

Deeps and Shallows

Dubious Distinction

Statistics force us all to face the fact that home's a risky place; Of casualties in '47 Home mishaps sent the most to heaven If you'd be sure to live and roam, Be cautious in your Home Sweet Home.

—Highland Lassie

The Rooster With A Line

The proverbial rooster awakens the slumbering world by trumpeting: "Cock-a-doodle-doo." But my neighbor's cock, being an individualist and, in his own opinion, a fowl of great merit, startles me into consciousness with the challenge:

"PON-THE-DE-LE-ON! COME-TO-THE-FOUNTAIN-OF-YOUTH!"

When I hear motor brakes jammed, I know that Leon is already holding up traffic while he crosses the country road to our yard.

He arrives early, stopping only at the roadside ditch to drink. With his bandy legs spread firmly apart, he lowers his yellow beak to the weedy water. Perhaps there are really youth-giving properties to this ditch-fountain. Anyway, that is what Leon would have my hens believe.

"COME TO THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!" he clarions over and over again.

My white rock hens respond eagerly to his call. With chuckles of rooster talk Leon easily persuades hen after hen to fly over the wire fence. When he has a following of simpering admirers, he struts away, sneering derisively at my white rock roosters left behind.

Leon is a small rooster of mixed breed. His head is crowned with a scarlet comb that quivers with pride. When he walks, his dangling wattles slap together like red lacquered castanets. Russet feathers cover his neck and back, parting, Prince Albert fashion, to disclose the iridescent black feathers of his curved tail. His legs are coated with tough gray scales. His spurs are long and horny. In spite of his imbibing at the roadside ditch, he is no longer young, . . . except, perhaps, in spirit, for he does seem to have a definite attraction for my silly hens.

The day starts with picnic lunch for the harem. Choice worms are unearthed, and attention is called to the red berries which abound on the honeysuckle hedge.

About noon, when the sun has warmed the pansy bed, there is a dusting party. Leon shows the hens the proper method for uprooting as many plants as possible. The fine dry earth flies in smothering clouds until the chickens be-

come almost hidden in flower-bed cavities.

Although Leon seems to expect faithful homage from his entire harem, he shows a definite favoritism for one particular hen. Beside her he walks with dapper steps, his chest thrown out in insolent masculine pride.

The business of finding a nest is a complicated task for any rooster, for hens are not easily satisfied. Leon tries out the corner at the bay window, but gives that up, presumably because the location is too likely to be found. By intricate maneuvering he manages a suitable nest under the grape vines, but before he can become disentangled, his mate has chosen herself a place in the dark of the woodpile. Leon follows her with masculine expostulations, probably insisting that the egg will be broken if one stick is disturbed. But this is woman-business, and mamma wins out.

As the day ends, Leon coaxes the hens to the roadside ditch. "Drink, drink, my pretty ones, of the fountain of youth," he chortles over and over again.

In frantic haste I shoo my chickens home, away from the evening traffic, blocking Leon's scheme to carry them off to my neighbor's coop. He submits to my authority with bad grace, reluctantly following all the way to our back yard.

With all his faults, Leon is discreet. He does not spend the night with my hens, but with many tender gabblings, bids his harem adieu, and then, with a great show of virtue, walks defiantly down our drive.

I sigh with relief as I count my charges and shut them in the chicken yard, but no sooner have I turned my back than there is Leon again, delivering a parting message. With his gray legs firmly planted, he throws back his impudent head and crows: "PON-THE-DE-LE-ON! COME-TO-THE-FOUNTAIN-OF-YOUTH!"

At least that is the way it sounds to me. Of course, to his unpredictable concubines, the message may be a parting admonition, a plea for proper decorum.

Then he turns and scuttles for home before darkness settles down on the world.

—E.B.

A MUSE IS A MUSE IS A MUSE

If I ever had time to sing the blues I'd sit down, promptly, and invite my Muse; But time is quite the mostest thing I lack — My mental door is closed to just a crack; That wouldn't matter much, if it were thin, But my Muse is so fat it can't get in!

—Farmerette R.B.O.

Artist In Floral Arrangement To Address Emblem Club

The first regular fall meeting of the Highland Park Emblem club on Wednesday, September 8, at 8 p.m. in the Elk's Hall promises to be an entertaining one. Mrs. Norman Hansen, program chairman, has announced that Mr. Philip H. Eichling, Jr., of Evanston, well known florist and artist in floral arrangement, will give an illustrated talk on the aforementioned subject.

Mr. Eichling has appeared before many audiences on the North Shore and his success in his chosen field stems from his genuine love of flowers and his expert knowledge of the subject. The floral pieces used as illustrations will be awarded as prizes to fortunate persons in the audience. Guests will be welcome.

Mrs. Earle Blair, president, will present to the club the board's plan for the fall and winter programs. Hostesses for the evening are: Mrs. John Cortessi, chairman, Mrs. M. C. Dean, Mrs. Peter Prato, Mrs. Otto Cortessi, Mrs. John White and Mrs. Walter Meierhoff.

Due to the holiday the regular board meeting, for officers, will be held on Tuesday, September 7, at 2:30 p.m. in the lodge hall.

Ravinia Garden Club Plans Annual Luncheon At Deerpath Inn, Sept. 10

The annual luncheon meeting of the Ravinia Garden Club will be held at 1 o'clock on Friday, September 10th, at the Deerpath Inn, Lake Forest.

