

Deep and Shallows

I Waited Forty Years For This

"Have you a piece of silk woven tight enough to let the wind through, and yet light in weight?" a friend asked me. I did, and I gave it to him. Then he told me why he wanted it . . . to cover the wings of the model of his "Flying Machine," composed of little steel sticks, crisscrossed and wound with rubber bands. On its trial flight it flew 200 yards. This was my first interest in "sky flying."

A few years later — in 1906 or 1907 — I was in New York. The Hudson Fulton Celebration was on, and the Wright Brothers were to show off their machine by flying over the Hudson River.

I boarded a ferry named "The Queen," and I stayed on that ferry for nine trips, at five cents a ride . . . and still there was nothing to be seen of the Wright Brothers and their flying machine.

Then I remembered that there were wind bags on several corners which were to tell the public if the wind blew from a certain direction there would be NO demonstration. I decided to go to the nearest corner and see if the wind was keeping the Wright Brothers grounded.

I found everything favorable. But I also found, when I got back, that, in my absence, the Wright Brothers had flown across the Hudson directly over "The Queen." I had the satisfaction of seeing pictures of it in the next day's papers.

From then on I was interested in airplanes. But the masculine end of the family, although he would go on water in any kind of weather, in any kind of conveyance, from canoe to submarine, strenuously objected to my going up in the air. Being a dutiful wife, and disliking to see him in a frenzy, I stayed on ground.

Four years after I took over the helm of our household came the Christmas of 1946, which found me living with my daughter's family and enjoying the delightful climate of California. There was a lot of joking about the presents that Santa Claus was going to give different members of the family. There was one coming my way that they all knew about. It was black and white, they told me, and would stretch very long and snap back again. I would like it, and they were sure I would like more of it.

I guessed everything under the sun, but didn't get even luke warm.

The first package taken from the Christmas tree, it was much bedecked with ribbons and tinsel. I was as curious to see the contents as they were to see my expression when I got to — two tickets for a round trip to Catalina Island via a twenty-passenger America Line airplane.

My daughter was to go with me, but when she found that her son-in-law had never been up in a plane she made him my escort.

I could hardly wait for the day. Although winter weather in California is not dependable, it turned out to be a beautiful day. We went by limousine to Wine and Hollywood Boulevard (corresponding

to Madison and State in Chicago) and from there out to the Airport. It was interesting . . . announcements of planes coming in and going out . . . calling of names of someone to come to the telephone in the office. (Same old gag of wanting the public to know who you are.)

We got a good seat and our plane began to move. Our view of the Pacific was beautiful. When we reached Catalina Island we really began to climb. The Airport is in the middle of the island on top of a high mountain. It was interesting to see the plane go between the hills and not even scrape wings on them.

Not carrying any baggage, we were conspicuous, and as all passengers are carefully looked after, the host came over to tell us that the limousine was waiting to take us down to Avalon, the only town on the island. We were not interested in Avalon, and that made us still more different from the average passenger.

Then I told the host that this was our first air trip; that I had been interested in aviation for forty years and told him my age. I told him I had traveled a great deal by boat and train, but had never been allowed to go by plane. I asked him how they leveled off the top of the mountain. He gave us a lot of data about what they had done and were going to do. Even about the cottages they were going to build for people who want to get away from crowds for a rest. Ideal spot to be, with a plane coming in twice a day.

I asked him why they didn't route over Avalon. Also mentioned I had been to Avalon twice some years before, the first time finding a very pretty little town, and the second, a place so commercialized that we didn't like it at all. He asked if I would like to see it from above, and I said yes.

He took me by the arm and we walked over to the pilot. He told him my age, how long I had been interested in aviation, that this was my first plane ride, and that I wanted to see Avalon from "the top." He then gave him orders to go back over Avalon.

Which he did . . . and wasn't that nice of him?

The sensation was no different from riding in a Pullman, and I enjoyed every minute of the trip. —A.C.O.

