

Senators Get Varied Types Of Letters And Requests

By BILL WHITLEY

LETTERS. Men of letters spend a lot of time pondering the use, sound, arrangement and effects of words. They probably consider a lot of other things, too.

Be that as it may, people in public life get many lessons each day in how the written word can be used. Their mail brings all sorts of expressions of needs and desires, wishes and wants.

DANDIES. Last week, Sen. W. Kerr Scott was looking through some of the mail he has received recently, and came up with some dandies.

One letter-writer sounded like a true-blue Democrat. He ended a long letter with the penetrating declaration: "I am a Conservative Democrat and I want to see a progressive Democratic administration."

Another writer had foot trouble. He wrote: "I am complaining about my feet that are flat and badly callused and stay like they are on ice all the time."

GF's. Many of the letters concerned servicemen.

Here are a few sample quotes: "Dear Sir. Hear I am in regard to my son who is bidding time at Leavenworth which he received from the Army."

"I cannot get heads or tails out of them for replacements, and I am service-connected on my teeth."

"Would you have the Department of Personnel, Department of the Navy, send me an affidavit giving the full particulars about the Medal-of-Honor that was placed in my hand Nov. 3, 1938, along with my Bad Conduct Discharge."

"I have a Bad Conduct Discharge and would like to have you help in exchanging it for unhonorable."

"If this boy could be transferred nearer home, I believe it would help his mother's morals."

And some writers just pass on good tidings: "I hope you are feeling fine. I am fine, but would be much finer if I had a job."

See vividly describe their virtues: "I am not a law broker. I am a good Republican. I don't chew tobacco or gamble or drink whiskey." (Note: There is a misty rumour out saying the GOP is having trouble recruiting new members.)

Others indicate they have finally

You Can Find Place To Use Good Deeds

AP Newsfeatures.

It doesn't cost anything to be charitable, and you can help other young moderns through your efforts.

"How," inquiries one girl, "can I distribute a few good deeds around. There never seems to be any opportunity to do so."

Easy, says the report from one group of young moderns who have come up with these pointers on how to spread kindness:

What about the new girl or boy in your neighborhood? Have you tried to integrate him into your social life or have you done your best to "keep the interloper out?"

Then there is the classmate who doesn't quite measure up to the crowd in style. Perhaps she's wearing homemade dresses or lives on the wrong side of the tracks. Is she left out of parties because of that even though she measures up in other ways?

Are you critical of the student whose grades are low because she just isn't as bright as you? Have you labeled her "stupid" or "dim-wit" or some other unkind tag?

Do you ridicule the parents or homes of your friends because they're not as elegant as yours?

Are you a snob about the boys you date? Do you prefer the boy with the biggest wallet and best car even though he isn't as good a character as another suitor?

Are you the jealous type who always fears a prettier or wittier girl will interest your current beau, so you never ask her to a party?

Do you try to outsmart your friends party-wise? When it comes your turn to entertain do you do it so lavishly that it embarrasses those who've just feted the same crowd?

When you are asked to get a date for a boy friend of your beau, do you pick the least exciting girl you know because you fear competition?

How about your sister? Do you

ly wisen up: "My wife needs a check up on her head."

And to top it off, a close observer put it this way: "It just goes to prove that even United States Senators pull on their pants one leg at a time."



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THE CROSS

THIS GROUP of pictures has been sent throughout the nation to publicize the World Methodist Council which will bring about 1,000 delegates from around the world to Lake Junaluska late in August. This is one of about four major conferences scheduled for the Lake this season.

New Group Preserves Historic Georgetown Homes

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — In a stately, tastefully-furnished room in a restored 18th century mansion where George Washington once attended a rout given by Maryland Governor Thomas Sims Lee, some 100 prominent Washingtonians sat down to dine at a double celebration.

Ostensibly the dinner prepared by a talented Polish chef and consisting of fabulous dishes such as chicken Przynny which guests could neither spell, nor pronounce, was a preview to the opening of the town's newest restaurant by France Anderson, of Chicago and Yale '34.

More importantly for the guests, it began the realization of a dream. The diners were the stockholders in the recently formed "Historic Georgetown, Inc." a private corporation, the purpose of which was the purchase, preservation and restoration of several 18th century houses in the old and exclusive section of the capital which architects consider excellent examples of the architecture of the period. France's restaurant is on the second floor of one of these houses.

The project has been endorsed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Two-thirds of the property has already been restored and the project is now producing income from several other tenants in addition to the restaurant. But although the original stockholders forked over some \$100,000 on the project, more money is necessary for completion of the restoration on the remainder of the property before dividends on the stock can be realized.

"We want to prove that preservation and restoration of our historic buildings can be done on an economically sound basis and with profit," Mrs. Frederick H. Brooke, wife of a retired broker, prominent in the city's social and philanthropic work, and a leader in the new project, told me. "This is a pilot project in doing something practical for the use and enjoyment of citizens and the benefit of the city as a whole."

