

**DEEPS**  
and  
**SHALLOWS**

**Animal Personalities . . .**  
**Mike**

Mike couldn't speak our language, but he could carry on a brisk conversation with lively brown eyes and energetic tail. With a little imagination, one could understand him perfectly. Just a shaggy little black and white mongrel, but to quote the Boy, the "best dog-gone dog in the whole darned world." He could distinguish the sound of our car blocks away, and would dash to meet it, racing it home, his middle brushing the ground.

And every noon and night he would wait two blocks down the street for the Boy to come home from school. One noon the Boy didn't come — he had gone on a field trip with his grade. Mike waited patiently all day then set out to fetch him. A friend found him waiting at the closed school and brought him home.

Within five minutes after I stepped into the back yard, Mike would appear from somewhere, ready to help. He helped weed flower-beds, hang clothes on the line, mow the lawn — all the time keeping up a steady conversation with tongue, tail and eyes.

Guests always thrilled him, and ever the first on the reception committee, he sometimes quite overdid the greeting. But friendly as he was with humans and his own particular dog pals, he was always in trouble with some strange canine. He must have insulted them terribly in dog language, for even the big ones seemed possessed with the desire to eat him alive. I have carried him for blocks under my arm, some hulk of a dog trailing us, just drooling to get at him. No doubt he peeped from under my arm and said naughty words, for only by going into the house and closing the door firmly could I rid myself of the bristling enemy. One time a whole boy-scout troop was kept busy chasing strange dogs away from Mike, who had invited himself to their beach party.

Although devoted to the entire family, Mike's idol was the Boy. He loved to play baseball with the gang, making bases with every runner. When the Boy, apprehensive lest his pet come to harm, would leave him in the house, Mike would be frantic, pleading, scolding — and no doubt cussing — until released. Then, streaking unerringly in the direction taken by the Boy, he would overtake him, leaping, laughing and barking. He never got sent home.

But alas, Mike would chase cars, and one tragic day it happened. The Boy took to his bed for three days. He said he had "stummik-ache," but I knew where the pain was. We have had several dogs since then, but none, however well-bred, could fill Mike's place.

Last year, when the Boy returned from nearly two and one-half years with the Marines in the Pacific "Boondocks," I saw, hanging on the chain around his neck, beside his own "dog tag," the last license tag Mike ever wore.

**HIGHLAND LASSIE.**

**"My Hero!"**

Too old to serve in the Navy corps. The Army, Marines and many more — Yet hoping, somehow, to do his bit. Although retired, and privileged to sit. When call for workers came, space. He answered the summons with radiant face.

To work he goes in the early dawn, And serves each day with manly brawn, That those who carry on the war May have food here, or on fields afar; That housewives, too, upon home soil May be helped by the harvest of his toil.

No decorations adorn his chest; He makes no appearance upon best; But were citations awarded those Who toil till they ache from head to toes, The words thereon might read like these: "He served his country . . . by canning peas!"

G.B.J.

(Ed's note: G.B.J.'s hubby was recently "drafted" during the "pea canning" season.)

**Miriam Steever Wins In Writers' Conference**

EVANSTON, ILL., (Special) — A Highland Park woman was the winner of the Quarrle Corporation award at the Midwestern Writers' conference at Northwestern last week.

Miss Miriam Steever, 729 Glencoe, received a 1945 set of The World Book Encyclopedia for the best story for children.

Prizes were awarded in the fields of poetry, fiction writing, non-fiction, writing for children, radio scripts and novels. There were more than \$4,000 in prizes, largest amount offered in the conference's history.

Forty prominent authors and editors appeared as speakers or discussion leaders during the four days of the conference, July 25-28. Largely from the Chicago area, the total attendance at the conference exceeded 2,000.

**Russell F. Ahrens Receives Promotion in U. S. Air Lines**

Russell F. Ahrens, for more than seven years a resident of Highland Park, living at 202 Beech, recently has been appointed in charge of personnel for United Air Lines according to word received here.

Mr. Ahrens' latest appointment climaxes a long career in the airline industry. A graduate of the University of Washington, he joined Boeing Air Transport, predecessor company of United, in 1928. Subsequently he served as district traffic manager at Seattle and Chicago; later as Chicago regional manager, and in 1941, eastern sales manager for the company. In August, 1942, he was named director of personnel.

