

Deeps and Shallows

California Callers

"Do peddlers ring your door bell very often up here in these hills?"

The question was asked by a guest who had never before been up here. In rapid succession there went through my mind the many kinds of people who come to this house, besides guests.

The newspaper boys. I say "boys", because there are always two. They drive an ancient jalopy. One drives and the other FLINGS the newspaper. Luckily our two-door garage and the wall dividing the patio from the street meet at right angles, thus making a safe place for the paper to land. These boys drive like a flash around the curves in these hills. These narrow roads not only have sharp curves, but every few hundred feet either rise or drop. Being so early in the morning is one reason they don't have a smash-up, and they sure keep their Guardian Angel mighty busy every day in the year.

The mail for this side of the canyon is brought by auto to a large U. S. mail box at the end of our street. There the mailman sorts it, and we are the ninth house to receive our one delivery a day. He will pick up and mail we have in the slot in our mail box. With all the magazines he has to deliver, he sure has a load. There isn't a day we don't get small and large packages and at least one magazine. This being the rainy season, our mailman often brings the mail into the patio and lays it on the table. We have a new carrier about every three weeks.

Every other day the milkman comes. Milkmen seem to rotate—just why I don't know. One will put the milk in the shade, another will leave it in the sun. The third will open the kitchen door and place the bottles on the floor, and there is one who puts the milk in the refrigerator. If we know we won't be back until after dark, we put a note out for the milkman asking him to put some milk for the cat in the dish we have left outside. It is always done, and we appreciate it very much.

The grocery boy is the noisy one. He drops and bumps our purchases down with a thump, slams the door with a bang and off he goes. If I chance to be upstairs when he comes, I go out in the kitchen and he greets me with a smile, lays down each package as if it held a dozen very thin shelled eggs. He chats about the weather and closes the door so quietly one cannot even hear the latch click.

Then Ito, the Japanese gardener, comes twice a week. All the gardeners are alike. They want water flowing from every faucet on the premises. This being a three story house we have faucets on three floors. The minute he gets here, every faucet is turned on. He trims and fusses over the flowering plants, cuts the grass on the street level garden and the lower patio, and then he takes the hose and washes down the cement stairs from street to lower patio. He has been told to SWEEP the stairs and not wash them, but when he wants to be deaf, he is deaf.

One man we miss. He used to come around in his auto once a week, polish all our shoes and make minor repairs. None of our neighbors knows what has become of him. The ice-cream man goes by very slowly and his music box plays, "Little Brown Jug How I Love Thee." He is patronized by the children several doors away. The scissor grinder comes every so often. We patronized him once, but never again.

A very persistent man is the Fuller Brush agent, he leaves his card on the first and second trips and the third time he writes, "I won't be back for several weeks."

I'm here alone very often and if the day is pleasant I stay on upper patio and sew, read, write or mend and the time passes very pleasantly. But one day I had rather an exciting few minutes. As I was closing the front door, with both hands full of material, I saw the latch had not been turned down and when the door closed it would be locked. But it didn't

worry me because there were two other ways I could get into the house. In about half an hour an auto drove up and turned and then stopped right in front of the gate. A man got out, looked around outside, opened the gate very quietly, and tip-toed down the four steps to the patio floor.

His actions were very sneaky and he headed straight for the front door, not looking my way at all. He was thoroughly startled when I asked in a loud voice, "What do you want?"

He stood still as a statue for a few seconds. Then he turned around, doubling up his fists, and said in a gruff voice, "Want to use your telephone." He didn't make a step toward me, for which I was very glad. Just then I heard an auto stop across the road. I stood up and looked over the wall and said, "Here come my neighbors and they are both policemen." My sneaky caller was up those four steps, through the gate and into his auto and around the bend, before my neighbors were out of their car. (They weren't policemen at all).

I looked up to see the face of an elderly gentleman peering over the wall. He was mopping his face and he asked, "May I trouble you with a few questions?" It was a very hot day and he was standing in the sun. I said, "If you'll come in here out of the sun, I can give you a glass of cold water and then I'll answer the questions."

He sat down, the water reviving him. He told me the street and the number of the house he was looking for. He had gone up and down, in and around, had followed directions and was now so befuddled he didn't know the name of the street he was on. I told him I would give directions, so with pad on knee he was ready.

"YOUR car is facing in the right direction. Make a short turn to the right, then one to the left. It is all up grade and by that time you have will have gone about 500 feet. To your left is a pretty white house and the number is 3001 and the street is the one you are looking for." He was a very pleased old gentleman.

—A. C. O.

D.A.R. Members Will Hear Talk On Lincoln

Lincoln, and interesting data in connection with his life and letters will be discussed by Newton C. Farr when he speaks at the February 8th meeting of the North Shore Chapter D.A.R. to be held at the home of Mrs. H. S. Millett, 301 Central avenue at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Farr is co-chairman of the Barrett Lincoln Collection Fund and is a deep student of Lincoln and his place in history.

Pins and awards for Good Citizenship will be awarded by Mrs. Edwin L. Gilroy, chairman of the North Shore Chapter Americanization committee. Those receiving rewards are: Barbara Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott, 590 Homewood ave., who represents Highland Park High School and Constance Shields, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Culver Shields of Lake Bluff who will receive the Lake Forest High School award.

