PEN PAL?

My name is FLORENCE GREENE and I would like to correspond with boys and girls between the ages of 16-21. I am 17 years old and a junior in high school. I will be sure to answer all letters. My hobbies are listening to music (Rock and Roll), Dancing, and Sewing. My address is Route 2, Box 129-A Yemassee, S.C. 29945

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My name is TUANN WIMMES. I am 16 years old with very long black hair brown eyes and I'M 5'5". I weigh 105 pounds, my hobbies are dancing and singing also swimming. I would like to correspond with girls and boys from ages 15-18 especially boys from the northern states. All letters will be answered. My address is Route 1 Box 149-D, Greenwood, S.C. 29646

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My name is GLORIA GREGG I am 19 years old a senior at East Side High School, and would like to correspond with boys and girls age 19-24. My hobbies are dancing, skating, writing letters, rock and roll records and basketball. My address is 125 Cherraw Street Bennettsville S.C. 29512

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My name is SHIRLEY CHAPPELL, age 16, C-12 Sullivan Street, Greenwood, S.C. I am a Junior at Greenwood High School and would like to correspond with boys between the ages of 18 and 19. My hobbies are dancing, sports, and playing records and collecting them.

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My name is HAZEL HAMPTON. I would like to correspond with ladies and gentlemen between the ages of 18-24.

I am 19 years old, 5'3", 105 lbs. I am presently attending a Business College. My hobbies are: dancing, sewing, typing, and all kinds of sports.

Those interested in corresponding with me, please contact me at the following address: Miss Hazel Hampton P.O. Box 42, Harrisburg, N.C. 28075

My name is JOY HAZEL NEWBY (girl) and I would like to make new friends at all corners of the earth. I am 13. My hobbies are swimming, traveling taking pictures and playing a saxophone, write P.O. Box 206 Sanford N.C. 27330

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I would like to correspond with pen pals in the Balto, Wash. area but will answer any and all letters. I am 24, and my hobbies are listening to records, visiting different cities. I am interesting in learning to bowl and dance. ANTHONY HERRING, 312 Cumberland St., Harrisburg, Pa.

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My name is CAROLYN GRIER. I am 13 now and will be 14 in Aug. I already have girl pen pals so I would like boy pen pals 13 to 16. I would like pen pals from all over the world. I love sports and children. My address is RD 1, Box 108, Van Etten, New York 14889.

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

If you correspond with some of the letter writers in this column, you may establish long, and lasting friendships.

All letters must be printed or typewritten and not more than a half a page long.

Send them to **Pen Pals** *P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.*

READERS SAY

Readers are invited to write on any subject they desire. However, all letters must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request.
THE EDITOR

Disqualified

Philadelphia — I thought contestants who violated the rules of any contest were disqualified. If so, why weren't the three winners in the recent contest, "The Most Important Person" ruled out, as each of them had many more than 50 words, the stated number to have, or less?

I think the person who sent in the letter about Rev. Leon Sullivan should have won a prize as Rev. Sullivan is doing a wonder-people.—MRS. D. M. L.

Editor's Note:—If you followed the contest closely you'll see that Mr. Bumble followed the precedent set by his own examples the week before the contest began.

There is no doubt that Rev. Sullivan is doing a marvelous job but the contest was not concerned with Rev. Sullivan but with any opinion of any man by Bumble Readers.

Thanks

Baltimore — Your prompt response to the letter I sent regarding the Vietnam Contest warrants my sincere thanks.—L. J.

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★'S AND YOU

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Complications diminish. Now you can put forward more ambitious aims. Color grey.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): With a bit of good will, you can still achieve what you set out for. Color orange.

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TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Everything works out fine and agreements can be made. Great happiness for those in love. Color green.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can get small troubles out of the way. But don't promise too much. Color pink.

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CANCER (June 21-July 20): See people and never mind if you are nervous. Color red.

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LEO (July 21-Aug. 22): A wonderful day to see something new and meet people. Color brown.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Influences improve and you will spend happy hours with interesting people. Color

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may feel a bit downhearted at times, but you will have some brilliant inspiration. Color yellow.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A very active phase when much can be achieved. Drive carefully. Color black.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get about and see something new. It will take your mind off things. Color white.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 — Jan. 19): Plans are working out fine. You must not be upset by minor setbacks. Financial matters improve. Color purple.

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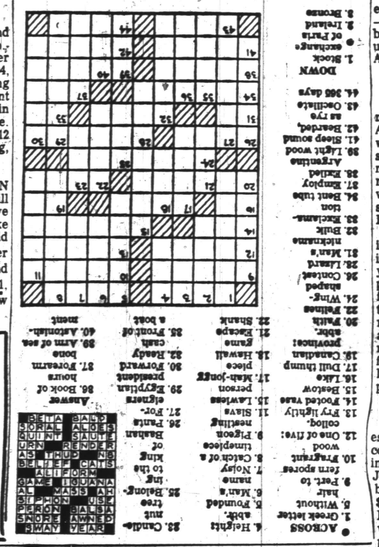
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be successful and this in turn will increase your enthusiasm for your work. Color silver.

