

Deep and Shallows

Betty and the Bear

The new Pennsylvania R. R. station was fast nearing completion. Soon a telegraph operator would be installed and the subdivision would be connected with all the world. As workmen were putting in the last pole, the two-car train pulled in, and from the baggage car stepped a man and a bear.

The man's outfit had seen better days — old crimson blouse, velvet hat with green feather, velvet breeches, orange colored sash, crimson hose and silver buckles on his shoes. The bear, a small brown one, the kind easily tamed and trained, sniffed at the new pole nearest him.

To make his presence known the man began to sing in a loud tenor voice, "Up-dee, eye - eye - eye - eye, ump - dee - eye." The tune varied with each repetition, and the bear went into a clumsy dance. He played dead, turned somersaults, and even hugged the man, sending chills down the backs of the spectators. Afterwards he presented a tin cup in his paws, bowing whenever a coin was dropped into it.

The animal wore a leather collar around his neck, with a light steel chain reaching from it to the leather band on the man's wrist. While the bear was doing a trick the chain's length from the man, a large dog suddenly appeared, barking fiercely. The bear gave a sharp jerk, the chain snapped, and before anyone could think clearly, the bear was climbing the pole nearest him.

He sat on two cross bars close to the top and straddled the pole with his hind legs, hanging his front paws over the top bar, thus keeping his balance, and when comfortably settled, looked down calmly on his agitated master and the amused crowd. From 4 p.m. on the man sang, talked, scolded, threatened and even swore — all to no avail. The bear shifted his position occasionally, but never in a downward direction.

A ladder was placed within reach of the chain, but the bear pulled the chain back. Food was placed on the ground, but nothing could tempt the bear from his elevated perch.

Most of the male population, from grandfathers to seven-year-olds, were at the station now. It was still daylight as the 6:30 train pulled in. Only one passenger alighted — 10-year-old Betty Jamison.

"What's all the commotion about?" she asked. Dozens of voices answered and many fingers pointed to the bear. The owner declared, desperately: "I would give five dollars if someone would get Bruno down!"

Five dollars. To Betty Jamison that was a lot of money. It would pay her train fare to the big city where her mother was in the hospital, leaving some over for another trip. She looked thoughtfully at the bear, then turning to the man, said: "I'll see what I can do." The man looked hope-

ful and the crowd grinned in anticipation.

A voice called out, "Bet you a dollar you can't get him down before midnight." In a few minutes Betty had bet all the money she had — four dollars.

Demands came for her to hurry and get him down, but she said she would have to go home for things she needed. Half the crowd wanted to escort her, but she chose a neighbor boy to go with her. A policeman held the stakes.

Soon Betty was back with a covered basket from which she took a loaf of white bread, a jar of honey, a jar of molasses, a carving knife and some twine. The boy carried a long fishing pole and a bucket of water.

Betty cut the loaf in half, lengthwise. On one half she poured molasses, and on the other half, honey. With the twine she tied the molasses half to the tip of the pole. Then she asked for lots of room and quiet. The crowd formed a circle about her.

She lifted the pole near the bear's nose. He smelt the molasses, and with squeals and grunts, tried to reach the bread with his paw. Careful not to let him get it, Betty removed the molasses bread and substituted the honey. The bear was getting excited.

Cutting the bread into smaller pieces, Betty laid them on the ground with the bucket of water near by, all the time talking to the bear. She told him she couldn't wait much longer, for she would have to go home to her own supper. The bear answered with squeals and grunts, but didn't come down.

Slowly Betty began to pack the jars and sweetened bread back in the basket, still talking to the bear. He fussed, but remained on his pole. Covering the basket, Betty called to the boy to bring the pole and the bucket, and started slowly toward home, still talking to Bruno.

The crowd, quiet, with upturned faces, focused their eyes on Bruno, who, when he realized Betty was going to leave with the sweets, gave a loud squeal and began to descend. About half way down, he could come no further. Sensing what was wrong, he climbed back, released the chain that was snagged on one of the bars, and by the time he reached the ground, Betty had his supper ready for him. As he passed her to get to the food, she picked up the dragging chain and handed it to the man.

Bruno's master was overwhelmed to see a pretty young American girl bring down his bear. He took off his hat with its green feather, and, jabbering his thanks, put the five dollar bill in her palm, closed her fingers, turned her hand over and kissed it. The policeman stepped up with the stakes he was holding, with several dollars that had been added, and the crowd gave Betty a rousing cheer.

