

Deep and Shallows

Christmas, 1949, In Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Millie:

Perhaps our city is no different than any other. Perhaps I should consider the great advantage of progress, as it is called. Perhaps I'm dated in my viewpoint, but I wonder if our little old planet isn't spinning too fast away from the real meaning of Christmas.

Here in the southwest, the tradition of lighting the way for Joseph and Mary has become commercialized, so it seems to me. Not only are the business streets and shops brilliant in glittering tinsel, but the luminaries have invaded every home, shrub, tree and garden wall. The Chamber of Commerce is positively bursting with pride, for the citizens are vying with one another for the most splendid display. A prize is offered for the most elaborate demonstration.

I refused to join in the mass parade of cars motoring up and down the residential streets, so votes could be cast on their profuse splendor. Everywhere were lights, until the glory of the heavens was blotted out by electrical displays.

Because I live in this era I do try to realize that by such elaboration money is kept in circulation, tradesmen benefitted and the standard of living raised. But, Millie, I wonder if Joseph and Mary would have been welcome to rest in any of the prize-seeking dwellings.

Unable to find the peace I sought in all this modern interpretation of Christmas, I wandered down to the Mountain road. Most of the Mexican settlement was dark. The women were probably in church. The men, with holiday wages in their pockets were no doubt celebrating in their own way.

Guided by a flickering light, which I found came from a crude candle placed in an old tomato can with the red and green label still on it, I came to a clean-swept sandy door yard. Quietly I crept to the window of the adobe hut.

In the pale light I saw, lying exhausted among old ragged quilts on an iron bed, a small child. A woman knelt in prayer beside the tiny form.

Aroused, perhaps, by my intrusion, the child became convulsed by a spasm of coughing. The woman picked up a rag or towel and wiped the baby's lips.

I turned away, baffled by conflicting impressions of progress and poverty, and looked up to the satin sky where brilliant lemon-colored stars were shining a Christmas message to the earth.

Always,
—E. B.

Indicative Modes

When man desires a certain maid, His aims are sound as bedrock. Suffice, he loves. Though lost, afraid, He risks the bonds of wedlock.

But, conversely, a woman's view Has motives grim and stony. She grabs the man without ado. Her goal is matrimony.

—Marmalade

Fashion Notes

Earth, that best-dressed woman, tiring Of her gorgeous autumn raiment, Petulantly tossed it from her— Flung it down in pied profusion, Russet, red and gold and char-treuse. Donned a gown, effective, art-less—

Virgin white bedecked with brill- iants, Wrapped herself in costly ermine Sparked with sprays of vivid holly, Wearing mistletoe for ear-rings.

Presently her roving fancy Will dictate a change of vesture— Tender yellows, greens and or- chids,

Merging into rose and amber, Heaven blues—a color riot; Blessed with hair, divine, for blending. . . . Witching earth, that best-dressed woman.

—R. B. O.

Highland Park Women In Charge Of Luncheon-Sale

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Shore Methodist church, Glencoe, will have a Christmas luncheon party—bake and gift sale on Tuesday, December 12, at the church on Hazel and Greenleaf avenues, Glencoe. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., prepared by Miss Katrinka Fisher of the Hostess Workshop of Chicago, and will be served by the Foster-Grossstephan circle, composed of members who are residents of Highland Park.

The meeting is planned to replace the annual Christmas bazaar, and a large attendance of members, guests and friends is expected. Reservations made by calling the church office.

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Ellery Harveys Return From Florida Trip

Dr. and Mrs. Ellery Harvey, 987 Ridgewood, have returned from a trip to Florida in which they motored over 4,000 miles, combining pleasure with business. Palm Beach, Fort Worth, Lake Worth, Miami, Tamiami trail, Puma Rosa, Santa Bell island, Bonita Springs, were all included in their itinerary. At Fort Worth they spent an hour with Mrs. Matt Maiman, who will be joined later by her husband, enjoyed citrus groves, picked coconuts, admired the gorgeous floral life, and the wild life along the Tamiami trail, with its birds, fish, monkeys and interesting Indian residents.

Several days were spent at Santa Bell island, and Bonita Springs offered unique attractions with its shell factory. Mrs. Harvey, who has made a hobby of shell collections, was intrigued with the display.

At Sarasota they found more shells. After visiting St. Petersburg, Clearwater and other interesting points they returned to the interior. Bok's singing tower at Lake Wales was another attraction. In Silver Springs they took the usual boat trip in glass-bottomed boat, the clearness of the water enabling them to admire the animal and plant life under water.

They stopped at the Lee Stoker home in Palatka, visited Ocala, Pensacola, Mariana and turned back to Panama City from which they started their homeward trek. At Mariana they encountered their first frost, and really chilled in Birmingham, Alabama.

Although glad to be home, Dr. Harvey was obliged to leave Tuesday by plane for another business trip to San Francisco.

