



MILD LION—March, they say, comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb. But if the blustery month is as mild as this lion cub, nobody will mind at all. Billy Madigan, 7, of Roseville, Mich., was less interested in old sayings than in young animals. He found both lion and the lamb, from the menagerie of the Detroit Zoological Park, gentle and playful as kittens. (UPI Telephoto)

Quick Thinking May Cause Scrambled Handwriting

New York — UPI — If your income tax refund is late in arriving this year, you may have only your poor handwriting to blame.

If friends and relatives complain they never receive the letters you claim you write, there is a strong chance that the postal employees could not read your mail into the dead-letter files.

Illegible handwriting also has been known to delay the filling of department store orders and cause pharmacists to misread doctors' prescriptions.

Handwriting cripples are so numerous that the University of Wisconsin has been conducting an extensive survey under grants from the Parker Pen Co. to try to straighten out some of the kinks and snarls in the average person's script.

Until the early 20th Century, handwriting was an art that was cultivated carefully in schools and homes. The first blow to legibility was the widespread use of the typewriter. Then came the second, when penmanship instruction in public schools was dropped as a depression money-saver.

Added to these blows, according to the University of Wisconsin researchers, were the introduction of several basic handwriting systems. Today, it is estimated, there are about 19 different handwriting systems, instead of the single Spencerian script of the

1900's and the "Palmer Method" of the next few decades.

So-called progressive education brought the widespread teaching of printing instead of longhand to children, on the theory it was easier to learn.

All these factors have added up to a most horrifying jumble of illegible words and numbers, the Wisconsin researchers discovered. They estimated that a million dollars a week is lost by business and industry in scrambled orders, lost deliveries, clerical mistakes and other forms of inefficiency traceable to unreadable writing.

The Illinois Bell Telephone Co. alone found it lost nearly \$50,000 a year because operators had scribbled toll call charges in hieroglyphic.

Several department stores have introduced experimental classes in penmanship for employees. Other companies have issued orders to workers to write legibly, or else.

The root of the trouble is that people think much faster than they can write. Therefore, the swifter a person is, the worse his scrawl. College professors and top executives have been found to be the No. 1 offenders on the graphological scale.

Basic Tips
The average individual thinks at the rate of about 250 words a minute. But he cannot write faster than 25 words a minute and still read what he has set down. The Wisconsin handwriting

experts claim that anyone can improve his handwriting, if he really tries. Here are some basic handwriting tips they passed along:

—Test yourself to see if your handwriting speed exceeds 25 words a minute. If it does, slow down.

—Practice writing the trickier letters slowly. A, E, R, and T are the most difficult to write. Also practice with letters such as A, G and D to make sure they are fully closed.

—Watch for "twin" numbers. The numerals 1 and 7 should not look anything alike. Also beware of 3, 5 and 8, which often look alike when written hurriedly.

—Sit properly when writing, with shoulders slightly forward and hips back on the seat. Face the desk squarely with both forearms on it. Keep both feet flat on the floor.

—The paper should be slanted slightly. The Palm of the writing hand should be down and the wrist should be held as flat as possible. Hold pencil or pen an inch above the point.

—Never press down while writing. Hold the pen or pencil lightly or the writing will be cramped.

A few minutes a day of such practice may bring dramatic results. Even you, at long last, may be able to read your own writing!

Suggestions Pay For State Workers

Salem—UPI—State employees won \$345 in February for offering time-saving suggestions to various state agencies.

Among the winning proposals were a new police radio code, new audit and fuel tax refund procedures, a new mail answering system for motor vehicle inquiries, and a travel schedule list for students.

Winners were Inez Fortner, Dayton; Nancy Lay, Portland; and Jeanne Hopkins, Gleason Young, Bernard McDewitt, Harold Bacon, and Merrill Gould, all of Salem.

Drain Holdup Brings 10 Years

Portland—UPI—Donald Gene Kelso, 35, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for the Jan. 25 holdup of the Drain branch of the U.S. National bank.

Some \$2,400 was obtained in the holdup in the northern Douglas county community. Kelso, arrested two days after the robbery, had pleaded guilty. He was apprehended by a state policeman who stopped a taxi in which he was riding near Drain.

Hangings Made Legal By Posting Notice

El Paso, Tex.—UPI—Public hangings in El Paso some 100 years ago weren't "official" until a notice was posted on the side of a big cottonwood tree in the settlement's market place.

Marriages, births and more normal deaths also were displayed on a plank nailed to the "Notice Tree" which served as the area's first news medium. Eventually the "Notice Tree" was replaced by newspapers, and rumor has it that the cottonwood was chopped into firewood. But today another tree stands in the same spot in Pioneer Plaza as a historic marker.

12.5 Million Own Public Corporations

Burlington, Iowa—UPI—Nearly 12½ million people are the owners of America's publicly-held corporations, according to the latest census of shareholders sponsored by the New York Stock Exchange.

This is more than double the figure of 10 years ago. The average shareholder has an income of \$7,000 and is 35 years of age.

Well-Head Price of Crude Oil Dropping

New York—UPI—The cost of finding and producing a barrel of crude oil in 1958 was 35 cents higher than the value of the oil at average well-head prices, according to the U.S. Bureau of Mines.

And today, while costs have continued to climb, the well-head price of crude oil has dropped still further.

MARRIAGE-GO-ROUND

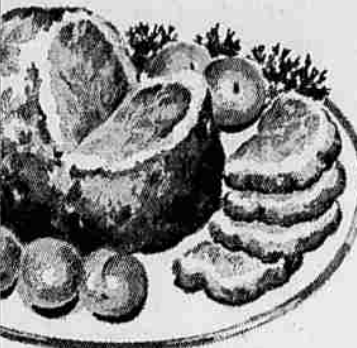
San Antonio, Tex.—UPI—Justice of the Peace A. A. Seaman lost no time getting down to his traditional duties after he took office. Within the first hour he performed his first marriage, one of three he performed on his first day.

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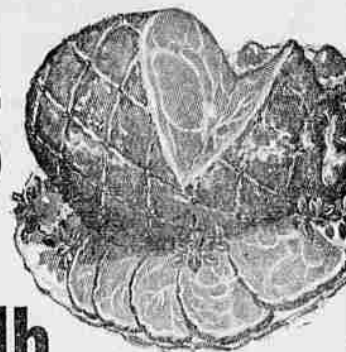


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