

# Deeps and Shallows

## A Trip To The Santa Barbara Mission

In a letter from my 87 year old cousin in Chicago, it was suggested that as I lived so near to Santa Barbara, I should go and visit his grandson, who was a Monk at this wonderful Mission run by the Franciscan Fathers. This grandson would be a priest in a year and a half. All I would have to do was to introduce myself by my maiden name and this young Monk would know where to place me in this large family on my father's side.

I wrote to the young man, setting a date—but the very next day I had to telegraph canceling the date, because of sudden severe illness in our family. I received a reply saying ANY afternoon, Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday, he would be at leisure and very glad to see us and specially underlined, HOPED IT WOULD BE SOON.

A couple of weeks later, after dinner on a Saturday, while playing bridge, my daughter asked, "If it is a nice day to-morrow how would you folks like to drive up to the Mission at Santa Barbara and call on Nanna's cousin?" (I'm Nanna to the family and all their friends, because two Alma's make confusion). All agreed it was a wonderful idea.

It is almost 100 miles to Santa Barbara. The next morning Alma and I called for Barbara and her husband Jerry. Had dinner at Eaton's famous restaurant in Santa Barbara and arrived at the Mission at 1 P.M.

The door was wide open and we walked in. There was a bell we should have tapped, which would have announced our presence, but not knowing Mission rules, we didn't bother with the bell, because we could see, standing in an adjoining room, a fine looking elderly Monk. He was in the garb worn by the Franciscan Fathers, which is a brown habit with a heavy white cord around the waist to which is attached a crucifix, bare feet and sandals.

We really were lucky. When this Monk came to us from the other room Alma told him whom we would like to see. He looked us over and asked if we were relatives. Alma told him we were, and then he wanted to know if we came from Oakland. He was told we came from Hollywood. Then he said he knew the young man very well, took us into another room and told us to make ourselves comfortable, and he would find the young man and send him to us.

It took about 15 minutes before my Monk appeared. The reason being he was playing baseball. Up to the beginning of World War II, the young priests all played games in their brown habits. But when they were told of a possible shortage of material, it was deemed best for the players to don suits appropriate to the game. So it was the change into his habit that caused the delay.

Another black eyed Father brought my Monk in and I noticed he also eyed us. (I'll explain later why we were unusually interesting guests). My Monk stood for a few seconds, looked us over and then said:

"By gosh—my Lord." By that time I had stepped forward and introduced myself; then I introduced my daughter, and she

in turn introduced her daughter and the daughter's husband, Jerry.

He shook hands with all of us and was genuinely delighted to meet us. We chatted about the family for a little while and he said he was named Father Michael, but we were to call him Mike. He has a perfectly shaped head, brown hair, blue eyes, is six feet tall, straight as an arrow, and has a marvelous sense of humor, and occasionally uses slang.

Of course we wanted to see all the public were allowed to see, but we were privileged guests. Among the many interesting things we were shown was a document which came from Rome and was written in Latin. Barbara began to read it aloud. Mike sure was taken by surprise. How under the sun could she read Latin like that? "I teach Latin in High School," Barbara answered. Mike's eyes opened just as wide as they possibly could go.

We were taken into the mausoleum, where the remains of famous priests and nuns rest. Also to the old burial vaults, through the gardens and into the Chapel, which Mike lit up for us, so we could see certain things he wanted to explain to us. Decorations were like all Chapels, with much gold.

Mike said he would be glad to show us the Chapel in the seminary. So we all got into our auto and drove to the seminary.

This building is very modern and the chapel was also lit for us to see the background of this altar. It is made of a light colored terra cotta. It presents historical events. It is beautiful and not an inch of gold on it.

There are no women at the Mission. The cooking, cleaning, etc., is done by men who have given their life to that kind of service for the Church.

Quite suddenly Mike asked if we would mind if he smoked? He was immediately joined by three more smokers. When he told that they were allowed one package of cigarettes a week, out came three packages and they were presented to him. He accepted them saying, "Gee, won't the boys enjoy these extras with me."

We were with Mike almost four hours and not a moment was wasted. This fine Monk whom we talked to on our arrival is Father Urban and was the Parish Priest when Mike's mother died and he was six years old. He is now twenty-four. This Father Urban never lost track of the family, and he and Mike had tried to figure out the relationship between Mike and me. In fact it had been discussed between the young priests, and that was why we were unusual guests.

The relationship goes back to this: Mike's grandfather's father and my father were brothers. Figure it out yourself, then add Alma and Barbara.

