

## P. O. Inspectors Launch Drive On All Obscene Letter Clubs

Encouraged by the 15-year Federal penitentiary sentence meted out to Gayle R. Cleveland of Pensacola, Florida, alias Miss Georgia Clayton and Miss Gayle Cleveland, on charges of sending obscene matter through the mails the Postal Inspection Service has launched a nation-wide drive on obscene correspondence clubs conducted through the mails, it was announced at the postoffice department.

Cleveland was the operator of "The Letter Club Different," one of numerous obscene correspondence clubs, which have for their purpose the mutual exchange of obscene literature, photographs and drawings, and which have been uncovered by postal inspectors in various sections of the country. The Pensacola "Letter Club Different" of Cleveland, was conducted in the same manner as are the other obscene correspondence clubs which are now the subject of a far-flung roundup by the postal inspection service.

As operator of the "club," Cleveland would insert advertisements in the cheaper magazines offering for a small fee, usually ten cents, to put interested persons in touch with others of either sex who were interested in the exchange of literature and photographs of an obscene nature. Upon remitting the original fee of ten cents the persons answering the advertisement of "The Letter Club Different" were then forwarded an identification and descriptive blank, which, when properly filled out and returned to "The Letter Club Different" gave a minute description as to the sender's age, weight, height, features and physical measurements in addition to stating the type and sex of the person with whom they wished to correspond on obscene, lewd and lascivious subjects.

Following receipt of this information "The Letter Club Different" then assigned a file number to the individual, who then was required to forward two dollars for a year's membership in the "club." Upon payment of the annual dues, the member was then supplied with lengthy lists of both men and women, with brief descriptions of each, who were identified by numbers rather than names. When the "club" member found a person, either male or female, answering the description of his desires, he then started correspondence by addressing "The Letter Club Different" enclosing his sealed envelope with its obscene contents, marking the enclosure for No. .... "The Letter Club Different" then forwarded to the person of the number so designated the inner letter and contents. In many instances, rather than continue to clear their obscene exchanges through the headquarters of "The Letter Club Different" the persons involved signed their own names and following receipt of the first letter they carried on direct correspondence with the person or persons they were placed in contact with originally through the "Letter Club Different."

Thousands of obscene correspondence club members have already been rounded up by postal inspectors in every section of the country and prosecutions are to follow as rapidly as the individual cases can be worked up for presentation to Federal grand juries. The Federal statutes provide a five-year jail sentence or a five thousand dollar fine, or both for any person found guilty of sending obscene matter through the mails, and this penalty has been invoked on many occasions for the sending of a single letter.

A second form of obscene ring uncovered by the postal inspection service in its drive on the purveyors of obscene matter are the magazine letter exchanges which have for their purpose the dissemination of obscene literature and photographs and which are conducted as regular letter exchanges by the cheaper love and sex magazines.

A third group which is being brought to justice by the postal inspectors are the dealers who distribute obscene matter directly

through advertisements and lists purchased from the operators of the various obscene corresponding clubs and other dealers in this type of objectionable matter.

### Many Leaders On Year's Death List

Death struck swiftly in 1936 against national leaders in politics, business and industry—with heart disease the chief weapon. Succumbing unexpectedly to this ailment were Joseph W. Byrns, speaker of the national house of representatives; Charles Curtis, former vice-president; George H. Dern, secretary of war; Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida; Albert C. Ritchie, ex-governor of Maryland; George W. Wickersham, ex-attorney general.

In industry and business the same malady felled Arthur W. Cutten, grain king; Oris P. Van Sweringen, rail magnate; John Hays Hammond, engineer, and Cyrus L. McCormick, inventor of the reaper.

Among rulers the passing of George V of England was the forerunner of the constitutional question of the right of his son to marry Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson. Fuad I of Egypt, and Muhammad Jamalul Kiman, sultan of Sulu, also died, while Alexander Zaimis, deposed president of Greece, and his mentor, Eluetherios Venizelos, foe of Hellenic royalty, died in exile.

Literature lost Kipling, Chesterton and Gorky.

### WASTED ARCHITECTURE

RALEIGH.—The classic architecture of the State Capitol, long the admiration of every visitor to the capital, has at last been frowned on.

Robert W. Wynne, Jr., relates that a stranger, "obviously a farmer from way back," asked him where the Capitol was located.

The countryman had stopped him only a few hundred yards from the stately pile. Wayne pointed it out. "Huh," the farmer said, "it looks like a mighty old building. I'd think a city as big as Raleigh would have a newer and better capitol than that."

