

How The Swallows Came to San Juan Capistrano

By John B. Howarth

The Mission of San Juan Capistrano erected by the Franciscan monks a century or so ago when California belonged to Mexico is located on the Pacific between San Diego and Los Angeles and is still maintained by that Religious Order for Church and School purposes. It is especially noted for the fact that a large flock of swallows build their nests under its eaves every year. The "Believe it or Not" feature is that they arrive annually on the morning of March 19 (Sunday next, this year) without fail, even in leap years. This is the anniversary of St. Joseph's Day in the Roman Catholic Church calendar. From whence they come is a mystery.

On the morning of October 23 of each year, which is observed as San Juan Capistrano Day, the swallows depart, flying westward over the Pacific, the mystery of their winter destination being as yet unsolved.

For several years past the arrival of the swallows in San Juan Capistrano has been broadcast over one of our leading systems, usually about 11 o'clock Eastern Standard time which is 10 o'clock Pacific Coast time. The broadcast includes an address by the Padre, the singing of children within the Mission and the chirping of the swallows in the garden as well as the splashing of the garden fountain.

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will see it that many jobs are made available, just as Democrat law-makers in 1937 provided that only "qualified" persons had to be taken by job applicants prior to Jan. 1, 1938.

In the Senate, the most-far-reaching appropriation was reduced from \$400,000 to \$200,000. Instead of \$300,000 a year for general state advertising, as granted two years ago, the amended bill provides for \$25,000 a year.

Advertising Michigan farm products was limited to \$25,000 a year on a \$5,000 matched ad basis for any one product—apples, potatoes, etc.

Because of the 1939 world's fairs at New York and San Francisco, Michigan resort owners are apprehensive over summer prospects. Last year's business was 20 per cent over 1938's.

Defeat School Bill

Supported by the Michigan Education Association, a resolution to relax the present 1937 constitution, putting a revision up to a spring referendum, was defeated in the House of Representatives.

Dr. Eugene Elliott had supported the resolution which he felt would permit the state to undertake needed school building construction.

Only two issues will appear on the April ballot: a non-partisan election of judges; (2) to permit the legislature to extend to circuit court judges of general practice, many Michigan cities have borrowed to the limit.

If recent legislative action is an index, Lansing's present temper, bills for more borrowing and more spending are likely to be rapidly scattered. The chances of their passage are not too good at this moment.

Fair Trade, Milk Bills

According to the Michigan Retail Institute, trade groups are "hoping" at legislators' over the milk and constitutional features which are claimed to center price competition on farm products will probably grow in volume as the session progresses," states R. Wayne Newton, director to the retailer organization.

A number of bills have been introduced, proposing to outlaw any prices "below cost" and otherwise to regulate retailing.

The present legislative "straws in the wind" are against any further extension of state regulation and control. This conservative trend also makes unlikely the passage of any milk price control measure at this session. Milk producers are still hopeful, however, that a compromise plan can be agreed upon that will provide some relief from the present low price of milk at the farm—a price which, producers say, does not afford any margin profit above cost of production.

Bricks and a Bouquet

Because many new advocates advocate retention of civil service and oppose outright repeal, some legislators have been in Detroit recent weeks to grill: loudly about the press.

To seasoned capital correspondents who have seen administrations come and go and who followed the 1938 campaign in which few newspapers called to the support of Frank Murphy, the present critical attitude is a sudden reversal.

While law-makers are now in a mood to damn editors in general and correspondents in particular, newspaper writers generally agree that the present membership of the legislature is distinctly above average in individual competence and ability. At the same time, viewing the Lansing scene as unbiased observers, they believe, and they civil service action smacking of sabotage would react unfavorably to the party in 1940.

Three months ago these legislators were raising newspapers for their fairness in the campaigns," commented a Detroit newspaper writer. "Now they are damning us. It all has convinced me that the press is on sound ground, neither to the right or left."

We present these candid statements for what they are worth.