Mrs. Millett will be assisted as hostess for the occasion by the following co-hostesses: Mrs. Nathan Corwith, chairman, Mrs. Harry J. Van Ornum, Mrs. William L. Winters, and Mrs. William S. Jacobs.

Ravinia Women Will Hold Dinner Dance Saturday Evening

The second of the three formal dinner dances given by the Ravinia Woman's Club for its members and guests will be held at the Ravinia Village house on Saturday night, Feb. 3. Billy Roberts and his orchestra will furnish the music for dancing from 9:30 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Members of the social committee helping with the valentine theme decorations and other arrangements are as follows: Mesdames Bertram E. Beers, Robert Christopher, J. W. Barton, Mark Brown, W. M. Buckraeder, Robert Clarkson, D. L. Dewey, Gordon C. Fowler, A. W. Geigerich, J. L. Gibson, J. W. Gooch, Stanley D. Grove, W. W. Hamilton, A. C. Heimerdinger, G. E. Hubrig, R. S. Hutchinson, C. L. Johnson, A. J. Joyce, Karl King, Carl H. Linhoff, Raymond Naegele, Robert Patton, George Postels, John Stodder, N. L. Udell, G. C. Weaver and John Wilbor.

Course On Church History Offered During Lent

The second of a series of courses on religion will be given

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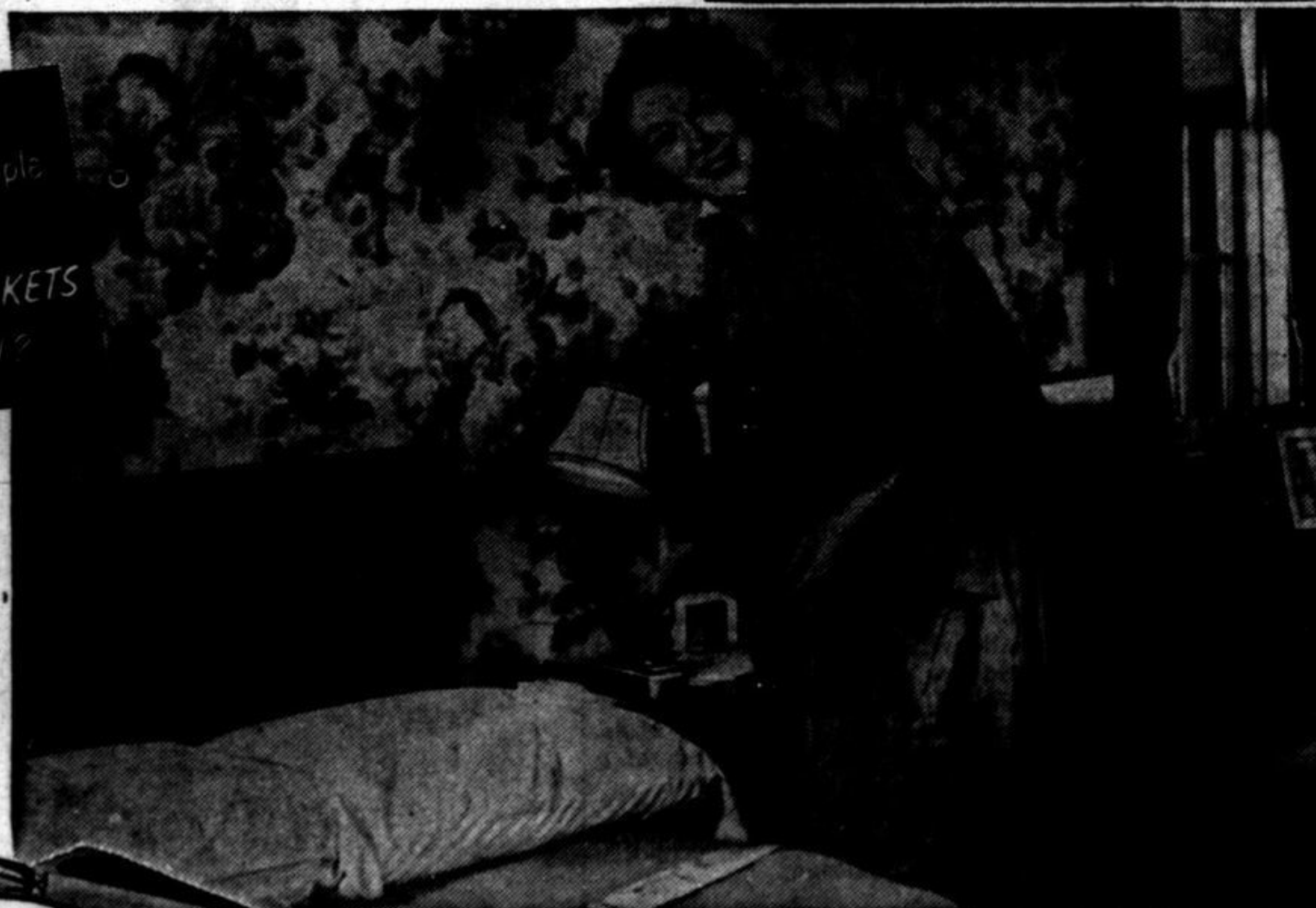
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