

Deep and Shallows

Talu

Dear Millie:

At long last I've acquired an Indian for a personal friend. He is only a young boy, but he is thoroughly Red-skin as to color and appearance. Short and stocky, like many of our pueblo Indians, the shape of his face and the slant of his eyes are almost Chinese. His small-boned hands work diligently, and his name is Talu.

He and I became staunch friends after he had worked in our garden a few hours. His Indian indifference relaxed and he smiled with an animated charm that won me completely. I find that, in spite of the Indian's passive countenance, most Indians have a keen and delightful sense of humor.

That Talu has accepted me as a friend, there is no doubt. Since we hired him for one day last week, he either calls or phones every morning asking for more work.

He lives alone with his father and mother at San Felipe, twenty miles from here. His house is easy to find, he tells me, "back of church". I thought it odd that he had no brother nor sisters.

"What does your father do?" I asked him.

"He farmer with brother-in-law."

"Than you do have a sister?"

"Then you do have a sister?"

"No. She die Good Friday. She no marry. She have baby. Other sister marry brother-in-law farmer."

From what I could gather, without seeming rudely curious, the married sister lost identity with her parental family, but the unmarried sister was glorified from having died on Good Friday, leaving a baby.

Talu arrived for work at seven-thirty in the morning, having come in a truck which he must

coming in a truck which he must meet at five-thirty. "No work then," he announced.

Mid-morning I took some coffee and cookies to the patio and Talu seemed glad to sit and refresh himself. At noon he did not stop his work so I asked him about lunch. He smiled at me as though I were a child. "The grandfathers say Indian no eat when hunt or work make thirsty, no water."

In spite of the wisdom of the grandfathers, I insisted that Talu join us for lunch. I had no qualms about vermin, for, as I've said, Talu and I are friends. Some day I'll eat at his mother's house "back of church" at San Felipe. He was most polite, eating carefully and sparingly. Then he arose, said "Thank you" and returned to his work in the garden.

I had hoped Talu would wear a bright colored tribal band around his head, but his youth, no doubt, does not yet rate a bright blue or red Indian ribbon. He wore a dirty white rag on his very black hair.

Pleased with his typical Indian appearance, I called in my neighbors to view my find. As we watched Talu from my window at his determined digging, his small, beautiful hands working with dexterity, his white rag tied securely across his brow, my satisfaction grew.

"What a wonderful race they are!" I exclaimed to my neighbors. "These people have never been truly conquered, but are loyal to other traditions and customs as taught by their forefathers."

Presently Talu rested for a moment, drew a cigarette from his pocket and lit it with a shining metal automatic lighter.

Perhaps, dear Millie, I am the dated one.

Always,
—E. B.
(The Voice from New Mexico)

Poet To Be Guest Speaker At Writers Luncheon

The North Shore Creative Writers will hold their May luncheon on Tuesday, May 8, at 12:30 p.m., in the Young Women's Christian Association on Laurel avenue in Highland Park.

Oscar Williams, poet, whose first book of verse, "The Golden Darkness," was published by the Yale Press while he was clerking in Kroch's bookstore in Chicago in 1922, and who has since had four volumes of poetry, and has edited the entire series of poetry anthologies put out by Charles Scribner's Sons, will be guest speaker for the event.

Mr. Williams is enroute from Wayne University in Detroit and University of Missouri, where he is lecturing on the forms of verse. In June he will be on the staff of the Second Annual Writers' Conference, University of Connecticut.

Besides his first volume of poetry, his other books are: "Hibernalia," "The Man Coming Toward You," "That's All That Matters," and "Selected Poems." His Anthologies edited for Scribner's are "The Little Treasury Series."

The North Shore Creative Writers, now in its thirteenth consecutive year, has Marjorie Peters as its workshop leader. The May meetings will be held at the home of Mrs. Evan Ausman, Lake Bluff, on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., except May 8th. Mrs. Thompson McGibney of Lake Forest is President.

