAN. A dance was held in the Raglan Hall on New Year's night and proved a very successful function.

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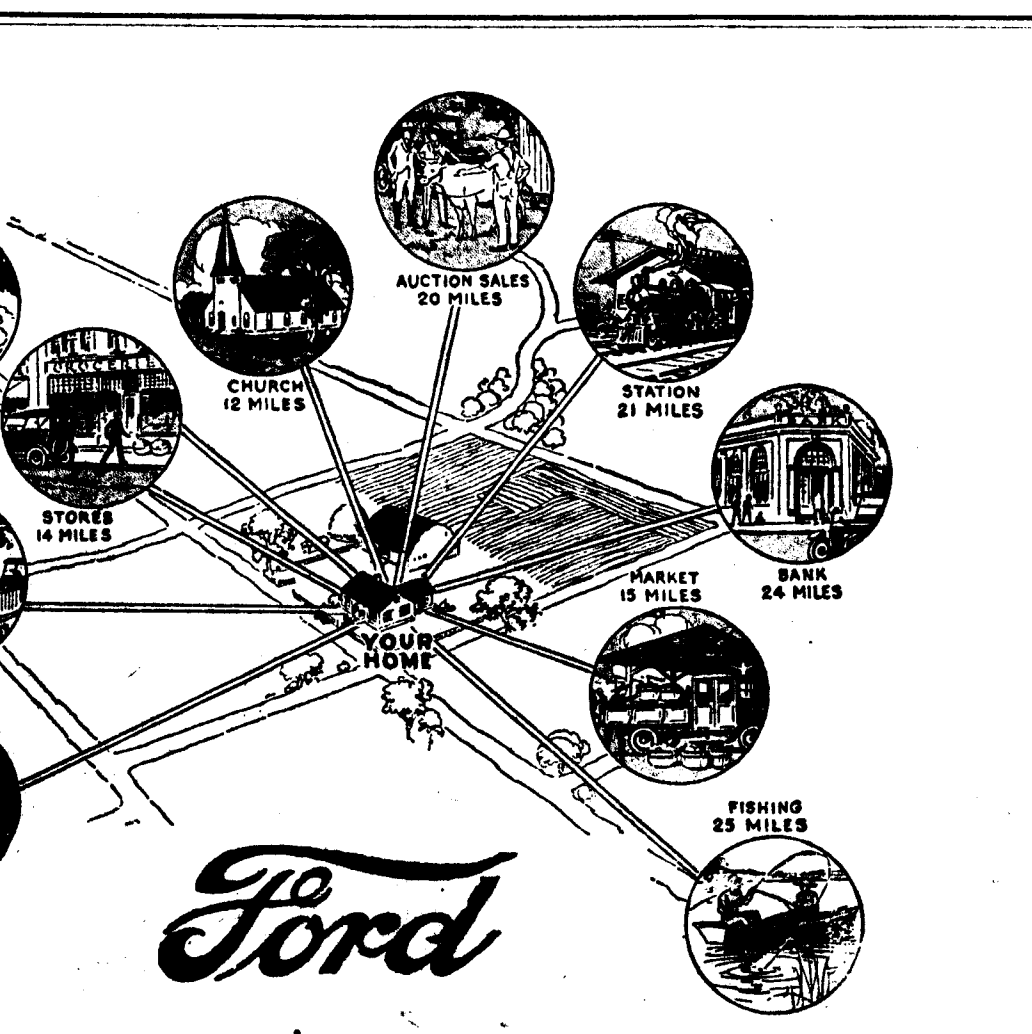
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CLASHING OF SPORTS DATES

When the Beaufort Athletic Club meets again to fix the date for the holding of its next sports meeting...

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"I can say no more, sir, said the sergeant firmly, 'until I see the lady herself.'"

There was nothing for it. The blow had fallen. Half an hour before Angela had been sitting in that very room, rejoicing in each other's love with not a thought of the sword that hung above their heads.

He forced himself out of his reverie. "Very well," he said, "I will go and bring her here. You will not mind if I lock you in? Some of the guests might break in upon you and cause needless unpleasantness."

His hand trembled so that he could scarcely turn the key; but he braced himself with an effort and walked steadily across the hall.

The music had begun again and the room was full of dancers. His entrance would scarcely be noticed, if it were, people would consider it only natural that he and Angela should prefer sitting out to dancing.

She looked up as he approached. In spite of his self-control and the effort he made to smile on meeting her eyes his face must have told its story.

Mrs. Bronson raised her eyes and fixed them upon Hubert and Angela. Into their dull and lifeless vacancy there seemed to be struggling a glimmer of intelligence, of apprehension, of anxiety.

"What is it?" asked Angela, in a whisper. "Is it—the police?"

