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Letter

By FLORENCE JENKINS
A letter has come from Mrs. Thomas J. Williams, whose husband was promoted recently from superintendent of Crater Lake National Park to a position of greater responsibility with the National Park Service at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

She enclosed a clipping of a Letter to the Editor published in Santa Fe, quoting an article by Judge Philip B. Gilliam, nationally known juvenile judge of Denver, Colorado. His "Open Letter to a Teen-ager" was included in a small pamphlet prepared by the Denver Juvenile Court.

The judge's message: "Always we hear the plaintive cry of the teen-ager: What can we do???? Where can we go???? The answer is—Go home."

"Hang the storm windows; paint the woodwork; rake the leaves; mow the lawn; shovel the walk; wash the car; learn to cook; scrub the floors; repair the sink; build a boat; get a job."

"Help the minister, priest or rabbi, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick, assist the poor, study your lessons. And then, when you are through, and not too tired—read a book."

"Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city or village does not owe you recreational facilities."

"The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents so that no one will be at war or in poverty or sick or lonely again."

"In plain, simple words: Grow up; quit being a cry baby. Get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone, and start acting like a man or lady."

Judge Gilliam didn't pull his punches one bit, did he? Mrs. Williams, the successful mother of three, added this:

"When we were kids, we didn't dare say we had nothing to do, or ask what to do because we would right then and there get something to do—like washing windows or scrubbing the floor."

Being a teen-ager is very difficult. About the only thing more difficult in this life is being a parent of a teen-ager.

Dreary World

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—The letter from R. H. Cook re: putative carcinomatous agents reminds me of a renowned radiologist with whom I was privileged to work a few years ago (one of his students is practicing in this area.)

At the time, this thoughtful scientist was pondering the relationship of fresh newspaper ink to lung cancer. Let's pray he never publishes his findings. A world without fried chicken and lipstick would be dreary indeed.

To be without daily papers would be tantamount to slavery.

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U.S. Women

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—What is the basic thing wrong with most American women?

There has been a rash of criticism about the henpecked U. S. male lately, but nobody has been putting the U. S. woman under the microscope for flaws.

Isn't it about time someone performed this neglected public service?

There are certain traditional objections that are always voiced when the subject of what is wrong with women comes up.

They can be summarized: When you first marry a woman she glows like the morning sun, but in time she kind of gets to look like a rain-stained old copper roof.

A woman talks endlessly but rarely says what she really knows—or really knows what she says, so how can a man ever understand her? A man can understand only things that make sense.

In keeping appointments, a woman always arrives by the calendar instead of the clock.

A woman is supposed to have the right to change her mind, but actually never does—and nobody can make her change it. A woman's mind also never lets go the memory of a fancied wrong—as every husband knows.

A woman never knows the value of a sound dollar or a good man until both are gone from her.

Well, there is no doubt that most of these moss-grown objections to women are still fairly valid, and probably always will be.

But if you polled most American men I doubt these reasons would explain the fact there is a vast and growing grudge among many males against U. S. women.

en. They are, after all, old sins of the fair sex, and man has had to put up with them throughout history.

What tends to annoy a man most today is that he is being made a sucker of in a new way by a new kind of woman. This is the woman who demands the status of a man while still insisting peremptorily on all the ancient privileges accorded women by the etiquette of romantic chivalry.

The basic thing wrong with American women is they no longer act like women. They look feminine, talk masculine—and act basically.

Maybe the country needs a national "Kick a Woman in the Knee Day" to put the whole question of modern chivalry back on a sounder footing for all.

Flowers

By SAM DAWSON
AP Business News Analyst
NEW YORK (AP)—The nation's florists expect to send more flowers this Christmas than they did on Mother's Day. They say a big reason is that businessmen have become more pious conscious.

Business spends well over a million dollars a year on flowers for customers, suppliers and employees. Florists say some individual firms spend as much as \$25,000 a year this way.

The floral gifts range from bouquets to potted plants. One big segment of the practice is to telegraph flowers for openings of new enterprises or branches.

The practice is growing fast, says a naturally interested speculator, John Bodette, general manager of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Assn. This is a nonprofit clearing house for 11,000 florists scattered through every state in the nation and doing a 60-million-dollar annual business.

He says the flowers are delivered all over the world—Hong Kong, Capetown, Juneau, Melbourne. The orders go by wire or telephone to the distant florist through the Interflora network of world florists who make the deliveries.

Bodette lists some of the varied uses made of flowers by business concerns like this:

The Hanover Bank of New York telegraphs flowers to every correspondent bank in the nation on the anniversary of the opening of the account.