David Finley, president of the Board of Trustees of the National Trust, is one of the stockholders. Others include W. Randolph Burgess, undersecretary of the treasury, and his wife the former Helen Hamilton Woods, former U. S. Ambassadors Ray Atherton and Orme Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Cpl. Frady Graduated At Marine School

CAMP MCGILL, Japan — Marine Cpl. Ellis E. Frady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frady of Route 3, Waynesville, graduated January 12 from the 3rd Marine Division's Demolition School at Chigasaki Beach, Japan.

The course covered instruction in the handling and storage of explosives and related equipment, calculating and placement of charges, handling of mis-fires, and the use of electrical powder and fuses. Safety precautions were stressed throughout the course.

Chigasaki Beach is located near Camp McGill, Division Headquarters, 45 miles south of Tokyo.

TV Music Lessons

CHICAGO, (AP) — Teaching music by television may enable every child in the nation to play a tune, says Dr. John C. Kendel, of the American Music Conference.

He predicts enrollments will rise 75 to 100 per cent within 10 years when youngsters in small communities are given musical opportunities now available only in metropolitan centers.

The University of Houston, Houston, Tex., offers a class telecourse in piano over its educational station KUHT. The University of Michigan is experimenting in ways to teach wind and string instruments on TV. Dr. George Stout, professor of music education at Houston, says students taking the course by TV make as much or more progress than those enrolled on the campus.

That's Him

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — The desk sergeant asked the man arrested on a drunk charge for the usual information, including name and address.

"John Smith, Jr." was his reply to the name question.

The officer looked skeptical. "All right now," he said, "what's your real name?"

The prisoner hauled out his wallet and displayed a Social Security card which said, "John Smith, Jr."

Woods Bliss, Stephen Dorsey, of the State Department and Mollie and Cynthia Makins, twin daughters of the British Ambassador and Lady Makins.

Congressmen Get Strange Requests From Home Folks

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Congressmen get all sorts of requests from the folks back home. These may cover anything from requests for a bid to a Washington cocktail party to legislation outlawing nagging wives.

Rep. Olin Teague (D-Tex) reports he received the following from an apprehensive wife in his district: "Dear Sir: Please get the companies not to have Christmas parties for employees if the husband and wife can't come together. Wish you a Merry Christmas."

A law like that would get support from wives the country over!

Beautiful Hungarian-born film

deny her the use of your earrings, stockings or evening wrap just because you are selfish even though you make reasonable excuses to yourself?

Are you ashamed of your parents for silly reasons, such as the fact Dad sits at home in his suspenders or Mom likes to hover in the kitchen, and they are not as glamorous as your friends' parents?

If you know of an opportunity in a part-time job that fits the experience of a friend, do you withhold the information even though you can't take the job yourself?

Do you give others a break on gossip, withholding what you surmise to be true because you don't have the facts?

Sometimes it seems that we are perfect—good friends, neighbors and classmates. A little soul-searching is likely to reveal a very uncharitable attitude toward others, other young people say.

Be fair to yourself in analyzing your charitableness though, young moderns stress. The fact that you might prefer kids who like horses to those who prefer to ski or skate doesn't mean you are snobbish at all. You just have more in common with that group.

SALLY'S SALLES

"He said he'd marry me but for one thing—his fiancée."

Books, Mrs. Huntington is a world traveler

Mrs. Huntington is a world traveler. Her daughters, Joanna and Edith, were born in Paris while their father was commercial attache at the American Embassy.

She has deadlines to meet for two more books. One is due for publication in 1956, the other for 1957.

Among her numerous children's books already published are "Tales of a Basque Grandmother," "Tales of a Korean Grandmother," and "Tales of a Russian Grandmother."

The British Sadler's Wells Ballet members who appeared in the capital said Washington theater audiences are more reserved and stuffy than anywhere else in the country... "so many diplomats and officials and protocol, you know."

Escape Dampened

TUSCON, Ariz. (AP) — The trouble with Louis Ortega, formerly a trusty at county jail, is that he gets thirsty. Shortly after he escaped, officers picked him up in a nearby tavern.

Repair Formula

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—Walter Grubenmann, an industrial engineer, says he tried repeatedly to repair the heater in his automobile, but had no success until this happened:

While parked in a restricted area, he saw a policeman approaching. Assuming correctly that he wouldn't be bothered if he pretended to be making repairs, Grubenmann lifted the hood of the car, unloosened and retightened it after the policeman had passed. The heater has been working fine ever since.