Children's Craft Classes At Center

Craft classes for children are held in the Highland Park Recreation Center every Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 o'clock in the crafts room on the lower floor. Miss Ella Rasmussen is the instructor.

The children are busy this month making Christmas tree ornaments, wall decorations, and gifts for their friends and families. The class is open to all Highland Park boys and girls who are six years old or older. There is no fee for the instruction, but the children pay for the materials they use.

Ravinia Garden Club Plans Christmas For Northwestern Settlement

With needle and thread, paste and scissors in their handbags, members of Ravinia Garden club will attend their annual all day work meeting on Friday, December 8, at 10 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Gerald Stone, 1200 Lincoln ave.

The meeting is an annual event for Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild and the Christmas gifts that are made and assembled during the day will be packed in boxes at the end of the meeting and taken by Mrs. Marvin Anthony, Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild chairman, to Northwestern Settlement as Ravinia Garden club's Christmas donation.

This year Mr. Rockwalski, director of Northwestern Settlement, has requested that in addition to the pocket combs, toothbrushes, wash cloths and soap, fashioned in the form of snow men to be hung on the Christmas tree, and packaged candy that the club usually sends, that children's books and jams and jellies for the sick also be added.

Members will each bring their own sandwiches to the work meeting and during the lunch hour, coffee and dessert will be served by the following co-hostesses: the Mmes. Sherman Clough, chairman, Hamilton Winton, John B. Wilbor and Claburn Jones.

Fathers And Sons To Shine At Elm Place, Friday

Mr. Sidney Rubenstein of the Elm Place P.T.A. has arranged a program of fun and entertainment tomorrow evening, Friday, December 8. Approximately fifty boys, under the direction of Mr. Danakas, Physical Education Director, will take part in a gymnastic exhibition which will include demonstrations in tumbling, rope climbing, the horizontal ladder, and the flying rings. This demonstration will give parents of the boys at Elm Place School an opportunity to see their sons in action doing activities which are part of the regular physical education program.

Immediately following this exhibition a volley ball game will be played between fathers and sons. To top the evening's entertainment a top notch magician will perform in the auditorium and door prizes will be awarded to holders of lucky tickets.

Must Raise \$50,000,000 For March Of Dimes

Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, recently declared that the 1951 March of Dimes next January must raise \$50,000,000 to meet the staggering costs of three consecutive years of record-breaking polio epidemics and to continue a vast research program aimed at bringing the disease under control.

The president of the National Foundation asserted that the nation has experienced its second worst polio epidemic in history this year and that patient care would cost \$25,000,000 in March of Dimes funds. This is \$5,000,000 more than is available, he said.

Emergency aid to Illinois Chapters has totalled almost \$500,000.

Methodist Men's Club

The Methodist Men's club of the Wesley Methodist church, Highland Park-Highwood will meet at the church Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting. The president, Ruben Olson, will preside.

