



WHITE HOUSE PARTY FOR HOSPITALIZED VETS—President and Mrs. Eisenhower greet Air Force Maj. Oliver Reed of Middleport, Pa. as he is wheeled into the annual White House Garden Party on the south lawn of the executive mansion. Ike and Mamie entertained 791 hospitalized veterans, some bed-ridden. In White uniform is Maj. Harold Kurth, USMC, a White House social aide.

Dad's Pockets Place to Start Spring Cleaning

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Chicago — (U.P.) — Spring cleaning time is here — and the place to start is in Dad's pockets, according to a man without masculine prejudice.

Thomas J. Rolfs doesn't go along with the general assumption of males that a woman's purse contains the world's greatest collection of odds and ends. A manufacturer of personal leather goods in West Bend, Wis., he decided to take a good hard look at the pockets of his own sex.

Over a two-week period, he asked 75 average businessmen to turn their pockets inside-out.

"The only thing I don't find was a kitchen sink," he said, "but most men carry enough paraphernalia to fill one."

"The next time a husband pokes fun at his wife's handbag, she should challenge him to a duel — her purse against his pockets. The wife would win every time."

Rolfs' self-conducted survey unearthed:

Unmailed letters: "Ask any wife."
Keys: A great many. "If he can tell you what half of them are for, he's above average."

Business cards: "Mostly from people he has forgotten."
Calendars: "Small ones, usually . . . dating back at least 10 years."

Pens and pencils: As many as three pens and a dozen pencils per man. "Usually one of the pens is out of ink and two or three of the pencils have no lead."

Miscellaneous playing cards: "One fellow had a dog-eared royal flush which was cold-dealt in a poker game. He'd carried it around for 10 years."

Money: Change carried loose in one or more pockets. Bills in a wallet or well crumpled in various pockets.

Cigaretts and cigars: "He either can't produce a single match or he's got at least half a dozen half-used packs."

Pipes: Such smokers are "a breed by themselves." They should carry handbags.

Also: Good-luck pieces "ranging from a silver dollar to a rabbit's foot"; credit cards; comb, nail file, nail clippers and sometimes a mirror; glasses and case; ticket stubs; checkbook; chewing gum or candy; one or more handkerchiefs, usually soiled.

And mysterious notes that say things like: "Meet Jbxxxx Mon. at Fzrl's re. Smgrna."
These notes last for months, Rolfs said. Too valuable to throw away.

Pair of Blue Jeans
Almost Cost Boy \$20

Grand Forks, N.D. — (U.P.) — Leigh Olson, a rural Thompson, N.D., high school senior, bought a pair of blue jeans that almost cost him \$20.

The boy put his entire summer savings into the pockets before his mother returned the piece of clothing to the store because it was too small.

Later, when Mrs. Victor Milard started fishing \$20 bills out of her washing machine, she remembered seeing the story of the



COLOR GIRL—Beverly Jean Douglass of Atherton, Calif., will serve as the 1956 Color Girl for the Naval Academy's June Week. She was picked by her fiancé, Midshipman Robert Salisbury Cecil of San Francisco, commander of the winning Color Company. They will be married June 2 following his graduation.

RUSSIANS HEAD WEST
Richmond, Va. — (U.P.) — Five Russian Baptist leaders left for Chicago and Kansas City today to attend the Southern Baptist convention. The Russians spent the week end visiting Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance. The Russians are on a 30-day visit to the United States at the invitation of the Baptist Church and Baptist World Alliance.

ELECTION STRIKE HELD
Caserta, Italy — (U.P.) — Mountaineers of Vallelunga staged an election strike Sunday. They refused to go to the polls in protest against the failure of authorities to bring electric light to the village.

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The Family Council

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B.L.T.—Shes' using black-mail threats.
Mrs. B.L.T.—Our son has driven her desperate.

B.L.T.—Our son, Robert, became entangled with a girl who now threatens to make things very unpleasant for our family if he does not marry her. My wife insists that we should persuade him to marry the girl, but I cannot see it. I have a very low opinion of her morals, and I feel certain that she was more the culprit than Robert in anything that went on between them. The way I size her up, I am sure our son was not the first man in her life and there may be many others.

