

# Deep and Shallows

## Sparkle Plenty

How about this stream-lined infant that has lately come to bless the hearthside of the B. O. Plenty's? She's surely a doll — and when you've said that, you've said it. Who ever heard of an infant aged nothing flat being able to hold up her head without a supporting hand, as Baby Plenty is seen to do in some of her pictures?

Know what? I'll lay you two to one that Sparkle is just a feminized version of Charlie McCarthy, with long, blond hair.

Now don't argue with me. Have you ever heard her cry? Have you ever held her in your arms and felt the cuddly warmth that marks the human baby? In other words, "Was you dere, Cholly?"

I believe that the doctor, the nurse — yes, and even Dick Tracy — are parts of a conspiracy to fool the public. Shame on you, Dick Tracy! Just wait till the crime catchers get on your trail.

As for Gravel Gertie — who wouldn't have pneumonia after giving birth to a female Charlie McCarthy?

—DOUBTING THOMASINA

## Kathleen's Bedtime Song

I live two lives, even at night,  
When I'm in bed and sleeping tight:

I fly with gold wings through the air,  
While Daddy's barber trims my hair,

I sail a shiny scarlet boat  
While Mother sews my new white coat;

I wade through pools of silver fishes  
While helping Grandma dry the dishes;

In bed each night, I snuggle down  
And walk soft grass in Dreamy Town.

—ALICE CARROLL

## He Left a Smile

(Character Study)

A very beloved character is a late uncle of mine. The happy memories he has left with all who knew him are a heritage with which material things could not compare.

I often think of his generous giving of good thoughts, and am grateful, for such is the kind of gift that can be kept as well as passed on to another.

Uncle Charlie lived in Louisville, Kentucky, and as a little child I thought of him as the kind of person Santa Claus must be. I can still picture him sitting in his old canvas chair that was just shaped to him, and giving me a penny for every fly I could swat.

He knew Kentucky as he knew the palm of his hand, and he used to point out "buttermilk" cows on our rides through the country. He taught me how to call ducks, owls, crows and to make boats out of paper.

But most important of all he taught me to enjoy, love and appreciate the out of doors.

He'll never seem really dead to anyone who knew him. People still tell of some of his jokes and nice deeds, and just the thought of him often brings a smile.

—JUNIOR MISS.

## Beloved Imp

An engaging little villain  
Often gets away with killing!  
Working this:

She does what she knows is naughty,  
Then, when someone treats her haughty,

Begs a kiss.

—R.B.O.

## In Defense of "Call Me Mister"

To the Editor,  
Highland Park Press:

In a recent issue of the Press, Whitt Schultz devoted considerable space to a blasting denunciation of the musical comedy now playing at the Blackstone theater, "Call Me Mister." I think it is only fair to the cast and to the theme of "Call Me Mister," to give your readers the views of a veteran who has seen this show and liked it.

After reading Whitt's merciless criticism, I went to the Blackstone half expecting to hear a hail of vulgarity and see a parade of lewd and lumpy chorines. After all, this company is composed of GI's and former USO girls, and not all the kids who tramped out in the war theaters were as glamorous as the leggy beauties who stayed at home in the shelter of the Copacabana. And servicemen often thought about sex—many months of exile made many a man dream of fair women. And after all, soldiers and sailors are often pretty rough characters who use swear words. A little camp language might make a GI show too rich for the ladies to bear. Anything could happen in such a show! So I went with my wife to see.

Incidentally, I just got some new glasses, and see through them just dandy — about 20/15, in fact. Wearing my glasses, I couldn't discover anything wrong with the alluring American girls who dance and sing so joyously in "Call Me Mister," nor any fault with their costumes unless one chooses Hollywood's elaborate opulence. Sitting right up front, I couldn't hear enough vulgarity to keep a person away — in fact, two padres were apparently having a happy time right there in the audience.

What we did hear and see was so true to life that it brought a lump to my throat: men who thought and talked like soldiers and sailors. We saw clever acts and skits which brought back flooding memories of wartime snafu, phonies and goldbricks. We heard good music and fresh young voices. And we heard more than one reminder of the better America which we used to think we were fighting for.

One song I'll remember is "Red Ball Express," sung by a colored veteran truckdriver. Five men, waiting in line for postwar jobs, join in the chorus of this song of invasion days and two of them are Negroes. But when the song ends and the door opens, only whites can work; the Negroes wander sadly away. Go any day to the Blackstone, Mr. Schultz, and listen to the roar of applause which greets William Warfield's curtain

call. The "Red Ball" episode is more effective than many books to remind people that Negroes are human, too.