Note: Here is one lady who does not shrink from revealing her age. We have it on good authority that she is reaching for 81. —R.B.O.

Esquire Story Written By Carl Bingham, Jr.

An article entitled "And Points West," written by Carl G. Bingham, Jr., under the pen name of Geary Bingham, appears in the April number of Esquire. Well-written and amusing, it elaborates upon the theme: A woman's place is in the home because she doesn't know how to travel.

Mr. Bingham dwells upon the trials of the long-suffering husband who must accompany her on her travels, "from the Battle of the Taxi" to the time when they "bring the train in on time when she's got all that packing to do."

As Mr. Bingham sees it, "the average railway station brings out the Houdini in every married female. She can tie herself into knots, make the solidest matter evaporate and vanish in less than a puff of smoke."

High School Hobo Hop April 19th

The final plans for the annual Hobo Hop have been completed by the Student Council. The dance will be held Saturday, April 19, in the boys' gym. It will start at 9 pm.

Fred Greco, who is in charge of the selection of the band, is attempting to obtain the Shoreliners. Don Ryan and Don Nash are in charge of decorations.

Plans for the floor show have not been made, but the usual refreshments will be sold.

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Ravinia Gardeners Exhibit In "Fashions in Flowers"

Ravinia Garden club members are busy preparing their exhibits in the 1947 "Fashions in Flowers" to be presented by the Garden Club of Illinois on the ninth floor of Marshall Field and Company from March 24 to April 5.

Under the direction of its flower show chairman, Mrs. C. Vigo Nichols, the club has entered a major exhibit entitled an "Outside Window Planting," on which are working Mrs. Bertram Weber, Mrs. Le Roy Harza, Mrs. Kenneth Kraft, and Mrs. John Wilbor. Mrs. Arthur Baldauf will do "A Flower Arrangement in a Copper Container."

Free lectures to be given in the Wedgwood room during the show are as follows:

Wednesday, March 26, 10:45—Marc Leeds, "Flower Arrangements."

1:30—Mrs. Robert R. Kearfoot, of Mamaroneck, N. Y., "Obtaining Color Harmony in Flower Arrangements."

Monday, March 31, 10:45—Mrs. Laura H. Weber of Freeport, "Distinctive Arrangements."

1:30—John Ott, Jr., of Winnetka, "Flowers in Action."

Mme. Brush Guest Speaker At H. Park Music Club

An unusual and interesting program is being prepared for the March meeting of the Highland Park Music club, to be held at the home of Mrs. George M. Lyman, 910 S. Linden, Wednesday, March 26, at 2 pm. Interpreting the talk on "The Song Festival of the Romantic Years" given by Madame Daniel Harmon Brush of Glencoe, Mrs. Ruth Goodkind, soprano and accompanist Mrs. Ellen J. Kempner, will sing Schumann and Brahms lyric songs.

Madame Brush comes from Touraine, the chateau country in France, and is head of the French department at the Lake Forest day school. She has spoken frequently both in French and English in Chicago and on the North Shore on musical subjects. She was a pupil of Jean Hure, professor in the Paris conservatoire, and her charm and knowledge of the romantic period of music will make the coming meeting a memorable one. Mrs. Goodkind and Mrs. Kempner are well known members of the club whose performances are always welcomed.

Who Is Hattie?

Who is Hattie? Each and every Infant Welfareer is pondering this question. She is more than pondering, she is calling upon any latent "Dache" qualities she may possess in an effort to refurbish her old hats with costume jewelry and flowers. These confections she will take with her to the meeting of the Highland Park-Ravinia center of Infant Welfare at the home of Mrs. Philip Sparling, 756 Oak Grove, on Monday, Mar. 24. At this time the member judged to have brought the most cleverly decorated hats will be crowned "Hattie" with a beautiful spring hat donated by Marshall Field & Co. of Lake Forest for this occasion. Last year, Mrs. Robert Bussard, president of the group, won the hat with her novel arrangement of hats pinned on a parasol.

