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Mail Via Female



—Photo by Art Murray

Mrs. Carol Horner, secretary of the Dean of Men, sorts the mail that rolls into the college over the Christmas vacation.

An Editorial

The intercollegiate debate question of granting diplomatic recognition to Red China has become a very controversial issue on some campuses. Several weeks ago five Nebraska college presidents decided their students would not debate the national topic. "It was bad enough when Annapolis midshipmen and West Point cadets were forbidden to debate it," the Minneapolis *Morning Tribune* editorializes, "but now the contagion of caution is spreading to other institutions which are warily sidestepping the question of United States recognition of Red China." The debate issue serves as a warning that we have almost gone too far in the regimentation of thinking, studying, and conversing.

They tell us that law is above the freedom of utterance, and we must answer there are few wise laws without the free expression of the wisdom of the people — and their folly with it. It is our belief that if there is freedom, folly will destroy itself in time, and wisdom will prosper. We believe this to be the history of the human race.

They say that freedom of utterance is not for the times of stress and emergency, and we must reply that only in times of danger is freedom of utterance threatened. No one questions this freedom in eras of rest, and it is not then needed. Alas, this freedom is most needed when it is suppressed. Then, it is most vital for justice. Although peace is good, those who desire peace through force without free discussion obviously maintain but a slight interest in justice.

This nation is bankrupt of sufficient wisdom only when the freedom of utterance is impaired to the point where the best men of the country can no longer transmit their wisdom to others. We will prosper as long as men can utter what is in their hearts — by voice, by postal card, by letter, by telephone, or by press. Reason has never failed men. The wrecks in this world have been made by force and suppression.

If a majority of thinking Americans agree that the question of diplomatic recognition of Red China is too dangerous a topic for college debate squads, then *It Can Happen Here* has happened — and *Nineteen Eighty-Four* is 1954.

—J. C.

'The Muse Abused'
By Whiting, Conrad
Is Gum Shoe Choice

The annual Gum Shoe Hop will again make its appearance on the Scott Auditorium stage on February 23, 24, 25, and 26. This year's script is entitled *The Muse Abused*. Its author is Bill Whiting, who wrote the musical last summer while working at a summer theater. He is a junior English major from Watkins Glen, New York. Loretta Conrad, a junior majoring in music education from Wooster, composed the music.

This year's Hop, in the form of a comedy, is a fantasy based on an historical situation. The cast of 19 includes such historical characters as Frederick the Great, Bach, Voltaire, and Goethe, along with imaginative characters such as Marguerite, a French ambassador, and a maid named Ensilage. This singing and dancing show will be directed by Jim Jolliff, a junior biology major from Wooster. Results of the tryouts held the latter part of this week have not been released.

Woodfield Band
Plays Next Week
At Class Formal

Harry Woodfield and his eight-piece band will play for the Sophomore-Junior Formal, Saturday, January 15. Plans are well underway for the annual affair, which will be held in the gym from 9 to 12. Sheila McIsaac and Jim Cooper, co-chairmen of the

Tickets are available for Governor Lausche's Inaugural Day Ball which is to be held January 10, at Columbus, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The price of the tickets is \$2.50 each. Contact Virgil Musser, Douglass Hall, for information concerning tickets and transportation.

dance, have appointed Helen Houser and John Gooch as decoration chairmen. The theme will be "Stairway to the Stars".

Ken Plusquellec, president of Andrews Council, has announced the men of Andrews Hall will serve refreshments in their recreation room during intermission. All women attending the dance will receive 12:30 permissions.

CONCERT CHOIR PRESENTS
'THE SEASONS' BY HAYDN

by Jo Bruce

Haydn's famous oratorio, *The Seasons*, will be presented Sunday evening, January 9, at 8:15 in Memorial Chapel by the Concert Choir. The choir, under the direction of Professor Richard T. Gore, will be assisted by 30 members of the Wooster Symphony Orchestra with Professor Dan Parmelee as concert-master.

Chorus, Glee Club
Prepare Program

Two of our campus musical organizations, the Girls' Chorus and the Men's Glee Club, are hard at work perfecting music for their concerts, which are to

Seniors interested in graduate school fellowships and stipends will find a constantly increasing number of announcements in Mr. Barrett's office.

begin very soon. The Girls' Chorus, under the direction of Eve Roine Richmond, presents its first concert on Sunday, January 6, at New Philadelphia, Ohio, in the afternoon and at Cadiz, Ohio, in the evening.

