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Andrew M. Gaither- Pres.
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Hi Bill,

Here are two tickets for the Fiftiety Anniversary Dinner and Dance- I just know you will attend, remember you will be asked to say a few words. If you need more tickets for your friends just call me.

Andy Gaither

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Gaither". The signature is written in a cursive style.

William D. Ridgeway,
3416 Hamilton Street,
Philadelphia, Pa. 19104

Officers, Members, and Friends of the Amicita Club, on the occasion of our 50th Anniversary; It is with honor and deep emotion I review some of the many contributions made to the community by our group. More than a word should be said of our deceased members, Henry Garrett, Welford Gordon, Samuel Nelson, Ernest Clark and A. B. Taylor, but this I will not try because they are with us in spirit.

I think of the contributions to the Douglas Hospital, Bureau for Colored Children, Smith Home for the Aged, and the many Christmas baskets distributed.

The annual formals, the indoor picnics, Atlantic City Dances, concerts at The Accademy, etc.

The favorite of ex Postmaster Raymond L. Thomas and many of our friends was the famous Amicita Male Chorus. Postmaster Thomas never missed an opportunity to present them to the public where he was a participating guest.

Over the years I experienced many lessons in friendship and brotherly love. One who always stood tall was C. Wendell Taylor, the personification of the latin word Amicita, which means friend.

As a social club the Amicitas' have touched all of the bases. But what now? The social conflict needs the wisdom, money and experience of you good men and your friends. Our larger young group must extend and enlarge the Amicita image.

To the wives, family and friends, I say, jointly and together we are on the threshold of a new and greater experience.

signed,
William D. Ridgeway

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WITH ALL THE REST --



All George
Ruth J. Smith
d. F. Hungen





Michael Bruce
Pauline Haeman
J. Kelly - Who wish you nothing but the best!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FROM ALL OF US!

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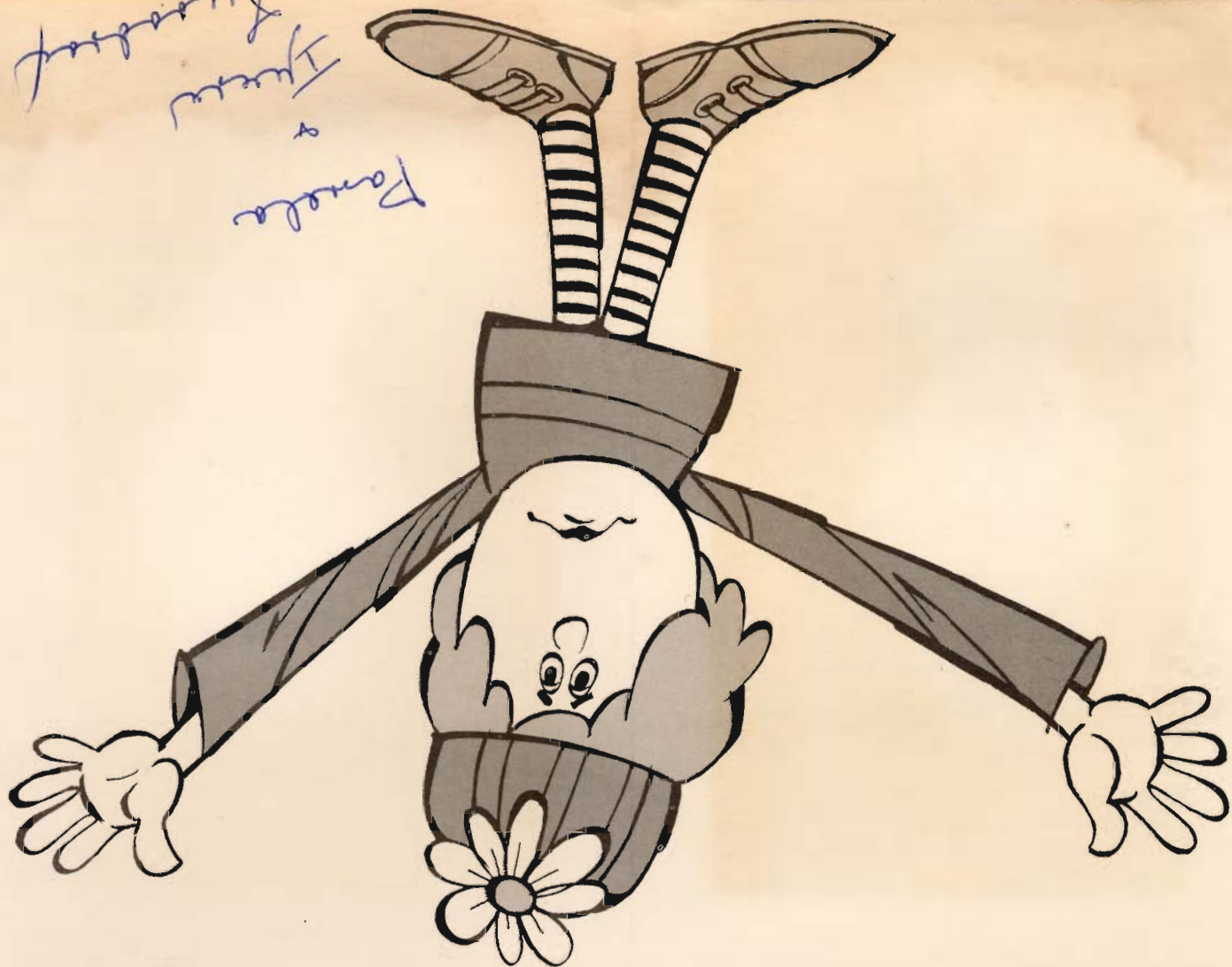