### COPS AND ROBBERS

LINCOLN, NEB.—J. M. Gordon, Fort Collins, Colo., almost lost his faith in the efficacy of police protection when his car disappeared from in front of the Lincoln police station.

He was inside telling the sergeant about the theft when the telephone rang. Said the voice: "We just stole somebody's car and we're bringing it right back."

Shortly two officers returned with it. They mistook it for a police car in their haste to answer a call and discovered their error when they couldn't find the short wave radio.

### GETS DEER IN HURRY

AUSTIN, TEX.—Deputy Sheriff Sam Rogers claims the season's record for bagging a deer in the shortest time. He got one twenty minutes after leaving the courthouse.

Here's how: The game department telephoned the sheriff's office a deer had fallen over the municipal dam a mile from town and broken a leg. Rogers went out from town and shot the deer and turned it over to the Salvation Army.

The spinning spools of the spider are openings to internal silk glands, and the thickness of the thread depends on the number of glands put into action.

Ribs serve to strengthen the body walls against outside pressure, yet whales, which are able to withstand a body pressure of hundreds of pounds per square inch, have only nine pairs of ribs, less than any other mammal on earth.

A minister, during an address, said, "In every blade of grass there is a sermon." The following day one of his congregation found him mowing the lawn. "Well, sir," he said, "I'm glad to see you are engaged in cutting your sermons short."

### Finds Mother



NEW YORK . . . Wallace Ford (above), film actor, was placed in a founding home in England when 3 years old. He arrived in Canada at 7 and first went on the stage at 15. Now, after a 21 year search, he has found his mother in England where he is buying a home for her.

### Feudal Baroness Visits the State

TRYON.—A feudal baroness who rules her tiny island of Sark in the English Channel with absolute sway has just completed a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Flynn.

Mrs. Robert W. Hatherway, whose official title, granted under letters of patent to her ancestors by "Good Queen Bess," is the dame de Seroq, came with her husband, a former classmate of Flynn at Yale.

Her island "kingdom" is about four miles long and a half mile wide. For her absolute sovereignty she pays a fee of 50 shillings (about \$12.50) to the king of England in his guise of the Duke Normandy.

The island's inhabitants are mostly of French extraction. Church services are conducted in English in the morning and French in the afternoon.

## MACON DAIRIES GET 'A' RATING

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knowing just what he is buying, and furthermore encourages the producer to develop a superior product. For the information and protection of the public the grades appear on each bottle cap and are posted in every restaurant, drug store, hotel dining room, soda fountain, etc., in the county.

The grades of milk recommended by the Health Department are:

### Milk Grades

Grade "A" raw milk—milk of this class shall come from cows free from disease as determined by tuberculin tests and physical examination by a qualified veterinarian, and shall be produced and handled by employees free from disease as determined by medical inspection of a qualified physician, under sanitary conditions, such that the bacterial count shall not exceed a given limit per cubic centimeter at the time of delivery to the consumer. Sanitary conditions, and methods are checked regularly by the sanitary officer and bacteria counts and butterfat content are checked at regular intervals by the laboratory.

Pasteurized milk—milk of this class shall come from cows free from disease as determined by tuberculin tests and physical examinations by a qualified veterinarian, and shall be produced and handled by employees free from disease as determined by medical inspection of a qualified physician, under sanitary conditions, such that the bacterial count at no time exceeds a certain limit as determined by periodical laboratory tests. All milk of this class shall be pasteurized under official supervision.

## Finishing Touches Being Made on Bryant Building

Finishing touches were being made this week by O. C. Bryant on the former Joines Motor Co. building, which will soon be occupied by the Bryant Furniture Co.

The building, a large two-story brick structure on the public square, has been thoroughly remodeled and redecorated from basement to roof. Workmen this week were winding up their remodeling job and Mr. Bryant is planning to move within the next week.

The main floor will be used as a furniture display room and the second floor will be devoted largely to funeral parlors, while the basement will serve as a garage and store room. An elevator has been installed connecting all floors.

## Classified Advertisements

FOR SALE—Buick sedan in excellent condition—\$60.00 for quick sale.—N. Pennington, East Franklin.

Pleasant, honest white girl with some experience, wants place as maid or nurse.—Box 381, Franklin, N. C. ltp

FOR SALE—Cook stove and singer sewing machine; also other furniture in good condition. Bargain prices.—Mrs. W. L. Higdon at Novelty Shop, Main Street. ltp

I have a few good used pocket and wrist watches, traded for in December, at very reasonable prices. Dependable watch repairing a specialty.—Grover Jamison. ltc

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