

Deep and Shallows

Albuquerque Atmosphere

(The Mountain Road)
Dear Millie: I promised you a letter about the Mountain Road, so while I'm having my ten o'clock coffee with one of those doughnuts I baked yesterday, I'll write you.

Mountain Road begins at the top of a hill, and runs down to a very narrow congested street. There are tumbling adobe brick houses on either side. Now a true adobe house boasts few windows and one door, set crookedly in their frames. The slant, which no midwestern architect would allow, is distinctly picturesque in this brilliant and enchanting country. It is as though the adobe houses were getting a different perspective on life.

The houses are set so close together that one can hardly tell which is dwelling and which is shed, or which yard is which; and I doubt if it matters, for all the junk, the goats, the chickens and the fences seem to belong to everyone.

One large tub filled with water is often a common cooling-off place for eight small brown bodies. Of course swimming is impossible, but even on the swank Lake Michigan beaches it is the splash that counts, isn't it? The laughter of the children can be heard above the din of barking dogs and tangled traffic. The sound carries on and on over the rocky hills into the thin silver tones of an echo.

On Mountain Road those girls who wear the delightful Carmen fashion of this land, as all southwestern girls should, are indeed great beauties; but a young Mexican lady in shorts and halter betrays the setting of this Spanish country.

Many taverns and beauty shops spring up next to each other along the street. There are no pavements or sidewalks. Sand swirls up with every passing car or scurrying dog. Fat, bulging babies wander out to the roadside, dressed only in fat, bulging diapers—or not dressed at all.

On Mountain Road one sees life, simple and happy—life in its purest form. Oh, yes, I mean "purest", Millie—for isn't it convention that distorts our narrow viewpoints on all Life's Mountain Roads?

(The Indians)
Oh, yes, Millie, I must tell you about the Indians.

The other day we attended their ceremonials at Gallup, where the tribal festivities vied with the splendor of the scenery. The natural setting for the performance was brilliant and unbelievable.

The middle class Indians were exquisitely dressed in the most exotic colors, harmonizing without benefit of Vogue, Paris or Hollywood. The children were adorable and well-behaved, delightful bits of rhythm as they danced to the cadence of weird-sounding drums. The poorer class was equally brilliant, but less discriminating. The gay and glittering plastic apron, invariably worn backward, made a unique and colorful decoration.

Another trip was to Kirkland Field open house. The crowd, here, was a kaleidoscope scene of pleasure. And again, in my judgment, a squaw took first prize.

The blanket was, of course, present, in spite of the heat, and the usual number of petticoats, lace trimmed. The neatest pair of ankles in nylon hose, with very straight seams, topped the black and white saddle oxfords.

A typical Indian family, which one day claimed my attention, consisted of the brave with tribal ribbons in his braids, but otherwise conventionally dressed. The teen age children looked like any other teen agers. But the squaw was magnificently dressed in a brilliant blue and red blanket worn over head and shoulders, and petticoats without number, cascading here and there in rainbow colors from under a top skirt of gay print trimmed with white lace. On her feet she wore white deer-skin leggings or boots, and the final touch was a very modern Woolworth variety of plastic apron, pink and green. You've no idea what a cute bustle it made, Millie.

But what delightful independence. Looking in the faces of that family one could but note the pride, the contentment, the happiness of a race superior to petty fashion or politics. If only one could acquire that supreme indifference—or is it greater understanding? I feel that I must get better acquainted with them, Millie, for I must find this out.

Yours, as ever,
E. B.

Or Aren't There Any?
Wonderful! Now — how about the pale faces?
R.B.O.

Original Design In Safety Poster Contest Wins Award

In the state-wide school children's poster art contest, as an aid to safeguarding Illinois children against traffic accidents, adopted as a continuous event this week, the first prize-winning design was by Larry Stearns, 6th grade, First Ward School of Freeport, Ill., who was awarded the gold medal and, in addition, \$100 donated by the Outdoor Advertising Association of Illinois.

The first prize design will be painted by a professional artist and reproduced in color on a 24-sheet poster that will be displayed on streets and highways throughout Illinois. This design depicts a cat chasing a rat at a street crossing, with the cat, wisely safety-minded, stopping the chase to wait for the green light before pursuing the rat across the intervening street.

When the judges gave first prize to this design, a noted professional artist, who was a visitor, approvingly held up the design. "Yep," he said, "This is IT. The boy's caught the idea." Then he indicated how a professional artist would depict the idea: A ferocious cat plowing abruptly to "stop in a cloud of dust and fury, cocking an angry but obedient eye at the red light while he waits for the green light. Across the street, temporarily safe because of the red light, the rat leers mockingly at the cat. Three elements, cat, rat and lights, in a complete story, with only four words of copy.

Joint Statement By The Salvation Army And H. P. Community Chest

The withdrawal of the Salvation Army as a participating member of the Highland Park Community Chest was announced in the following statement issued jointly by Mr. Spencer R. Keare, President of the Community Chest, and Brigadier Dallas P. Leader, Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army.

"Following consideration of the financial needs, present and projected, community and regional welfare services in Metropolitan Chicago, and after full examination of such budgetary needs, present and future, with Community Chest officials, The Salvation Army voted the withdrawal of the organization as a participating member of the Highland Park Community Chest, which was accepted, with withdrawal effective as of September 30, 1949.