The first concert of the Men's Glee Club, directed by Karl B. Trump, is to be given at Plymouth, Ohio, on February 4.

The soloists for this oratorio will be Janice Schmidt, soprano; Karl Trump, tenor; and Herbert Beattie, bass. Mrs. Schmidt has appeared here many times, most recently as soloist in the Brahms *Requiem* last spring. Mr. Trump is a Professor of Voice and the leader of the Men's Glee Club. He is also director of music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Canton. Mr. Beattie, Professor of Voice in Buffalo University, sang at the Commencement Concert in June, 1953.

Based on Poem

Haydn based the oratorio on a well-known poem by the Englishman, James Thomson. *The Seasons* deals with country life during the four seasons both in England and Austria, as the text was adapted by Haydn's friend, the Baron von Swieten.

There will be free admission to the concert, but to help meet expenses an offering will be received. The doors will be open at 7:30 for the concert.

Bob Wettstone Directs 'Outward Bound'
As I. S. Project And Religion-In-Week Play

by Pat Campbell

A feature of this year's Religion-in-Life Week will be an I. S. project play directed by Robert Wettstone. The play, *Outward Bound*, which deals with a life after death theme, will be presented on February 5 in Scott Auditorium. The ship, "Outward Bound", is en route to the hereafter and those aboard are awaiting judgment.

Senate Investigates
Purchase Of Books

"Resolved: that the Senate investigate the possibilities of purchasing study-habit books to sell to the student body," said the Student Senate in the first meeting of the new year held Tuesday night at 8:30 in the Student Senate room.

Nominations for business manager of the Gum Shoe Hop were

Petitions for the Administrative Board and all other offices including the judicial board presidency of the WSGA go out Monday with every girl eligible. Representatives are needed from each class to fill positions as Women Senators to the Student Senate besides the WSGA. The election will be Tuesday, January 18.

made with the appointment scheduled to be announced at a future meeting. Petitions for freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior women senators will be given out January 10 and will be collected the 12th. The all-college elections will be held January 18. Senate members slated to retire from office are Ann Eubank, sophomore; Sandy Siegfried, junior; and Nancy Harris, senior.

Scrubby, the typical ship steward, will be played by David Kuebbeler. Gail Steinoff and Dick Jaqua will be seen in the roles of the young lovers who have committed suicide. Mr. Prior, a drunkard who is hiding something in his intoxication, will be portrayed by Jack Hornfeldt. Jan Coulson will act in the role of Mrs. Cliveden-Banks, a wealthy society woman. The Rev. Mr. William Duke, characterized by Al Edel, is a young minister, very interested in his work in slum areas, who feels that he has been taken from his job because of inability.

Where's the Way?

Mary Haupt will portray Mrs. Midget, a lower-class charwoman who causes a controversy between herself and Mrs. Cliveden-Banks. Bob Watson will be seen in the role of Mr. Lingley, a New York businessman who has gained his wealth by pushing the little man around; John Gooch will characterize the Rev. Mr. Frank Thomson, the examiner who is to determine the hereafter for each of the passengers.

Outward Bound was written after Sutton Vane's discharge from the army. It opened in New York in 1924 and was revised in 1939. It is the only play by Mr. Vane which has had a successful run on Broadway.

Two Musicians
Give Joint Recital

Loretta Conrad, pianist, and Nancy Moore, cellist, both music education majors, will give a joint recital on Sunday, February 6. Each will give individual performances of several pieces and then a combined performance of Brahms' *Sonata in E Minor* for piano and cello. Loretta Conrad will play a Toccata by Khachaturian, *The Cat and Mouse* by Aaron Copland, *Etude in E Major* by Chopin, and *Aufschwung* by Shumann. Nancy Moore will complete the program with Sammartini's *Sonata in G Major*, *Kol Nidri*, a piece based on traditional Jewish themes, by Bruch, and *Requiebus* by Cassado.

Fellowships And Scholarships Offered
In Various Fields Of Graduate Work

The Ford Foundation has announced a third annual competition for first year graduate fellowships in the behavioral sciences. Stipends of \$1800 are to be awarded to successful applicants who wish to study such subjects as psychology, sociology, and anthropology, but who did not concentrate in these areas as undergraduates. Fifty-nine institutions are invited to submit applicants and approximately 25 scholarships will be awarded.

Professor Atlee Stroup is serving as Wooster's college representative for this program. Application forms and information may be obtained from him.