NEAT JOB

POTTERVILLE (MPA).—Complete but careful might describe "a accident" which occurred to Mrs. C. J. Potter, a 60-year-old woman, recently. While driving near her, her auto collided with another coming in the opposite direction. The fenders and running boards on one side of her car were sheared off in the collision, but neither auto was damaged and neither of the occupants was injured.

Still Hope

A lotus seed, dormant 400 years, is sprouting in Chicago. A conference, neither, for the laws may show something yet.—H. V. Wade in Detroit News

An Income Tax Figure Bared

Malcolm G. Ewer Jr., a former resident of Birmingham now living in Gastonia, Va., has received high honors, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. M. G. Ewer, of Maywood road. The title of "Man of the Year" has been bestowed on the young man by his company, the Life Insurance Company of Virginia. Mr. Ewer won the honor over 1,800 agents of the company throughout the entire south, making a score of 108 points in the score of balanced production.

He carried a 17-point lead over his nearest rival. An interesting sidelight on his record is that it was achieved in only 48 weeks of activity, as opposed to 52 for the rest of the contestants.

A. E. Arnold attended a meeting of the Photographers' association in Lansing recently. The organization is a new one, formed by portrait photographers, commercial photographers and amateur finishers to promote their interests throughout the state. More than 75 photographers from all parts of the lower peninsula were present.

The Golden Gate International Exposition Commemorative Stamp is now available at the Birmingham Post Office.

The new stamp is 100 by 144 1/4 inches in dimension, arranged vertically. It is printed in color and is a process and issued in sheets of 40.

The central design is a reproduction of the Tower of the Sun, the central feature of the architectural features of the exposition on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. At the base of the tower is the word "United States" in white modernized gothic. Superimposed on the numeral is the word "Cent" in dark face roman, with the dates "1916" and "1939" in white within small squares at the left and right, respectively. At the top and sides of the stamp in dark gothic is the wording "United States Postage" at the left "Golden Gate" at the top, and "International Exposition" at the right.

It's always encouraging to find people so interested in their work that they can't get enough of it to be satisfied. Schoolmen and women seem to fit this category particularly, if Howard D. Crull, superintendent of schools in Birmingham, any example. During his leisure moments, when he isn't supervising the education of Birmingham's younger set—the director of the Crull has been studying himself. And the result is that his name is included on the list of candidates for the University of Michigan. Mr. Crull has just taken his Master of Arts degree from the University's Graduate School.

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Town Hall Reveals Closing Programs

Detroit Town Hall in the Cas Theatre, announced for its last morning lecture of the season of 1938-1939, Baita Harding, author, as the speaker for Friday morning March 17, at 11 o'clock. In the evening on March 21, at 8:30 o'clock, Madame de la Roche Curie, the internationally famous writer will be presented at 8 o'clock, to close the season.

Born in Europe of Hungarian and Rhenish ancestry, Mrs. Harding has besides a long parental name, the title of Countess Karolyi. Her childhood was spent in Mexico while her father was on a diplomatic mission for Emperor Franz Joseph. Later she attended a French convent, a Philadelphia boarding school and two foreign universities, with her education being directed for the concert stage. Instead Mrs. Harding turned to literature for a career.

The subject this week is "Mexico—The Lady Next Door."

OLD TIME EFFICIENCY

VICKSBURG (MPA).—Horsepower and heavy duty trucks may be all right, but Clarence Hendrickson of Fulton puts his faith in the old fashioned method of building—men. People in Fulton were surprised recently to see him drive into town with his team of brown Swiss oxen hauling a loaded loaded with feed.

HIS OWN MEMORIAL

IONIA (MPA).—Nelson S. Tuttle, 78-year-old Ionia township farmer, has erected his own monument to posterity. Built out of ordinary building materials in his family cemetery, Tuttle erected the monument to last at least 1,000 years. The memorial cost \$4 and on it are inscriptions in four languages.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Editor of the Daily Post, is in charge of the project.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—In Probate

Grant for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1939:

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Estate of the Estate of Mary Hall, Deceased.