A few cuss words are not so vicious as the deep sin of racial prejudice. If a costume were dirty, it wouldn't be half so serious as the housing shortage which inspires one of the show's uproarious scenes. A dash of sex isn't as dangerous to America as are the stuffed-shirt senators, generals and admirals against whom the GI's show tilts its spirited lance. Perhaps Whitt's moral righteousness ought to come to grips with some of the more important issues of today's world.

If you like healthy, uninhibited American youth; if you like hit tunes such as "Going Home Train," "Surplus Blues," and "South America, Take It Away!"; if you like a touch of imaginative ballet; if you like comedy that's really funny because it comes so close to home it hurts — you better go see "Call Me Mister." As a veteran, I say it's good.

EVERETT L. MILLARD.

((Ed's note: I have not seen this show, myself, but it does seem to be the type which leaves people either delighted or revolted. One thing is certain, it is getting some pretty solid advertising.)

## Mrs. Lucy Harza Is Hostess to the Ravinia Garden Club

"Summer Flower Arrangements, Some Are Not" is the intriguing title of a program which promises fun, as well as instruction, at the Ravinia Garden club meeting on Friday, June 13, at the home of Mrs. Leroy Harza, 2299 Pierce road. Mrs. Irwin Burger and Mrs. William Kelly of Woodstock will collaborate on the subject with one stressing flower arrangements while the other will discuss and demonstrate table settings.

Tea will be served after the meeting with Mesdames Arthur Baldauf, Deforest Colburn, C. J. Haynes and Theodora Hazen acting as co-hostesses.

## Speaker at Institute of School for Deaf

Dr. Irene M. Josselyn, child psychiatrist, was the speaker on June 9 at the third special summer institute for mothers of deaf and severely hard of hearing children, which opened June 4 at the Illinois school for the deaf in Jacksonville, and will continue in session through June 14.

Dr. Josselyn's home is at 392 Central avenue, Highland Park.



First division winners in the high school district music contest in March. Left to right: Pat Lynn, Carolyn Baird, Jerry Darby, Ellie Baird, Hein Juergensen.

## Gloria Crain Writes Her Parents of Shanghai Trip

Safe in Shanghai

A wire from their daughter, Gloria, announcing her safe arrival in Shanghai, reached Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crain, 2172 Dell Pl., Saturday. As soon as details can be arranged, Miss Crain will become the bride of Edwin J. Barthan, of New York, who is now administrator for distribution of supplies in Hangchow, China. The trip was made in a Pan American clipper, Miss Crain being one of two girls aboard. The other five passengers were officials, among whom was the vice president of Pan American.

"Doing" San Francisco

Arriving in San Francisco, on the first leg of her journey, Miss Crain was met by a girl friend, and together they saw sights, lunched at the top of the Mark, dined at Fairmont hotel and did a spot of shopping.

Honolulu

Miss Crain's first letter home was mailed from Honolulu, where the plane, which awed the writer with its immensity, made a stop for more passengers. At this point the plane was met by reporters, photographers and various officials, including the president of the Chamber of Commerce, this being the maiden flight of the big ship, and the first continuous flight from San Francisco to China since the beginning of the war. Prominent among the decorations marking the occasion was a profusion of Chinese flags. The party was whisked away to the home of the Chinese consul, where they met the very polite and bewildered little man, and witnessed a rather dull ceremony in honor of this, the tenth anniversary of the first clipper flight into Shanghai. Present were Randall Gould, editor of the Shanghai Post, and his wife, who abhors Shanghai, adores Peking and considers Hangchow very nice. They were passengers for the remainder of the trip.

Meets the Gooney Bird

During the stop at Midway Miss Crain made the acquaintance of the gooney bird, which we, personally, understood had been wiped out by the Japs, in search of food. Miss Crain evidently did not find these birds very interesting, but being natural clowns, they furnished endless entertainment for GI's stationed at Midway during the war. The officers' club at Midway, where the party was entertained for luncheon, is named "Gooney Lodge" in honor of these birds.

Another stop was made at Wake, and from then on it was an unbroken jaunt to Shanghai. Miss Crain reported a very smooth and enjoyable trip.