His promotion to a vice-presidency is in line with the company's postwar expansion policy which calls for an increase in personnel of a present day 7,400 to 18,000 employees by 1950.

Ahrens, a member of Exmoor Country club, is married and has three children, Lynn, 13 years old; Gretchen, 9, and Russell Jr., 3.

**Local Students Receive Northwestern Awards**

Three students from Highland Park have been awarded scholarships or fellowships to Northwestern university for the 1945-46 academic year, according to an announcement made by university officials.

The scholarships range in value from \$100 to \$850, while the fellowships, which are awarded for graduate study, are valued at \$600 plus tuition to \$1500 a year.

Students from Highland Park receiving awards are: Miss Virginia Bruce, 318 Cavell avenue, an upperclass student in the school of music; Miss Lorna Johnson, County Line road, an upperclass student in the college of liberal arts; and Miss Esther Spier, who has been awarded an Edward B. Quinn scholarship for study in the college of liberal arts.

**WOUNDED MARINE HOME ON LEAVE**

Pfc. Roger P. Kirkgasser, 21-year-old marine, wounded in June at Okinawa, is spending a convalescent leave from the naval hospital at Oceanside, Calif., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Kirkgasser, 1030 S. Sheridan.

Cpl. George, 23, a brother, is instructor in signal corps at Camp Crowder, Mo.

**PFC. DONALD OLSON SECOND TIME WOUNDED**

Pfc. David Olson, USMCR, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Olson, 241 Prairie, Highwood, was wounded May 15 at Okinawa. He already possesses the Purple Heart for wounds received at Saipan, in June, 1944.

Marine Olson entered the service upon his graduation from high school in June, 1943.

**Opens Dress Shop**

A formal opening of Elsie's Dress Shop, 1207 Wilson Ave., Chicago, is slated for Saturday, Aug. 18, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The proprietor is Mrs. Philip Scully of Deerfield.

**Cpl. "Bud" Moon Becomes a Civilian**

Exactly two years from the time he resigned his position on the local police force to enter the armed services, Aug. 1, 1943, Cpl. Melvin "Bud" Moon returned this week to his civilian post. He has received an honorable discharge from the army.

During those two years much has happened. "Bud" has the Presidential unit citation, the Bronze Star medal and the Purple Heart to remind him of things which he may prefer to forget. Life as a member of the army engineers in the Pacific is somewhat rugged. It includes service on New Guinea. Participation in the invasions of Leyte and Luzon. Wounds received during the battle of Manila, at which time the Bronze Star was awarded him, with the citation which reads in part: "Despite heavy enemy fire and without regard to his own safety, Cpl. Moon remained on the (vitaly needed pontoon) bridge and continued to work alone until he was seriously wounded by the bursting of a mortar shell."

Private Citizen Moon will take up residence at 26 S. Green Bay, which his wife, Bunny, has maintained in his absence.

Others still remain in service. Pfc. Lloyd, of the medical corps, is booked for the army of occupation in Germany. Lt. Robert, of the AAF, is transporting troops from Trinidad to the States. Pvt. Verne, gunner of a B-29 crew, stationed at Lincoln, Nebr., is probably on his way now to points west. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Moon, 598 Homewood.

**S. Sergeant Robert Will Explains Decorations**

S/Sgt. Robert Will, aerial gunner in a B-24 bomber, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Will Sr., 334 S. Linden, is now home from the European area on leave, and explains his Air medal with three oak leaf clusters, two Distinguished Unit citations and six battle stars quite simply. "Nothing to it," states the 20-year-old sergeant. "All you have to do is to sit tight and do as you're told." Which is as magnificent an example of understatement as we ever heard.

During his year in Italy, the young sergeant took part in 24 of the 125 sorties performed by his unit, over bombing targets in Munich, Vienna and Bleckhammer. On August 11, he will report to Santa Ana for further orders.

His brother, Pfc. Howard, 21, is with the AAA unit in the Pacific which has taken part in the invasion of New Guinea and Luzon. He is now stationed on northern Luzon. Both boys were inducted into service in June 1943, and had never been separated until their ways parted soon after.

