

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Charge Account Helps If Used With Caution

Being able to buy things when they strike one's fancy, without having to pay for them out of one's pockets, unquestionably does encourage some people to be extravagant. One man writes:

(Q) "I was very much interested in your comment about charge accounts in a recent column, in which you advised young man to close his mother's accounts because she was on a spending spree since her husband's death. My wife is always after me to open charge accounts for her, but I have refused. She is an extravagant person to begin with, and I am afraid she will develop into a spendthrift if she knows she can charge things. I would like to get your opinion on this matter."

(A) I think you have reason to be cautious about opening charge account for your wife if her behavior in the past has led you to believe that she will bankrupt you if you allow her to charge her purchases. This is more likely not to happen.

Dr. Hurlock For a reasonably careful, frugal person, charge accounts are very valuable—for two reasons. In the first place, one often needs things at one season of the year, such as a new winter coat, and does not have enough money on hand to pay the entire cost at once. A careful spender will not buy other things until the bill for the coat has been paid.

The second value of charge accounts is that they make it easier to return articles if they are not right. For a person with children, for example, it is much easier to send clothes home on approval and return them if they do not fit or are unbecoming than to take the children shopping.

However, far too many people who have charge accounts do not use them with caution. They

feel that they will pay their bills some day and then forget how much they have allowed to add up on their bills when they are tempted to buy something more. Like your wife, they go from being extravagant to being spendthrifts when things are made too easy for them as charge accounts do.

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Drive Urged To Get Stevenson To Stay

New York — (U.P.) — The Stevenson — must — stay drive asked individuals across the country today to join a postcard parade urging the former Democratic candidate for President not to retire from public life.

Leland Merrick, coordinating secretary of the drive, said the campaign resulted from reports that Adlai Stevenson was considering retiring from politics and the fact that he had resumed his private law practice.

Merrick said all post cards should be sent to Box 56, Jerome Station, New York 68, N.Y. He said they would be pasted in a giant album and presented to Stevenson so he will know "the people whose hopes and welfare he champions so well will not let him go."

Actress Ordered To Pay Ex-Mate's Lawyer

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Film star Susan Hayward was under court order today to pay \$10,000 in attorney fees and costs to her ex-husband, Jess Barker, can appeal the divorce she won.

Superior Judge Herbert Walker yesterday ordered the red-haired actress to pay Barker's attorney, S. S. Hahn, \$7500 fees and \$2500 costs in order that Barker might appeal.

Barker, though contending there was more than \$200,000 in community property, was granted only an old station wagon in the divorce decree Oct. 17. He has appealed the divorce on grounds she failed to prove he was cruel to her.



TOGETHER AGAIN — Squadron Leader Andrew MacKenzie looks fondly at his wife, Joyce, at Vancouver, B. C. Mrs. MacKenzie had just shed a few tears of happiness over their reunion at Vancouver's International Airport. MacKenzie, just returned home after being held two years by Chinese Reds as a POW, was shot down while flying as an exchange pilot with the U. S. Air Force in Korean war.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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Our English maids are long to woo. And if their charms be fair to view. Their lips are slow at love's confession.

—BYRON.
(It was also Byron who, when discussing his native land, England, referred to "our cloudy climate and chilly women.")

The United States one cent post card, originated in 1873, was the world's greatest postal bargain. Even at its present price of two cents, it is a terrific bargain. It is remarkable how many words some people can get on a postal card. Many overcome the lack of privacy angle by using a code. In European countries mail via post card is charged by the word. The system is similar to that used for telegrams. So much for the first ten words. If you use more words you have to pay more postage.

Horses and Women
Portrait painters can usually offer a woman some good advice on how to make herself more beautiful. Tallulah Bankhead had her nose lengthened at the

suggestion of Augustus John, British portrait painter, who said that by so doing her face would have more symmetry. The nose of course, is an extremely important factor in the matter of feminine facial beauty. Miss Bankhead is only one of the many women who have been made much better looking by having their noses slightly altered.

Among The Married

To check on his wife's conversation while he was away from home, one husband had a concealed recording device in nearly every room in the house. What he heard when he ran the recording later inspired him to seek a divorce. How about it, lady? When your loving husband is away from home do you say things you wouldn't want him to hear? Have you checked the house for hidden recording devices? Anyway, better be careful what you say. To be on the safe side, perhaps you had better learn the sign language.

Sightlights

Women talk 25 per cent faster than men and say about 40 per cent less. The ladies give voice to too many unnecessary words. . . . The reason San Franciscans resent their city being referred to as "Frisco" is because it is named after a saint and they consider the abbreviation in poor taste and somewhat sacrilegious.

Get It Right

Shortest boxing bout on the record was between Jack Dempsey and Fred Fulton at Harrison, N. J. Lasted eighteen seconds. So says a sports scribe. That's wrong. Shortest fight on the books was that between Battling Nelson and Willie Rossler. It lasted twelve seconds, including the count. That is, the actual fighting lasted only two seconds!

