

On The Side

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I wish I could remember the first day. First hour, first moment of your meeting me. If only I could recollect it, such a day of days! I let it come and go as traceless as a thaw of bygone snow. It seemed to mean so little, meant so much. Did one but know!

Mary Pickford and her spouse Buddy Rogers are to spend the summer in Majorca. That, of course, is the same island where Frederic Chopin and George Sand (Mme. Duvenant) went to spend a romantic interlude. Mme. Duvenant brought along her two young children. She was 34 at the time. Chopin was 28. This celebrated pair of lovers only spent 98 days in Majorca. It was in the winter. The weather was terrible. It rained nearly every day. Was also cold. And the house heating was bad. The climate nearly killed Chopin. Even Mme. Duvenant's love couldn't keep him warm.

Passing By
Alfred Di Liagre, distinguished theatrical producer, among his productions was "The Voice of the Turtle" which had the fifth longest run in the history of the New York theatre. Can you name the first four long runs in order of the length of their runs? If not, cease calling yourself a well informed theatrical fan.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. What is the world's oldest musical instrument? A. The shophar. Q. Who first referred to a "government of the people, by the people and for the people"? A. John Wycliffe in the introduction of his translation of the Bible. That was in 1382 A.D. Q. Whom do you consider this country's three best jockeys? A. 1. Eddie Arcaro. 2. Bill Boland. 3. Bill Shoemaker. Q. Who has been longest on radio and television, Jack Benny or Ed Sullivan? A. Benny made his radio debut on Sullivan's program in 1932. Jack didn't have his own radio program until two years later.

Says She
As for Frenchmen being great lovers, I can't see them. I say a young woman of Manhattan, who has recently returned from Paris. "Most of them are too short and nearly all have a

fondness for garlic that ruins what might be a romantic moment."

Among the Married
How many hours a week does your wife spend handling the housekeeping? The claim is the average wife spends 80 hours a week doing her household tasks. That's too long. If your wife is an 80-hour a week worker you better go to her rescue. Maybe she doesn't understand efficiency. Has no system. Takes too many steps. Get her a copy of Lillian Gilbreth's book "The Home Maker and Her Job." Watch her while she works. Put a pedometer on her. See if you can make some suggestions that will lessen the number of steps she takes. More of this vital matter anon. The working week of the housewife must be shortened. Ask your wife what she thinks a fair working week would be for a home manager. By the way, what are the six best housekeeping labor saving gadgets? Have you all of them at your house?

Over There
Shortly after Jockey Sir Gordon Richards was knighted, he was asked, "Do the fans call you Sir Richard?" He answered, "At times, but when I lose on a favorite they still call me the same old names."

Please Note
Dishwashers in restaurants are now frequently referred to as "culinary department assistants." Dog catchers are styled "canine control officers." Those workers once called "soda jerkers" are now referred to as "fountainainers." However, bartenders are still called bartenders. Some want to have a more dignified name. How about "bar steward"? Not so good. What about "maitre de bar"? Not so good either. I'll keep trying to think of something.

The new Ohio turnpike, which runs 241 miles from the Pennsylvania to Indiana border, saves the average private motorist three hours on a trip across the state. The turnpike saves the average truck driver five hours on the same trip.

During 1955 Pennsylvania had 27 fires in which the damage exceeded a quarter-million dollars.



TERRORIZING FAMILY of Charles Russell Rose (right), 58, Edward J. Curran (left), 26, forces Rose to drive him through police cordon but finally decides to surrender. Companion in robbery attempt escaped before wild auto ride began in Berkeley is being sought. (International)

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, a newspaper editor, a women's page editor and two newspaper writers. These consult with clergymen of all faiths and denominations. All letters are held in complete confidence.

Mrs. D. D.—My brother and sister are neglecting our parents. **Mrs. K. R.**—Dorothy has a complex about them.

Mrs. D. D.—I have been married several years, but have no children. I live in the same city with my parents, who are both in their sixties. My brother and sister both moved to different cities when they got married and they now have three children each. They very seldom come to see my parents, who are terribly lonely. They never write letters. They occasionally telephone, but it is always a hurried, awkward conversation of "How are you... fine, and you... well, time's up."

It seems to me that they could not possibly treat them this way if I were not here to "keep and eye" on our parents. I do this to the best of my ability, but I work hard at my job and have a very busy social life. In any case, no matter what I do I am unable to make up for what my sister and brother don't do. I know they love our parents and I can't understand their lack of consideration... unless it's simply that they want

to put the whole responsibility on me.

Mrs. K. R.—It's not true that we want to put the whole responsibility for our parents on Dorothy, but what can we do living so far away? Dorothy has a guilt complex about our parents and constantly sends us alarmist letters. She married outside our faith and made our parents very unhappy about it. They have gotten over it better than she has. We don't expect her to "make up" for our conduct, and she has no right to dictate to us what we ought to do for our parents. They certainly don't complain.

The Council: Dorothy may have a "guilt complex" about her parents, but it is possible that this, plus the fact that she has no children to take up her time and emotional energy, sensitizes her to her parent's needs. Mrs. K. R. and her brother ought to realize that their parents have too much pride to "complain" to them, but they may take Dorothy into their confidence. Certainly, brief telephone conversations are poor

Two Are Killed When 'Hotrod' Crashes

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Gerald Williamson, 21, and Jerome Miller, also 21, both of San Francisco, were killed early Saturday when their "hotrod" and another car it was racing collided on heavily traveled Mission street.

Both cars were heading north on Mission when, just before reaching an intersection and for some unexplained reason, the car carrying Williamson and Miller stopped short. The other car, which was trailing the pair, crashed into the rear of the hotrod.

Williamson was thrown from the driver's seat to the rear seat. Miller was thrown clear of the car. Both men died instantly.



WAVING FROM WINDOW at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, President and Mrs. Eisenhower thank U. S. Army band for serenade. This is first photograph of President since he entered institution June 8 for operation. (International Soundphoto)

Claims BLM Stand Bottles Up Bill

Ephrata — (U.P.) — Hubert H. Walter, executive assistant to the Columbia Basin commission said Saturday the failure of the bureau of reclamation to report its stand on the land limitation issue has bottled up the bill in the commission.

Walter said the bureau has come out against increased acreage, but they should make their position clear. He said it is the bureau's job to administer the law and the job of Congress to make the law.

Walter said much bitterness is being created in the basin by the bureau's failure to make its report to the committee.

Walter also indicated that the chance for action on increasing limitation this year was fading because of Congress' desire to adjourn early.

substitutes for regular, newsy letters with such enclosures as snapshots and a scrawl from the grandchild. Letter-writing is a habit and it can be developed by any literate person with the desire to do so.

Dorothy should, however, get over the feeling that she must make up for her sister's and brother's conduct and should certainly stop sending alarmist letters. Her parents must sense that she feels overburdened by her responsibility to them and this can't give them too much pleasure. (COPYRIGHT 1956, GENERAL FEATURES CORP.)

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