

Eastern Echoes

By Gail Roberson



The following was begun by a woman in the hopes of bringing relief to other tired and discontented women. Unlike most chain letters I receive, this didn't cost anything. All I have to do is send a copy to five of my friends who are equally as frustrated, and then bundle up my husband and send him to the woman at the top of the list . . . then add my name at the bottom. When my name finally comes up to the top, I will receive 16,877 men, one of which is bound to be an improvement. At least that's what the letter said. If your break the chain, you get your own husband back. Take a look at what I received in the mail the other day, written from a man's viewpoint:

"I'm looking for a wife. I would like to return to school so I can make more money at my job. I want a wife who will work and send me to school. And, while I'm going to school, I want a wife who will take care of my children, keep track of the children's doctor and dental appointments, and mine too, of course. She should make sure that they eat properly and are clean at all times, arrange for their schooling, look after their social life and take them to the zoo. She should be around when they need her, and not hesitate to take time off her own public job . . . which I, of course, could not do, nor miss my classes. She must arrange to lose time at work and not lose her job. It may mean a small cut in her income from time to time, but I guess I can tolerate that. Needless to say, my wife will arrange and pay for the care of the children while she is working.

I want a wife who will take care of MY physical needs. I want a wife who will keep my house clean, pick up after the children, and especially me. I want a wife who will keep my clothes clean, ironed, mended, replaced when need be, and who will see to it that my personal things are kept in their proper place. I want a wife who will plan the menus, do the necessary grocery shopping, prepare the meals, serve them pleasantly, and then do the cleaning up while I unwind in my chair. I want a wife who will care for me when I'm sick and sympathize with my pain and loss of work time. Also I want a wife to take the children on vacation when I need a rest, and continue to care for them without bothering me. She should be a wife who will not bother me with rambling complaints about a wife's duties. I want a wife who will listen to me when I feel the need to explain a rather difficult point, and not ask questions, and will type my papers for me when I've written them.

I want a wife who'll take care of the details of my social life and the babysitting arrangements. When I met people I want to entertain, I want a wife who'll have the house clean, will prepare a special meal, serve it to me and my friends, and not interrupt when I talk about things that interest me and my friends. I want a wife who will have arranged that the children are fed and ready for bed before my guests arrive so that the children do not bother us. I want a wife who takes care of the needs of my guests so that they are comfortable, makes sure they have ashtrays, that they are passed the hors d'oeuvres, that they have a second helping of food, that their wine glasses are replenished and coffee served as they like it. And I want a wife that knows I need a night out by myself sometimes, and won't ask any questions.

I want a wife who is sensitive to my sexual needs, a wife who makes love passionately and eagerly when I feel like it, a wife who makes sure I am satisfied. And, of course, I want a wife who will not demand sexual attention when I am not in the mood for it. I want a wife who assumes complete responsibility for birth control and will remain sexually faithful to me so that I do not have to clutter up my intellectual life with jealousy. And, I want a wife who understands that MY sexual needs may entail more than strict adherence to monogamy. I must, after all, be able to relate to people as fully as possible.

If, by chance, I find another person more suitable as a wife than the wife I already have, I want the liberty to replace my present wife with another one. Naturally, I will expect a fresh new life; my wife will take the children and be solely responsible for them so that I am left free."

Now, tell me dear readers, who WOULDNT want a wife?

Obituary

Charlie T. Asby
Charlie T. Asby, 89, of 821 E. Fourth St., Washington, died Saturday in the Ridgewood Manor Nursing Home.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Monday at Paul Funeral Home in Washington with Kenneth Amick officiating. Burial was in Pamlico Memorial Gardens.

A native of Beaufort County, Asby was the son of the late Robert and Harriette Cox Asby. He was married to the former Maggie Tetterton of Beaufort County July 14, 1918. She survives him. Asby was a member of the Beaver Dam Church of Christ.