I think it would be stupid and criminal of me to force our son into marrying this woman. If there were any doubt about her, the threats she is now making should make it clear that she is no good.
Mrs. B.L.T.—I cannot agree that the threats prove anything. She is obviously a very desperate girl, and she may be threatening because she cannot think of any other way of expressing the extent of her desperation.

We have to think of others besides Robert. We have three daughters, the youngest 16, and Robert owes it to them to avoid

ruining their reputations. If this girl is as bad as my husband believes her to be, it is still a fact that Robert had an affair with her and was guilty of taking her to a crooked doctor for illegal surgery. If he marries her, he may be able to obtain a divorce some day if he cannot get along with her, but if he does not marry her, he may ruin the lives of his sisters and bring disgrace on my husband and me.

The Council: Mrs. B.L.T. is confusing two things, Robert's moral responsibility with respect to the girl and the welfare of her daughters.

She is greatly exaggerating the stake of her daughters in this situation. If she forces her son to marry the girl merely because of a blackmail threat, she will settle nothing. For the blackmail threat may return to plague her family with scandal after marriage. It is, indeed, likely to come in such a forced marriage, in the form of a divorce or separate maintenance suit based on sensational charges.

The question of the proposed marriage should, therefore, be judged solely on ethical and moral grounds. What are the facts? Mr. B.L.T. hints at facts that may justify a refusal of marriage. But are they facts, or merely suspicion?

This seems to be a hopeless tragedy unless all the facts can be brought to light and a just decision based on them. It is just as wrong to submit to blackmail as it is to shirk a duty. Care should be taken to commit neither grave offense. This family needs competent outside advice.
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Business Booming, Tattoo Expert Says

Fortworth, Tex. — (U.P.) — Yogi Ray Davis, who has been tattooing people for 42 years, says his business has never been better.

"Everybody's going for it," he said. "The other day I even had a rich old dame sneak into my shop and make me pull down the shades fast so nobody could see her."

"Then she kind of giggled and told me what she wanted. She'd always wanted a rose tattooed on her left thigh. No, I didn't tell her to go to no psychiatrist. I just put the rose on her."

Davis got the name of "Yogi" when he worked in vaudeville, circuses and carnivals. He soon drifted into tattooing, which he has done for most of his life. He is 62.

"I got tattoos all over me, from the crown of my head to the soles of my feet," he said. "I'd have more, but I run out of room."

"I got two rules. 'I won't tattoo nobody unless he's over 18 and sober. Lots of kids try to get around me, but I make 'em show me their draft cards.'"

"You'd be surprised at the number of women who want a heart or maybe a skull with their boy friend's name on a little flag. It's real popular."

Davis and his wife Angeline, 32, have a nine-year-old son, Ronny. There isn't much danger of his changing his name, because his father tattooed it on him when he was three years old.

Davis said that one of his big problems involves customers who change their minds, come back the next day and say, "I don't like it, take it off."
"Too late for them," he said. "They got to see a plastic surgeon. I don't practice medicine without a license."

Amateur Juggler Picks Wrong Practice Place

Buffalo, N.Y. — (U.P.) — James A. Murphy, an amateur juggler, picked the wrong place to practice baton-twirling.

Stenographer for a city judge, Murphy decided to go up to the roof of the city court building recently to get in a bit of practice. Shortly afterward, huffing and puffing patrolman Joseph Kimmith burst out of a door on the roof. He had run up eight flights of stairs to investigate reports by persons in nearby buildings that a man was behaving suspiciously on the city court roof.



MIDAIR MIXUP—Parachutes of Chaplain William DeVanny (arrow) and 1st Lt. Robert Pate of the 325th Airborne Inf. Rgt., Fort Bragg, N. C., entangle after jumping from opposite sides of a C-119 Flying Boxcar at Fort Gordon, Ga. Both men were uninjured.



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