

Deep and Shallows

Spring And Esmeralda

Dear Millie:

Colorful spring has again come to Duke City. With its advent we expect a change in the type of salesmen who ring at our door.

Later we'll have the gay skirted Indian girls, selling paper flowers, or the Mexican truckers, with their loads of sheep fertilizer for the impoverished lawns, or flagstone for the patio. In the autumn we'll be called to the door again and again by the brazen army of vote-getters for magazine subscriptions. When winter comes there will be the throng of religious workers of many denominations—a drab and sanctimonious lot, who denounce me as a hopeless sinner from the moment I open the door. The salesmen for cemetery lots are persistent and depressing, too.

But, regardless of seasons, we have Esmeralda.

Since I've lived here, she has represented several different cosmetic firms and hosiery houses. Last fall she worked diligently in politics. One week she was an ardent supporter of the Democratic cause; the next, she was equally eloquent in behalf of the Republicans.

She also makes surveys. In February she made a house-to-house canvass to further education, so she claimed. With poised pencil in her purple-gloved hand, her little finger curled coquettishly, she asked my address, my full name, my telephone number and the whereabouts of the children I don't have, and how many. With sugared smirk she lisped, her cupid-bow mouth distorted by brilliant lipstick: "And now, honey, what is your husband's business?"

"Retired," I snapped, crossly.

"Oh, dear, honey, how perfectly sweet that must be," she purred. "That's the second husband I've had retired, today."

Esmeralda's attitude is always one of complete surprise when I open the door to her ring. I believe she pretends never to have been here before. So I do, too. Perhaps I'd not answer the door if I weren't so curious to know what new angle she is working, and I do like to see her latest fashions.

Esmeralda may be Spanish. She may have come from Texas, Kansas or even Chicago, but now she is definitely a part of the Land of Enchantment.

I've never seen her wear a hat. Her black hair is piled on top of her rather large head in a pro-

fusion of oily curls, which glisten in our glorious sunshine like small metal coil springs. On either side of her head elaborate silver earrings jangle as she talks.

But, in spite of her efforts, her face is old. Her features, plastered with cold cream, rouge and powder, are coarse, with pronounced wrinkles, in spite of applied facials. The crimson areas of her cheeks fade abruptly into the grooves of her freckled neck.

Her dress has always been black with many swirls and drapes—a planned decorative frock, which is supposed to distract one from her mature figure. Row on row of necklaces weigh heavily on Esmeralda's short, lace-covered chest.

To reach my door she probably has walked from the bus stop, five up-hill blocks away. She has done so in high-heeled suede pumps, the color of which varies with the season and with her errand.

Protokingly, she always wears dark glasses framed in colored plastic to match her shoes, shoulder bag and gloves. The latter are thick suede, long and wrinkled to the elbow, clamped securely by broad silver bracelets.

This morning, with spring heralded by turquoise skies and bird-song; by tulips, daffodils and freshly-green trees, Esmeralda chose chartreuse as the color for her accessories.

She was selling salad dressing. Could you, dear Millie, have refused her?

Always,
—E.B.

Whom Could He Have Meant?

I turned on the radio in the middle of a man-on-the-street program just in time to catch these words: "I shudder to think he holds the fate of a nation in the hollow of his head!"

—Listener-In

Johnny's Getting On . . .

I bet I'm the proudest young fellow alive!

I say, it's a wonderful thing to be five!

I look back last year, and, oh, boy, what a bore!

To think I was satisfied, then, to be four.

But when you're that young you can't hope to arrive

At the big ol' decisions you make when you're five.

—R.B.O.

Seats To "South Pacific" Await Lucky Welfare Couple

Mrs. Courtney B. Clow officiated as hostess for the April meeting of the Highland Park-Ravinia Infant Welfare Wings. Since this was the final meeting before the formal dance at the Saddle and Cycle Club on May 5, final arrangements for this social event were completed and preliminary reports made on ticket distribution and details of the gala "surprise week-end." The week-end of June 2 has been selected, and dinner at the Pump Room begins the festivities for the lucky pair. Choice seat attendance of "South Pacific" will follow, then a return to a reserved suite of rooms at the Ambassador East Hotel with breakfast served in bed the following morning. Such extras as baby sitters and transportation have been provided for, too, the intention being for the selected couple to enjoy their prize as the guests of Infant Welfare Wings.

It was announced at the meeting that the annual luncheon of the Highland Park-Ravinia Infant Welfare will be held at the Moraine Hotel on Monday, May 28. This is the only event during the year which all of the local Infant Welfare groups attend together, and humorous skits will again be presented by each group as a result of their popularity at last year's luncheon.

Co-hostesses serving unusually novel refreshments during the meeting were Mrs. Blair Lloyd, Mrs. Robert Earhart, and Mrs. Charles Rietz, all of Highland Park.

Expanded Service Is Theme Of Regional Library Meeting

Representing the Highland Park Public library today at the 33rd annual regional meeting of the Illinois State Library at Elgin are Mrs. Richard Kuhns, and Mrs. Gilbert Hardacre, president and secretary, respectively, of the library board; Miss Cora Hendee, librarian, and other staff members.

"Expanded service" is the theme of the 1951 series of regional meetings of librarians, trustees and Friends of Libraries. These meetings are sponsored and conducted by the Illinois State Library each year in the spring to provide an opportunity to discuss common problems relating to library service, to learn of new activities in this field of service, and to exchange ideas of ways and means to stimulate a more complete program of library service in Illinois.