Asides

"Good manners," observed Jonathan Swift, "is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse. Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy is the best bred in the company." . . . When you kissed your bride after the wedding ceremony how long did the osculation last? After his wedding, Harry James took his bride, Betty Grable in his arms and gave her a kiss that lasted ninety-six seconds!

WEATHER By United Press
Northern California: Generally fair but local fog this morning and tonight.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday; 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 5:30 previous day.

Calligraphy Art Necessary To Be Gentleman in China

Hong Kong — (U.P.) — To be a scholar as well as a gentleman in China one needs to learn and master the art of calligraphy. And this art of calligraphy is not an easy subject. It often takes one's entire life to acquire the proper technique.

Chinese calligraphy is done with a brush instead of pen, thus a master-calligrapher is often a good painter.

Recently, however, in this talented British Crown Colony, an expert Chinese calligraphist invented a new system of cursive writing that may use either pen or the brush. The invention, it is believed, has brought about a revolution in the centuries-old art of Chinese calligraphy.

She Hiseh-wen, an authority on Chinese calligraphy, said the new system is part of a first comparative treatment of Chinese calligraphy ever published. The refugee inventor said he intends to publish the system in a new form of "Tsu T'ieh" — roughly meaning a student's penmanship copy book — intended primarily for students of Chinese in foreign lands. He recently conducted a public exhibition at the art gallery of a prominent Hong Kong hotel showing off his new system of the art of Chinese calligraphy.

Was a Teacher

As Chinese are accepting the pen along with the brush as their instrument of writing, She feels that his invention will enhance writing as an art that keeps pace with time. He also feels that his new system will gradually become more popular especially among the scientific-minded modern Chinese.

She's new system has a set of "alphabets" that has 84 components, 42 basic strokes and as many radicals. They are familiar to shorthand students and may roughly be equated to basic English.

Although a teacher of literature by profession, She became a master calligraphist with some 40 years of experience beginning from the days when he looked upon calligraphy as a hobby. He has taught in many well-known schools and universities in mainland China prior to Communist occupation of that country. He earned for himself a distinction of ministerial professor after he had published a treatise on Li Sao, a well-known ancient Chinese poet.

She, at present, operates a academy of calligraphy in Hong Kong. He has to his credit some 28 publications of varying kinds, including those on poetry as well as calligraphy.

4-H Club News

Roxy Ann Club

Roxy Ann 4-H club met December 10 at Roxy Ann Grange hall. Initiation of new and first year members was held.

Newly elected officers are: President, Coralee Dalton; vice-president, Jan Niehaus; secretary, Monica Auel; treasurer, Calvin Dalton; reporter, Katherine Gott.

It was decided to present the Roxy Ann Grange, the club's sponsor, with a charter. Mrs. Dalton is in charge of the charter.

The meeting was also a Christmas party and the members brought old toys to give to the firemen to repair.

Games were played and refreshments served after the meeting by the cooking club.

The dairy club will be in charge of refreshments for the next general meeting on January 28.

Katherine Gott, Reporter.

Rainfall Sweet Music To Ears of Bermuda Residents

Hamilton, Bermuda — (U.P.) — Rain on the roof is music to the ears of Bermuda's 40,000 residents.

They never are happier than when their basements are full of rainwater.

Each drop of rain means more drinking water for the inhabitants of this Atlantic island cluster, where nature requires that every home be a miniature waterworks and storm clouds bring cheer.

There is hardly a building here of any kind, in fact, that isn't equipped with a white-ribbed roof, especially designed for catching rain, and a reservoir in the cellar. Such construction is required by law and has produced a style of architecture Bermudians believe to be unique.

Bermuda, the oldest self-governing British colony, consists of 150 coral islands nearly 600 miles east of North Carolina. It has almost no underground fresh water. The drilling of wells has brought up large quantities of slightly salty water, used by many for laundering and bathing, but water for cooking and drinking comes from the sky.

Some persons run out of water after three dry months and have to pay dearly for water brought in by ship. The U. S. Air Force base here converts ocean water to drinking water, but just about everyone else depends on the rain.

One resident with a 32,000-gallon tank under his three-bedroom home said he could go for a year without rain. But the average home tank holds only 11,000 gallons, so Bermudians hope for a continuation of the 58-inch annual average rainfall recorded during the last 50

years. When it rains in Bermuda, it usually rains hard, but the storms last only a few minutes, so both the inhabitants, who need the water, and the tourists, who want sunshine, are kept happy.

Under rigid regulations developed over the past 300 years, every building in Bermuda has an almost identical roof, constructed of limestone or coral slates coated with plaster and then covered with purifying white limewash. Four-fifths of every roof must be designed to catch rain.

The roofs slope gently above pastel-tinted coral-brick and plaster walls and have a corrugated appearance. Water trickles down the white limestone terraced roofs into gutters and then through pipes to the basement tanks, ranging from 5,000 gallons for small cottages to 100,000 for mansions.