After the members have been given an opportunity to express their admiration and to buy one another's hats the remaining collection will be turned over to the Thrift Shop in time for its pre-Easter sale.

Assisting Mrs. Sparling at the all-day meeting will be Mrs. John Kies, Mrs. E. N. Johnson, Mrs. Walter Holden, Mrs. Herbert Carlson, Mrs. Robert Heck, and Mrs. F. O. Dicus. The luncheon which will be served from a table deco-

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Woman's Club Plans Spring Dinner Dance

Plans are in the making for the Spring Formal dinner dance at the Highland Park Woman's club.

This will be held at 8:30 pm on April 12, under the direction of the activities committee. Mrs. Roland G. Maus is chairman and Mrs. Carl Howard is vice-chairman of this committee, comprised of the following members: Mesdames Rex Andrews, J. Franklin Bickmore, Kendall Clough, James M. Cuthbertson, Frank H. Driggs, R. W. Forsythe, P. E. Garrett, Stanley D. Grace, John W. Meyer, Loren C. Moore, Vernon Mortimer, H. L. Nehrass, J. Earl Prussan, B. F. Reinking, Alain L. St. Cyr and Paul Smith.

Mrs. F. B. Reinking will plan the table decorations, and the McCullough Catering Co. of Glencoe has promised another excellent dinner. Fletcher Butler's popular orchestra will play for the dancing.

The same reasonable fee will be charged for members and guests alike.

Further information may be obtained from and reservations made with Mrs. Maus, H. P. 4575, or Mrs. Howard, H. P. 4004. For obvious reasons, no cancellations can be accepted after April 9.

State Conference of DAR In Chicago, Mar. 20, 21

The annual state conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held at the Drake hotel in Chicago today and tomorrow (March 20-21). Mrs. Frederick A. Sapp, state regent, will preside at all sessions, which start at 9:30 each morning and which will attract a large number of delegates from chapters all over the state of Illinois.

Representing the North Shore chapter are the regent, Mrs. George O. Strecker, Mrs. Jared Johnson, Mrs. Norman Lenington, Mrs. Jerry C. Leaming, Mrs. F. G. Waggert, delegate, and Mrs. Jas. Duffy, niece of the state regent, Mrs. Sapp. All members of the DAR are welcome to attend the state conference.

Of special interest will be the drawing of the name for the Good Citizenship Pilgrimage on Friday morning. The girl whose name will be drawn by Mrs. Sapp will be given a trip to Washington. The names of Janice Schick of Highland Park and Hester Atteridge of Lake Forest will be the contestants chosen by the North Shore chapter to compete for this prize.

Philanthropy Club to Mend and Sew April 2

The Philanthropy committee of the Highland Park Woman's club, under the direction of Mrs. Roland G. Maus, chairman, will again meet at the Ridge Farm Preventorium on Wednesday, April 2, to mend and sew. This is a monthly service conducted by this committee, and anyone interested is invited to join them. There is work enough for all, as any woman will realize, with the wear and tear of forty or fifty active young girls to repair.

Luncheon is served in the preventorium dining room at 12, at a small cost. Work starts at 10:30 am, and sometimes continues as late as 4:30. Come for any part of this time.

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Lincoln PTA Will Hold Dance Mar. 22

A semi-formal dance is being sponsored by the Lincoln school PTA Saturday night, March 22, from 9 to 12, in the school auditorium.

Roger Morrison and his orchestra will furnish the music. There will be surprise entertainment and plenty of good food.

Tickets for the dance may be procured from Mrs. W. H. Pagenkopf, 812 Waverly road, H. P. 5391.

Ravinia PTA Will Meet March 25

On Tuesday evening, March 25, at 8 o'clock, the parents and teachers of the Ravinia school will meet in the village house for a short business meeting before the annual Open House.

After the business meeting parents are invited to visit their children's classrooms to see exhibits of some of the work they do from day to day, and to meet their teachers.



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