

Deep and Shallows

Taken for a Ride

We had decided to spend the week-end by driving to San Francisco. So we dropped the cats at the cat hospital and were on our way.

I had been through what is called "The Pass" several times in going to the ranch, but it is a mere baby compared to the two we went through on our way to San Francisco. We climbed to 2,000 feet, 3,000 feet, 4,000 feet, then began to go down. The scenery was beautiful, with many shrubs in bloom and yellow and lavender ground flowers by the millions. Along the way were hydrants for thirsty folks and their autos. Repair stations and towing outfits were doing a big business. Slow moving diesel engines pulling two huge trucks could be passed only when a half mile of road could be clearly seen ahead.

Stopping at San Jose for the night we parked the car in the new underground parking place, under the City Park and several stories deep. It was worth seeing.

Bridges have always been of great interest to me. I'd seen foundations laid for two of the largest bridges. Now we decided to see them, finished. They are so huge that any boat can go under them, one painted red and the other gray. Roads leading to them are engineering feats. The San Mateo bridge is very unusual — 12-miles long and claimed to be the longest in the world. Seven miles over deep water and five over water five to fifteen or more feet deep. Can you imagine a bridge from Highland Park to Evanston, or from Highland Park to Waukegan?

In San Jose I saw something not mentioned in the Chamber of Commerce literature. Walking

about for exercise, I looked into a ravine where a palm tree was growing, the top about at the level of the road. Sparrows had nested in it, and the parent birds were feeding their babies. Birds don't nest in palm trees. Maybe there is a shortage of houses in the bird family, too.

Signs are always of interest to me. Here they usually adorn one-story places and are painted in contrasting bright colors. Take "Jiffy Chick Bar." Your guess is as good as mine. "Chat and Chew" sounded inviting. "Sophie's Mixed Drinks" was colorful. The sign, a foot high, ran the length of the room, on both sides of the entrance and both sides of a stand on the curb. You couldn't miss Sophie's.

Along the road, also, were small signs, each displaying a couple of words: "Don't lose... Your head... To save... A minute... You need... Your head... Your brain... Is in it!"

Reaching home the evening of the fourth day, we stopped to pick up the cats, and they were just as glad to see us as we were to see them. The Cat Doctor had given Sugar a bath — and what an improvement!

—A.C.O.

Planes Passing Over

When a native bird-man passes, It's quite the usual thing To swoop and make his presence known By wagging a wing.

So when some plane flies over, And in passing, zooms down low, We smile, and glancing skyward, say: "Bet that's someone we know!"

—R.B.O.

Ruth E. Dennis Tours Japan As Educational Specialist

A letter which arrived from Japan this week tells of the experiences of Ruth E. Dennis, educational specialist, in that country. Miss Dennis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Dennis, 2400 S. Green Bay road.

In her work Miss Dennis is known as a "Team," since she is always accompanied by a driver and an interpreter. She is now studying conversational Japanese, herself. Her work is to help install approved school systems, give constructive criticism, explain democracy, etc. She travels between Japanese prefectures, or states.

Recently she spoke to a gathering of 500 delegates, representing 12,000 members of educational groups. Her subject was "Woman's Education in the States and Democracy."

The Japanese, she reports, are eager to learn more about the United States, and seem to regard anything American highly. Visiting an English class for Japanese youngsters, recently, she asked why they were forming in line. She learned it was to obtain her autograph.

On May 16 she attended an adult educational conference at Karatsu, Saga prefecture, attended by approximately 1200 men and 800 women. Not sufficient time was found to answer all the questions from the audience, so that Mr. Bartz, Saga military government team, offered to answer them by mail, and also to return in one month to confer with educational leaders. The questions asked hinged on "How is such and such done in the United States?" They seemed especially interested in correspondence and extension education, a feature rather new to them. They were also concerned about religious problems.

During a physical education demonstration an American trend was observed. Girls of the middle school demonstrated Japanese dance formations and an American barn dance, followed by out door ball games by boys of a local school. The movie, "Freedom to Learn," was shown, and slide pictures illustrating a lecture treating of modern schools, democracy, public health, coeducation, PTA, new curriculum, American school system, the new Japanese constitution, etc. Miss Dennis feels that visual aids of this type will do more to spread democracy than lectures.

Miss Dennis, a former employee at Port Sheridan, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and has had considerable experience teaching in the States. She has been working abroad for over a year.

Stanley W. McKee Outstanding Authority On Safety Education

Stanley W. McKee, principal of Lincoln school, is recognized in the teaching profession and in safety councils as a leader in school safety and as an able author of magazine articles in this field.