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Sincerely
Bob & Helen

Today's

NANCY L. GIDDENS, Women's Editor

The "Changing Scene" by nancy l. giddens

Indiana Travellers Home Again

BACK IN TOWN after a long weekend in Indianapolis, Ind. are Sophia and William Ridgeway who were guests in the suburban, ranch-style home of Mrs. Todd Reynolds. The community itself is a paradise, they report, with well-kept homes on acres of flowering, tree-shaded grounds which surround the country club, the heart of suburban social life. Before the Ridgeways' evening flight home, they were honored by Mrs. Reynolds and her bridge club at a beautiful buffet dinner and showered with gifts.

FREEDOM HOUSE is kicking off a 90-day raising campaign this weekend with a fashion show and garden party benefit scheduled for Sunday afternoon (Aug. 6th). Friday and Saturday are tag days, under the leadership of Mr. Steven Harris, Youth Coordinator of Freedom House.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MABEL AND THURMAN Tillery have written in to tell us of the upcoming birthday of Mr. Tillery's mother, Mrs. Mary H. Tillery. Born Aug. 9, 1888 in Tillery, N.C., she has resided with her son and his wife at 1931 N. 23rd St. since the death of her husband, William, in 1968. Mrs. Tillery has one sister, Mrs. Susie Marrow of Camden, N.J. and one brother who is still in Tillery, N.C. She also has four grandchildren, all married and many great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins. Happy birthday, Mrs. Tillery.

MR. AND MRS. Robert Jones of Washington, D.C. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Harrietta Walker, to Ernest Brown Stith, son of Francis Stith of Philadelphia. A September wedding is planned.

WEDNESDAY FOR WOMEN

PART OF THE "Changing Scene" in Philadelphia is the marvelous new program instigated by the City Representative's Office: "Wednesday Is For Women". Each Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. a tour of City Hall is given by Municipal Guides, followed at 3:15 by a program held in the Mayor's Reception Room, 202 City Hall.

EACH WEEK the program is different and the range of subjects has spanned everything from "How Women Can Defend Themselves From Physi-

"SPEAKING EASY" With Lady Asha

Prisoner Seeks Pen Pal

DEAR LADY ASHA:

It is a pleasure for me to say that I have been a constant reader of your articles in the Tribune for some time and I do admire your wisdom. However, Lady Asha, the reason I am writing you is because I am in desperate need of your sincere assistance, and my problem is that I am in need of a Pen Pal. I would sincerely appreciate it very much if you could find some wonderful young black sister who wouldn't mind corresponding with a respectable young man. With all respect due to you, Dear Lady Asha, thank you for your time and I would definitely appreciate all of your efforts, and assistance.

In closing, continue to share your knowledge, wisdom and understanding with all the people. You have made much progress and we do need less confusion.

James Butler
State Correctional
Institution at Graterford
Box 244
Graterford, Pa. 19426

DEAR MR. BUTLER:

This is obviously (I hope) not a pen pal column but I couldn't resist printing your letter and I can't help hoping that one of our readers out there will sit down and write to you. Thanks for writing—your letter made my day.

DEAR LADY ASHA:

I would like to take this time to write about a subject I know very much about. That is the

through the ordeal of having an abortion. I had mine when I was 17-years-old and 1½ months pregnant. I still think about the babies. I lost. (I was carrying twins).

For some women, abortion is a mental strain and for others, it is purely physical. What really causes so many deaths from abortions is the fact that many women wait to have them too late. In the first couple of months it is safe for a woman to have one if she is in considerably good health.

But, I really believe that the mental strain is worse than the physical strain. It's a great responsibility to decide whether or not to have one. You will always remember the baby you could have had, but didn't.

I hope my letter is written in the paper so some other unfortunate women will, maybe, be helped by it.

ONCE A MOTHER

DEAR ONCE:

The question of abortion necessarily calls for some pretty deep soul-searching. Nobody seems to have any pre-packaged, instant answers as each person, each circumstance is different. I appreciate your taking time to write and share your experience and views.

