

Deep and Shallows

March

March seems, to me, to be all wrong—
In fact, I think he lives too long;
His reign is full of sudden turns,
He thaws and freezes, chaps and burns;
And I, for one, would not demur
At barring him from the calendar;
But every rugged stretch must—
end,
And he's, no doubt, a sort of friend;
His harsh routine of thaw and freeze
Serves to awaken tired old trees;
Perhaps his function is to bring
The promise of approaching spring.

R.B.O.

You Never Can Tell

The Ladies' Aid Society of our small town church wanted to earn some extra money and we decided to give a concert. We were near a Military Reservation and the church always welcomed any soldier who attended the services. We met many nice young men, who couldn't help much financially, but were always willing to do odd and end jobs that our husbands didn't have the time, nor, in many cases, the inclination to do for us.

Being chairman of the program committee, I asked a group of the soldiers if any of them would sing for us. The answer came in a chorus, "Ask Briggs; he'll sing anywhere."

The following Sunday evening Mr. Briggs appeared, a handsome chap, with good manners. He was willing to sing and suggested, it being a church concert, that he sing "The Palms." Marge was to play the organ. After a couple of rehearsals we were ready for the eventful evening.

Now we had in the membership of this Aid Society a wealthy old maid whose whims had to be catered to religiously. If not, in the collection box the next Sunday, she would drop a ten cent piece, at both morning and evening service, and sit like an icicle in her pew. So it was necessary to consult her about everything simply because we needed the dollar she otherwise gave at each service.

When I told her about the singing of The Palms, she was pleased, not only that it was a beautiful song, but that it was to be sung by a soldier. I made it my business to have her meet Mr. Briggs and she even shook hands with him.

Came the night of the concert. The church was crowded. Mr. Briggs was next to the last on the program. He sure could sing and the applause showed the audience appreciated it. He went back on the platform and made a gracious

bow. In fact he went back twice, but the applause continued. Then he and Marge had a little talk and they decided he was to sing without the organ. He didn't tell her what he was going to sing and I was behind the curtain getting the little girls ready for the "Good Night" song. I couldn't leave them, for they had their candles lit and were dressed in their nighties, with their hair all loose around their heads. So I wasn't consulted.

After the fine rendition of the first song, I expected something like "Holy Night" or "Blest be the tie that binds." Imagine my surprise, when to me, behind the curtain, came the tune of "The Cat Came Back" the chorus of which was:

"The cat came back,
She couldn't stay away,
The cat came back,
The very next day."

After the third verse, (and there were several more), the soldiers and the audience joined in. I couldn't see the old maid from where I was, but I could see Marge standing behind a post with her hands over her face. But I had to get this last number on the stage. There were four little girls with lit candles. Each said her two lines, blew out her candle and the program was ended.

By the time I could get out from behind that curtain, most of the audience was out of the church. Even Mr. Briggs and Marge were gone. I was left to lock the door, and it was understood I would get the key to the old maid the next morning as she was in charge of the cleaning up.

I wasn't in a bit of a hurry to get that key to her the next day. I knew what to expect and daudled along with my house work. Came several hard bangs of the knocker on the front door. Then I heard the front door open.

I was sure it was Marge, and I couldn't believe my eyes when I beheld the old maid all abeam, eyes sparkling, and smiling from ear to ear. I was grabbed by the shoulders and kissed on the cheek. My knees gave way and I flopped on the sofa and she was beside me.

She gushed and she raved about the wonderful program, and she specialized about Mr. Briggs' encore. She wound up with:

"I couldn't understand the words, but the lit and the tilt of the tune! It just carried me away!" And she pressed into my hand an extra dollar which I was to add to the concert money.

—A.C.O.

Consider the Sloth

They say that to-a near-by zoo
The stork has brought an infant,
who
Is in his pristine stage of growth...
A lovely little two-toed sloth.
The mother is neglectful, she
Selects a pleasant, quiet tree,
And, hanging by her pair of toes,
Does nothing all day long but
doze.
The baby doesn't mind it; he
Will also soon pick out a tree,
And there in bliss will swing and
sway
Without a care the livelong day.
If I find, in the post-world span,
Reincarnation is the plan,
Suspended by one toe—or both—
I'd love to be a two-toed sloth!

