

# Deep and Shallows

## "Cross My Heart . . ."

It was almost time for Bert to leave me and rejoin his regiment. Such a short furlough — but we had done so many gay and foolish things. Childish perhaps, with so much sadness all around us. I was determined, though, that not a single tear should haunt Bert when once more he picked up the grim threads in the horrible pattern of war. We had been married only six months when war was declared. War — with all its devastating implications — separating me from the handsome blond giant I had grown up with and loved so dearly. I was so achingly proud of him — knowing he would do or die for England — and for me. I kept busy, too, while he was away. No chance for idle hands for the women left at home.

I had counted out the hours of his promised three day furlough as I stacked rolls of bandages, and planned over and over just what we'd do with every previous minute. We'd go down to my mother's cottage — poor Mum had her hands full with my sister Meg and her four children — but she'd be glad to give us a corner for our holiday. We'd given up our cottage for the duration, and now Mum was glad for the use of our furniture.

At last I was standing on the platform waiting for Bert's train. It was too suffocating to wait inside the station. I don't know whether it was fog or tears of excitement that wet my face, but suddenly there was Bert playfully scolding "Want the sniffles for our holiday?" — and almost cracking my ribs with the force of his embrace.

Almost in a dream we journeyed down to Mum's place. Our conversation, strangely enough, had nothing to do with the horrors of war. We were children again, sticking our fists into the jam pot and greedily licking our fingers. Everyone seemed to understand our need to be alone — even Meg's youngsters. War, somehow, sharpens the perception, till you can live a lifetime in each split second. Why, we hardly took time to eat before scampering out across the moor like puppies too long under leash. We sang and laughed at nothing . . . and everything . . .

Bert seemed painfully eager to recall our gay childhood days. His folks had lived close by, and we had been as much at home then in the one house as in the other. "You were such a funny monkey," Bert reminded me. "Always saying the wrong thing and embarrassing people."

"I was not!" I declared hotly. "People just took me up wrong." "Well, how about the new vicar's tea? Hey? How about that?" Bert goaded me, knowing it would ruffle my feathers.

We were resting on a fallen log and I turned to fetch him a clout, but had to laugh, remembering. Mum had wanted to entertain the new vicar in fine style, and we were all forewarned to do our bit and "right proper" too. When Mum asked me to recite I was ready and anxious to oblige. In a childish treble I began Arthur Symons' lovely lyric "Modern Beauty." All went well until the line "I live, and am immortal" . . . only I didn't recite it quite that way.

Our days of grace soon came to an end, and I went back to London with Bert and down to the station to see him off. Other women were seeing their men off, too, some

We joked up to the last minute about the things Mum had stuffed into our pockets — sweets and remedies. Forcing a laugh, Bert said, "If we eat all the sweets we'll need the remedies, won't we, monkey?" His arm tightened around me, and I pressed my face into the roughness of his coat.

But oh! if only I'd been stricken dumb when the moment of parting actually came. Our holiday was so full of happy memories, — and then I had to wipe them all out with one foolish remark. My only excuse is that it was another of our childhood habits and it just slipped out. Bert took my face in his hands, and looking deeply, trustingly into my eyes, said "Take good care of yourself — for me. Promise?" And I — bursting with love for him, replied "Cross my heart — and hope —"

Before we could unlock our stricken eyes, the train arrived and Bert was on it, and I was left standing there crying "No — no — no!" into the fog of London.

—A.W.M.

## Sustaining the Inner Man

It was in the good old days. A long line stood waiting their turn at the cashier's desk in a cash-and-carry store, and at the very end was a small boy. At long last came his turn to pay.

"For three candy bars," he said, tendering a dime.

"But — where are they?" asked the cashier.

"The candy bars?" floundered the s.b., his ears growing very pink. "Why — er — you see, I ate them!"

## Sphinx

There's the wisdom of the ages, Unrevealed on painted pages, Quite amazing in the gaze of a personage so young; Who, with tantalizing wiggle, And ingratiating giggle, When pressed with leading questions — Holds her tongue.

—R.B.O.

## All Day Convention At Community Center

All members of the Highland Park League of Women Voters are being appointed "delegates" to a day-long local convention to be held at the Community Center on Wednesday, April 24. To this effect, a letter of notification has been composed and mailed to every Leaguer, and a real convention spirit will soon be infecting the entire organization.

Replacing the usual annual meeting usually held on the third Wednesday of April, the convention is scheduled for the fourth Wednesday so as not to fall during the spring vacations of the local schools.

Convention plans have been shaping up ever since the March board meeting when President Mrs. Richard Loewenthal appointed the convention committee to include Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, chairman, and Mrs. George Carr, Mrs. Oray T. Knight, Mrs. Maurice Pollak, Mrs. Walter Rubens, Mrs. Frank Selfridge, Mrs. Mason Smith, and Mrs. Carol B. Summers. Releasing the following program, the committee promises greater details in a later news story:

- 10:00-10:30—Registration.
- 10:30-11:00—Opening session.
- 11:00-12:30—Group discussion.
- 12:30-1:00 Recess.
- 1:00-1:30—Luncheon (reservations taken by Mrs. Carol B. Summers, H.P. 1144, or Mrs. Eric Molke, H.P. 4144 before April 22.)
- 1:30-3:00—Business and election of officers.