He nodded, choking for breath. She reeled a little, and clung desperately to his arm, stopping short in her walk. Then she said, firmly:

"I will go. Where are they? In the morning-room?"

He marvelled at her calm determination, which so far exceeded his own. Looking about him to see that no one was watching, he took the key from his pocket and opened the door.

"You want to see me?" said Angela, in hard, even tones, looking him straight in the face.

"I do, miss."

"What for?"

"I am very sorry to say, miss, that it's my duty to take you into custody."

Hubert found his voice at last. "On what charge?" said he, angrily; and Angela laid her hand upon his arm to soothe him.

"On what charge?" said she, quietly.

"On the charge of having, on the 24th of last month, exceeded his own design supposed to be named Calista on the public path outside Dauntton Manor House."

"My God!" said Hubert. "Your warrant?" said he at last. The sergeant of police produced it, and handed it to him in silence.

"On what information do you make this arrest?" said Hubert.

"That, sir, you will know in time. I can answer no questions."

"But why—why come now? The house is full of guests! Why not have waited till to-morrow?"

am ill or overtired, and that I have gone upstairs to bed. She may not take in what you say. If not it does not matter. Last night to Magdalena, and she told me the truth. Ask her to pack up my black serge dress and anything else she thinks I may want, and when it is ready you will bring it to me yourself, won't you? As to the charge itself, I will leave all that to you."

She spoke with preternatural calmness. Her face was pale but serene, her eyes steady, and her bearing full of composure. She turned to the police.

"I am ready," she said. "Angela!" cried Hubert, holding out his arms.

But she appeared not to see him. The sergeant opened the window, and they passed out. Not a sound had been heard from outside the door of the room, yet as Angela stepped through the window on to the ground outside the door burst suddenly open. There followed a loud and piercing scream, and Annandale sprang round to see Mrs. Bronson lying full length on the tiled floor of the hall.

CHAPTER XVIII.—A MYSTERIOUS LETTER.

There was no sleep that night for Hubert Annandale. When, in the small hours of the morning, he reached home at last and threw himself in exhaustion on his bed he could not close his eyes.

In one way, Mrs. Bronson's discovery of Angela's arrest, and the terrible effect it had upon her, had been fortunate occurrences. They had entirely diverted the attention of the guests from Angela's disappearance.

When Dr. Barnes declared that their hostess must be taken upstairs and put to bed, and her cries and sobs were stifled by a strong sedative, a general feeling manifested itself that it was high time the ball came to an end.

In spite of Magdalena's distracted entreaties that all should go on dancing as if nothing had happened, one by one the carriages were ordered and the guests took their leave.

Magdalen's first impulse had been, naturally enough, to cry out for Angela, without whose aid she felt herself incapable of managing anything; but fortunately Annandale had succeeded in stopping her inquiries at the outset. He caught her wrist, and said with a sternness that held her attention riveted:

"Angela is not here. You must not ask for her, nor mention her. I will tell you when the people are gone. Meanwhile, all depends on you. Can you nerve yourself?"

His words had the desired effect. Terrified and bewildered though she was, Magdalena Bronson understood that silence and promptitude were imperatively called for, and nodded reassuringly to Hubert as she braced herself to say good-bye to the guests and make smiling apologies to all for the abrupt and untoward end of what should have been a long night's enjoyment.

"They were all gone at last, all except one, a young partner in the leading firm of local solicitors, whom Annandale stopped, begging him to wait in the morning-room till he could consult him on an urgent matter.

And when Hubert and Magdalena were left alone in the hall, she turned to him a pale and anxious face.

"Now," she said, "I must go up to my mother as soon as possible. Tell me what's wrong with Angela."

He told her what had happened. For an instant she reeled, as if she would have fallen under the shock. Then with a supreme effort she controlled herself, saying:

"All right, I'll be sensible. What am I to do?"

"He gave her Angela's instructions. 'Leave the maid with your mother for a little,' he said, 'while you pack up. Then send the things down to me. I've got my trap here still, and I'll see to them. Good-night, Magdalena. You'll try and bear up, won't you? And to-morrow, I hope—'

But his sentence was never finished. He strode abruptly away to the morning-room, where he arranged with Mr. Stanley that he should go home and wait until Annandale himself could come and consult him.

When came the information on which Angela had been arrested? That was one of the chief points of the discussion, when at last Hubert and Stanley were closeted together; that above all was the question which drove sleep from Annandale's eyes, and kept him tossing and restless till the daylight was high in the room, and he dressed hurriedly and went to tell his father the terrible news.

Sir John was deeply moved; and showed his emotion, as Englishmen will, by almost dead silence. A sharp cry of "Good heavens!" a grasp of the hand, and an attentive listening to every detail of Hubert's story were all the signs he gave of the consternation and anxiety in his heart.