U.S. Steel in Chicago says it with flowers when a new business enterprise that might use a steel product is launched.

Thomas Cook & Sons and other travel agencies reward a client who has purchased a long tour by sending a bon voyage floral piece to a departing ship.

Women who have kept an account for 25 years with Guaranty Trust of New York—now merged with J. P. Morgan—get a white orchid corsage.

Ballantine Brewery remembers bartenders' wives when they have babies.

A New York apparel manufacturer, noting that two out-of-town buyers never appeared at his showrooms, sent each a single rose every day. After 32 days the first buyer capitulated. The second showed up after 40 roses.

The average business order for telegraphed flowers runs from \$10 to \$25, but one Michigan department store spent \$500 on orchids for the girls in its New York resident-buying office.

Overseas Notes

By PHIL NEWSOM
UPI Foreign Editor
From the foreign editor's notebook:

Soviet Embassy officials in East Berlin have started to beat the drums for East German participation in a summit conference. They say both East German Pre-

mier Otto Grotewohl and West Berlin Chancellor Konrad Adenauer should attend because Germany will be discussed. Adenauer, trying to keep the East Germans away, says he does not want to go to the summit. But Grotewohl blithely replies to this that in such a case he will speak for all of Germany.

The "old guard" at the Vatican wants to screen all photographs taken of Pope John XXIII. The ultra-conservatives did not care for pictures showing President Eisenhower and the Pope laughing during their audience Dec. 6—too distracting from a serious moment. They were further upset by a sequence of pictures published in an Italian weekly showing the Pope energetically using his handkerchief when he had a cold. There is no indication the Pope himself is behind the move. He has given every indication he wants to appear as is.

A serious dispute is brewing between private American businessmen and Chinese Nationalists in Formosa. Some American businessmen complain the Formosan government is blocking their development projects while publicly inviting foreign capital. At least one American, faced with the shutdown of his cement plant, has received a sympathetic hearing at the U.S. Embassy. The dispute may smoulder or break into the open.

Diplomatic sources report that the days of one of the last of the so-called "moderates" in Fidel Castro's Cuban cabinet appear to be numbered. They foresee early replacement of the U.S.-educated finance minister, Rulo Lopez Fresquet. Likely successor: Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, editor of the Communist daily "Hoy."

Amid all the talk about a Latin American disarmament conference, Columbia is seeking to modernize its Navy. It wants two U.S. war destroyers to replace its two obsolete warships. The big hitch is that Bogota wants Washington to pay the tab.

Driver Test

By FRANK ELEAZER
WASHINGTON (UPD)—The American Automobile Association expects to come out soon with a wonderful new way to test drivers. I just took the test and am pretty sure it showed I hate work, like girls, and love money.

What it established about my prospects for long life in event I keep driving I'll never know, unless I get up courage to send in the papers for grading.

To take this test, which is not quite ready for general use, you don't even have to get behind the wheel, although goodness knows AAA isn't opposed to qualifying prospective drivers that way. All you do is put check marks on some forms.

The test takes 10 minutes and is based on what psychologists call a "semantic differential." That last has nothing whatever to do with the big round thing between the back wheels.

The test, devised by Columbia University psychologist James L. Maffetti under a \$100,000 grant from the AAA's Traffic Safety Foundation, is intended to establish your attitude toward the automobile.

Maffetti and others at work on the safety project developed the test after performing a deep psychological study on 400 teen-aged drivers in Cleveland. Half of these were chronic traffic violators. The other half had good driving records.

It is built around 12 words, or "concepts" as the psychologists call them. It records your associations or impressions about each of these words. One of the words

is car. Others, besides work, women and money, include weapon, transportation, and power.

Dr. Maffetti is 39 and has been in the psychology business long enough to know that anybody old enough to drive can figure the "right" answers if simply asked to rate his own concept of a car. The new test, though, can't be faked.

As applied to each of the 12 words (or concepts) you are asked to judge 10 pairs of contradictory adjectives—active or passive, clean or dirty, weak or strong, etc. You do this by putting check marks on a scale, between these extremes. That's how I uncovered my hidden feelings on work, girls, and money.

Fortunately, the quiz gives you won't care much how you rate any one of these items, even car. What they do when you're through is link up your check marks with lines and compare the resulting pictures. The picture most nearly resembling the one your check marks make under "car" shows the psychologists which word you associate with the automobile.

The proven bad drivers in Cleveland, for instance, associated cars with weapons or freedom from control of their parents. Even I can see that is bad. Drivers with good records tended to associate autos with transportation or work.