The Institute of International Education is accepting applications from American graduate students who wish to study or teach in France. The French Government is offering 30 university fellowships through the Ministry

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Sonnet Published

Each year poems written by college students throughout the nation are selected and placed in an anthology. Recently chosen was a sonnet written by Bill Whiting, a junior English major from Watkins Glen, N. Y. This sonnet entitled "To Debussy" will appear in the current *National Anthology of Collegiate Poetry*.



SCOTT TAPE

by SHEILA McISAAC

It's hard to realize that vacation is over, but what geography slides and French plays haven't done to snap me back into reality this column has. My older brother, running true to older brother form, has been giving me advice — free of charge — on how one should write a column. Of course he has never written one himself, but his many "constructive" criticisms should add something to this.

I have started out the New Year in the same way I carried out 1954. I lost my assignment sheet. These are the times that Joy Hatfield would like to see my head on a plate. I do remember there was a meeting of the Psychology Club in Lower Babcock last Monday evening. Paul Morrill, Director of Public Relations, spoke on the use of psychology in public relations.

I have a list of the UCF officers for next semester. Bob Hull is president; Bob Mathewson, vice president; Nana Newberry, secretary; and Dave Martin, treasurer. The new commissioners are Dick Graham, Citizenship; Dave Mark, Faith; Ned Willey, Fellowship; Jan Bayer, Outreach; Sue Carhart, Witness; and Ed Triem, Boys' Village.

I meant to tell you something about the DBS-sponsored caravans, but Dottie Peck, my source of information, is in Hygeia; at least she was when this column was typed.

I would like to thank Miss Kaslo for supplying the faculty issue with "Sticky Tape." I think Miss MacTavish should write the column regularly; she handled it very competently — and without an assignment sheet yet!

Just one thing more. Don Romig and his Douglass men are holding the annual Douglass Carnival Saturday night after the game. For fun, food, and open house don't forget the Douglass Carnival.

Mr. Schlagel: A Justified Expulsion

To the Editor:

I believe with a good many other people that the expulsion of the late lamented Mr. Schlagel was an entirely justifiable act on the part of whatever authorities of the College of Wooster were responsible. The college is founded on the principles of Christian ethics; most students are, or should be, aware of that when they enroll. They should also realize that any person coming here under false pretenses and handing out doctrines contrary to the doctrines that the college was founded and is operating on, is certainly liable to dismissal by the forces that hired him. I only wish that Dr. Lowry had pointed out in chapel that Mr. Schlagel was given a full year's salary before his exodus.

But I could not see what Don Reiman's article in last week's VOICE accomplished beside proving that he was exposed to a course in Western Concepts of Man. Hauling in the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas to justify the Great Dismissal seems to me both irrelevant and unnecessary.

The entire tone of the article seems to be one of confusion, misplaced metaphors, and wandering logic. It sounds very much like a second-rate philosophy text-book, with its dissertations on the ultimate end of man, the will, the neo-intellectualism and neo-orthodox ideas. (The phrase "neo-orthodox", by the way, I find very difficult to swallow. Does he mean the college is following a new or modern form of a traditionally accepted faith, which is what that phrase means?)

This is a two-edged letter; one part offering my thoughts on the dismissal, the other, a plea for more direct writing and reasonable reasoning.

Yours truly,
Bill Whiting

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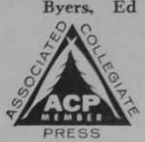
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Voice Of A Young Democrat

by Charles Kinzie

The political climate of this nation needs immediate attention, for while we divide our national attention and energies over innumerable momentary problems a good portion of our national confidence is being eaten away.

Caused by the fear of national and international communism, the political climate of America today is one of fear and insecurity. We have not yet grown accustomed to co-existence with communism either here at home or abroad. Consequently we are ever on watch for "enemies" of democracy. We have so highly developed our senses concerning this matter that we are now in a state of widespread distrust and thus perpetually open to the harangues of countless demagogues. America today is afraid, and being afraid she has unwittingly aided the overthrow of her government by the persecution of those who have been wrong or have dared to disagree with the many.