Jobs Open At Hines Hospital

Job openings for three classifications of ~~employees~~ were announced today by the Veterans Administration hospital at Hines, Illinois.

Hospital attendants, kitchen helpers and laborers are urgently needed, hospital officials said. Starting salaries are \$2,200 per year for attendants and \$2,120 per year for the other two posts, plus time and a half for overtime.

Uniforms are provided for hospital attendants and kitchen helpers and are laundered free of charge by the hospital.

Applicants may telephone or call at the hospital personnel office.

Dog-Sitting Is New Occupation In Deerfield

The incident of a roving dog, in Deerfield, while not fatal, will prove a financial strain on the family tie, from now on. Owners of strays picked up by the police will be summoned to appear in court and will be allotted a fine.

Pets whose owner cannot be found will be delivered to Dr. Irwin's dog hospital, to be redeemed by the owner within a week upon payment of a bill for its keep. If not claimed and paid for within a week, the pet will then be delivered to Orphans of the Storm, and three days, thereafter, be subject to adoption. There will be a double fine for dogs not wearing a license tag.

All of which gives rise to a new occupation in Deerfield. Evidently anticipating an overflow of canine boarders, Police Chief Percy McLaughlin states that anyone owning a fenced-in yard and a dog house may board unclaimed pets for the seven-day probation period at the modest remuneration of \$1.50 per day.

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Charisma Club Will Present Male Chorus, May 6

The Charisma Club of the Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church, Laurel and McGovern sts., announces a concert to be given on Sunday evening, May 6 at 8:00 p.m. by "The Grieg Male Chorus" of Chicago.

This chorus, under the able direction of Mr. Peter Olson, consists of 25 men who enjoy singing and are devoting their time and energy for the benefit of others. The chorus was honored as a winner in the Chicagoland Music Festival, and is a charter member of the Illinois Male Chorus Association. A free-will offering will be taken.

Whole Family Will Thrill To Music Of The Chordsmen

The Chordsmen, a professional quartet in light and entertaining vein, who will appear in one of their concerts at Elm Place school, Wednesday, May 2, at 8 p.m., are now appearing nightly at the Boulevard Room of the Stevens Hotel.

Seldom is such a delightful evening of varied entertainment and fun suitable for the whole family available in Highland Park.

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Deerfield & Green Bay Rds.

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Rev. Donald Runkle.

Rev. Bernard E. Burns.

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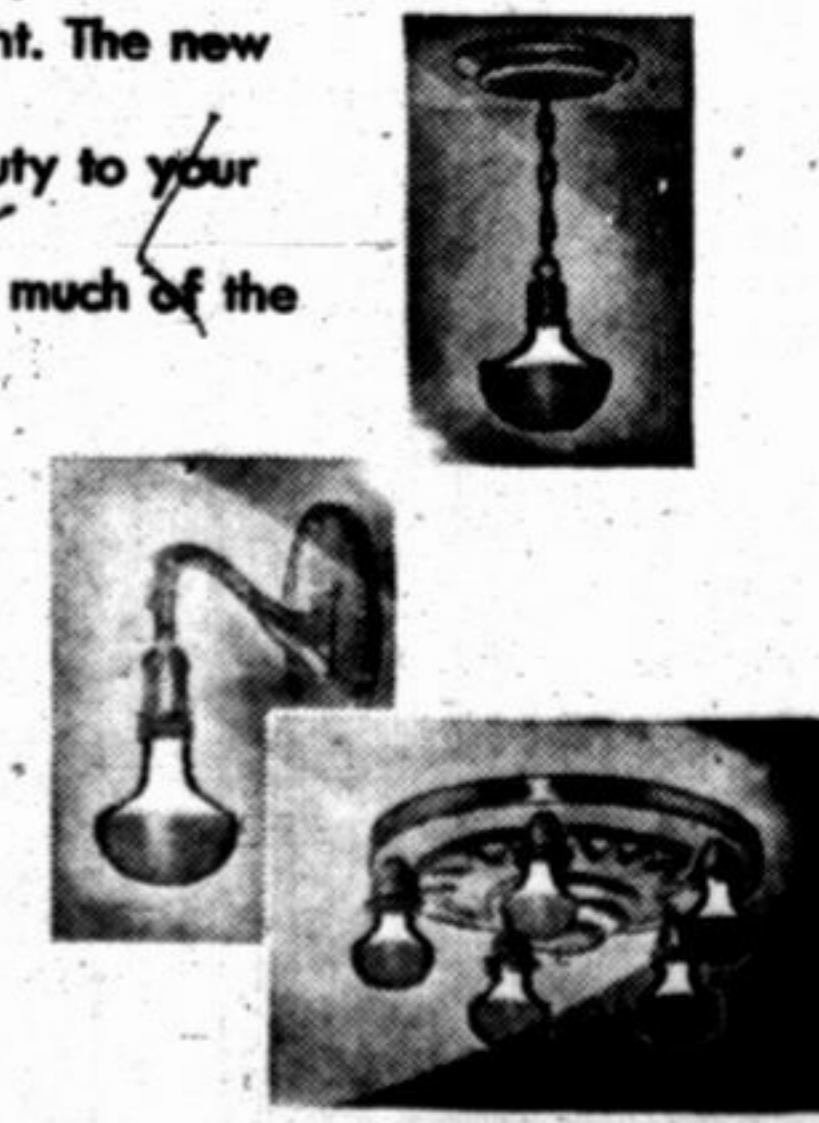
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