I can't say for sure what all the other possible associations might reveal to the experts. But each concept was picked for a purpose.

Now that I've disclosed some of Dr. Maffetti's secrets, I don't feel guilty at all. Even when you know all this in advance, it won't help a bit if and when you go in for the test.

Because Dr. Maffetti, as a final safeguard, has sneakily rejiggered the order of the 10 pairs of adjectives as related to each of the 12 key words. Sometimes he has also reversed 'em. Before linking up your checkmarks, to make pictures, he restores them to their original order.

That's why I don't know yet whether my dentless fenders result from good driving or luck. I'm not sure I want to find out.

Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Monday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of the year, with 10 more days in 1959.

The moon is approaching its last quarter.

The morning stars are Mercury and Venus.

On this day in history: In 1620, the Pilgrims, who arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts, on November 11, finally set foot on American soil.

In 1879, Josef Djughashvili, later known as Joseph Stalin, was born.

In 1937, the animated cartoon by Walt Disney—"Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs"—was first shown in Los Angeles.

In 1944, horse racing was banned in the United States for the duration of World War II.

In 1953, ex-premier Mohammed Mossadegh of Iran was convicted by a military court of having tried to lead a revolt against the Shah.

Quotes

United Press International
TUCSON, Ariz.—Highway Patrolman Jimmy Williams, describing the rescue efforts of police and doctors at the scene of a big-truck collision that killed nine persons:

"Heroin? Well, I saw Patrolman (Carlton) Jones tear some metal like it was a toy to get to a 2-year-old child."

BLOOMFIELD, N.M.—A young child, one of about 1,000 at a huge Christmas party, breathing a sign of relief after Santa Claus emerged unscathed from a plane that had crashed landed:

"It wouldn't have happened if he'd used his reindeer and sled."

HAVANA—Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, asserting that one of his major accomplishments was making the world aware of Cuba:

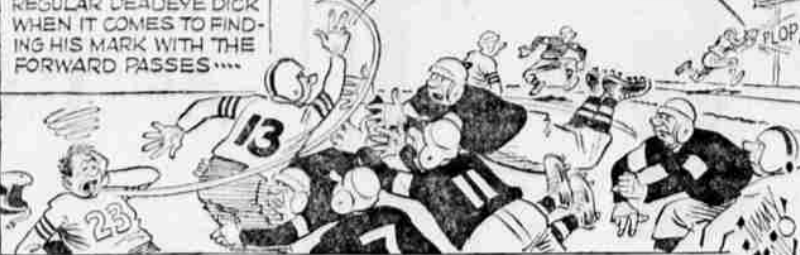
"Previously, North Americans would ask 'to what state does Cuba belong?' Other people would ask 'where's Cuba?' Now they know because of our revolution."

WASHINGTON—President Eisenhower, in a statement issued in Washington on the death of Walter W. Williams, last veteran of the Civil War:

"The hosts of Blue and Gray who were the chief actors in that great and tragic drama, have all passed from the world stage. No longer are they the Blue and the Gray. All rest together as Americans in honored glory. An era has ended."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Tourist Told Avoid Trouble When Abroad

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The State Department has this bit of advice for anyone traveling abroad: Don't get into trouble.

Once you're in, the department says, there's not much that can be done to get you out. Other countries have standards of justice that are not always the same as those in the United States.

State Department officials emphasized that an American visiting a foreign country must acquaint himself with the laws of that nation and understand that he cannot expect exactly the same treatment he might get at home.

An example, they said, are traffic codes in Mexico. These laws are stiff, more so than in this country, and violators are usually jailed until trial, which may be delayed for days.

The department follows a routine procedure once an American is arrested. In every case where the U.S. citizen applies to a consular official for help, the official gathers the facts in the case, reports them to the State Department, follows the trial closely and appraises it from the legal standards of the foreign country.

This is what is being done in the case of Miami Herald reporter James Buchanan, arrested in Havana on a charge that he aided the prison escape of American Austin Young. Young had been sentenced to 30 years by the Fidel Castro government for anti-Castro activity.

The State Department emphasized that a trial must be judged by the standards in the foreign country itself, rather than on U.S. standards. The United States tries foreign citizens under U.S. codes when they break the law.

If there is a gross miscarriage of justice in the foreign trial of an American, the U.S. government can make a representation and ask that the foreign govern-

ment lighten the sentence or give some other relief.

However, American officials emphasized that each case must be decided on the circumstances involved and there is no automatic U.S. government appeal.

As a matter of fact, officials said, Americans generally have fared better in trials abroad than do foreign nationals convicted of the same crime.

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