Catchments on Hillsides

Hotels catering to nearly 100,000 tourists a year have catchments on hillsides as well as on roofs. Huge white patches of lime-washed rock or cement that look like snowfields catch rainfall and drain it into pipes to underground reservoirs.

Water is considered to be pure after it has run over the lime coating, but if stagnation is discovered, the water is freshened with chlorinated lime.

Mosquitoes are not much of a problem in Bermuda, but the health department requires that all the conservationists keep their tanks from becoming potential insect breeding grounds.

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Reuther, Mexico President Meet

Mexico City — (U.P.) — CIO President Walter Reuther and a delegation of 17 union leaders met President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines yesterday.

Reuther, who came to Mexico City from Los Angeles where the CIO wound up its annual convention last week end, said he promised Ruiz Cortines that the CIO "will keep working ceaselessly to secure decent treatment for Mexican migrant workers" in the United States. U. S. Ambassador Francis White held a reception for the Reuther delegation last night.

In San Francisco Hotel Plaza has a "new look"...

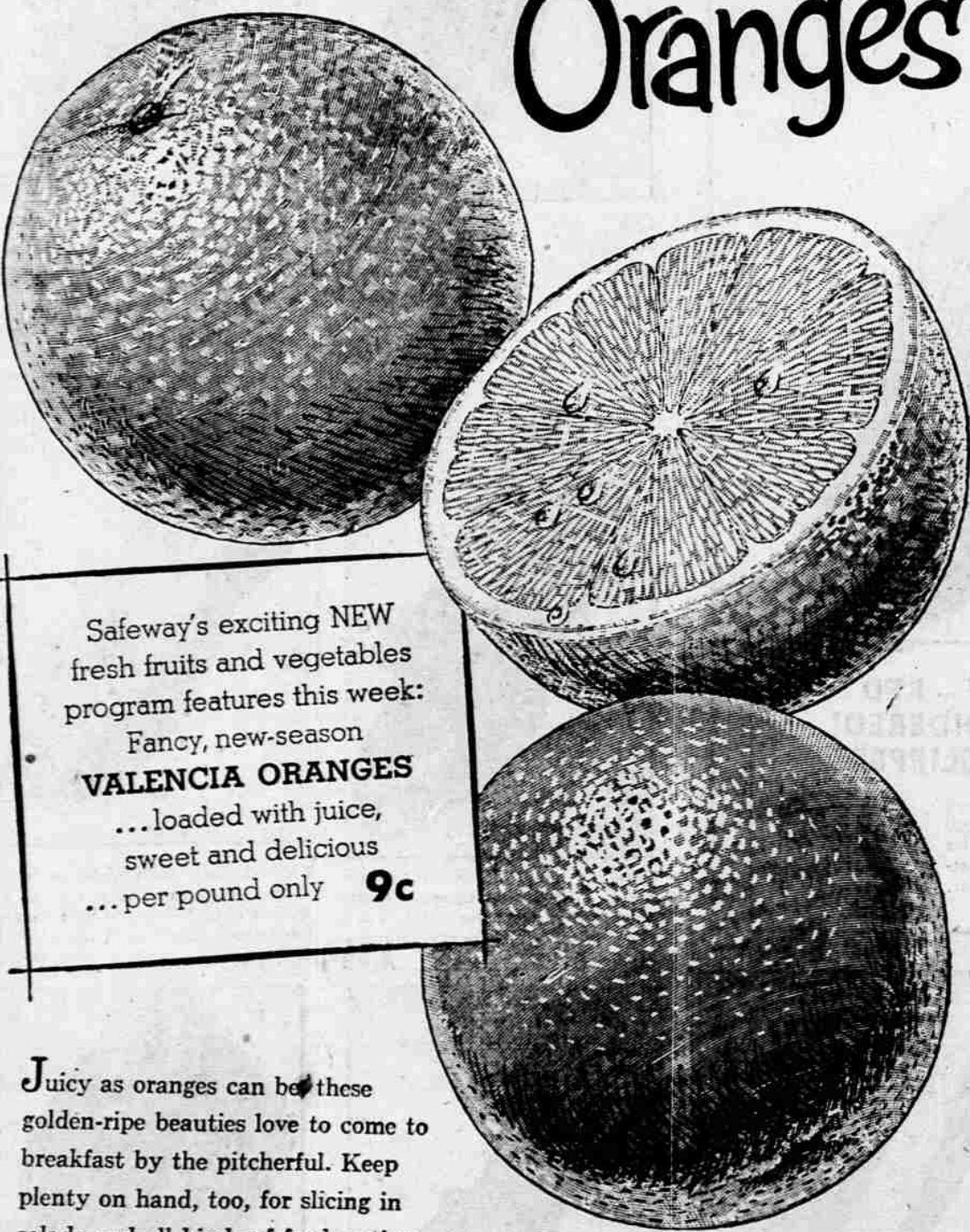
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