**T-5 Vita Tamarri Meets Lord Chancellor**

Sight seeing in London recently, T/5 Vita Tamarri, 246 North Highwood, was on his way to the Houses of Parliament to hear Big Ben boom out the noon hour for the first time in many years. Caught in the middle of the street by traffic, he was pleasantly impressed by the considerate bobby who stopped all vehicles. An elderly man behind Tamarri thanked the bobby and asked Tamarri if he would like to see the House of Commons.

Who wouldn't? Together they made the rounds, and finally Tamarri heard someone address his companion as "Lord Chancellor." Almost overcome, Tamarri was unable to say anything but a faint "Thank you, sir" when they parted. He learned afterward that his guide was Viscount Simon, supreme judge of the land.

Tamarri is stationed in Luxembourg with a signal service battalion, and participated in the battle of the Rhineland.

**Newcomers to Highland Park**

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Goldman, with their two-year-old daughter, moved here from Chicago the middle of last month, and have purchased a home at 1620 Dean avenue. Mr. Goldman is associated with the Lou-Bob Oil company of Chicago.

**"Good Night Ladies" At Blackstone Theater**

Since the spectacular success was recorded almost four years ago by "Good Night Ladies" the Blackstone theater in Chicago, site of its original triumph, has reserved time for its return engagement which will be realized when the farce opens a limited engagement there on Monday night, August 6.

"Good Night Ladies!", which co-stars stage and screen comedians Skeets Gallagher and Edmund Glover, has made it a practice of shattering theater records around the nation's key capitals since its birth in San Francisco. Chicago adopted the hit and it became the city's all-time, long run champion with a spectacular stay of 100 weeks.

"Good Night Ladies!" was fashioned from the theme of "Ladies' Night in a Turkish Bath," a singularly successful farce from the World War I era. It was given a 1945 streamline by Cyrus Wood, who authored several noted Broadway musical comedy hits, and staged by Edward Clarke Lilley, a favorite director for the late Florenz Ziegfeld. Howard Lang, who divides his time between movie and stage production, produced the play in association with Al Rosen.

The record achievements of "Good Night Ladies!" are considerably more than the mark it attained in its original Blackstone appearance, as revealed by the records scored on both coasts and the middlewestern legitimate circuits. New high figures were registered in Milwaukee, St. Louis and Indianapolis to give these cities a new play title holder, while a dozen others pressed existing all-time leaders.

A large and lovely cast of stage and screen favorites constitutes the supporting company, many familiar to play patrons. The matinees for the repeat run will be on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with the Monday performances eliminated, and Sunday nights added.

**T/5 HARRISON TO BE REDEPLOYED TO PACIFIC**

T/5 Alan J. Harrison, 23, overseas with a signal company for one year, returned recently on the Queen Mary for a 30-day leave before being redeployed to the Pacific. A local high school graduate, and formerly in telephone maintenance, he holds the Presidential unit citation. He missed seeing his brother, T/5 William, veteran of India and Burma, by one day. However, William obtained a weekend pass from the hospital at Battle Creek, Mich., where he is receiving treatments for malaria, to come home again. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Harrison, 442 Lincoln.

**Local Students Enroll In Adv. Mathematics**

J. A. Leech, F. R. Meyer and W. R. Wagner, of Highland Park, have all passed the July term advanced standing examination in mathematics, administered each semester at Purdue university, and have been placed in the second semester mathematics, analytical geometry, Prof. W. L. Ayers, head of the department of mathematics at the university, has announced. All three students graduated from the Highland Park high school.

**Veteran of Two World Wars Returns to Duty**

Col. E. A. Smith, for 28 years a member of the U. S. army, has rejoined the armored division, of which he is commander, in the Pacific area, after a 45-day leave with his wife and son, Larry, at 318 Vine. A veteran of 19 months overseas in World War I, the colonel has seen much action in the Pacific recently, including the battles of Leyte and Okinawa. Edward A., Jr., torpedoman 3/c, USN, who entered the service in July, 1943, is serving in the Pacific. He is now 19.

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**TWIN ANTHONY BROTHERS, 21, ARE BOTH ENSIGNS**

Ens. Raymond R. Anthony, NAF, of a night fighter group, is home from Vero Beach, Fla., visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Anthony, 270 Cedar. Ens. Joseph, a twin brother, naval fighter pilot, now in Jacksonville, Fla., expects to be home before transferring to the Pacific coast.

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