They had witnessed a play. The scenery was real, the acting natural. Hollywood could do no better.

—A.C.O.

January

(A Whimsy)

The months, it always seems to me,
Possess a personality;
January doubles for
A man-about-town bachelor;
Suave, sardonic, straight and tall—
Not the guy to trust, at all;
Sophisticated, worldly wise,
Blue icicles in his eyes.
Worldly-wise and woman-wary...
Man-about-town January.

—E.B.O.

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Mrs. Robert Bussard to Head Welfare Group

Mrs. Robert Bussard will receive the president's gavel from Mrs. Ralph C. Archer Monday afternoon, Jan. 27, as she takes over as new president of the junior group of the Highland Park-Ravinia center of the Infant Welfare society of Chicago. Mrs. Archer is retiring after two years as president.

Mrs. Gustavus Babson will be hostess at her home, 1100 S. Linden. The program will include annual reports by members of the 1946 board.

Plans will be made to attend the annual meeting of the Infant Welfare society of Chicago which fall on Jan. 29. All new members of the group are required to attend this meeting and many others join them each year because of general interest. The women's auxiliary's meeting will take place at 10:30 in the morning in the Casino room of the Congress hotel. Mrs. Ralph Archer of Highland Park is chairman of the nominating committee. The presiding officer will be Mrs. Robert McDougal Jr. Mr. Philip D. Armour, president of the Infant Welfare society of Chicago, will have charge of the meeting which follows the annual luncheon at 12:30 in the Gold ball room of the Congress hotel.

Highland Park Musicians to Appear on Winnetka Program January 27

The Winnetka Music club has invited Mrs. Myles Dressler, president of the local club and Mrs. Clarence W. Schaaf, first vice-president, to the interesting program which members of the local club will give before the Winnetka club on January 27. An exceptionally delightful program is being prepared by Virginia Schur, pianist; Mildred Schneider, soprano; Marian Bard Boand, composer-pianist; and Doris Seelig and Elizabeth Ollivier, pianist and cellist, respectively. This attractive program should be as delightful as the one some members of the Winnetka club gave recently before the members of the local club.

Coronet Cover Painted By Local Artist

William Fleming of Highland Park is the artist who created Coronet's February cover. Capturing the haunting fragrance of quieter era, he painted a marble mantel, an antique candlestick, yellowing love letters, valentines and the key to a storehouse of memories as reminders of a day that has slipped into eternity. The two old valentines are reproductions of actual "models" borrowed by the artist. The rose is from Fleming's own garden in Highland Park.

The artist started his career in high school and continued his studies at the University of Wisconsin and the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts.

Mrs. C. Bouton McDougal On Simmons College Comm.

Mrs. C. Bouton McDougal of Indian Tree road has been appointed a member of the alumnae steering committee and the Simmons appeal committee for the Simmons college 50th anniversary appeal which will seek to raise \$3,500,000 for academic and physical needs as the college approaches its 50th birthday.

Mrs. McDougal is a graduate of the school of science at Simmons. She will counsel and advise the over-all planning committee for the appeal.

Telephone Girls Present Purse to Bette Lampe

Highland Park telephone girls, headed by Ann Connolly, recently presented Bette Jean Lampe, now a patient at the West Suburban hospital at Oak Park, with a purse of \$56. Miss Lampe, a 23-year-old girl, has spent 17 years of her life in hospitals, having been raised in the Shriners' home for crippled children. The Herald American raised \$3000 for Miss Lampe in a national campaign, inspiring the telephone girls to help. The purse was sent on Monday, with a letter to Miss Lampe.

H. P. Music Club to Present Outstanding

An unusual musical treat is in store for the members of the Highland Park Music club, their husbands and other friends, on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 30, at 8:00 o'clock, at the Community center, Central avenue. The program will be followed by refreshments, which will appeal especially to the men guests, and community singing by guests and artists will conclude the program.

The evening's musical program will include two groups of songs by the club chorus, under the direction of Miss Olga Sandor, with Mrs. Paul Mathews as accompanist, piano solos by the gifted composer, Marlon Bard Boand, songs by Chester Kyle and Miss Marian Clarke, with Miss Florence Rickert accompanying. Mr. Kyle is well known in the community as the possessor of an exceptionally fine voice. The program will close with the Beethoven sonata No. 1 for piano and cello, performed by Doris Seelig and Elizabeth Ollivier, professional musicians who have played with leading orchestras in the east and are among the most talented members of the local club.