PRAYER

Help me, O Lord, to keep guard over my lips. Save me from words that hurt: from gossip and slander and lies. Let me speak only to encourage and cheer and to keep people on their feet, so that all my words may minister grace, to thy honor and glory.

CROSSWORD



English

By CARROLL H. JONES

"What do you think of slang?" asks a reader.

What does anyone think of slang? Few of us could carry on a conversation very long without using some slang. Judiciously used, slang occasionally provides the proper seasoning for our everyday speech. But just as one can add too much pepper to his food, one can also add too much slang to his speech, or too poor a quality of slang.

There are various kinds of slang, good, bad and indifferent. The better slang may some day become accepted as part of our formal or writing vocabulary; the bad or indifferent slang will either die or linger on in its demimonde type of existence.

Most people would probably be astonished at the number of words once frowned upon as vulgar (by some critics at least) that are now part and parcel of our standard formal vocabulary. Here are some of the words Benjamin Franklin was so incensed about that "he urged the great Noah Webster to help him put down this rebellion before the language be destroyed:" "deputize, oppose, to advocate, to progress, to notice."

Some 50 years earlier Samuel Johnson cried out against the following "barbarisms:" "fun, banter, budge, fib, coax, glee, jeopardy, chaperon, smolder." And as late as the 1850's "predicate, collide" and "resurrect" were regarded as vulgar upstarts. What would we do without them today, as well as without words like "belittle, antagonize, derange," which also once shocked the purists?

So one should never underestimate the power of slang — "good" slang — and its beneficial effect (often) upon the English language. Any language.

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—The merger of the National and American football leagues was the best business decision of 1966, according to a nationwide poll of businessmen conducted by Prof. David L. Lewis for the University of Michigan's Bureau of Industrial Relations.

Next among the "five most intelligent decisions affecting business" during the year were according to the poll: award of the contract for the SST (supersonic transport) to the Boeing Co.; merger of the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads; the U.S. Senate's refusal to repeal right-to-work laws, and steel industry price increases.

WASHINGTON — The highest per capital tax revenue collected by the states during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1966, was reported by Hawaii, with a total of $263.35 per person, says the Bureau of the Census. Delaware was second with $253.15 per person and Washington third with $233.73.

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MR. BUMBLE

IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN

By
Booker T. Bumble

I want to leave this place. I've never been so hung up in all my life. If only I had known that this twilight zone business was for real I'd never have gone this far on this spooky deal.

Living

There's nothing I can do until I pick a winner and get the pictures of the winning story. It sounds easy but have you ever tried contacting the dead, or unknown living?

I bet if you wouldn't be laughing at me now.

Just you try and give me a chance to get out of this bag.

Remember

I really want to get around to doing the 'Remember the good old days contest. But how can I when I can't even get back to my nice old, comfortable, junky desk?

Predicament

The worst of it is that none of my readers have appeared to be very concerned about this predicament. Maybe you think I'm kidding?

Well just you try floating around in a stupid sheet for once?

Comfort

I long for the good old comfort of everyday things. Like street busses, noisy kids and the landlords. I'd like to answer the telephone and hear the voice of one of my readers berating me for something I've said that he doesn't agree with.

Oh, please help me to get back to normal. Send me some letters up in smoke and tell the outer spirits that I need to be set free.

Awards

If you aren't interested just remember when the next round of big dollar awards come around I'll be remembering.

You don't have to feel sorry for me just get some more letters in here so I can qualify those for my winners.

I'll be seeing you . . .

Miss Joanna Hersey
1541 N. Appleton St.
Balto.

I am 11 years old. Two years ago we moved from the county to the city. Everything here was weird. The house next door was empty and one day I went into it.

The door shut behind me when I went in; I saw mice scurrying around; a rap came on the window but when I looked out no one was there.

I tried to get out but the door was locked. I was very upset and afraid that a ghost was after me, but later the door opened and I found out that my friends were playing a trick on me.

Miss Priscilla Jackson
Box 256, Route 1
King William, Va.

One very hot day I went to visit my cousin. I walked in to her house and said hello. All at once she disappeared. I looked around for her and the whole house disappeared.

It was happening so fast that I really didn't have time to get my thoughts together. I took one step and everything was back to normal again.

I stood there talking to my cousin very unsure of myself when something came up and hit me beside the head. It had no body, just arms and legs.

I took off from that house.

Miss Willie Mae Mayse
Route 3, Box 480
Forest City, North Carolina 28043

One night two friends and I were going to school for a Halloween program. The car gave out of gas two blocks from where grandmother had moved from. While Jack was gone for gas we went inside and suddenly I saw three people (Ann didn't.)

I ran and lost one of my shoes, Ann following. When we came to look for it the next day we saw three scarecrows — no shoe.

Miss Lynn Hines
3 Warfield Road
Glen Burnie, Md.

One day two years ago my cousin and I went to a place we now call "House on Haunted Hill." It started when we laughed at people who called the house haunted. And so to prove it was not we went up there.

When we reached the door I pushed a funny looking button and the door opened and closed behind us.