They played with their breakfast in silence, and shortly afterwards started on horseback for Rodney to attend the inquest.

There is no need to follow in detail the events of that terrible day which seemed to take years of the life of those most intimately concerned. Suffice it to say that the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of wilful murder against Angela Magdalena Lucia Milford; and that when in due time, the case came before the magistrates, they decided it must go for trial.

But the question they could not settle for a moment, and which it was evident they would not settle till the next day, was whether the possession of the key and entrance knowledge of Angela's whereabouts was shared by any other person besides the accused, and if so, who?

ions of her skates, the bath, the cover of his wet boots under the bed. John Black, a clerk in the employ of the Rodney Gas Company, gave evidence of the finding of the body, the carrying of it down the ditch, the hasty concealment in the ditch. But the one link which Annandale had hoped and prayed would be wanting, it was left to himself to supply.

He had supposed that he would merely be questioned about the discovery of the skate in the snow outside the door of Dauntton Manor House. To his horror, he found himself confronted with an examination of his own movements on that afternoon, till at last came the awful question:

"Did you see the prisoner in the park that afternoon?"

All was over. Out of his own mouth must come the significant announcement that he had, indeed, seen the prisoner, and in the company of the murdered man.

"And what else did she say to him?"

"She said, 'I could kill you.'"

There was no avoiding the question, no shirking the answer. For an instant it flashed through his mind that even then it was not too late to prevent the lie he had told his father and the policeman on the night of the murder. But he remembered that he was on his oath, and there are men to whom their oath and their honour are more than all the world. The temptation fled from him. With white lips and hoarse and trembling voice he told the truth.

Even as he spoke he looked across the room at the face of the pale, proud girl whose very life might be hanging on his words. Her hands gripped each other tighter and tighter; but when he had finished she turned her eyes towards him, and he read in them that she praised him for what he had done; that she would rather lose all than owe her safety to a lie on the lips of the man she loved.

Mr. Stanley did his best. He dwelt on the nature of the blow. The inquest had proved it to have been struck on the exact spot where death must have resulted. There was no other mark upon the head. It was possible, he submitted, that that might have happened by accident; was it probable that a mere girl, struggling in the arms of a tall, strong man, could have dealt so terribly severe a blow as this was shown to have been, the sort of blow which on the face of things, appeared to be the work of a man, and a man with every advantage of aim and no slight skill and strength of hand? But the doctors who had examined the corpse gave him no support. It was, they agreed, undoubtedly improbable on the face of things, but they could not maintain that such a blow could not possibly have been struck in the circumstances described.

But to Annandale's mind the most important fact elicited was the nature of the information upon which the police were acting.

The police-station stood about the centre of one side of the market-place. One wall was joined to that of the adjacent house; the other side looked out on to a narrow lane that led to some cottages in the neighbourhood of the allotments. A certain clerk who had been engaged on clerical duties in a room that looked out on to the lane, about half-past five on the evening of the day when the body was discovered, and found the heat of the water-pipes, wherewith the building was warmed, somewhat excessive in the case, and had opened the window at the bottom for a little fresh air. He sat with his back to it. In the middle of his work he had been startled by hearing something fall close to his feet on the floor. Stooping he had seen an envelope. He picked it up and found it addressed with the words, "Urgent. To the Sergeant of Police, Rodney Police Station."

His first action was to hurry to the window and look out. He saw no one. The lane curved, for one thing; for another, plenty of time must have elapsed between the fall of the envelope and his reaching the window for a man to get well away.

He took the letter at once to the sergeant, who on opening it had found a long and circumstantial statement on the subject of the body which had been found in the ditch by the Gas Company's workmen that morning. On the strength of that information he had considered it his duty to arrest the prisoner.

"That letter!" said Annandale to Stanley, when they were discussing the case once more. "You must see that letter! Examine the handwriting, the paper, everything! Employ the cleverest private detective you can find. I'll send you one from town. Spare no expense, no trouble. I feel that in that letter lies the true explanation of the whole affair. Remember, it is my purse and my father's that you can command."

Stanley promised, feigning, meanwhile, to share Annandale's conviction of Angela's innocence. In his heart of hearts he believed her guilty; her actions on reaching home seemed to him to be damning evidence, of themselves.

"A month! Only a month!" sighed Annandale. For the anxious would be held in a month; and if, before that time, more light were not thrown on the murder of Giuseppe Calista, Angela's fate seemed sealed.

As for himself, he could do little. The matter was too personal, too close to his own heart to leave his brain as clear as it could see. After the weary, heart-breaking day of inquest and hearing, he took his father's advice and set off for home. Things were not safe in Stanley's hands; and what nothing could do he felt best to seek quietude from misery in a return to his work.

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