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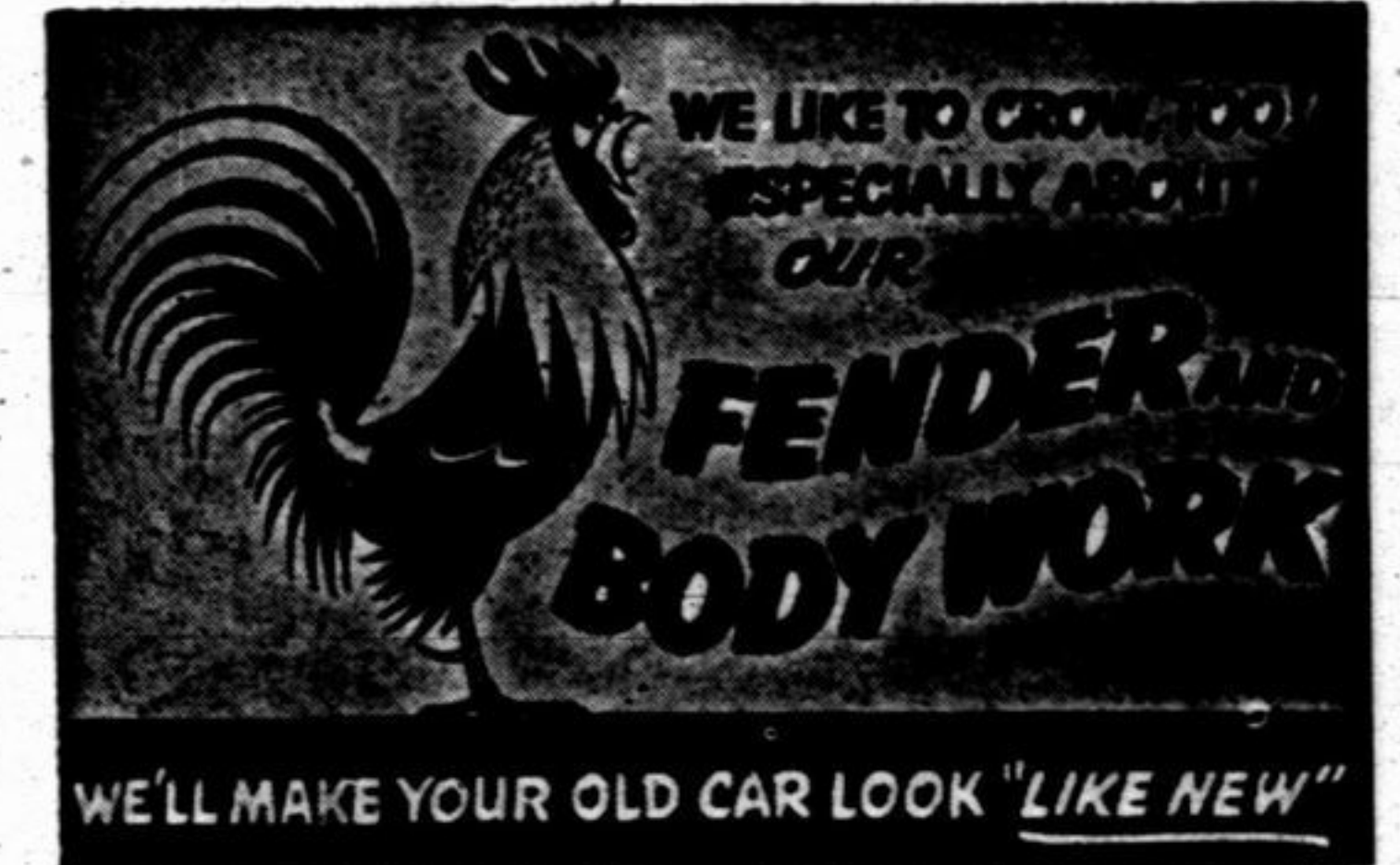
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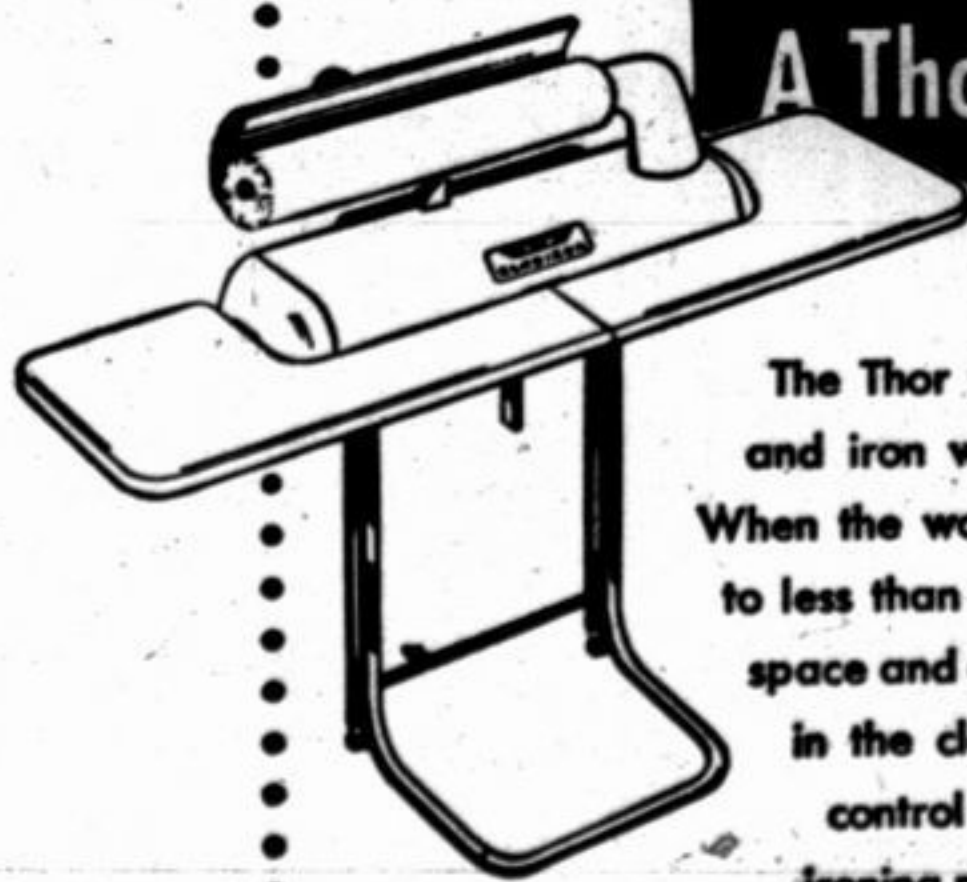
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