The nominating committee, which makes its report at "convention," has been headed by Mrs. Van G. Kirk, and the other members of the committee are Mrs. Russell Ahrens, Mrs. D. L. Clinton, Mrs. Robert Korets and Mrs. George W. Ross Jr.

Good-nature is more agreeable in conversation than wit, and gives a certain air to the countenance which is more amiable than beauty.—Joseph Addison.

## Highland Park Girl, Miss Jean Sincere, Reports On USO-Camp Show Tour

New York, N.Y., Mar. 27—Miss Jean Sincere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sincere of Highland Park, recently returned on the Army transport Sea Perch following a nine-months tour of European military installations as a member of the cast of the USO-Camp Show comedy, "Here Today."

Miss Sincere started the tour in the famous cathedral city of Chartres, France, and thereafter played more than 150 performances in such places as Luxembourg City, Luxembourg; Salzburg, Lhs and Vienna, Austria; Pilsen and Marienbad, Czechoslovakia and a 3-months' tour of Germany. The latter included two memorable engagements at the celebrated Wagner Festspielhaus in Bayreuth, built as a memorial for the noted German composer.

Not the least interesting aspect of the tour was meeting familiar faces from home, Miss Sincere said. Among these was Gene Panzi with whom Jean went to high school.

GIs everywhere received the show enthusiastically, Miss Sincere said. "The Show Must Go On tradition was as important to them as it was to the actors," she commented. "Once when the lights failed completely, the soldiers immediately played dozens of flash-lights on stage and we continued the performance without interruption. You can't non-plus a GI," she continued laughingly.

Asked her opinion of how continental women compared with our own, Miss Sincere observed that German women wear little make-up, preferring a sun-tanned, outdoor look, but that Viennese women were chic and beautiful. But she added, that, in her opinion, "the American girl can easily hold her own."

Prior to the USO tour, Miss Sincere had been connected with both the national and Broadway companies of "Arsenic and Old Lace" for 2½ years, as actress and stage manager, notably in the production that starred Erich von Stroheim. She received considerable publicity when it was discovered that she was the youngest stage manager of a Broadway hit. She has also had considerable experience in radio and has appeared in numerous commercial motion pictures.

"I consider the entire European trip something I'll always remember," said Jean, "and it would be a privilege to go out again with another USO-Camp show, this time to the Pacific and Japan!"

## Feature Travel Film On Fathers' Night At Green Bay School

Members and friends of the Green Bay P.T.A. will be treated to a preview of an ideal vacation with the showing of a colored sound film "Canada, Coast to Coast," at their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 11, at 8 o'clock.

This picture depicts a visit across Canada from end to end, with stop-over along the scenic and historic points in that fascinating country. While the Canadian Rockies and Lake Louise are perhaps best known to American tourists, the audience will be taken to some of the hidden spots which make Canada a truly remarkable vacationland.

This is the last evening meeting of the season and all parents and friends are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

## Frosh-Sophs Start Practice For Season

Ed Pacenti, Bob Plummer, Frank Zenzola, Bob Gooseman, Norlan Wickersham and Bob Pettis will probably form the nucleus of Highland Park high school's frosh-soph baseball team this year. All except Pettis played on last year's team.

The nine, coached by Mr. Bishop, is booked for the Suburban league schedule against the following opponents: Waukegan (at Waukegan), May 1; New Trier (at Highland Park), May 3; Evanston (at Highland Park), May 9; Morton (at Highland Park), May 13; Proviso (at Highland Park), May 16; Oak Park (at Oak Park), May 23.

## Ravinia Gardeners Plan "Mexican Fiesta" For May 25th

The Ravinia Garden club invites its friends to attend a "Mexican fiesta" on May 25th, at the Ravinia Village park. There will be annuals, vegetables and herbs for sale in flats; also potted plants, and donations. Luncheon featuring Mexican dishes will be served.

Mrs. Clifford Makelin, general chairman for the "fiesta," has announced her committee chairmen as follows: Mrs. C. Longford Felke, co-chairman; Mrs. Remy Hudson, theme chairman; Mrs. Willard Ewing, mechanics chairman; Mrs. James Barton, cashier; Mrs. John Wilbor, assistant cashier.

For securing and assembling the plants for sale: Mrs. Robert Prosser, annuals, with Mrs. Ray Archer, assistant; Mrs. J. D. Dickinson, vegetables, with Mrs. C. J. Haynes, assistant; Mrs. Mason Smith, herbs; Mrs. Henry Fordham, donations; Mrs. Sherman Clough, gadgets.

