

# Deep and Shallows

## Independence?

"I don't have to depend on anyone." It was glibly spoken, chin up and shoulders back. I'm sure there are many more who feel the same way.

The older I get (and I'm no spring chicken) the more I want to call the attention of these independents (?) to the fact that they are barking up the wrong tree.

Let's begin before breakfast. Maybe we have to depend on the alarm clock to waken us. But we'll skip that one. Some people have trained themselves to wake up on the dot every morning.

Take the newspaper. We depend on the newsboy to deliver it. That boy had to get up long before we did. He is not one of those youngsters whose father gives him a liberal allowance every week, of that we may be sure. He may be one of those boys who may keep the money he earns and is allowed to spend it as he pleases, or it may be one of those brave little chaps who must hand his earnings over to mother. Be that as it may, we depend on the paperboy to deliver our newspaper. Some of us even growl when we have to go out in unpleasant weather to get it. If we haven't a cozy box for it, we expect it to be wrapped in wax paper to keep it dry. These boys are not paid for that extra time.

Next comes the postman. Like the boy, he trudges through all kinds of weather. We wouldn't change places with him, but how we miss him when he doesn't bring the letter we expected.

We depend the butcher to have a nice display of meats for us to choose from. The grocer the same, as well as all the other shops where we make purchases. We depend on the milkman for a variety of things. We depend on the garbage and tin can men to keep our premises clean by relieving us of refuse.

We depend on the fire department to come to our aid P.D.Q. Ditto the police. We depend on the doctor to hurry when we call him. What about the nurses in the hospitals? What about the men in the electric station? They keep us supplied with light, heat and refrigeration. We depend on them, don't we?

I could name dozens more, but I'm sure you're itching to tell me you PAY for all this. Granted. But what would you do with all your money if there was no one to give you these services in exchange? Would you eat your money? If people didn't want newspapers, if they didn't buy from the shops, other people couldn't make a living. It's tit for tat. Do a little

real thinking—make the world a better place to live in.

None of us asked to come into this world—nor have we any idea when we will be called into the Great Beyond. When we do go, we leave all our earthly possessions behind—even that feeling "I don't depend on anyone."

I copy the words of Berton Braley,

"If you think that praise is due him,

Now is the time to slip it to him. For he cannot read his tombstone, When he's dead".

—A. C. O.

## Curb Service

Boastfully, she "lives for others", Granting none his soul's possession,

One can spot her hapless victims By their haunted, piqued expression.

—Marmalade

## Friendship

No longer need he feel himself afraid

To travel on Life's rough, uncertain road, Because you care; a friendship has been made;

Jointly you share a light or heavy load.

You know each other's happiness and fear,

You find a comradeship both new and old—

His image in your heart, distinct and clear,

Securely held in sympathetic mould.

So does the quiet water of the lake

Mirror the mighty snow-capped mountain slope,

To hold it fast for its own beauty's sake,

And picture it for man's inspired hope.

Reflected in your calm and peaceful soul

He'll find his purpose—an exalted goal.

—E. B.

## What's In A Name?

There comes to us the true story of two New York state families who, though they lived side by side, harbored no neighborly love for each other. In fact, so bitter became the feud that a high stone wall was erected between the two properties.

Their names? Well, here is the truth that is stranger than—

One family was named Lord and the other Angel.

—R. B. O.

## Cortesi Family Supports Boystown of Italy



Father Samuel Bartoli gives box seats to Mrs. William Cortesi, Sr. for Arlington Farms Polo Benefit at Libertyville on August 6th. Mrs. Cortesi appears in picture with her four sons (left to right) John, Otto, Hugo and William Jr. She was one of the first subscribers in Highland Park to the All-Star game which will benefit the foundation of this noteworthy youth institution at Modena. Interest in the project is gradually mounting and a huge attendance at the polo game Sunday after next at 3 p.m. is expected. Featuring the half-time program will be the appearance of the famous Great Lakes Training Center Band.

Photo by Lorraine Le Goff

## Girl Scout News

by Mrs. M. E. Tippey

Sakajawea Day Camp ended last Friday, July 21, with all the campers regretful, and wishing there were more, and the volunteer leaders feeling that they had enjoyed their work also. In spite of almost continuous rain last week, they had managed to find fun and learning inside the cabin. New friends were made, new songs learned and new games played.

The Ramblers (advanced campers), under the direction of Mrs. Harold Reintjes, made gold leaf-print drapes for the cabin. The Brownies made grass dolls, and weather-forecasters from blotters. The Intermediate groups played nature games to learn the wild flowers and birds with Mrs. Karl D. King, Jr. Mrs. Lewis Stryker from Deerfield came to teach new songs. They had an indoor track meet one rainy day, with the campers divided into new mixed groups, named New York, Kokomo, Oshkosh and Kalamazoo. Each group invented yells for its team. They ran relay races, and did stunts pertaining to a track meet.

They molded chewing gum pictures with tooth picks on paper, and Peggy Lennox won the prize for the best work. The prize? More gum, naturally. Ruth Griswold won the prize for the best Nature Study scrap book, which the Ramblers made for specimens of leaves and flowers, and for bird identification. During this wet weather, the girls learned how to find good firewood in spite of the rain, and to build their fires under this real handicap—a hard job for even the experienced campers.