—R. B. O.

Mothers Club to Sew For Downey Hospital

At their next meeting, on Tuesday, March 11, at 8 pm, the Mothers club will do sewing of quilt patches and rug rags for use at Downey veterans hospital. Refreshments will be served. All members urged to come.

Spring Vacation Starts On Friday, April 4

This year's spring vacation will commence on Friday, April 4, and continue throughout the following week. School will start on Monday, April 14.

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Special Agent S. F. Tremaine to Address Members of D. A. R.

A large audience is expected on Thursday evening, March 13, when the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will send a special agent to Highland Park to appear on the program of the North Shore chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, to be held at the home of Mrs. Wilford C. Shipps, 511 S. Green Bay road, at 8 pm. "On Guard" will be the subject chosen by Special Agent S. F. Tremaine for his talk to the members of the DAR, their husbands and guests.

Mr. Tremaine is a native of Missouri. A graduate of Washington university school of law at St. Louis, he entered on duty with the FBI in October, 1940. Since that time he has worked in its offices in San Diego, Calif., and Seattle, Wash.

Prior to coming to Chicago, Mr. Tremaine has performed work in all types of investigation of federal violations which come within the investigative jurisdiction of this bureau.

Assisting Mrs. Shipps will be Mrs. Carleton Moseley, Mrs. Norman Lenington, Mrs. Walter Mayer, Mrs. Mary Helms and Mrs. William Gartside.

VFW Dance Party Is Well Attended

The informal dance and get-together by the Highland Park VFW post was attended by some 100 to 125 members and guests.

Highlights of the evening were dancing to good music and refreshments served by Tom Garrity and Paul Buller. Two door prizes furnished by I. H. Nemeroff, were awarded by Hi Nichols, assisted by Mrs. Erickson and Stan Pankman. The winner of the first prize was Stan Pankman and second prize by Miss Dottie Owen. The prizes were a sterling silver embossed plastic cigarette case and a genuine leather billfold.

There will be an open forum meeting at the Highland Park fire station at 8 p.m. today (March 6) for the purpose of nominating candidates for the forthcoming election of officers. All members are urged to be present.

The next regular business meeting of the post will be held at Witten hall, March 13, at 8 pm.

The next dance will be March 26 with music by the Radio Kings of Waukegan. All members and guests are again invited to enjoy this evening. Dancing begins at 9 pm.

Lecture on Origin and Possible Fate of Universe

John Sternig, director of science in the Glencoe public schools, and assistant in astronomy at the Dearborn observatory, will present an illustrated lecture on "Cosmogony, the Beginning and End of All Things" at the meeting of the Burnham Astronomical society, at 8 pm, March 11, in the auditorium of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, Lincoln Park at 2001 North Clark St. The public is cordially invited to attend this free public lecture.

The lecture will deal with theories of the origin of the universe, particularly the solar system. Some of the theories of life in the universe, as well as possible ends of our world by collision, cold, heat, or other means will also be outlined.

Seven Schools Enter District Music Contest

In reply to a questionnaire sent out last week, approximately one-third of the schools eligible for the district music contest have entered students in 42 events.

Of these entries, there are 70 instrumental soloists entered in 18 events and 30 vocal soloists entered in 6 events. Of the ensembles, there are 24 entered in instrumental in 15 events and 5 vocal entered in 3 events.

Possible entries from Highland Park high school are as follows: Carolyn Baird (violin), Ellie Baird (cello), Hein Juergenson (viola), Howard Caro (clarinet), Art Fuller (bass clarinet), Janeth Finch (horn), and Bill Bates (snare drums).

The contest is sponsored by the Illinois High School association.

