

FROM THE BOOKCASE

# Search for His Memory May Turn Up a Murder

THE THIRD DAY by Joseph Hayes; McGraw-Hill, New York; 318 pp., \$4.95.  
Reviewed by MARIAN TRAINOR

Urgency is the keynote of this suspense-filled novel by the author who won so many readers with his "Desperate Hours."  
There is the urgency of Charles Bancroft to remember a past that has vanished behind a curtain of amnesia, the urgency to uncover a murder, the urgency of the reader to keep turning the pages until he has come to the end and the final solution.

The story revolves around Bancroft who finds himself wandering around New York without any clue as to how he arrived there. A billfold in his pocket provides him with an address.

FOR A MOMENT, he falters. Shall he keep running from what ever drove him away in the first place or shall he follow the leads in his pocket and try to rediscover his past?

He decides to return. What he finds is not pleasant. The other Charles who is somewhere submerged in his memory is responsible for and quite possibly guilty of the death of another human being. He finds a young son whom he has neglected, a beautiful wife he has probably betrayed and a family by business, that would affect the lives of an entire community, about to be liquidated.

These are the problems which he has inherited from his other self and which somehow he must now solve.

HIS WAY is blocked by several characters who were relieved by his disappearance and are some what less than glad to see him again, his wife's brother who wants

desperately to sell the company Charles now wants to save, a lawyer in love with his wife and a psychopathic misfit who has reason to hate Charles.

Add to this Charles' own revulsion as he penetrates layer by layer the man he was and the world he must have made and then described in horror and shame—his terrible struggle and need to remember so that he can salvage a life that should have been so satisfying.

THERE IS a peculiar fascination to this story probably due to the spectacle of a character waltzing in protesting diabolical mistakes he must have made.

The situation takes on the aspect of a man haunted by an insidious ghost who stalks his efforts to solve the mysteries which must be unraveled.

Besides the suspense supplied by conflict of characters, scenes of intrigue, violence and terror propel this novel at a speed which justifies the publisher's claim that "there is a book that will keep you reading relentlessly to the last word."

## Alphabet

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learn very quickly because they are given all their vowel sounds."

ALTHOUGH some parents were concerned with the new system, "parent conferences" comments were favorable," said Mrs. Bergman.

IN THE meantime, the children continue with their "teaching" by while Mrs. Bergman keeps close records on their progression which might spell out to be a new reading revolution in future education.

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## Movie Guide

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MOVIE	Green Sheet National Legion of Decency
A Shot in the Dark	A
The World of Henry Orient	A-MY
Send Me No Flowers	A-MY
Irma La Douce	A
Master of the World	GA

\*recommended as superior entertainment especially for children  
CODE GREEN SHEET  
These audience symbols are intended as broad guides to selection, and do not indicate either recommendation or non-recommendation of the films to which they are applied.

- A Adults
- MY Mature Young People
- Y Young People (12 years to 16 years)
- C Children (unaccompanied by adults)
- GA General Audience
- NATIONAL LEGION OF DECENCY
- A-1 Morally Unobjectionable for General Patronage
- A-2 Morally Unobjectionable for Adults and Adolescents
- A-3 Morally Unobjectionable for Adults
- B Morally Objectionable in Part for All
- C Condemned
- SC A separate classification is given to certain films which, while not morally offensive in themselves, require some analysis and explanation as a protection to the uninformed against wrong interpretations and false conclusions.

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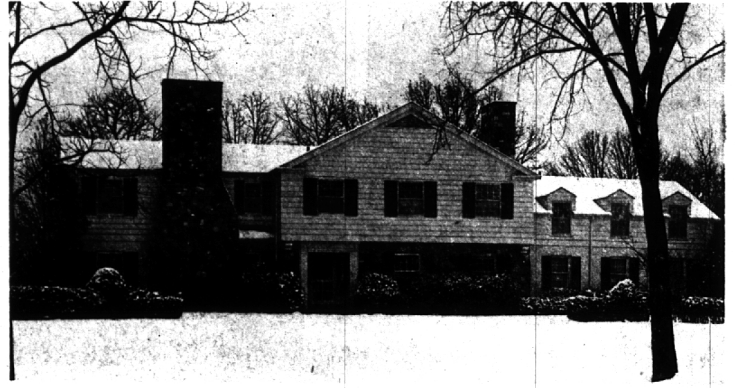
- 1. Resorts across grapes
- 9. Antlered animal
- 10. Farewell, down Mexico way
- 12. On board
- 14. Norseman
- 15. Twilled fabric
- 16. Thin cushions
- 18. Brazilian palm
- 19. Hesitation sound
- 20. Puss
- 21. Turkish cap
- 22. Consort of Jupiter
- 23. To take dinner
- 24. Sluggish
- 25. Endures
- 27. Cooking vessels
- 28. A dish made from left-overs
- 29. Swedish coin
- 30. In great quantity
- 31. Latvian river
- 33. Conjunction
- 34. Therefore
- 35. Container
- 36. Discover
- 38. Bear
- 40. French river

- 42. Particles
- 43. Reach
- 44. Tax
- DOWN
- 1. Staid
- 2. A deck
- 3. Man's name
- 4. Serious addresses
- 5. Mother; collog.
- 6. Affixes
- 7. Narrow inlet; geol.
- 8. Happy
- 9. Female horse
- 11. Grab
- 13. Pegestral part
- 17. Toward
- 20. Large casks
- 21. Marine animal
- 22. Summer month
- 23. Punctuation mark
- 24. Fools; collog.
- 25. Lingers
- 26. Concise
- 28. Big drink
- 30. Mismatch; abbr.
- 31. Subtle emanations
- 41. Half an em
- 32. Matures
- 34. Girl's name
- 35. Projects
- 37. Small
- 39. Female deer



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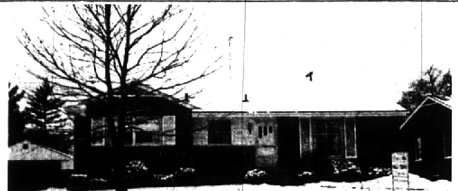
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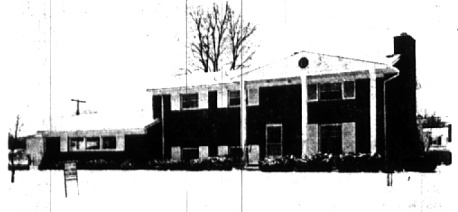
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