



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

We're thankful for Bird and brother

In our own way, Joe and I celebrated Thanksgiving early this year. Our time of extra thankfulness came in September when we were beginning our car trip north from our Florida retirement home.

We recently had spent several hundred dollars on maintenance for our car. We weren't complaining; that goes with the territory in our system of buying good used cars, keeping them in reasonable repair and driving them as long as they will run.

But after that expenditure we were a little upset when the old buggy started leaking up at the end of the first day of driving. We figured it was the hot weather and the fact that the air conditioning had been going full tilt all day.

THE SECOND DAY, though, we didn't use the air conditioning, and in the early afternoon the car REALLY heated up. We had to pull off I-75 to wait on a small side road in Alabama while the radiator boiled over.

While standing by and reassessing our situation, we were given our first reason to give thanks. A car with several local residents passed us, then turned around and came back to see if we needed help. The driver was a mechanic, but he didn't have his tools with him. However, he agreed with Joe that our thermostat probably was the reason for our woes, and he told us where to find a service station.

As soon as the car was cool enough to limp, we pushed on to Bird Walker's small business establishment on a dusty corner in Garden City, Ala. Bird and his brother apparently do a lot of

the town's auto repair, and we soon understood why.

WHILE WE WAITED in the only shady seats the place afforded and enjoyed the company of a beautiful red setter, the brothers looked the car over and allowed as how it was probably the thermostat. After they got the car cooled down enough to check, they found they didn't have the right kind of thermostat on hand. The brother drove off to get one. Six miles, he said.

He brought it back, and soon they had it installed. What did we owe them? The bill handed Joe was for \$11.25. We couldn't believe it; we would cheerfully have paid \$50 or more.

The thermostat has functioned perfectly ever since, and after we got home Joe wrote Bird a letter to report this fact and thank him for the fine service.

And this week I find myself hoping that the Messrs. Walker enjoy whatever bird they are served for Thanksgiving dinner. I know that when we carve our own turkey the thanks we express will include a nod toward Garden City, Ala., and the kind of people our country's founders would have been proud to know.

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Upsplanted lines point to optimism

Dear Lorene Green:

My name is Jackie, I am 28 years old and right handed. My sister wrote to you and you pegged her to a tee. I'd be very interested in seeing your analysis of me. Thank you.

J.D.

Dear J.D.:

Thank you for taking the time to give me feedback on your sister's analysis. I do appreciate it.

Optimism is the first thing that comes to mind as I observe the upsplanted lines and light pressure of your handwriting.

This also reveals your faith in a higher being.

Your nature is sensitive and you are able to relate well to others, young children and older persons especially. Those long lower loops tell me you

are often restless and still searching. The opportunity for variety and change in your life is important. Bet you enjoy travel.

You are an emotional young woman and your feelings can run the gamut from high to low without too much provocation. And while you sometimes experience vacillating emotions you can spring back to neutral rather quickly.

Discord is not easy for you to live with and you try to avoid it whenever possible. But you do have a tendency to be a tad defensive at times.

Years is a good word with a sense of curiosity and desire to learn about new things. You then analyze what you have learned, ferreting out what you can and what you cannot accept.

The formative years were spent in a home where a strict code of behavior was expected by your mother. And although you may have resented this a



graphology

Lorene Green

tad, it has made you the beautiful person you now are.

You are able to see beauty in all things. Nature, music and reading provide pleasure for you.

Time and talent are used prudently and not wasted on things that are not meaningful to you. A sense of pride and good determination, both evident in your handwriting, are strong assets. And intuition is another.

At the time you wrote this letter, it seems you were quite concerned about something.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed through this newspaper, write to Lorene Green, a certified graphologist. Please use a full sheet of white unlined paper writing in the first person singular. Age, signature and handedness are all helpful.

club circuit

BETHANY TOGETHER, an organization for divorced and separated persons sponsors a Wild Turkey dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, in the Acorn VFW hall, Fourth and Troy streets, Royal Oak. The band, Freeport, will perform. The \$8 admission includes beer, set-ups and snacks. BUOB. For more information, call the group's hot line, 885-3812.

FARMINGTON BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN, a nonprofit organization, invites working women to "Get an Insight into the Superwoman" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, in suite 150, 31500 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills. Reservations are required by Saturday, Nov. 30. Admission is \$5. There will be refreshments. To reserve or for further information call 351-2215 between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays or 476-1018 in the evenings.

FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB meets at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, for its annual Christmas luncheon. Judy Cornellier, a

member of the Herb Society and teacher at the center presents a program on "Herbs for Christmas." Members should make their luncheon reservations through Pam Correll, 478-7322.

WESTSIDE ENTERTAINMENT sponsors a single dance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at New Hawthorne Valley, Meridian Road, north of Warren Road, Dearborn. For more information, call the hotline, 563-3170.

WOMEN OF NORTH FARMINGTON will hear the Dearborn Chorus from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Crestwood High School, 1501 Beech Daly between Ford and Cherry Hills roads, Dearborn. After the concert, the group will dine at the Chicago Road House. Concert admission is \$5 per person. Paid reservations are required before Monday, Dec. 2.

The group's annual Christmas luncheon will begin with cocktails at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 11, in the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. Entertainment by the Ford

Group. Members are asked to bring a \$5 gift and cookies to pass. Cost is \$12 per person. Paid reservations are required by Wednesday, Dec. 4. Reservations for both events are handled by Irene Karpiński, 553-0465. Guests are welcome.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48034. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

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