The funds to carry on the work of the Salvation Army in this area for the year 1950, therefore, will not be included in the Highland Park Community Chest budget. Instead, solicitation will be conducted in Highland Park by The Salvation Army in December 1949.

The amicable relationship between the Highland Park Community Chest and The Salvation Army is not affected in the latter's withdrawal.

The Salvation Army pledges to develop the best possible service to the community and stands ready to serve the Chest in any way possible."

Natives Of Guam Vaccinated Against Tuberculosis

Naval medical authorities on Guam began an extensive vaccinating program against tuberculosis Tuesday when the first shipment of BCG, the anti-tuberculosis vaccine, arrived from Chicago's Research Foundation.

Open Letter

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
Second Asst. Postmaster General
Washington 25, D. C.

August 17, 1949
Hon. Ralph E. Church
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Church:
Reference is made to your letter of August 15 and our telephone conversation of the 17th, in regard to the inclusion of Deerfield, Illinois, on Segment A of Route AM 96 (Chicago helicopter air mail route) when this service is inaugurated.

Due to the fact that the Bell Helicopter Air Service, Inc., have a load limit of approximately 300 pounds, it has been decided that only the following cities will be included for service during the initial period of operation:

Oak Park, Evanston, Glencoe, Waukegan, Barrington, Park Ridge, Wilmette, Highland Park, North Chicago, Arlington Heights, Glenview, Winnetka, Lake Forest, Libertyville, and Des Plaines.

If after the inauguration of service over this segment it is found that the helicopter can accommodate additional mail, consideration will be given to the inclusion of additional points, and in particular those points which are located within a short distance of the landing sites of the helicopter. Since the Deerfield post office is only about two miles from the helicopter site which will be used to serve Highland Park, every effort will be made to provide this office with direct service if it is found that additional mail can be accommodated and if the volume of air mail received and dispatched at the Deerfield post office warrants the expenditure for messenger service to and from the helicopter site serving Highland Park.

Our Regional Superintendent at Chicago, who has direct supervision of the operation of the helicopter air mail route, will give special attention to this matter after the service has been in operation a short while.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Robert S. Burgess
ROBERT S. BURGESS
Deputy Second Assistant
Postmaster General.

This is the first BCG vaccinating program undertaken by the Navy, and is being done in cooperation with the U.S. Public Health Service. During the next 10 to 12 months the Navy plans to vaccinate all natives on Guam who react negatively to tuberculin tests. The vaccine builds up a high degree of immunity to tuberculosis in persons not already infected. The program will be carried on under the direction of Comdr. Robert E. Rock, director of public health for the naval government of Guam.

Model Trains

Model trains from the collection of Harold Schimmelpfeng, 1630 Broadway, are now on exhibit in the Highland Park Public Library. They are of the HO gauge and all are perfectly accurate replicas of the actual cars and locomotives.

Mr. Schimmelpfeng has chosen a wrecking train and several typical cars and engines to represent his hobby. Along with the models are various books on railroading in the United States, all of which are available for circulation.

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Red Cross News Letter

Red Cross to Service Vets' Insurance Dividend

Application forms for the special dividend on National Service Life Insurance authorized by the Veterans Administration will be available at the Chicago Chapter Red Cross Home Service office on or after Aug. 29.

The dividend is not automatic, Mrs. Edwin W. Eisendrath, the chapter's home service chairman, said today. Each veteran must fill out one of the application forms to receive his dividend.

In general, any veteran who kept his National Service Life Insurance in force for three months or more will be eligible to receive a dividend. The exact amounts each policy-holder will receive are not known at this time, Mrs. Eisendrath said. The VA will work that out between now and the first of the year when the first dividend payments will be made.

Mrs. Eisendrath emphasized that veterans should not write to the VA about their dividends. She said veterans should not communicate with the VA except to send in the application form. Any veteran who has questions about may get advice from Red Cross Home Service personnel at the chapter headquarters, 529 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago.

First Aid Training For School Bus Drivers
A special American Red Cross standard first aid class which meets the state requirement for bus drivers who carry school children will be offered just before school starts.

The course will start Monday night, Aug. 29, and will run nightly through Friday of that week from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. It will be held at the Chicago Chapter Red Cross headquarters, 529 S. Wabash Ave. Bus drivers and others successfully completing the course will be issued American Red Cross first aid certificates good for three years.

An Illinois law makes it mandatory for every bus driver carrying school children to have an up-to-date first aid certificate before license for the fall will be issued.

Red Cross Home Nursing Classes Announced


The Chicago Chapter Red Cross Home Nursing Service will offer three classes in home nursing and three in mother and baby care and family health, beginning early in September.

The home nursing classes will begin Sept. 6 and will be held each Tuesday and Thursday for three weeks. One class will run from 10:00 a.m. to noon, one from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and one from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The mother and baby care and family health courses will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays for three weeks, beginning Sept. 7. The hours for these classes will be the same as for the home nursing courses.

All the classes will be given at the Chicago Chapter Red Cross headquarters, 529 S. Wabash Ave.

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