For planning and serving luncheon: Mrs. Gerald Stone, food chairman; Mrs. Robert Glasgow, soft drink chairman.

## High School Cast to Present "The Man Who Came To Dinner"

On Saturday, May 18, at 8 p.m., members of the Highland Park high school will present the spring play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner." The cast includes the following students:

Anita Van Auken, Bill McCulloch, Mary McNeal, Dick Kaufmann, Gail Whitehead, George Grimes, George McNutt, Pat Nall, George Hiller, Bert Wells, Marge Nath, Bob Smith, Bill Casey, Mike Bertolini, Chuck Baker, Barbara Bailey, Barbara Weil, Laurel Rosenthal, Gretchen Wilberger, Stanley Bennett, Dick Bauer and Dean Dickenson.

Stage managers will be Bill Casey and Bob Schumacher. Mike Bertolini and Bill Casey will have charge of the settings.

## Highland Park Garden Guild Wins Awards in "Fashions in Flowers"

In the 1946 "Fashions in Flowers," an exhibition by the Garden Club of Illinois, Inc., which opened April 8, at Marshall Field & Company, Chicago, members of the Highland Park Garden guild won two prizes this week.

An award of second prize was given for a dinner table arrangement, done by Mesdames Robert Mahan, Samuel H. Bingham Jr., Harold O. McLain and John B. Stevens.

Mrs. Francis F. Patten also carried away a second prize for her exhibit in class X, which was flowers, fruits and vegetables, in compote container.

## Presbyterian Women's Association in All-Day Meeting April 15

The all-day meeting of the Woman's association of the Highland Park Presbyterian church will be held on April 15 at the church.

Following is the program:

- 10 a.m. Sewing, hospital dressings.
- 12:00 M. Chancel service conducted by Mrs. L. B. Sinclair.
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon.
- 2:00 p.m. Program. Speaker, Major M. A. Funk.

Major Funk is taking the place of Major G. C. Herring on the program. Major Herring is being discharged.

Major Funk has charge of the final ceremony of the separation center at Fort Sheridan. He is an operational officer of artillery of the 35th division and spent much time overseas before coming to Ft. Sheridan.

Mrs. Buchanan's group is in charge of the food sale.

Mrs. Tupper's group is in charge of the luncheon.

Remember the rummage sale on April 25 in the parish house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Bible study classes conducted by Mrs. Arthur Tylee are continuing each Thursday during Lent from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the library.

## Welfare Members to Enjoy Buffet Supper, May 3

The telephone of every Infant Welfare member in Highland Park will jangle within the next two weeks as invitations are made for the buffet supper May 3 at Country Fare.

The first purely social event to be held by Infant Welfare here since before the war, the supper is being planned by a committee composed of new members of the junior group. Invitations will be made to junior group members and their husbands, and to those of the senior group and the Wing. In all, membership in the Highland Park-Ravinia center of the Infant Welfare society's auxiliary is about 250.

All reservations for the supper must be made by April 29, and no cancellations are valid after that date, according to Mrs. Henry C. Schroeder, general chairman.

Mrs. George D. Harrison is Mrs. Schroeder's co-chairman. Mrs. T. V. McDavitt is general chairman of tickets, assisted by Mrs. T. J. Connelly, Mrs. Kenneth Lineberry and Mrs. Donald Dennett. Mrs. Edward Loewenthal, Mrs. Gustavus Babson and Mrs. R. H. Brownlee are in charge of the auction.

Nothing except what flows from the heart can render even external manners truly pleasing.—Blair.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Change Date of Junior Prom

The date of the junior prom, the high school's only formal dance of the year, has been postponed to June 8, when it will be held at the Woman's club. The main event of the evening will be the crowning of king and queen.

## Varsity Baseball Team Plays Practice Game

The varsity baseball team of the high school played its first practice game, against Northbrook, on Friday. Further candidates for the nine are reporting to Mr. Kelly, coach.

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### YWCA NOTES

Thursday, April 11—  
10:00 a.m. Red Cross.  
10:30 a.m. Creative Writers.  
12:30 p.m. Creative Writers luncheon  
3:00 p.m. Agnes Daly dancing class.

Saturday, April 13—  
9:00 a.m. Saturday Evening club dance.

Monday, April 15—  
8:00 p.m. O.E.S. meeting.

Tuesday, April 16—  
7:30 p.m. Painting class.

Wednesday, April 17—  
8:00 p.m. Agnes Daly dancing.  
8:00 p.m. Great Books.

Thursday, April 18—  
10:30 a.m. Creative Writers.  
9:00 Agnes Daly dancing.

### Make Reservations for Woman's Club Luncheon

Reservations for the Woman's club annual luncheon, April 23, should be phoned to Mrs. Garfield Day, H.P. 2859, or Mrs. James Cuthbertson, luncheon chairman, H.P. 1334. Further details will appear in next week's issue, with little children gripping their skirts and whimpering.

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