We have another date with Mike. We are going up on a Saturday morning, call for him at noon take him with us for a drive and a picnic lunch. Sunday morning we are to attend a special Mass, which is recorded over the radio because of the special singing of the men's choir. Mike has two older brothers who are priests and teach in colleges here in California. Also a sister who is the head of a nun organization.

Before we left, Mike and I had

our picture taken together. I sure hope to see him ordained as a Franciscan Padre. With his happy disposition and his keen sense of humor, I can also see he can be a strict disciplinarian, but he will be loved wherever he goes. The Mission, which has been restored and added to, is most beautifully located in those picturesque hills that bound Santa Barbara.

On leaving Mike again told us how much he enjoyed meeting us and also said, "You are not at all like I expected you to be." —A.C.O.

## Peep Sights

(Overheard in Chicago hotel during a Woman's Convention)  
Elevator Operator: I declare—I'm sick and tyad of hauling these brains up and down.

## Expect Cancer Fund Goal To Be Reached Soon

Dr. Robert D. Coghill, Lake Bluff, chairman of the Lake county cancer fund drive, announced last week that contributions had reached \$22,665, or 97 per cent of the quota of \$23,350 set for the county when the drive opened on April 1. He said that he was confident that the goal would be reached by the end of this week.

Waukegan-North Chicago workers were the latest to go over the top, accounting for \$7,397 on a quota of \$7,000. Highland Park, with \$4,600 raised toward a quota of \$5,000, rose to the 92 per cent mark. Lake Forest reported collections of \$6,376 toward a quota of \$8,000.

E. J. Loewenthal, 257 Moraine rd., Highland Park, and Mrs. Maurice H. Bent, 360 E. Westminster rd., Lake Forest, chairmen in their

respective communities, urged that prospective donors who have forgotten to send in their checks do so without delay so that final reports can be made. Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society and mailed to the community chairman or to CANCER, Waukegan, Ill.

## Women Voters Support Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act

The Highland Park League of Women Voters will support the renewal of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which expires June 12, Mrs. Clarence Goelzer, Economic Policy chairman of the League said this week. So far no hearings have been scheduled by the House Ways and Means committee which must report on the legislation before it can come before the House. It is urgent that letters should go now to your Representative, Mrs. Goelzer said, asking him to urge prompt and full hearings before the House Ways and Means committee. Send copies to Chairman Harold Knutson, ranking minority member Robert Doughton and Representative Bertrand Gearhart, chairman of the Subcommittee on Reciprocal Trade.

Reciprocal Trade will improve employment in the U.S., it was pointed out, as, for example, the money saved by tariff free wool can be diverted to more spending on other products, such as refrigerators, and more employment in these industries.

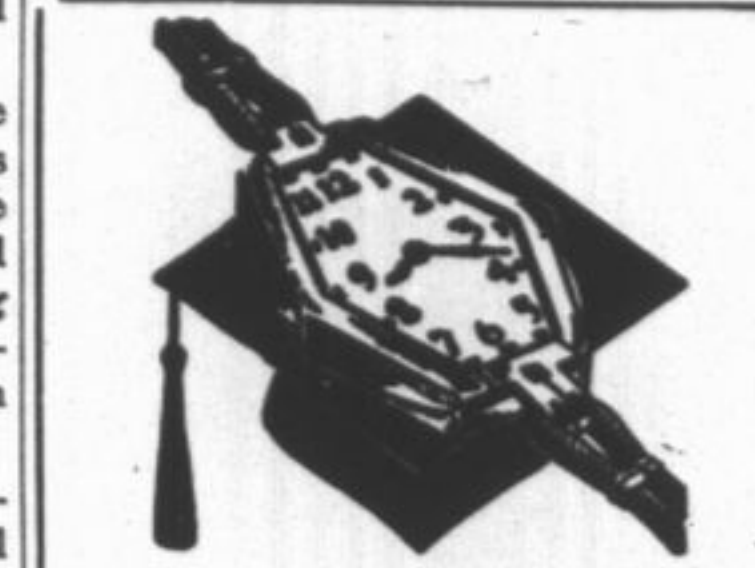
The Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act is part of our political and economic program to develop production and free enterprise in other countries as well as our own. It is a move toward international economic progress.

## Men's Garden Club Plans Annual Show

The Men's Garden Club of Highland Park is holding its annual flower and garden show on August 28 and 29, to which the entire community is invited to exhibit and attend without charge.

Two of this year's features will be the selection of a "Flower Show Queen" and a parade by auto dealers of their latest model cars. The "Queen" will be chosen from twenty five graduates of the 1948 Class of the Highland Park High School, and each is to be sponsored by a local merchant.

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