

COMMUTER'S WIFE

Outspoken Women May Find Friends Slowly Drift Away

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We all know, and cordially dislike, the outspoken woman. "I say what I think," boasts this character, adding that she would rather say what she thinks, to people's faces, than behind their backs.

Obviously she feels that her opinions of people and things in general must be heard to keep the world turning on its axis. We note that her opinions are seldom favorable.

"At Suzie's," you reply truthfully. "Suppose she's fussy. But thereafter you look at your friend or acquaintance—and yourself in the hat. Then you're feeling happy with a new gain if she can afford that, or that's cost you the equivalent keep on wearing it, without piece-

the rest of the season.

AND HOW DOES Mrs. Outspoken affect church or club group?



Mrs. Brunson would like to see how many times you could keep your mouth shut. There'd be plenty of opportunities like these. The next time they won't bring pie, or anything else. If you are this ultra-frank woman, a good exercise for you would be to see how many times you could keep your mouth shut.

These are the days of opportunity. Daughter's new-haircut becomes her set at all. But it's already gone. Sister's talk about it. At a restaurant dinner, the food is only passable. But the rest of the family are enjoying theirs, so why spoil it for them?

YOUR CLUBS study program for the year is in fourth letter handwriting. Say so in meeting? No. Keep still and hold the valuable friends you have there. Then not just the programs you don't like. Rather than making a kind of feeble facade, blurt out of you, this course of action will save your energy. You'll stay out of fights, while the frank babes are battling each other to exhaustion. Yes, say dear outspoken lady, you can go on saying what you think until you die. But you will find that your friends are taking their leave, one by one. Organizations you belong to are in turmoil. Friend's husband has adopted one of three courses, that is, and let you have the floor, decided to fight back or departed permanently.

And what do you have left? "The precious privilege of saying what you think on all occasions. We wonder if it's worth it."

News copy submitted early is necessarily given preference, so the "early bird" usually gets the space.

Meets Friends of Trip Abroad for Holiday

There's a Thanksgiving reunion in mind for Beverly Watkins and her friends who shared in an expedition in international living last summer.

Beverly, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Watkins of Henry drive, spent the summer in France, living with a family in a suburb of Bordeaux for four weeks and then touring Britain on a bicycle for three weeks.

Instead of returning with her group, she met her mother in Venice, Italy and spent two weeks in Florence, Rome and Genoa. Mrs. Watkins had visited London, France and Switzerland before meeting Beverly in Paris.

Some French home people whom Beverly met and many of the Americans she knew abroad have joined in plans for the Thanksgiving meeting. Beverly is attending Midwinter college in Vermont, where she is a major in French and fine art.

Her sister Barbara had gone two years earlier on a similar trip to Belgium.

Date Set for OES Bazaar, Dinner

The annual Thanksgiving harvest turkey dinner will highlight the Christmas bazaar sponsored by Birmingham chapter, 220, O.E.S. on Nov. 12. The affair will be held at the Masonic Temple.

Dinner reservations are being received by Mrs. Charles Martz, 1245 Cole, and Mrs. Alex Busby, 327 S. Woodward.

The bazaar will feature a number of Christmas gift items, a gourmet buffet, including baked goods, and the customary auction. Dinner hostesses are Mrs. Dorothy Jackson, Miss Blanche Brooks and Mrs. Mae Brook. Reservations will be between 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Scouts Go Hiking

A group of four Scout troops from the O.E.S. Temple school this year have included a hike in each of their meetings at Cedar Hill. The 12 members are beginning sale of scouting calendars this month.

NATURE NOW

Witch Hazel, Last of Fall Blooms

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Late tramps in the damp and leafless woodland bring their own special satisfactions. One of these is the sight of the witch-hazel bush in bloom. Now in early November when the rest of the forest is bare and we least expect to see a flower, its branches are still covered with a yellow mist of bloom. In the southern part of our range, this may linger on until Christmas time.

Witch hazel, *Hamamelis virginica*, takes its species name from its abundant growth in every one of the 13 colonies, in the original America. The first published reference to this strange shrub was made by John Bartram, an English missionary to Virginia, sometime before 1722.

By 1729, a Quaker plant-monger, Peter Collinson, was growing witch hazel in his garden at Mill Hill along with many other plants of the new world which were being nurtured for the first time by the prospective hands of the botanist.

WITCH HAZEL is our only shrub to flower in the autumn. Its bloom is a pale yellow, and its leaves fall in the autumn.



Mrs. Frehe

As I turn a bloom in my hand I count four long and slender petals, somewhat twisted and crumpled and a four-lobed ovary. With my hand now I can feel the four imperfect ones. The petals are covered with a fine, downy hair. The witch hazel, for long, has been ranked in a pattern of fables. As I turn a bloom in my hand I count four long and slender petals, somewhat twisted and crumpled and a four-lobed ovary. With my hand now I can feel the four imperfect ones. The petals are covered with a fine, downy hair.

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fruits bring a variety to garden, interesting to the botanist than roadside and woodland which we the witch hazel, which lends its should not care to lose. And of "unweeded" charm in the late their kind there is none more autumn landscape.

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