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Graphoanalysis: search for self

By MARY JO BEIL
This is the era of self-discovery. It's a time when people read books that tell them they're okay and so is everybody else. In the midst of this mass compulsion to know more about ourselves and others, another approach is gaining popularity. It's called graphoanalysis.

Mrs. Betty Steele of Birmingham and Mrs. Mary Ann Briggs of Troy are certified graphoanalysts and they explained how and why it's used.

"Graphoanalysis is one method of analyzing handwriting," said Mrs. Briggs. "But we feel our method more factually identifies a person's emotions, capabilities and traits than other methods."

"Graphoanalysis is a behavioral science, deeply rooted in psychology," she said. "And a person's handwriting reveals qualities about himself that subconsciously he might not be aware of."

between letters and words, and even the slants of the words have meaning.

"Whether a person dots his 'i's or not means something," said Mrs. Briggs. "And how a 't' is crossed tells something else." "Psychologists and social workers use graphoanalysis to help the people they're working with," said Mrs. Steele. "And prospective employers use it; you can see this in the help-wanted ads where they ask for handwritten resumes."

Several samples were submitted to the pair. Each sample was a handwritten sentence. Move toward the quick brown fox that is jumping over lazy black dogs.

The sample were studies and the results are as follows.

The female writer of one sample was said to be gregarious and generous with her time, energy and material things.

Mrs. Steele said the spacing between words, plus large looped bottoms of the letters "j" and "p" show these traits.

Another was said to have a sense of humor and great self-reliance. "Self-reliance is shown by the underscored initials," Mrs. Briggs said "and the way the hump of the 'm' breaks away from the beginning stroke," she said. "And humor is shown by the graceful stroke at the beginning of the 'm'."

A THIRD was said to be self-confident and to keep her own counsel.

"The high placement of the t-bar shows the self-confidence," Mrs. Briggs said, "and the closed 'a's and 'o's' tell that this party keeps personal affairs private."

Yet another was depicted as forgetful and quick to show her feelings.

This person forgets to cross her 'i's," said Mrs. Steele. "This signifies she's forgetful. And the slant of her writing displays her quick emotions."

When the writers of the samples read their personal evaluations, the collective conclusion was that Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Briggs were quite accurate in their evaluations.

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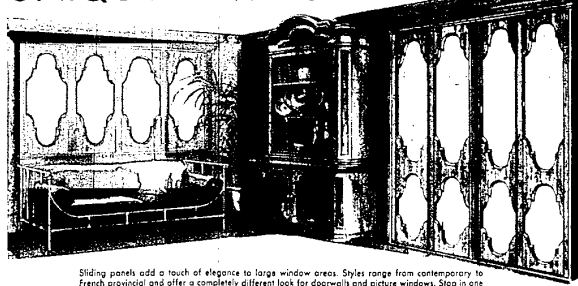
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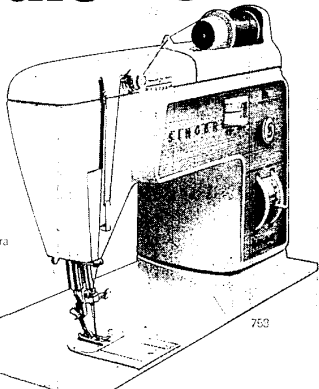


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