Surviving Asby with his wife are two sons, James Thomas Asby and Charlie T. Asby Jr., both of Washington; four daughters, Mrs. Herbert (Louise) Ippock of Bridgeton, Mrs. Harriette A. Hedgpeith and Mr. Lane (Tippie) Alligood, both of Washington, and Mrs. Lloyd (Booty) Buck of Vanceboro; 23 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Harley Asby, Marvin Alligood, George Asby, Charlie T. Asby III, J.T. Asby and Hilton Lewis were to serve as pallbearers.



Bassin' with the pros

Ask the top tournament pros to name their favorite bass lures, and they'll probably answer spinnerbaits, but ask them about the lures they use when big money is on the line, and most will answer jigs.

Jigs — those funny-looking little lures with leadheads, spider leg skirts and toothbrush bristle weedguards — have been around in one form or another for decades, but only in recent years have they truly gained favor among bass anglers.

"That's because jigs catch a lot of fish," says Evinrude Outboards Pro Staff member Stanley Mitchell. "Not only that, jigs catch big bass, they catch bass when no other lure will, and they can be fished year-round in all types of water."

The fall and winter months are among the best times to use jigs, says Mitchell, winner of the 1981 BASS Masters Classic. His favorite times to fish the lure are whenever the water temperature dips below 75 degrees.

"I believe a jig imitates a crayfish," he explains, "so I always

work a jig around heavy cover where crayfish live, and I work it very slow, the way crayfish often move. I've caught bass with a jig as shallow as one foot and as deep as 20 feet, but primarily I like to fish it between three and about 10 feet."

Water depth is a key in choosing which jig to use, says the well-known Evinrude pro. In shallow water he prefers 1/4 or 3/16-ounce jigs, but for deeper depths below about 10 feet his jigs range from 1/4 to 3/8-ounce. In clear water his favorite skirt color is black and blue, while in dingy he uses a brown and orange combination.

"I always add a pork trailer, too," adds Mitchell. "It adds bulk to the lure and makes it more attractive to larger bass, and it also feels more realistic when a bass bites it."

It's important to fish jigs around heavy cover, particularly in and near treetops, logs, ledges and rocks. Around treetops, Mitchell suggests fishermen try to crawl the jig slowly over tree limbs and let it dangle and shake

in the water, moving it only four to five inches at a time.

Around rock piles, where the jig is especially effective, Mitchell likes to hop the lure slowly down and around the cover by raising and lowering his rod tip. He suggests working the cover not only from top to bottom, but also from side to side.

"Most hits are soft," he explains, "so it's important to concentrate when you're fishing a jig. I think a bass just eases over and sips in the lure. It's very seldom that you really get a rod-jarring strike."

Because he always fishes jigs in and around thick cover, Mitchell chooses lures that have weedguards. His personal preference is a bristle-type guard that protects the hook against snagging but which doesn't interfere with hook-setting, as some guards do. Mitchell also suggests anglers not be too concerned with all the various jig head designs on the market, but concentrate more on lure weight and color.

Mitchell's favorite jig rod is a six-foot medium-heavy action

rod with a pistol grip. Many anglers use longer rods, and the Evinrude pro recommends anglers try several different models until they find one they like. A stiff action is important, however, in order to make a good hook-set.

"A lot of anglers have trouble fishing jigs," says Mitchell, "but I believe the main problem is simply a lack of confidence. The best way to gain confidence is by going fishing for a day and not using any other lure."

"Just remember to fish the lure slowly and keep it in and around heavy cover, and the bass will take care of the rest."

The service experts at Outboard Marine Corporation recommend a frequent check of the gearcase lubricant in your outboard. At a minimum, the fluid should be checked in the spring and again in the fall. Always drain and refill the gearcase with the specified lubricant in the fall. When you drain the old fluid, check for water, metal filings, or a burned odor, each of which could signal trouble.

OUR HERITAGE

John Paul Jones' Navy

John Paul Jones, regarded as America's greatest naval hero and known as "the father of the American Navy," is remembered for his refusal to surrender in the face of adversity. His strength set the standard for all of America's future sailing men and women. How Jones arrived at his standing in history as a hero of the Revolutionary War is a story of true bravery and determination.

