

I WRITE as I See It!

—BARTON W. MARSH—

A MOTHERS DAY LETTER
Dear Mother: This is mother's day. Certainly the most honored of all holidays established by mortals. Christmas is commercial and greedy. Easter is pagan. New year seems to be a time when everyone wants to become intoxicated. July 4 is noisy, but mother commands the Christian respect of every son and daughter and it is altogether fitting that a special day should be set aside for you—the most precious of all mothers.

If I had written this letter earlier you would have received it shortly after the holiday. Maybe it would be better this way, but I don't think so.

After all today is mothers day and since we are separated by a thousand miles how could I better pay my respects than by setting aside a specific portion of this day for you alone.

For the past weeks we have been deluged by all manner of suggestions and appeals from radios, bill boards and press to be sure and buy mother a fine gift from our store. These suggestions always infer that if you don't buy our gifts you are not properly respectful. This type of of subtle suggestion always makes one rather uneasy. As each day goes by we are reminded that we have not yet made our purchase, yet when we go into the store to find something that will in some way convey our deep feelings to you on mothers day we come out empty handed.

Money cannot buy a gift, be ever so precious, that can begin to repay our debt of gratitude for a fine Christian example, for a patience that cannot be found in anyone unless they have walked with God. Your lessons in obedience that one time seemed too exacting to the mind of a child now are seen as golden stepping stones in the highway of life.

It is good that mother should be remembered and specifically honored on this day. Perhaps the most fitting tribute that we can

offer is to say that our hope of salvation is strong, built on a foundation inspired by a Christian mother who has the same hope. Nothing else on earth can take the place of our desire to be with you, dear mother, in that better land, where good-byes shall be no more.

(Mrs. B. W. Marsh received this letter from her son, Dr. in California).

FOG

BY GENE

About half-past three in the morning a pea soup fog begins to close in, enveloping the great city in moist stillness. But at the waterfront foghorns begin their incessant boom and blare. As the little ferry boats, the tramp steamers and the great ocean liners feel their way across the bay, a tiny motor launch darts out from behind one of the piers. Another boat draws out, and the blue uniformed men standing on the deck are holding rifles. As they draw closer to the small boat, spotlights flash on.

As the four men in the launch notice the police boat following they speed up. The four are tense with excitement, their faces pale in the blinding glare of the spotlights. They glance back, then turn again and strain to see into the fog ahead of them. A little Italian nervously drags on a cigarette, curses, and shouts for more speed. A big clumsy fellow with close-cut hair and huge hands lumbers down a little ladder to the engine room. Those big hands become as gentle and as skillful as a surgeon's as he tinkers with the powerful motor and he coaxes it into turning still faster.

On deck, the little spider-like man at the wheel grips the spokes with long, slender fingers and stares into the mist. But his mouth is drawn into a tight line as he keeps remembering that the slightest mistake will send them all to the bottom. The fourth, a tall, slender Mexican with a little mustache and crisp, black, wavy hair suddenly screams "Madre de Dios, a ship!"

There is a grinding crash, then silence, and as the foghorns boom out, the fog seems thicker and blacker than before.

Chetco Heights, in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil P. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roderick, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Graham and Eddie of Chetco Heights, and Mrs. Edith Rigby of Crescent City.

The Marshs, on this happy occasion, were recipients of some valuable gifts which they deeply cherish. The entire affair came as a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Marsh which added to their enjoyment. The couple was married 50 years ago at Montrose, Colo., and have been residents of the Brookings area for the past 15 years.

Sea Scout Ship Takes Vacation Until Autumn

Because quite a number of the group expect to leave for pea, and other, harvest shortly, activities for the local Sea Scout ship have been put on vacation status until autumn, it was announced at Rotary club, sponsors of the local ship.

Repair work on the boat, delayed so much because of bad weather this spring, has gone quite a way toward completion. Painting of the boat is about all that remains before formal ceremonies of launching will be held.

Realty Transfers

The Lloyd LeMieux home and acreage, on the north bank of the Chetco, was sold to Phil F. Buteau this week. Buteau, former resident of Harbor, feels now he is back home to stay.

A. B. Thomas purchased the Robert Davis town property the past week. Both these transfers were done through the Lesmeister agency.

The R. A. Lower real estate agency reports the sale of the George Metler ocean front property south of Brookings to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Travis of Lakeview, Ore. Several other real estate transfers were made by the same agency in the Smith River area.

Local News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slagle and son, Robert, of Prospect, Oregon are new residents of Brookings. They are temporarily located at the Lockhart Cottages.

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Hendry's Greenhouse
At the Winchuck Bridge

Mrs. Mary Meili and daughter, Miss Ione, of Valentine, Nebr., mother and sister of Mrs. John Ginther, came late last week to visit at the Ginther home for an extended time. They were accompanied by Miss Dortha Pederson, also of Valentine.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Leonard recently purchased two acres from Ed Ransom, north of town for their permanent home site. Many people have commented that this property commands one of the finest views along the entire Oregon coast. It is located directly across the highway from the new and beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Anderson, while lookings for a house. The two men operate lumber and logging trucks under name of Slagle & Slagle.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Simons and children moved Saturday and Sunday to their newly-purchased home seven miles up the Ridge road from Brookings. They have sold their town home to Mrs. Steeves.

Notice

OF CREATION OF WEED CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the County Court of Curry County, Oregon, did, on June 2, 1948, in regular session, declare all of Curry County a Weed Control District; and named gorse, ragwort, St. Johns wort, Canadian Thistle and Tansy as the weeds to be destroyed and to be prevented from producing seed within said district. This notice is given in compliance with the requirements of O. C. L. A., Vol. 4, Section 35-504.

CURRY COUNTY COURT,

A. H. Boice, County Judge

A. B. Crook, commissioner.

N. B. Marsh, commissioner.

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Of Annual School Meeting
Notice is hereby given, in compliance with Sec. 111-908, O.C. to the legal voters of School District No. 17, of Curry County, Oregon, that the ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING said District will be held at Schoolhouse; to begin at hour of 8 o'clock p. m. on third Monday of June, being 21st day of June, A. D., 1948.

This meeting is called for purpose of electing one director for a term of three years, one director for a term of one year, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 21st day of June, 1948.
HERBERT PAYNE
Attest: Chn., Board,
Dora E. Beaulieu, Clerk.

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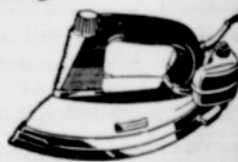
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