Mrs. Stanley Grace, the Club's President for the last two years will meet with her board at noon.

Following the luncheon, the annual reports will be read and the

newly elected officers, Mrs. Ralph Archer, President; Mrs. Frederick Mudge, Second Vice-President; and Mrs. Frances Yager, Recording Secretary, will be installed. Those serving a second year are: Mrs. Robert Brown, Jr., First Vice-President; Mrs. A. G. List, Treasurer; and Mrs. Clifford Makelium, Corresponding Secretary.

After taking office Mrs. Archer will introduce: Mrs. Stanley Grace, Mrs. C. W. Haupt, Mrs. Mason Smith, Mrs. A. F. Durand and the following Chairmen of 1948-1949 Standing Committees:

Mrs. Bruce Krasburg, Mrs. John Wilbor and Mrs. Arthur Strubel—Program.

Mrs. Eugene Kern—Social. Mrs. DeForest S. Colburn—Rose Garden.

Mrs. James Barton—Plant, Flowers and Fruit Guild. Mrs. Willard Ewing—Flower Show.

Mrs. C. Longford Felske—Civic. Mrs. Hamilton Winton—Publicity.

Mrs. Hugh Riddle—Conservation.

Catholic Labor Alliance To Be Held Sept. 6.

Workers and employers from all over the Chicago area will gather at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State, on Monday, September 6, at 10 a.m. to offer the Fifth Annual Labor Day Mass sponsored by the Catholic Labor Alliance.

The Rev. George G. Higgins of the National Catholic Welfare Conference will preach the sermon.

Celebrant of the solemn high Mass will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel F. Cunningham, archdiocesan superintendent of Catholic schools. He will be assisted by the Rev. Joseph Donahue, C.S.V., chaplain of the Building Trades Council, AFL, and the Rev. Stanley Rokicinski.

First Annual Home Show At Moraine Hotel September 17-20

The FIRST ANNUAL NORTH SHORE HOME SHOW, which has been planned for the past year, is now a reality and will be held at our Moraine Hotel on September 17-18-19-20.

The Show is a tremendous undertaking and there is every reason to believe that in excess of 10,000 people will pay to see the exciting displays by local and national exhibitors who have already signed contracts for nearly all the available booths.

Orientation Camps

Approximately 1600 invitations have been sent to prospective students at the University of Illinois to attend the 23rd Annual University YMCA Freshman Orientation Camps next month.

Two camp sessions of three days each will be held beginning September 3 and September 6 at Camp Seymour, 10 miles southeast of Decatur.

Invitations to men in this area were sent to Robert J. Casper, 1419 S. St. Johns Ave., and Peter Johnson, 1122 Lincoln Ave.

Beautician

The Ambassador Hotels have announced the appointment of Andre Basil, internationally famous hair stylist, as the new director of their beauty salon. He comes direct from the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York.

Buick Care KEEP BUICK BEST

YOU'LL SEE WHY BUICK PARTS KEEP BUICKS BEST

North Shore Buick Co.

30 Years in Highland Park Authorized Sales and Service

110 S. First St. Tel. 406



Fine Watch Repair

SERVICE GUARANTEED SWISS WATCHES A SPECIALTY

Store hours 8:00 to 6:00

RUTTKAY JEWELERS

2 No. Sheridan

H. P. 3028

Electricity is one essential item in the household budget that hasn't gone up in price

It's hard to believe, but it's true.

Our expenses—fuel, wages, and materials—have risen rapidly during the last two years. Coal alone has gone up 26%.

Although these expenses have been rising, increased output resulting in abnormally high use of equipment has served to offset somewhat the effect of these rising costs.

Electricity—one essential item in the household budget that hasn't gone up in price—provides more and more comfort and convenience to Northern Illinois homes every day.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

ALCYON

Highland Park Telephone H. P. 2400

WED., Fri., Sat. Sept. 2-3-4

Ralph Richardson - C. Aubrey Smith John Clements

"FOUR FEATHERS"

Color by TECHNICOLOR Added: Late News & Selected Shorts

Sun. thru Sat. Sept. 5 to 11

FIRST NORTH SHORE SHOWINGS

Joe E. Brown - Richard Lyon Horace Nash - Charles Dingle Josephine Hutchinson

"THE TENDER YEARS"

and Louis Hayward - Janet Blair George Macready - Edgar Buchanan

"THE BLACK ARROW"

Also: Late News Events & Short Subjects

GLENCOE

THEATRE — 630 Vernon Ave. Highland Park 605

Open Mon.-Fri. 8:00—Sat.-Sun. 1:30—3:30 to 6:30 50c after 6:30, incl. tax

THURS. thru SAT. Sept. 2-4



SUN. thru THU. Sept. 5-9

First North Shore Showing Special Holiday Matinee Monday

"On Our Merry Way"

Faustella Goddard, James Stewart, Dorothy Lamour, Henry Fonda, Fred MacMurray and All Star Cast

Northshore Garden of Memories

A Surprise Awaits You if You Have Not Visited THIS BEAUTIFUL GARDEN CEMETERY

VERY REASONABLE

GREEN BAY ROAD & 16TH ST. PHONE MAJ. 1087