Out of this climate of fear have grown two political ills, one well publicized and the least important; and the other, an outgrowth of the first, not as well known but of more lasting importance. This sick climate has allowed the growth of Mr. McCarthy and his "ism". McCarthy has skyrocketed to fame on only one thing, (when we admit this fact to ourselves he will fade away) the fear of the American people. Likewise McCarthyism has continued to grow, deriving nourishment from our cowardice, even when McCarthy's personal fortunes have waned. But more important, a cancer has developed in our government as a result of this fear and its resultant "ism". This cancer presents a problem now and will continue to be a problem for years to come. The morale of government workers, particularly those connected with the State Department and the Foreign Service, is now at a low tide. No matter what the political faith of the administration in power, it must depend upon the permanent staff of civil service and other federal employees to implement its desired policies. Because this corps of workers is being undermined, an attempt at the effective formulation and execution of an administration policy will be seriously hampered. Unwarranted and malicious attacks upon these employees has resulted in a situation where no one will undertake any original thinking or express any thought other than those currently popular. Our government service is almost void of any intelligent, bold or intellectual thought. Anyone doubting these circumstances need only ask someone who has recently been in touch with official Washington to verify these statements.

The recent firing of John Davies will serve to support this thesis. Mr. Davies has devoted his adult life to the United States Foreign Service. Yet he was dismissed from the service because the latest security board to hear the evidence—eight previous boards having cleared him—found him completely loyal and devoted to the United States, but guilty of a "lack of judgment".

We are now engaged in a cold war, and such wars are never won by the side that relinquishes its ideology to the other. We in this nation must rebuff those among us who maintain that we must fight fire with fire, for if we persist in following this line of action the fire will win.

Unless we mend our ways the communist world is sure to be victorious in this struggle for the simple reason that they now appear to believe more ardently in their cause.

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of Foreign Affairs and 40 teaching assistantships through the Ministry of Education, both of which afford language teaching experience and an opportunity to become better acquainted with France.

A joint committee of French and American educators will make nominations from the appli-

BOOK DISCUSSION

On Sunday afternoon, January 9, at 3 p.m. there will be a discussion on Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman at the home of Mr. Morrill, 704 Stibbs Street.

cations which are due February 1, 1955. These awards are open to men and women preferably under 30 years of age who are U.S. citizens. They must also have a bachelor's degree from an American college or university; have a good knowledge of French; use correct English; and have good moral character, personality, adaptability, and good health. The recipients of these scholarships will teach conversational English in secondary schools or teacher training institutions in France.

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What's An Independent?

Dear Editor:

A lot of talk has been bandied about the hill lately concerning the Independent voter, and I think it has been accompanied by a lot of loose thinking. Three distinct issues have been muddled together without proper discrimination. First, the term "Independent" is used to describe the person who registers for the primaries as such. This is probably the most proper use of the term. Then there is another individual who, although registered as either a Democrat or a Republican, chooses to vote independently for whichever party he feels is right. There is also the third-party supporter. This is the one on whom the term "Independent" fits worst. Yet these three distinct political types have been referred to in the same breath of late as being ignorant, politically dormant, and base enemies of the democracy.

There seems to be little doubt that he who registers Independent is barring himself from the primary ballot-box and by refusing to identify himself with what he thinks is wrong may well despair of righting it.

In reference to those who, although registered for a given party, choose to vote independently of that registration, the comparison has been made with the "mugwumps" of 1884. This is indeed an apt comparison. In that year some Republicans bolted the party and voted for Grover Cleveland, a Democrat. Their power is manifested in that Cleveland won. He was running against James G. Blaine, who, as speaker of the House, had been actively aiding the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad of Arkansas in which he owned stock. The famous "Mulligan Letters" had exposed him for what he was and it seems to me that party loyalty would have been in direct opposition to national loyalty. Passively remaining Republican would have put an unscrupulous scoundrel at the head of our country and yet those who energetically refused to do so are today derisively referred to as "mugwumps".

There is also a lot of slur thrown upon the third party-ite. He is shown the pitiful political situation in France and told that he is leading the country directly to that position. He is reminded of the glorious two-party traditions in America and told this system is one of the God-given blessings of America.

Those who so attack third parties invariably fail to look at American history prior to 1860. But let us do so too and view some of the third parties since that time. In 1892 the People's Party of America, commonly known as the Populists, demanded a graduated income tax, postal savings banks, shorter hours for labor, restriction of immigration, popular election of senators, the initiative and referendum, and various socialistic measures. The Democrats, recognizing the power this new party could wield, immediately seized on many of their issues and stole the Populists' thunder. By 1896 the main issue in one of the most exciting elections of our history was reform. By 1900 the Republicans showed their respect for reform issues by their choice of the vice-presidential candidate. When he became president the following year he carried into effect many of the reforms earlier advocated by the Populists and became known as "T.R., the trust-buster."

