

# Let's Take a Look

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## On Dancing Strictly Personal

Well... we were dancing the other night—the first and last time for a long while, I hope.

You see, folks, like most women, my partner is a good dancer.

But, like most men, I'm not a good dancer. Never pretended to be. Never hope to be. Haven't the time.

Yet... I know there'll be many occasions when we'll have to dance a turn, or two. So, I'm willing to learn... a little more about the art than I know now, at any rate.

### SMART SET?

Now dancing with the so-called "Smart Set" (a friend calls them the "Dumb Set") should be fun.

But, to the writer, it isn't. What I dislike most about out-of-town country club dances is the orchestra.

I've yet to attend a dance at a club (you name it) where the band is good, or solid, as teen-agers like to call skilled musicians, playing together.

### LIKES BENNY, TEX.

Now I'm all right (though many partners of mine will disagree flatly with this statement) when I'm dancing to Benny Goodman's or Tex Beneke's band.

But these jumpy society bands, with squeaky violins, extra loud pianos, stock arrangements and too many rumbas, cause me much trouble.

### CHARGING MENACES

And there's something else that bothers me when we're out adorning. And it happens at the best clubs—Highland Park's included.

It's these people who bump into me... and never say "Excuse Me," or "Pardon Me," either one will suffice.

Now I readily admit I'm clumsy on the dance floor.

But surely when I steer my partner way over in the corner to get away from other dancers, and then proceed to struggle through a dance... then suddenly get hit from the rear by some boozed-up, hip-wagging character and his tired out partner....

I think, under dance floor etiquette, we're entitled to an apology, particularly when my partner suffers a severe gash in her ankle.

Emily Post should put her penetrating spotlight on dance floor manners, in my opinion.

A lot of so-called society folk need polishing on their dance floor etiquette.

### ON LEADING

But back once again to my own

dance faults...

I find it hard to keep my mind on dancing when I'm dancing.

And this frailty is frequently disastrous.

Now I know a man should lead—there's nothing worse than a woman who leads—and he should do it firmly, yet gently.

I lead... for about 30 seconds of a tune.

Then my mind wanders—and it's not because my partner isn't pretty or entertaining; or bubbling over with personality.

It's just because I have other matters on my mind which seem more important.

Well, anyway, I'm willing to learn how to dance better.

But please, Dear, don't expect me to be an Astaire over night.

### ATTENTION NICOTINE SLAVES

You nicotine slaves—or, better, you folks who like to burn up money while you suck a deadly poison—will wince at the new song, "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke," now getting ready to sweep the nation.

The time points out how smoking interferes with daily living... and how it wastes time.

Ever figure the number of men—and women! hours lost each day while smokers light up?

Or, did you ever realize that the money spent each year on tobacco—a weed that does nobody any good—would:

- 1. Feed starving Europeans.
- 2. Build homes for relative-weary vets.
- 3. Hike teachers' salaries from coast to coast.
- 4. Clean up slums, America's first.

Too bad, isn't it, that smokers are so stupid, throwing away millions yearly, when they could use their money for building, improving.

Wonder when they'll grow up and realize how nonsensical it is to burn money?

### PARTING THOUGHT

"Act as if it were impossible to fail."

## Close 13 VA Contact Offices

Thirteen contact offices of the Veterans Administration, located throughout Illinois and northern Indiana, will be closed on September 30, it was announced today by Robert D. Beer, manager of the Illinois Regional VA office in Chicago.

Beer stated that this action was necessary in order to remain within the established budget and personnel ceiling for the 1948 fiscal year.

Contact offices in Illinois to be closed by this reduction are Litchfield, Waukegan, Metropolis, Jacksonville, DeKalb, Oak Park, Effingham, Dixon, Carbondale, Freeport and Champaign. In Indiana, the LaPorte and East Chicago offices will be discontinued.

## BETTER SANITATION

Glasses and other food vessels in your local restaurants, ice cream parlors and drug stores will be considerably less laden with germs in the future under a revolutionary sanitation program which has been launched by the National Sanitation Foundation.

Conceived by Walter Snyder, a public health official in Toledo, Ohio, the idea of establishing for the first time recognized standards of sanitation was warmly approved by Drs. Henry F. Vaughan and Nathan Sinai of the University of Michigan, and the organization of the foundation was affected, according to an article in the August issue of the AMERICAN DRUGGIST.

## WORKING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

When a doctor called to a house to attend a confinement and had been upstairs a few minutes he came down and said to the husband, "Have you got a corkscrew?" He was given one and went upstairs. A few minutes elapsed... he came down and said, "Got a screwdriver?" He was given one. Again he went up. A few minutes and he was down for a third time, asking for a chisel and mallet. "Good gracious, doctor," the worried husband said, "Is it a boy or a girl?"

"Don't know yet," replied the doctor, "Can't get my medicine case open."—Gilcraft.

## Dorothy Smoler Graduate Of Chicago University

Forty-one northside residents were among the 554 graduates in the University of Chicago's 230th convocation one of the largest convocations in the 55-year history of the Midway university.

Representing Highland Park was Mrs. Dorothy M. Smoler, 310 No. Linden avenue, who received her B. A. degree.