DEAR LADY ASHA:

I would appreciate it if you could answer this letter as soon as possible. I don't have much time left to make my decision. I am 20 years old and am engaged to be married this December. The problem is that I sometimes spend the nights

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AMICITIA MALE CHORUS

1st row: Left to right - William Seamon, Moulton Baker, Raymond Gordan, Edgar Cohen. 2nd row: Fred Withers, Raymond Vicks, James Carey, Walter Graham, Charles Ryder, George Evans, Dean Cummings. Accompanist - George Thompson. Director - Robert Habershaw. Not shown: George T. White, Eugene George, Major Benton.

THE MUTUAL PRESENTS -

THE AMICITIA MALE CHORUS in a benefit recital at the Fleisher Auditorium, Broad and Pine Street, Sunday, 17 March 1957.

The chorus formerly under the leadership of Mr. George Waples, is now being directed by Mr. Robert Habershaw. It is composed of employees of the Philadelphia Post Office. Throughout the years the chorus has performed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and is recognized as one of the outstanding male vocal groups in the east.

The chorus will render many classical, popular, and spiritual renditions for the listening audience.

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ANNUAL MUTUAL AWARD

Morris Milgram, builder of Concord Park and Greenbelt Knoll housing units, and Vernon F. Greene, Assistant Chief of the Legislative Division, Bureau of General Counsel, Post Office Department, are to be presented the Annual Mutual Award on 17 March 1957.

Messrs. Milgram and Greené will receive the award during the intermission of a musical program sponsored by the Association for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund.

The award is presented annually by the Association to individuals in the community who have made positive contributions in the field of human relations.

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Wendell Pritchett, Pianist
George W. Waples, Director



Charter members of the Mutual Credit Union are: Mr. Floyd Scott, Mr. Esmond Crawford, Mr. George Tyler, Mr. William Ridgeway, Mr. John R. E. Searles, Mr. Earl Scott, Mr. Joseph Williams, and Mr. Colin Stallworth.

WE HAVE A DATE IN MAY

May 18th, 1957 is the date set for the eighth annual observance of Armed Forces Day. That day is a very important day on the Armed Forces calendar. It is the day on which a very special effort is made to induce the public to take a closer look at their Armed Forces both ACTIVE and RESERVE.

A tremendous opportunity exists in the U.S. Army Reserve for young men between the ages of 17 - 18. These men can complete their obligation by joining a reserve unit and

spending six months on active duty - balance of time in the Army Reserve. The many advantages of this program will be explained in the next issue. However, Mutual Men are requested to acquaint their sons, relatives, and friends with the existence of this program. For further information you can call either Mr. John R. E. Searles TE 9-4251 or Mr. George R. Young GR 7-7646.

Remember, it is your duty to know and the duty of the Army to show, that the Army Reserve is truly a "Power for Peace."

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Amicitia Chorus Gives First Recital

The Amicitia Male Chorus, directed by George W. Waples, recently presented its initial recital in the auditorium of the Central YMCA, 1421 Arch st.

The program included two of "Bach's Chorales," and spirituals. The latter group was highlighted by the beautiful tenor voice of Haywood Vicks in the rendition of "My Lord What A Morin."

Members of the chorus, which is composed of a group of postal employees, are: Walter Graham, Fred D. Withers, Thomas Jubilee, Major B. Benton, George Evans, Raymond Gordon, Harold Budd, Charles Rider, Ralph Irvin, Charles Cohen, James Carey, Edward Moultrie, Maulton Baker, Edgar Cohen, Richard Queen, George White and Vicks. Wendell Pritchett of Darby, was piano soloist.

THE AMICITIA MALE CHORUS

FIRST TENOR

Walter Graham
Fred D. Withers
Thomas Jubilee
Major B. Benton

BARITONES

Charles Rider
Ralph Irvin
Charles Cohen
James Carey
Edward Moultrie

SECOND TENORS

Raymond Vicks
George Evans
Raymond Gordon
Harold Budd

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BASS

Maulton Baker
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Richard Queen
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Amicitia Male Chorus

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Phila. Central Y.M.C.A. Auditorium

1421 Arch Street

Sunday, October 26, 1952 - 3:30 P.M.



Wendell Pritchett, Pianist

George W. Waples, Director

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Concerto C. Minor Allegro Scherzando Movement . Rachmaninoff

Wandell Pritchett

George Thompson

Battle Hymn of the Republic Ringwald

The Sleigh Kountz

Chorus of Peers from "Iolanthe" Sullivan

Secrets Smith

Amicitia Male Chorus

The Whiffenpoof Song

Drinking Song from "The Student Prince" Romberg

You'll Never Walk Alone Ringwald

Steinway Piano

--: PROGRAM --:

Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light Bach

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Bach

Bless the Lord, O My Soul Ippolito-Ivanoff

Amicitia Male Chorus

There Is a Balm in Gilead Dawson

My Lord, What a Morn in' Harvey

Soon-Ah, Will Be Done Dawson

O, Ride On, Jesus N. Curtis-Burlin

Amicitia Male Chorus

Impromptu -- Opus 90, E Flat Major Schubert

Wendell Pritchett