In 1912 another reform party, the Progressives, made their appearance. Their platform called for an impressive list of reforms, including the direct primary, the short ballot, the initiative, referendum, and recall, votes for women, the eight-hour day, the prohibition of child-labor, the establishment of a separate department of labor, federal supervision of corporations, and a lower tariff. How many of these would be rejected today? Yet the driving force that put these questions before the public was a lowly third party. Wilson's program of reform was directly influenced by this Progressive platform and he claimed a mandate from the people for progressivism on the strength of the large vote garnered by another party!

There is one more thing to be asked of the one who ardently supports the present two-party system: is it really a two-party system? Last month in New Jersey Republican Case and Democrat Howell had very similar records. The same situation existed in Kentucky. In the New York gubernatorial race two men with similar political philosophies were the representatives of the two parties. The Eisenhower administration has basically departed little from the Truman policies, particularly in foreign affairs.

A one-party system can be avoided only in two ways: by a realignment of the present parties conservatives vs. liberals; or by the formation of a third party which would force the present two parties to take a firm stand on pertinent issues. In the latter case the Democratic and Republican parties would either diverge radically, clearly joining the issues at hand thus achieving the aim of the third party, or they would merge against the third party.

I hope that the rather careless use of the word "Independent" will be eliminated on campus in the future, and a clearer statement of the problem thus achieved.

Dick Graham

Pre-vacation Meets Sink Scot Tankers

On Tuesday, December 7, the Scot swimmers were edged out of a win at Fenn by a score of 43-41. Winning the first event, the medley relay, Fenn got the lead and never lost it. Wooster won the free style relay with Hunt, Watson, Swanson, and Kane, in addition to taking four first places, one of them by the captain, Warren Crain in the 200-yard breast stroke, and the other three by Dave Dungan in the individual medley, 100-yard free style, and the 440-yard free style.

At Kent on Friday, December 10, the tankmen lost their second meet of the season to Kent, 46-38. Wooster started off the meet with a win by the medley relay team of Kane, Warren Crain, and Swanson, chalking up a five point lead. First places in the 220 and 50-yard free styles gave Kent the lead, and they never fell behind again, although Wooster, fighting hard for a win, took four more first places. These were by Kane in the diving, and by Dungan in the 100-yard free style, 440 yard free style, and the individual medley, in which he broke the Kent State pool record with a time of 1:44.6.

The third and last meet before Christmas was against the powerful Kenyon team at Kenyon. Most of Wooster's scores were second and third places. However, Kane took first in the diving, Warren Crain took first in the 200-yard breast stroke, and the free style relay team of Hunt, Swanson, Evans, and Dungan won the final relay, making the final score of the meet 55-29, favor of Kenyon. Perhaps the best race of the meet was the individual medley, in which Dungan of Wooster broke the Ohio Conference record with a time of 1:42.2 and was beaten by Payton of Kenyon with a time of 1:42.1 to set a record. Two records were also set by Fitzsimons of Kenyon with a time of 2:15.2 in the 220-yard free style, and 5:02.6 in the 440 yard free style.

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New Book Reviews Aspiring Literature

Campus Writing Today is the title of a new national review of college-student writing to be published in 1955 by Bantam Books. The review will be edited by Nolan Miller and Judson Jerome of the Antioch College English Department.

The plans for the review include sections for stories, poems, portions of novels, short plays and sketches, essays, and articles. The contributors will be limited to present-day students of North American colleges and those who have attended such schools within the last three years. All the material to be considered must be unpublished except in campus publications and must be recommended by a member of the faculty. The deadline for contributions to the first annual issue is May 1, 1955.

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Protection Is Not The Answer

Dear Editor:

It seems to me quite evident that the controversy of whether a professor not of the Christian Faith should be allowed on the faculty is one that should be discussed in terms of the modern college student and the modern church rather than medieval theologians. It is true that this is a church-supported college, receiving money and other aid from the Synod. The college should be a Christian college, supporting and strengthening the Faith of our fathers. But is this being done in a positive and forward way, or is the college right in protecting us from criticism of our Faith?

Our Christian Faith has, in the past, withstood many persecutions. Some of these persecutions are still being committed in various parts of the world. But these persecutions of the physical and mental kind have served for the most part to strengthen our Faith. They have weeded out the spiritually weak and the intellectual doubters. Only the strong are able to meet the lions of the Arena, the brain washings, and the arguments of the unbelievers successfully, thereby making their own Faith even stronger.

There is another threat to our Faith which is even more dangerous. This is the threat that comes from among the ranks of well-meaning Christians. This is the threat and the curse of protection from mental persecution. This they have done by stating in the teaching contract that a teacher must express and exhibit a sympathy for the Christian Faith.