Hobo Hop to Be Held April 19

That the Hobo Hop would be held April 19 in the boys' gym was the decision recently reached by the Student Council. The dance orchestra has not been engaged, but a good organization will supply the music. A floor show and refreshments will make the evening more enjoyable.

The Student Council, which is in charge of the dance, is headed by Janice Schick (president), Don Nash (vice-president), Pat Barton, Nancy Zipoy, Charles Marty, Carol Grimes, Don Ryan, Jack Close, Sally Lautman, Eddy Piacentini, Deno Melchiorre, and Fred Greco.

High School Seniors Eligible for Honor Roll

The following people, because of being in the upper third of their class are eligible for initiation in the National Honor society.

Later they will also be judged on the basis of character, leadership, and service, and those selected for membership will be initiated in a special assembly.

Mary Adler, Portia Allen, Ralph Archer, Ronald Bailey, Charles Baker, Marjorie Baker, Pat Barton, Jessie Belmonte, Mary Bezark, Bernardine Booth, Mary Buchanan, Joverne Bulmer, Joan Clemence, Lois Collard, Caroline Cronkhite, Aldo Crovetti, Jerry Darby, Dorothy Dickinson, Mary Eriksen, Rosalind Fox.

Georgia Glader, Carol Grimes, Robert Haskins, Bill Heiler, Marjorie Hurt, David Hutchinson, John Kaatz, Helen Kee, Patricia Lane, Barbara Lasier, Norma Lenzini, Lois Lineberry, Naomi Madison, Marjorie Marshall, Charles Marty, Joe Meggiorini, Robert Metznerberg, Jean Miller, Virginia Morelli, Jo Anne Myer, Don Nash, Sue Nolde, Sue Ostrander, Theresa Pace, Robert Peet, Ruth Rogan, John Rosenheim, Mitz Newnan, Laurel Rosenthal, Ruth Rossiter, William Ruekberg, Don Ryan, Janice Schick, Richard Schimmel-pfeng, Dorothea Schwennecker, Charles Sherwin, Jack Siegle, Anne Silverman, Joan Smith, Gwenn Sybeson, Patricia Lynn.

Nell Taussig, Anne Templeton, Valerie Vetter, Caryl Wagner, Toyoko Wakumoto, Jerry Walecka, Dorie Weber, Phyllis Weed, Bruce Wertheimer, Gail Whitehead, Winslow Whitman, Nan Wiener, Edna Mae Wilner, Margaret Wolf, Keith Young, Theo Zaeske, Nancy Zipoy, Lawrence Zahnle.

Welfare Intermediate Group Holds First Meeting

Members of the newly formed Intermediate group of Infant Welfare attended their first meeting at the home of Mrs. L. L. Jim Howe, 2115 Ashland, on Monday, Feb. 24.

A short business meeting of the board preceded the regular meeting with the following board members attending: Mrs. John B. Martineau, president; Mrs. L. L. J. Howe, vice president; Mrs. Theodore Osborn, secretary; Mrs. Thomas Keogh, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Bates, station chairman; Mrs. Ralph Archer, food chairman; Mrs. Charles Brandriff, member at large; Mrs. Walter H. Rietz, phone chairman; Mrs. J. Franklin Bickmore, publicity.

Knitting mittens for the children at the Infant Welfare stations is a new project begun by the Intermediate group. This is in addition to working on baby clothes and garments for the children.

"Lucky" Reynolds on Army Newspaper Staff

A letter from Okinawa, where Dwight "Lucky" Reynolds is stationed, reveals that he has been placed on the staff of the "Daily Okinawan." Lucky is a former employee of the Highland Park Press.

His address is now "8104 Service Detachment, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco," and his new APO number is 331.

YWCA CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 11—
10 am. Board meeting.
6:30 pm. Pi Delta—world wide observance dinner and program.
8:00 pm. Mothers club meeting.
Wednesday, Mar. 12—
10 am. Sewing group.
7:45 pm. Discussion group (3rd meeting) "Why Keep Up with the Joneses?"
Thursday, March 13—
10 am. Creative Writers.
7:30 pm. Painting class.

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