Born John Paul in Scotland in 1747, Jones was a short man with a fiery temper. He spent his early life as a sailor working on ships that sailed the Atlantic Ocean bringing goods such as tobacco and sugar to England from the colonies. It is believed that he came to America in 1772 and added "Jones" to his name to escape prosecution for his murder of a mutinous sailor in Tobago.

Seeking a return to sea, he joined the newly formed Continental Navy in Philadelphia in 1775 as a junior captain and eventually worked his way up to the rank of commodore and commanded his own squadron of ships.

Creating a navy to contend with the all-powerful British was a tough task for the fledgling government of the United States of America. If money for ships was scarce, crews were scarcer. The majority of the crew of Jones' ship, the *Bonhomme Richard*, for example, were captured British sailors forced to serve in the Continental Navy. Others were mercenary seamen who fought for any country for the right amount of money.

In his memoirs, Jones described his crew as "generally so mean that the only expedient I could find that allowed me to command was to divide them into two parties and let one group of rogues guard the other."

A Maryland-born crew member wrote that Jones' marines "were French and Irish brigands."

But it was out of these men that Jones created a naval force skilled enough to defeat the British navy. In a three-hour battle in the North Sea on Sept. 23, 1779, Jones and his crew engaged the *Serapis*, a larger and better-armed ship. The superior power of the British ship's gunfire convinced Jones to bring his ship as close as possible to the *Serapis* so as to impede the reloading of the ship's cannons. Jones brought the *Bonhomme Richard* so close to the *Serapis* that the ships' riggings became entangled. When ordered by the British commander to surrender, Jones replied, "I have not yet begun to fight."

Eventually fighting *hand to hand* with the enemy crew, Jones and his men forced the surrender of the *Serapis* when its mast cracked and fell to the deck. It was a most important victory for an emerging nation over the recognized naval power of the day.

John Paul Jones died in France in 1792. It was not until 1905 that Jones' body was brought back to the United States and buried with full honors in a crypt in the chapel at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The crypt is under permanent guard. **11**

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First Turkey

If Gov. Jim Martin's wife, Dottie, is the First Lady of North Carolina, then is this turkey donated to the Martin family considered the First Turkey? The 27-pound bird was grown and processed in North Carolina, wrapped in a "Happy Holidays, Mr. Governor," and presented to Mrs. Martin. The presentation of the turkey and gift packs of a variety of other poultry food and egg products was made by Ed Woodhouse, executive director of the N.C. Poultry Federation. Woodhouse told the First Lady that the state is the largest producer of turkeys in the nation and produced about 48 million turkeys in 1988.

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tent basis. Ms. Watson also said that having Ms. Wiggins as a volunteer has freed library staff members from other work, allowing them to get other things accomplished that might not otherwise get done.

Ms. Wiggins started thinking about volunteering after being approached by Volunteer Coordinator Linda Thomas and after discussing the situation with Mrs. W. Taylor.

Ms. Wiggins doesn't plan to stop now that she has gotten active by working at the high school. She said she hopes to take a five-week course for substitute teachers. Even after finishing that course, Ms. Wiggins said she will continue her work in the library.

Her hobbies include crocheting and cooking. Another librarian describes Ms. Wiggins as "having a wonderful personality." She also said Ms. Wiggins has adapted to her handicap well. She said that Ms. Wiggins is very beneficial to the library and will become more beneficial as she learns the library's various procedures.

"I'm learning so much here that I feel like I'm growing. I

Mitchell

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his wife and grinning. "I believe she has fixed more than 500 lunches since I've been working."

Mrs. Mitchell smiled right back and said, "Yes, I believe I learned to pack more in a lunchbox than anyone."

Mitchell was honored recently with a luncheon and was presented a gift certificate and card by fellow employees. "I enjoyed working with everyone, right up to the boss," said Mitchell.

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