

## Christmas Card Season Brings 'Writer's Cramp'

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If one doesn't cringe when faced with the task of driving in heavy five o'clock traffic, and, if that same person feels no fear when the spouse calls up around six commanding, "Throw another potato in the pot, my dear, I'm bringing home a guest for dinner," well—

Why would just the thought (or vision) of being faced with a couple hundred Christmas cards to sign, address and stamp cause tremors to appear?

Isn't it true that all through the towns, very soon now, these explicit words will be heard?

"THIS YEAR there is no sense in sending cards to the dozen or so couples we met back, two decades ago, in the Navy."

Or perhaps, "It's been ten years since we left the other part of the country; I'm going to cross out all these old neighbors' names." And some might be brave enough to add:

"Darling, just how many of these people's names you've added to the list, do you really know down at the place where you work?"

Of course such phrases will be

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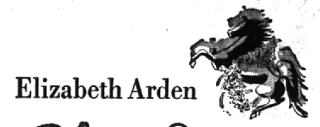
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Margaret Baima, the C. E. Daltons, Sandra Severo, David McLain, the Alan Gornicks, Robert Vanderkloots, Don P. Elses, Ben D. Mills, Eugene Bordinats and many others.

**Pre-Christmas Get-together**

Dr. and Mrs. Harry J. Flaherty of Rainbow circle, Lathrup Village, will entertain at a pre-Christmas party Saturday evening. In the group of guests, who will be feted at dinner, dancing and the DAC Christmas Follies floor show, will be the John J. Powers of Foxchase road, Dr. and Mrs. John Tracey, Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Capano and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Berger, all of Lathrup Village, and Dr. and Mrs. John Malone of Southfield.

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uttered in many, many homes by wives who are faced with this particular job. How many, ironically, will follow through and put their convictions to work?

THE NAVY COUPLES, the people down at work, and those residing back on the 'old street' will, as usual, receive a signed (by hand), nicely addressed and correctly stamped Christmas card.

At the risk of being labeled 'small' shouldn't this recent practice (in the fifteenth century or one, I read recently, had eye- heard of the idea of sending cards) of loading down our mail men with millions of 'em, be sort of examined for what it's worth?

Without making enemies of the people who sell such things, couldn't a person merely inquire why everyone feels such strong emotions about 'this Christmas card business'?

PURCHASING GIFTS, baking cookies and trimming trees, inside 'n out, don't frighten nearly as much as getting those two hundred cards mailed out, and on time!

As one matures (grows older) it seems as if it were just the week before last that one was inching his way up to the post office window, hearing the words: "Give me, please, ten dollars worth of four centers." And now, that particular time is here again. Or almost.

Take thirty beautiful cards standing like proud soldiers across the buffet. Which are the ones favored by the whole family? Of course, the few who have taken the time, and patience to scribble in their own hand a couple or three or four words.

THIS IS WHEN this whole practice of exchanging greetings at the joyous Christmas time becomes significant and means a great deal to the receiver.

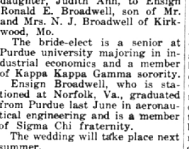
(Resolved: In this year of 1960, I shall, in my right and sane mind, limit myself to sending out cards only as long as I am able and my right hand holds up, making it a point to enclose a few personal words therein. There; I feel much better about it now.)

## Purdue Senior's Troth Revealed

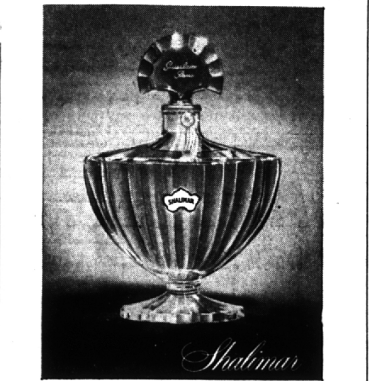
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Walker, 1042 Puritan road, Birmingham, announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ann, to Esigir Ronald E. Broadwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Broadwell of Kirkwood, Mo.

The bride-elect is a senior at Purdue university majoring in industrial economics and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Esigir Broadwell, who is stationed at Norfolk, Va., graduated from Purdue last June in aeronautical engineering and is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

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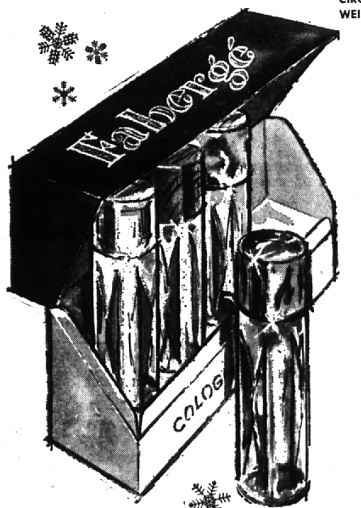
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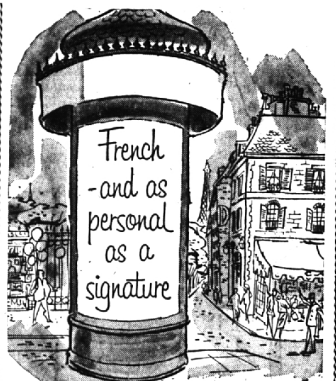
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