Women of the Moose Hold Open Meeting For Friendship Chapter

Wednesday, Jan. 15, was open meeting at Witten hall for the Women of the Moose, in honor of the chapter night of the Academy of Friendship. Speaker of the evening, introduced by Ruth Koopman, chairman, was Kimmy Wallace of Chicago chapter 129. Also a guest was Anna Ladney, past graduate regent of Chicago 129.

Chairs were filled by guest officers as follows: Senior regent, Helen Meckley; graduate regent, Mary Tagliapietra; junior regent, Virginia Garion; chaplain, Margaret Beach; treasurer, Florine Inman; pianist, Rosemary Holm; recorder, Triny Zimmer; guide, Kimmy Wallace; assistant guide, Alice Coleman; sentinel, Rena Pasinato; argus, Marie Sacco.

Chairman Koopman presented the guests with corsages, and Katherine Mennoni, Selma Anderson and Margaret Bench were presented with friendship rings.

A musical program was presented by the children of some of the members, consisting of a group of songs by Lucille Carani, an accordion duet by Mary and Donald Arisno, a cello and violin duet by Donald and Dick Roberts, and an accordion solo by Eugene Tagliapietra. Birthday gifts were presented to Helen Rowe and Alice Coleman by the senior regent. Refreshments followed.

The chapter is invited to Academy of Friendship night at Chicago 129 on Jan. 20.

Julietta Smith, who is moving to Missouri, was recently visited by a group of members who presented her with a pen and pencil set as a going away gift.

Lt. Zaeske, USNR, Receives Citation

Lt. Earling Wallace Zaeske, USNR, of N. St. Johns avenue, husband of Mrs. Bereth Eleanor Zaeske, has received a permanent citation for his Distinguished Flying Cross from Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, for the President.

Lt. Zaeske, who has been released to inactive duty, received the award for performance in flight against Japanese forces in the Pacific area.

On two occasions Lt. (then Lt. jg) Zaeske engaged and shot down three Japanese fighters and, during a search mission, succeeded in attacking and destroying an enemy search plane.

Mary Grady Graduates From Nursing Course

Miss Mary Grady, Forest avenue, is one of eleven affiliate nurses who were graduated Tuesday, Jan. 21, from the orthopaedic nursing course at the University of Illinois college of medicine.

Sixty-eight senior cadet nurses have completed the three-months orthopaedic nursing course since it was inaugurated in May of 1944—first of its kind in the United States. Thirty affiliate nurses have completed the course since May 1946.

Your Congressman Goes to Washington

The road ahead of your Congressman during the next two years will be difficult because the majority leaders in House and Senate will be of a different political party from the President. Legislative programs will run the risk of veto by the President. The President's responsibility under the constitution of initiating legislation will be difficult for him to discharge.

Such a situation makes it all the more imperative for League members and all citizens to be vocal in their opinions, so that both Congress and the President will be aware of a strong public opinion supporting or opposing them as the case may be.

To meet your Congressman personally, to assure him of your interest, and to wish him success, even though you do not discuss particular subjects with him, is a good idea. A letter from you thereafter will be identified with your name and will carry just that much more weight.

No democratic government can flourish unless there is effort by citizens concerned only with the public interest, and unless such efforts can find a way to bring their influence to bear on government. So go in spirit to Washington with your Congressman. Let him know when you approve of his action, and voice your disapproval with reasons when you disagree. Do this concisely in just a few words, so that a busy man can get your reactions quickly.

Government of the people demands that the people make their voices heard. (Adapted from an article in the January issue of "Action," published by the League of Women Voters of the United States.)

For Fun and for Profit Is Woman's Club Party

A dessert-bridge party "for fun and frolic," sponsored by the finance committee of the Highland Park Woman's club, will be given at the club house, Elm place and Sheridan, on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 1:30 p.m.

Dessert and coffee will be ready at that hour, and attractive table prizes will be provided.

There will be no advance sale of tickets. Reservations may be made by telephoning Mrs. Archibald Abercromby, chairman of the finance committee, H. P. 1406; Mrs. V. William Bridle, vice-

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