A mist fell over me and I felt funny. The mist left a trail. So I followed it and it took us home and the funny feeling left me, and the mist left.

Mrs. Theresa Fryson
621 S. Paca St.
Baltimore-21230

When I was six years old I dreamed my mother fell and broke her leg. I started crying and told my father about the dream. He dismissed it as just a bad dream.

When mother failed to come home on time my father called her job. He was told that Mother was in the hospital.

She had fallen and broken her leg.

Miss Theresa Church
950 Seagull Ave.
Baltimore, 21225

Once I put a hammer at the foot of my bed and went to sleep. When I woke up the hammer was rising from the bed and coming toward me.

I started screaming and my mother came running. When she got there the hammer fell back to the foot of the bed.

Mrs. Lillian Slocum Minor
1202 Short Ct. Apt. C-2
Baltimore, 1202

I was ten years old when I saw Him. He was up in the sky and there was a real bright light around Him, just like the picture, we see of Him in the church.

I tried to show Him to my sister and all of the people who gathered around the hillside where I stood. But no one else could see Him but me.

Miss Mildred Austin
1529 W. Lexington
Baltimore, 21216

Once I heard the floor crunch behind me. When I turned around there was a man standing beside. He had no head. I screamed 'Oh, Lord.' and he went right through the floor.

My sister said that this was a man who got killed in the same house.

Miss Diane Johnson
233 Weequahic Ave.
Newark, N.J.

My cousin and I weren't speaking to each other. In fact we almost hated each other.

My cousin got killed, and when I found out he was dead. I went to bed, I couldn't close my eyes, if I did I would see him and if I kept my eyes open, I would see his eyes looking at me. I was so scared.

Miss Delois J. Rooks
Route 1, Box 13
Garysburg, N.C.

I was walking along the highway one night when I heard a strange noise saying 'Who are you.' I looked around and saw something dancing in the shadows and the door took off. I didn't stop running until I got home.

Miss Essie Mae Martin
Route 1, Box 177 B
Elloreee, S.C.

It was a very dark night and I had just gotten into bed. I looked up into the darkness and saw something standing beside my bed. I started to scream but a voice said 'Please don't do that.'

Mr. Jesse Jackson
Fredericks Hall, Va. 23057

One night my friend and I were driving down a country road and he suddenly demanded that I stop and not run over the woman lying in the road. She was dressed in white he said.

I stopped the car, got out and looked around but I couldn't see a thing. He still insists that he saw her there. I didn't. and I felt something move its hands across my face.

After a while the thing went away. But I could hear it in the kitchen frying something. I tried to wake my sister but she wouldn't budge. I was too scared to get out of bed.

Later, after the noise had stopped in the kitchen this thing came back and got into bed beside me. I could hardly breath and I soon passed out.

In the morning no one was there but my sister and I and no one else in the house had heard anything at all.

Josephine R. Brown
915 Cahn St.
Kingstree, S.C. 29556

One rainy night, I was walking from my aunt's house. I had a long woods to go through, I was very nervous. As soon as I got beside a tree some white thing was on the branches. So I started running and hollowing. But it seem as if no one could hear me. And when I got home no one was there. So I unlock

Brenda L. Alston
1328 N Chester St.
Balto, Md. 21213

In N.C. two of my cousins and I were walking to the store, one mile from home. The road was very dark. Suddenly, we heard a hissing sound that sounded like a snake, but we didn't know whether it was in front or back of us. We ran home screaming:. Never walk dark roads at night again.

'C'mon now give me a chance to rejoin the living. This spot is a drag.'

RULES

1. In 75 words or less, write your entry entitled 'My Spookiest Experience.'
2. Mail your entries to me, Booker T. Bumble, AFRO Magazine Section, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Maryland — 21203.
3. Make sure that your entries are as neat as possible and written as clearly as possible.
4. Check back to make sure that you have included your own name and address.
5. Any material you want returned to you must be accompanied by a self addressed, stamped envelope
6. Feel free to write as many letters as you want. Only one letter can qualify as a possible winner of either of the grand prizes.

GRANDFATHER

I was awakened by the howling of my dogs, which is proper prelude to ghost walking at my place. A moment later my grandfather came to my beside and sat down. He talked about me, himself and my new baby. She had been born on his birthdate. He admonished me to take good care of her and left. The dogs started howling again. I was very happy that he cared enough to visit us. He'd been away (dead to you) since I was six.

PRIZES

In this new contest Mr. Bumble is giving away lots of money. Up until the week that he closes the contest he will be giving each entry he prints a $1 award. At the end of the contest three prizes will be given. There will be a $10 Grand Prize. Following this there will be a $5 second place prize and a $2.50 third place prize.

Reasons for disqualification will be violation of any of the rules printed on this page.

When the final first place winner is chosen his or her story will be illustrated and printed along with the announcement of the winner. A photograph of the winner will accompany the story.

Your letters will be reviewed and as many as possible will be printed during the ensuing weeks. Every letter received that does not violate any of the rules will stand a chance of winning one of the three big prizes. This includes some of those that you will not see printed, prior to the announcement of the big winners

Good luck.