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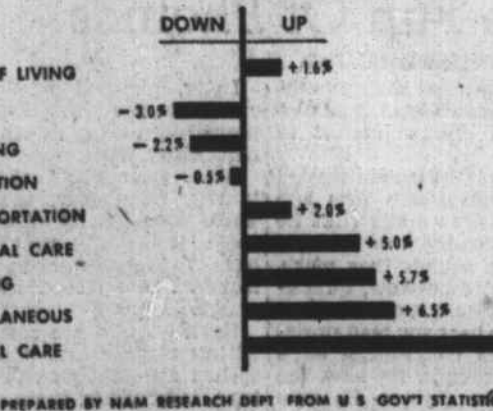
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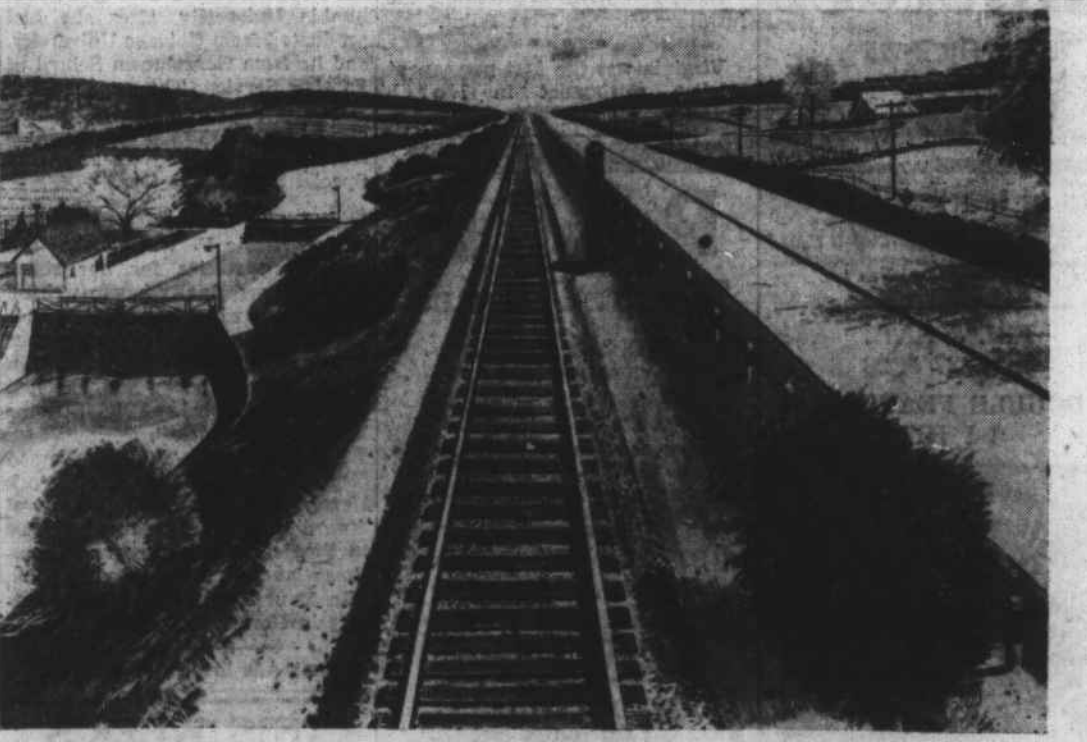
There have been many important changes since early 1952 in the prices of things consumers buy. The fact that the cost of living has scarcely increased 1 1/2 per cent in four years does not mean that nothing has gone up and nothing has gone down. It simply means that the ups and downs have just about balanced each other.

Take the price of food, for example. Retail food prices have been in a generally declining trend since January 1952. For most families, food is the largest item of expense, and food prices are now averaging 3 per cent lower than they were four years ago.

The chart shows some of the important changes in prices to consumers, compared with January 1952. While food went down, housing went up. While clothing prices in general declined, the cost of transportation increased.

Important personal services, such as medical care, now cost more—but recreation activities generally cost a bit less than in 1952.

Thus, what economists call "price stability" is the net result of balancing out many underlying price changes. This is just as it should be, in our free competitive markets. If all prices were rigid or fixed, we would soon find ourselves in an economic straight-jacket. The way things are today, the buying power of the consumer's dollar has been very nicely maintained for several years.



How competitive pricing in transportation would help you

In most American businesses, the benefits of greater efficiency can be passed on promptly to the public. In the transportation business, however, this is not always the case.

Consider what has happened on the railroads: In the last 30 years the speed of the average freight train has gone up more than 50 per cent, the load has nearly doubled and the hourly output of transportation has increased nearly three times.

To make possible these and other gains in efficiency, the railroads have spent, since the end of World War II, nearly \$11,000,000,000—every dollar of which was financed by the railroads themselves.

But—as is shown in the report of a special Cabinet Committee appointed by the President—government regulation frequently denies to the public the benefits of the lower costs of the most economical form of transportation, as is to protect the traffic and revenues of carriers with higher costs. The result, as the Cabinet Committee says, is that shippers and, ultimately, the

consuming public must pay more for freight transportation than would otherwise be necessary.

What can be done to correct this unhealthy situation?

The special Cabinet Committee recommended that railroads and other forms of regulated transportation be given greater freedom to base their prices on their own natural advantages. At the same time, government regulation would continue to prevent charges which are unreasonably high or unreasonably low, or are unduly discriminatory.

This would make it possible to pass on the benefits of the most efficient operations to shippers, producers and retailers, and to the consuming public which in the end pays all transportation costs.

Bills based on Cabinet Committee recommendations have been introduced in Congress. For full information about this vital subject, write for the booklet, "WHY NOT LET COMPETITION WORK?"

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