Carroll W. Hamman, Executor of said estate having filed a valid Court, his said executor and having given for the execution and showing thereof, a receipt of the said executor, and the said executor of said estate.

It is Ordered, that the 13th day of April, A. D. 1939, be and is hereby set for the hearing of said estate, and the said executor of said estate.

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- Is it possible to light a cigarette or set a fire with steam?
- What is the most abundant metal yielded by this earth?
- What is the definition of a bachelor?
- What two states are touched by eight other states?

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Little Charles Berman, Brooklyn 2-year-old, watched Daddy's furious efforts to beat the March 15 income tax deadline and thought he'd do a miniature of the stunt. But look what happened! Spilled income tax returns, blinks are on the floor and Charles, who worked so hard he had to strip to cool off, seems to have turned his back on the whole affair.

WHO KNOWS?

- How old is Harry L. Hopkins?
- What is the National Labor Council?
- When was the naval academy at Pensacola, Fla. founded?
- What is the International Settlement at Shanghai?
- How many German-born residents are in New York?
- How many soldiers were killed in the civil war in Spain?
- How does the power output of the TVA compare with the Grand Coulee dam and Boulder Dam?
- Who was Johann Gutenberg?
- How many income tax returns are filed with the Federal Government in a year?
- Who did the British occupy Hong Kong?

(Answers on Next Page)

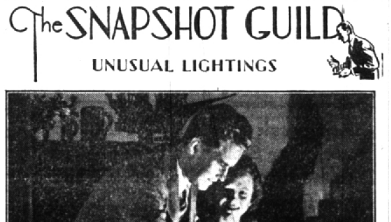
The SNAPSHOT GUILD

UNUSUAL LIGHTING

With one small bulb in reflector, put the camera on a table and give a one-second time exposure. Load with super-sensitive film, of course. You get candle-light and lamp-light effects with the arrangement in Diagram 2. Light from the flood bulb and lamp comes from the same direction, so that shadows fall naturally. Note that you point the camera so that the photo bulb does not show in the picture. And don't let direct light from a photo bulb shine on your lens.

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YOU can make interesting indoor snapshots by using regular photo lights to imitate daylight, candle-light or lamp-light. It is necessary merely to conceal the actual nature or source of the light.

You must give long exposures if only candle-light or ordinary lamp-light is available but if you use enough flood bulbs, you can take snapshots with a hot camera.

For a "fireside picture," tuck away a photo bulb in the corner of the fireplace, using an extension cord (see Diagram 1). Don't let the cord show in your picture, all the light seems to come from a fire. Use three large flood bulbs, in cardboard reflectors, for a box camera snapshot.

DIAGRAM 1—Fireside picture, as above. S, subject; B, photo bulb in reflector; C, camera. Beam lights on for shadow detail.

DIAGRAM 2—Lamplight picture, S, subject; L, lamp or candle, lighted; B, photo bulb; C, camera.

Red Cross To Offer Water Safety Course

With the arrival here March 27, of W. C. Lacey, representative of the Lacey Service of the National Red Cross, the training of water safety instructors will begin immediately. Instruction to literature for a certificate of teaching ability who have passed Red Cross tests. It is expected that good swimmers with extensive Red Cross training will be in demand by the Red Cross organization depends to carry its message in water safety method to thousands of swimmers each year.

The Chairman of the local chapter's life saving service is King B. Sherman. Mr. Lacey will be at the Royal Club High School, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27, 28 and 29 from 10 to 11 p.m. and the Pontiac High School, Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31 from 10 to 11 p.m. The instruction is available free of charge to any individual, nineteen years old who holds a Red Cross Senior Life Saving certificate of an Examiners Certificate.

WILD GAME RARITY

ROMEO (MPA).—A very rare animal, not unusual in northern Michigan, but these are unusual as far south as Romeo, and especially when one is shot in town. Edward Duncan recently killed a red fox, which he killed a female coyote with a 22 calibre rifle. The animal was crossing the street in a local gas station, when it was shot.

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