## NEWCOMERS

Mr. and Mrs. S. Meyer, who built a new home at 1564 Clavey land, took possession about the middle of this month. They are former Chicagoans, and Mr. Meyer is an insurance broker, associated with the Harrison Brewster agency there.

Their son is a senior at Ohio State university.

As the patter of little feet was heard at the head of the stairs, the hostess motioned for silence.

"Listen," she said, fondly. "The children are going to deliver their goodnight message. It always does something to me when I hear them."

There was a moment of hushed expectancy. Then, in a small voice from the head of the stairs:

"Mommy, Willie found another bed bug."

—Tracks

## First Shipment of Midwest War Dead To Return In October

Escorted deliveries of an estimated 37,000 casketed remains of middle-western servicemen who were killed overseas in World War II will begin late in October with the arrival in Chicago of nearly 500 bodies from Hawaii, Lt. Col. Carroll J. Grinnell, Chief of the Chicago Distribution Center of the American Graves Registration Division, announced today.

Colonel Grinnell added that although no remains would be returned to next of kin, for final burial during the holiday season—December 18 to January 5—a steadily increasing flow of deliveries will be made during November and early December. The peak load of deliveries will be reached during the fall of 1948.

Each of the remains will be accompanied by a specially selected escort from the branch of the service in which the deceased man or woman served. These escorts are now being assigned and will report for duty the first week in October.

The acquisition of a fleet of forty former Army ambulances, now converted into mortuary vehicles, will greatly speed the delivery of remains from the Chicago Center as the vehicles will be utilized for deliveries within an approximate 100 mile area of Chicago. It is estimated that one out of three bodies will be returned via these Government cars. Rail transportation will be used for more distant points.

His monocle screwed in his eye, the visiting Englishman stared in fascinated horror at the ugliest infant he had ever seen, held in its mother's arms on the opposite train seat. His fixed gaze attracted the mother's attention and excited her indignation.

"Rubber!" she said, wrathfully.

"Thank God for that!" exclaimed the Englishman. "I fancied for a time it might be real!"

—Tracks

## Morton Arboretum Announces Fall Program

A friendly first-hand knowledge of the outdoors is offered in the Fall courses at the Morton Arboretum. Trees, shrubs, flowers, birds, rocks, ferns, mosses, will be included as subject matter. Each meeting consists of an hour of lecture and two hours of field trip. Each class meets once a week for ten weeks.

The classes starting during the second week of September are as follows:

- 1. Wednesday mornings—9:30 to 12:30—starting Sept. 10th.
- 2. Saturday mornings—9:30 to 12:30—starting Sept. 13th.
- 3. Tuesday afternoon and evening—4:45 to 8:00—starting Sept. 9th.

(Advanced group, open only to holders of one or more Arboretum certificates).

During October there will also be Saturday afternoon lecture-field trips from 2:30 to 5:00, and lectures for garden clubs on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

There is no charge.

For further information, or for advance registration, address the Registrar, Thornhill Building, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois, or call Downers Grove 74.

A soldier went to his colonel and asked for leave to go home to help his wife with the spring house-cleaning.

"I don't like to refuse you," said the colonel, "but I have just received a letter from your wife saying that you are no use around the house."

Saluting, the soldier turned to go. At the door he stopped.

"Colonel," he said, "there are two persons in this regiment who handle the truth loosely, and I'm one of them. I'm not married."

—Tracks

## Lake County Receives Increase In Illinois Gas Taxes

Lake county and its principal municipalities received \$198,814 in allotments from Illinois state gasoline taxes in the first six months of 1947, compared with \$187,387 in the same period of 1946, according to a statistical analysis prepared by Barcus, Kindred & Company of Chicago; specialists in municipal bonds. This was an increase of \$11,427.

The increase was due to rising gasoline consumption which boosted motor fuel tax receipts, the financial firm declared. If the present rate of gain is maintained, total 1947 distributions to Illinois counties and municipalities may

exceed the all-time high recorded in 1946.

Lake county's share of allotments distributed locally by the state was \$125,836 in the first six months of 1947, a gain of \$6,325.

Waukegan received \$35,269, an increase of \$2,470.

The 1947 half-yearly allotments to other Lake county municipalities, with increases over 1946 shown in parenthesis were: Highland Park \$15,269 (1,059); North Chicago \$8,480 (599); Lake Forest \$7,312 (\$506); Zion \$6,648 (\$468).

For Illinois as a whole, allotments to counties and cities from gas tax receipts in the first six months of 1947 totaled \$12,508,848, compared with \$11,609,508 the year before, a rise of \$899,340.

"Revenue from allotment payments," a statement by Barcus, Kindred & Company points out, "should show further gains during the remainder of 1947, as car usage increases and more new automobiles go into service. The added funds will benefit Illinois communities receiving them. Such revenue helps meet expenses of much-needed street and highway improvements."

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"Studies have shown that competition will probably result in greater effort on the part of school-age youngsters. But I am inclined to believe that this is a matter of the pattern to which they have been exposed rather than something basic. I am quite sure that children can get just as much fun out of enjoying a mutual task, and seeing that task succeed, as they can in achieving personal success.

—Paul Hill, psychologist of the Winnetka Public Schools, on WGN's Northwestern Reviewing Stand.

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