It is a well known fact that most college students go through a period of skepticism of Religious Faith. This may go so far as to become agnosticism in some of us. Despite the worries of our elders, college students return to their Faith after this grueling experience as better and stronger Christians. However, if the student is unable to find arguments pro and con, it is likely that he will waive his decision and become fixed in his attitude of indecision, leading to the greatest of weaknesses, that discussed by N. Y. Varkonyi, apathy. This college has an abundance of the pro side taught in classes and preached in church and chapel. The pro side is also well represented in the bull

session. But where are those taking the opposite side? They are outweighed by sheer volume in a bull session. They are certainly not behind the pulpit or the teaching desk, as has been so aptly demonstrated. They might be found in the library, but the average student has little time in this busy life to plow through the stacks to find arguments against his own Faith, or to be more specific, against a Faith to which he has clung and to which he would like to cling, but one that at present arouses grave doubts in his mind.

Thus by protection from mental persecution, the student adopts the attitude of "I'm a Christian, I guess." He goes into life a member of the church, having neither the conviction to erase his name nor the faith to become a strong, active Christian. He merely swells the ranks, going to church, singing the hymns, but adding nothing to the church beyond his own physical presence.

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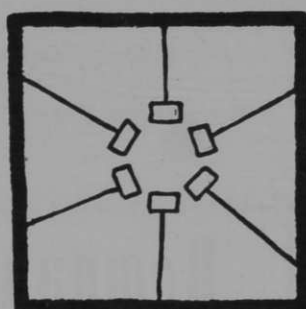
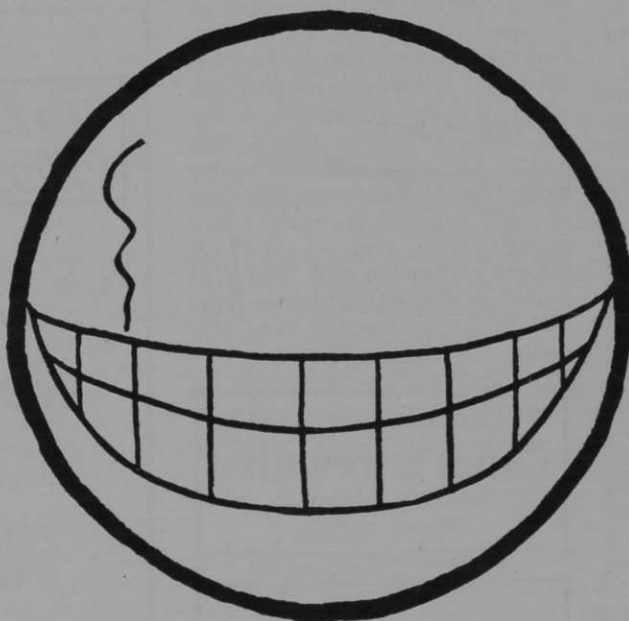
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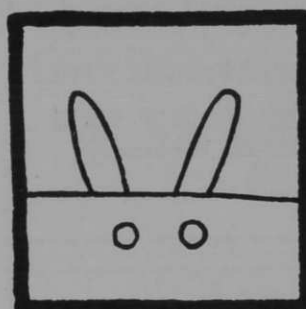
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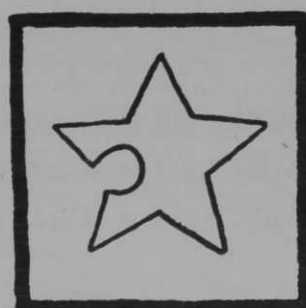
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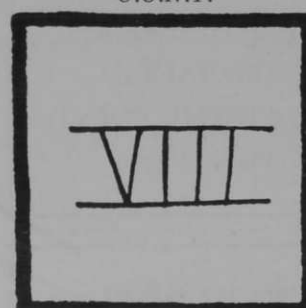
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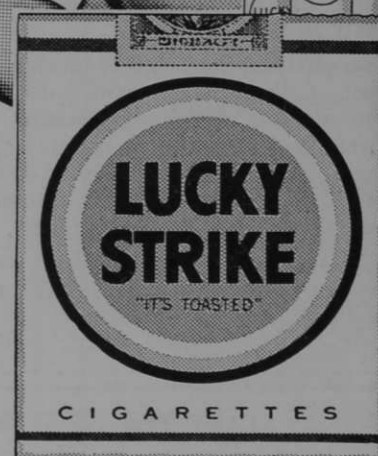
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