Reservations for the luncheon on May 8th may be made by calling one of the following: Mrs. Andrew B. Martin Evanston; Mrs. Darrel S. Boyd, Winnetka; Mrs. William D. Milard, Jr., Highland

Infant Welfare Juniors Observe Baby Week

The Highland Park-Ravinia Juniors of Infant Welfare opened Baby Week by decorating the windows of Garnett & Company, Gift Corner, Inc. and Singer Sewing Machine Company.

Mrs. Benjamin Armbruster designed the smart windows by obtaining clever props to display a few of the many infant garments made by the senior, intermediate and junior groups.

Garnett's window was tastefully done by placing clothing around a unique baby buggy which dates back to the era before the Chicago fire. Singer Sewing Machine displayed an old Singer sewing machine 90 years old, still usable for sewing baby garments. Pink and blue ribbons hung from giant safety pins holding tiny garments displayed in the Gift Corner window.

The beautiful christening dresses displayed on dolls in the win-

Bird Authority To Address Ravinia Garden Club, May 11

Paul E. Downing, 835 Waukegan road, well known bird authority, will be the speaker at the May meeting of the Ravinia Garden club to be held on Friday, May 11, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Wyatt Jacobs, 2231 Lakeside pl.

"Bird Banding" will be the subject of Mr. Downing's talk and he will bring with him as many wild birds as he is able to get in his garden at this time of year. Usually there are orioles, woodpeckers, martins, wrens but the species will depend upon the weather next week. Sometimes he is able to get as many as 100 different species in his garden in one day.

The banding and study of mi-

gratory birds has been a hobby with Mr. Downing since 1935. He works in cooperation with the Fish and Wild Life service of the Department of the Interior and by banding the birds, he is able to study their length of life, migratory routes, nesting and mating habits.

A resident of Highland Park for the past 28 years, Mr. Downing has spoken before many north shore clubs and societies but this is the first time Ravinia Garden club has been able to secure his services.

Following the program, tea will be served with Mrs. C. J. Haynes acting as assistant hostess and the Mmes. George Kneupper, George Hadlock and A. G. List assisting.

Preceding the meeting, the regular monthly board meeting of the club will be held at 1 o'clock conducted by the president, Mrs. Clifford Makelim.

Mothers' Guild Elects Officers; Plans Spring Luncheon

At the Mothers' Guild of Immaculate Conception School regular monthly meeting the following new officers were elected for the year July 1951-1952: President—Mrs. D. F. Walsh; Vice-President—Mrs. Martin Tarpey; Secretary—Mrs. Walter Meisnerhoff; Treasurer—Mrs. Victor Benvenuti; Auditor—Mrs. Carl Arens; Parliamentarian—Mrs. Paul McLaughlin and Historian—Mrs. Paul Carani.

All members of the parish and their friends are invited to the annual spring luncheon of the Mothers' Guild to be held at the Villa Moderne Thursday May 17 at 1:00.

The Boys and Girls Glee Clubs, under the direction of Father Runkle and Sister Patrice, respectively, will present several numbers and there will also be a surprise in connection with the program. Mrs. D. F. Walsh, President of the Mothers' Guild, will preside at the meeting in connection with the Luncheon. Mrs. Robert FitzSimon is program chairman of the Guild. Tickets will be mailed to all members of the Mothers' Guild, and additional reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Paul McLaughlin, chairman of the luncheon, HI 2-3302, or one of the committee members, Mrs. Richard Gibson, HI 2-3384, Mrs. A. J. Goeckner, HI 2-9696, or Mrs. Dominic Pasquesi, HI 2-8696.

Hospital rates are exempt from price control.

New President Of Ill. Education Association

Bruce Miller, faculty member at Thornton Fractional High School, Calumet City, has been named president of the Lake Shore division, Illinois Education Association.

Announcement of Mr. Miller's election was made this week by the organization's acting president, William F. Einbecker, Highland Park High school.

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