Twice this year, "Safety Education," a national monthly magazine published by the school and college division of the National Safety Council, has published articles on school safety written by Mr. McKee. The first article, in the January issue, was "School Custodian Aids Safety"; the second, in the March issue, was "Functional School Patrols."

Mr. McKee early organized a safety council at Lincoln school composed of teachers, pupils, parents and the building custodians, to aid in formulating an over-all safety program and to help build safety attitudes in the school and in the community.

Among the aspects of school safety included in his program are:

1. A bicycle clinic where each bicycle is inspected to see that it is in proper condition.
2. School assemblies demonstrating the proper way to ride a bicycle.
3. Stories and movies about safety.

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Creative Writers Elect Officers; Award Prizes

The final meeting of the North Shore Creative Writers was held on Thursday, May 15, at the Highland Park YWCA. A business meeting took place in the morning, at which next year's board members were elected. The officers for 1947-48 are:

- President — Mrs. Mildred E. Haessler, Highland Park.
- Vice president and program chairman — Mrs. Blanche Rene, Elmhurst.
- Treasurer — Mrs. G. H. Simpson, Winnetka.
- Recording secretary — Mrs. Thomas Dawson, Deerfield.
- Corresponding secretary — Mrs. J. G. Mosey, Lake Forest.
- Publicity — Mrs. Darrell S. Boyd, Winnetka.
- Revisions — Miss Patricia Sloan, Chicago.
- Social — Mrs. Lois Sloan, Chicago.
- YWCA representative — Mrs. Mary Jane MacFadden, Highland Park.

After a luncheon following the (Continued on page 5)

Negro Ballet at Chicago Theater Sunday, June 8

Color, drama and variety are combined in the Mildred Haessler Negro ballet which will appear on Sunday, June 8, at 3 pm in the 8th Street theater, Chicago.

120 girls are featured in the ballet. Public support is needed to continue the project and to accommodate the long waiting list. Tickets may be obtained from Mildred Haessler, 1737 Rice street, H. P. 1330.

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Northwestern Settlement Features Fashion Show

Budding plans for a garden party will blossom soon on the spacious grounds of the Roswell B. Swazey home on Hawthorne lane. Next Wednesday afternoon, June 4, from 3 to 5, members of the Highland Park branch of Northwestern university settlement will entertain at a garden-tea featuring a fashion show for the benefit of the local Thrift shop.

The seeds for the annual spring party were planted at the May meeting of the settlement branch and committee spade work followed soon over the teacups at the home of Mrs. G. D. Stone, party chairman.

A Thrift shop fashion show is unique in the thirty-year history of the Thrift shop, and the 150 guests gathered on the lawn will be surprised to see the scope and attractiveness of Thrift shop merchandise. In less time than it takes to tell, the Fashion show committee, Mrs. Howell Murray, Mrs. Bernard Newman, Mrs. Hor-

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Judith Howes to Wed Evanston Man

Mrs. Byron E. Howes of Marion avenue as recently announced the engagement of her daughter, Judith, to Willard C. Meier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meier, of Evanston.

Miss Howes has chosen June 7 as the date of her wedding, which is to be a quiet one at the home of her mother. The ceremony will be attended by members of the two families, with Mrs. Byron C. Howes Jr. serving the bride as matron of honor, and the groom's twin brother, Edward K. Meier, acting as best man. Friends have been invited to a reception in honor of the young couple immediately following the ceremony.

Louise Buchanan to Be Initiated Into Phi Beta Kappa

Louise Applegate Buchanan, 713 County Line road, is one of the Northwestern university students who will be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society, at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, May 27, in Scott hall on the Evanston campus. She is among 18 elected to the society at the university this spring.

Robert Brothers Home for Summer Vacation June 3

Daniel G. and G. Noel Robert, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Robert of Princeton avenue, are expected home for summer vacation following commencement at New Mexico Military institute, June 3, where they are enrolled in the high school division. Enrollment at the institute, located at Roswell, is limited to 600 cadets.

JEAN PERRIGO WILL GRADUATE

Miss Jean Perrigo of Highland Park graduated from Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., last Tuesday evening. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Perrigo of Cary avenue.

First Come, First Served
The atom bomb, microwber notion, International sleeping potion, Has in its deadly machinations

Ability to wipe out nations. BUT We'll bet the bomb has more survivors Than left by careless Sunday drivers.—National Conservation Bureau.



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