



# The Pink 'Un



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## I Find It Recorded in My Notebook . . .

Twenty-two people came to The Palmetto Club for the postponed Hansom Wheels meeting on August 23. In alphabetical order, they were **Frances Broom**; **Mary** (that's my wife) and **Phil** (that's me) **Dematteis**; **Diana Lima**; **Jamie McCulloch**; **Al** and **Pat McNeely**; **Lucero** and **Manuel Mesa**; **Kathy Newman**; **Alida** and **Cap'n Billy Rawl**; **Arthur**, **Myrtle**, and **Tim Robinson**; **Dr. Ed Salkind**; **Lucy** and **Wayne Scott**; **Julie Smoak**; **Hannah Timmons**; **Nancy Washington**; and **John Wrisley**.

After dinner, I assumed my alternate identity as **The Tantalus**, tooted the Blue Kazoo, and declared the game to be afoot (someday the poor old game will save up enough money to buy a car). We toasted *the* woman, Irene Adler; and **Nancy Washington** led us in the Musgrave Ritual. Since we had a number of newcomers (been a long time since *that* happened!), somebody (I don't remember who, but I don't think it was me) suggested that we go around the room and have each person introduce himself or herself to the group and tell an interesting, amusing, or salacious anecdote about himself or herself or about somebody else in the room. So we did, and were pleased to learn that everyone else's lives were as boring as our own.

We moved on to the Happy Hour Posers, in which the point is to puzzle out the titles of adventures in the Canon from a series of puns: 1. Our speaker is august, baronial, epic, gallant, grand, grandiose, heroic, imperial, imposing, magnificent, majestic, massive, monumental, noble, proud, regal, royal, splendid, and stately = the glorious Scott (our speaker for the evening, **Wayne Scott**) = "The Gloria Scott." 2. He called out to his wife, "Honey, I can't fasten these tax returns together because this thing-amajig is all mangled, and it's the only one left. Please get me the stapler" = the man with the twisted (paper) clip = "The Man with the Twisted Lip," the Assigned Story for the evening. 3. Be sure to flatten it before you recycle it = "The Cardboard Box." 4. Pancho took one look at the Cisco Kid's huge new stove and said, "¡Caramba, Ceesco,

that ees \_\_\_\_\_!" = "a beeg range" = "The Abbey Grange."

The Featured Presentation was a talk by the aforementioned glorious **Wayne Scott**: "Sherlock Holmes, Conan Doyle, and London's Deadly Competition: The Thames Torso Killer vs. Whitechapel Jack." It had to do with a string of twenty-one unsolved serial murders, mostly of women in London (one of whom, "Fairy Fay," may never have existed) but including a young boy in Bradford, between 1871 and 1891. Five of them, all in 1888, have famously been attributed to Jack the Ripper, four others to the "Thames Torso Killer," but **Wayne** thinks that some of the latter may have been done by the former and vice versa, or maybe it was all the same guy changing his style. He said that neither Arthur Conan Doyle nor Sherlock Holmes nor Dr. Watson investigated any of these murders because all of them were otherwise occupied during this period. At one point he referred to the victims as "decapitated disemboweled whores," which I thought would be a good name for a rock band.



**Wayne Scott** discussing decapitated disemboweled whores

**Al McNeely** concluded the proceedings by reading the Sacred Sonnet, "221B," and we all went out into the night, looking nervously around for a maniacal killer. Or two.

## For October: 77 Sunset Strip (Snap! Snap!)

The Hansom Wheels will meet at **7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 18**, at **The Palmetto Club, 1231 Sumter Street**. The price will be **\$27.00 per person**. We will watch an episode of the 1958–64 private-eye show *77 Sunset Strip* titled "Baker Street Caper." If you are too young to remember *77 Sunset Strip*, I envy you. (Not because it was so bad that I don't want to remember it—it wasn't—but because I don't want to be *old* enough to remember it.) It had one of the all-time great theme songs: the chorus consisted of the title (the fictional address of the detectives' office in Los Angeles) repeated three times, followed the first two times by finger snaps. Private eyes