## Nancy Johnson Chosen To Represent Auxiliary At Illini Girls State

Nancy Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sigurd Johnson, and a junior at the Highland Park high school, has been selected by the Highland Park unit of the American Legion to attend the seventh annual session of Illini Girls State, to be held from June 18 to 26, at MacMurray college, Jacksonville, Ill., according to Mrs. E. L. Gilroy, unit president. Each girl attending Girls State is chosen because of her outstanding qualities of scholarship, leadership, sportsmanship and courage for service. She in turn brings back to her classmates and community the interest and sense of responsibility in government gained at Girls State.

During that week, the 320 girls sponsored by the various units of the auxiliary will live in a mythical state, govern themselves, and elect their own city, county and state officers. Each morning session will be given to instruction in government, as it functions in the state of Illinois, and to the election of the officers of the mythical government at Girls State, according to Miss Mary Picchietti, unit girls state chairman who, with the aid of Miss E. Rinckenberger, dean of girls at Highland Park high school, had charge of the selection of Miss Johnson. The girls will also be instructed in the use of voting machines, which will be brought to the college for the elections, and will publish their own daily newspaper.

The afternoon sessions are selected by the girls. These include classes in personal hygiene, vocational training, public speaking and parliamentary procedure, first aid, and swimming. The staff has been enlarged this year and will include 60 persons, of whom 20 will be ex-Girl Staters, who will supervise and live with the girls in the city units. The evening program is gay and recreational, including stunt night, special city and county suppers, and a dance and banquet, at which time the officers of both Girls State and Boys State are honored. The Illinois American Legion sponsors a similar week of instructional activities for boys at the Army in Springfield. The 1946 Girls State officers will return to govern over "the State" until the 1947 officers are elected.

One day will be spent at Springfield, where annually the Girl Staters visit the capitol, governmental buildings, and Lincoln's home and tomb. Last year they were also entertained by Gov. and Mrs. Green at the executive mansion. The girls will make the trip in a special train. Representatives going from the Chicago area will also go to Jacksonville in a special train.

So important is the training in better citizenship which is given at Girls State that the State of Illinois has seen fit to defray part of the expenses of this educational program, which the Illinois depart-

ment of the auxiliary was one of the first to sponsor, Mrs. Gilroy stated.

The national organization of the American Legion auxiliary will hold the first annual Girls Nation at Washington, D.C., Aug. 9 to 14, 1947, which will be attended by two "citizens" from each state sponsoring a Girls State. Illinois' representatives will be selected at the Illini Girls State in June.

Previous Girl Staters from Highland Park include Mrs. John Hartman (Donna Jeanne Green), Miss Louise Carani, Mrs. William Parker (Lois Zaeske), Miss Mary Picchietti, Miss Joyce Valiquet and Theodora Zaeske. Miss Picchietti, who was elected governor of the State in 1943, will attend the State for the fourth time this year, serving as city counselor.

## Margaret White Receives B. A. Degree

Receiving her B. A. degree from Mills college, Oakland, Calif., was Margaret (Peggy) White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. White of 1835 Rice street. Miss White majored in mathematics. She was a member of the swimming club and was Field Week chairman for 1946-47 at the college.

## Ann Stafford Graduate O, Bradford Junior

Miss Ann Stafford was graduated at the 144th commencement of Bradford junior college, Bradford, Mass., on June 9. Miss Stafford is the daughter of Mrs. Arthur H. Emerson of 600 Bob O'Link road.

## Bert Brand Initiated Into DKE Fraternity

Bert Brand, a sophomore at the University of Illinois, has just returned from Champaign, where he was last week initiated into Delta Kappa Epsilon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brand, 219 Park lane.

## Local Girls Graduate From Monticello College

Misses Mary McPhee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. McPhee of 1701 Hillside drive, Sandra Meitus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Meitus of 231 Ravine drive, and Carolyn Wible, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wible of 239 Cedar, were among the students to graduate from Monticello college on June 8.

## Professional Group Organizes as Part of Coordinating Council

Recently there was a meeting of the newly organized professional committee of the Co-ordinating council. The committee, or workshop, has not yet adopted a formal name. Its function will be primarily that of social planning. It will study and make recommendations to the Co-ordinating council in regard to the unmet needs of the community.

Dr. Casper O. Dahle, superintendent of school district 107, was elected chairman, and Mrs. Marian G. Fisher, executive secretary of Family Service of Highland Park, was elected secretary.

## Receives Degree at Colorado University

Berton Woodward Beers of Highland Park was among the 986 students to receive degrees at the University of Colorado on June 9. This is the largest graduating class in the 70-year history of the university.

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