

Dial

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SUCH IS LIFE

How do you think of life? You can't live in a vacuum for you're constantly surrounded by people. "People?" you say, (say it any way you wish) but, nevertheless, in this day and time they are inescapable unless you are a hermit (and if you are, you wouldn't be reading this). Since people constitute your daily companions (Unless you're a wolf-child or something worse, and I don't think you are) you must "endure" them in view of the fact that SUCH IS LIFE.

How many times have you said either aloud or silently--"such is life"? Perhaps you've said it in disgust, in happiness, or to console someone. Such is life is greatly determined by those around us. Also, remember others have to live and you also greatly determine how they say "such is life." Everyone knows exactly what you contribute to someone else's life and in what manner you do so.

Are you the ones who continually arrive late for chapel? Imagine the horror of the speaker to glance up and see figures moving in the aisle! He immediately thinks he has antagonized you or else bored you out of the morning service. On second look he notices you are being seated. His thoughts? "How dreadful that they missed the first and best part of my talk." You say, "Such is life." Yes, for he has had the "life" scared out of him and thus his well-planned program is now slightly askew.

Your little comments show just how you view life. They are observed in different ways by different people. From some we gain the impression that they think every one else is "mentally deranged" but himself.

"Anyone would be crazy to leave Montreat and go home!" A Freshman cor-

tainly has a healthy view of life. However, "I've only been here two weeks and it seems like a year" is just a picture from life's other side.

There are some who are so conscious of the feelings of others that they have a Masters degree in tact. But, let the unsuspecting victim pay them a sincere compliment--what a horse laugh they get from the "tactful" person who has been complimented. Those people ought to read Emily Post on how to accept a compliment graciously. Even though your dress is so old you literally have one thread across each shoulder, you can surely give a gracious "thank you" when someone says, "It's beautiful!" But such is life.

How many of you enjoy after-dinner speakers? No doubt, many of us would strongly deny being one ourselves. Nevertheless, the girls who work on the cafeteria line may have you pictured as one especially if you are the type who can dawdle over a third cup of coffee until the eleventh hour. Oh well, Such is life--but remember they must live "on and on" while they are waiting for you.

Webster defined life as a period between birth and death. Elvis Presley took advantage of it and now he has a "Lot of Living" to do. Someone said, "only two things are certain: Death and Taxes." He forgot that you had to live to pay taxes and the last I heard you have to live until you die. Some people only live to torment others--this we can gather from the case that when a man died his wife would not inherit his fortune until she married again. His reason? He wanted someone to be sorry he died. Oh well, such is life and we each have to live, in doing so would that we could say with the poet--

"Life is real and life is earnest!"

By - Joan Mash