Stuart Bailey (Efrem Zimbalist Jr.) and Jeff Spencer (Roger Smith), and Kookie (Edward Byrnes), the parking-lot attendant at the nightclub Dino's Lodge next door to the office, were the coolest dudes in the world (if you were in high school at that time). The Assigned Story will be "**Black Peter**"; the tie-in of the story with the show will be obvious when you see it, and it is particularly dear to my own heart! Please make **reservations** with **your Editor** at (803) 787-2219; by email at [hansomwheels@aol.com](mailto:hansomwheels@aol.com); or click "**Reply**" on the email to which this newsletter is attached **as soon as possible**, but **no later than Friday, October 12**. See you there!

## Happy Hour Posers (Name the Adventures)!

1. When the famous Irish dramatist's possessions were inventoried, all that was found was a grooming tool and some yellowed scripts.
2. The Cockney prospector got tired of hauling gold to the surface, so he decided to rest in the shaft—in other words, to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Dude said to Walter, "There's no raw umber in that box of Crayolas; it's a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_."
4. The debonair detective and his girlfriend, the nightclub singer Edie Hart, were having breakfast in his apartment. He asked her how she wanted her coffee; she said, "\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_."

## Longtime Member of The Hansom Wheels Is Gone at 98



**Sarah E. Leverette** of Forest Acres, SC, passed away peacefully in her home of natural causes on the morning of 29 August 2018 at the age of 98. Born to Captain Stephen E. Leverette and Allie M. Leverette in Iva, SC, on 28 December 1919, she lived an incredible life of service to her gender, her field of endeavor, her state and her country. The extraordinary **Sarah Leverette** was short in stature but a giant among her peers and a true pioneer in the cause of Women's Rights, especially among Women in Law. A founding member of The League of Women Voters in South Carolina, she remained active almost until the day of her passing. Through nearly 75 years of involvement, Sarah became an inspiration to generations of strong South Carolina Women, and her contributions to her causes resonate still today. Sarah was a passionate advocate for any cause that she adopted, be they Civil Rights, Women's Rights or Animal Rights, among many others. She was a true trailblazer and an example for men and women alike. As only the third female graduate of the USC School of Law and the first female faculty member of the school, **Sarah** set out in 1943 to pave the way for many that would follow through exemplary bravery and courage that was groundbreaking for her time. A proud member of the South Carolina Wing of The Civil Air Patrol, she loved her state and her country and cherished her memories of serving both, during World War II. She eventually rose to the rank of Lt. Colonel and often happily wore her uniform for visitors in her later years. She will be remembered as a legend to many who had the good fortune of knowing her. Her charm, wisdom, wit, spirit and enthusiasm for life will be missed. **Sarah's** Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, at 4 p.m. in the Grand Cathedral of Trinity Episcopal Church. Eulogies were given by former State Senator and Governor, and Secretary of Education under Bill Clinton, The Honorable Richard W. Riley, and in addition, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, The Honorable Jean H. Toal, eulogized **Sarah** from her unique perspective as a longtime friend and confidante of **Sarah's**. **Sarah** is survived by nieces Diane Leverette Duvall and Dorothy Leverette (Jim) Phillips and nephew Stephen (Terry) Casey; great-nieces Pamela Butler, Karen Casey (Jack) Pierre and Catherine Butler (Russ) Perry; great-nephews William (Carole) Phillips, Stephen (Marcy) Casey Jr. and Joseph Hunter; great-great-niece Carole Cochran Phillips, Kathryn Casey and Hagan Casey; and great-great-nephews Butler Moore Henry Casey and William Phillips Jr. The family asks that memorials be made to The Captain Stephen E. Leverette and Allie M. Leverette Endowed Scholarship Fund, School of Law, 1525 Senate Street, Columbia, SC 29208, and/or The Sarah Leverette League of Women Voters Endowment Fund, SC Political Collections, University Libraries—Development, 1322 Greene Street, Columbia, SC 29208.

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## God Help Us—What's Next?



Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly in *Holmes and Watson*

Opening December 21

(Notice what they're doing with their hands)