All girls were part of the big show, given the final day of camp. Brownies dramatized "The Brownie Story." The Ramblers gave three skits: "A Lesson in Arithmetic," "The Lighthouse Goes Round and Round", and some tumbling acts. For an encore, they gave "The Jay-bird's Whooping Cough". One Intermediate group dramatized ballads, and did a square dance. The other had clown acrobats, hula dancers with newspaper and leaf skirts, and Marilyn Tippey and Sandra Heins did a ballet dance.

The leaders made each girl a small autograph book, just as in the previous camp period, and the Scouts happily exchanged autographs, while having a special afternoon treat of pop corn and candy bars.

The Ramblers are planning to get together again this summer once more, for the fun of a reunion and to learn more advanced camping.

## Infant Welfare Juniors Hold All-Day Meeting On Monday

The July meeting of the Junior Group of Infant Welfare was held Monday at the home of Mrs. John H. Kies of Landis Lane, Deerfield. Mrs. Frank P. Nellis was the morning hostess, and Mrs. Gail W. Compton and Mrs. Thomas V. McDavitt were the afternoon hostesses.

The publicity chairman, Mrs. Melvin G. Barker announced that the fall publicity program is under way. One of the special fall events will be in the form of a children's party in August. Admission to the party will be outgrown clothing to be donated to the Thrift Shop.

## Pot Luck Supper To Precede Meeting Of Legion Auxiliary

A pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. at Sunset Park will precede the meeting of the Highland Park American Legion auxiliary tonight (Thursday) weather permitting. The regular business meeting

will be held at 8 p.m. at Witten's hall Mrs. Chris Matthiessen, presiding. Miss Thayer Forbes, who represented the auxiliary at Girls' State at MacMurray College, Jackson, Illinois, will speak. All Juniors are invited to attend.

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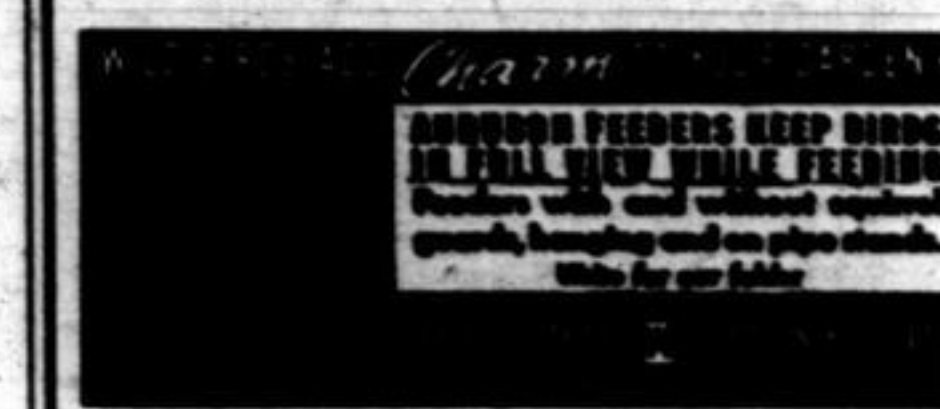
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## Former Highland Parker Credited With Important Military Suggestion

"Goodbye, Mr. Horse"

Few persons can claim that when they opened their mouths at the tender age of nine they said something intelligent; but a 30-year resident of southwest Los Angeles can claim this and he has published works to prove it. He is 60-year-old John F. Reddick, a native of Highland Park, who now lives at 5522 Mullen avenue in Los Angeles.

In the July, 1900, issue of St. Nicholas magazine, Master John Farnsley Reddick, then a student in Highland Park Public schools, aged 9, wrote an article entitled "The First Automobile Gun," in which he suggested the prototype of the tank.

He also predicted the end of the horse in modern warfare, writing, "When the time comes for the child of the twentieth century to say 'Goodbye, Mr. Horse,' we can imagine the soldier saying the same thing."

Congress recently fulfilled that prophecy by abolishing the U. S. cavalry.

In his article Reddick described the first automobile gun, a three-wheel affair designed from a child's tricycle with a Colt automatic gun mounted on it.

It was at Northwestern Military academy, where Reddick's father, Captain George Reddick, was an instructor, that the idea of using the automobile in warfare developed.

The armed car became the armored car and eventually became the tank. But here again John F. Reddick must be tabbed with an assist in its development.

As Major Reddick, he recommended applying caterpillar tractors to armored cars. The army undertook experiments with such vehicles at Fort Sill and Rock Island arsenal.

These American inspired caterpillar tractors were first used in the Battle of the Somme in July, 1916.

Reddick attended grammar school in Highland Park, Ill., then enrolled at Northwestern Military as a plebe. His father resigned from the faculty and young Reddick transferred to Shattuck Military school, Fairbault, Minn.

He later attended Trinity college, Hartford, Conn., and then the University of Chicago.

While working for the Good-year Rubber company, Reddick championed the Akron-made observation balloon, the reconnaissance airplane, and also launched experiments on military uses of radio.

## Wesley Methodists Ask Magazines For Downey Hospital

The Committee on Co-operation of the board of the Wesley Methodist church, Highwood, asked at the last board meeting, that members save their old magazines, which will be taken to the patients at the Veteran's hospital at Downey. These magazines can be brought to the church, and placed at a designated place in the foyer of the church. Only magazines not older than three months, such as Life, Look, Saturday Evening Post, American, etc., which would be of particular interest for men. Any issue of the Reader's Digest, Popular Mechanics, etc. are welcome. Church periodicals will also be accepted.

There will be no family night meeting during July, but plans for August are centered around a picnic at the Russell Farm with corn of the cob as the main feature. The tentative date set is August 30th.