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Buenos Dias - Compadres! I see that over in Scotland they gave up the ten year search for the Loch Ness Monster. Probably the poor beastie was getting a bit weary of having his privacy invaded and has moved to another Loch. It's interesting to note that Marcus Lipton, Labor Member of the English Parliament, now fears that London's Big Ben clock tower may soon start leaning like Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa. If it does, they could call it the "Bending of Big Ben of Britton." Everybody's a critic of some kind, but how about the New York wig maker who says it is better to be bald than to be haphazardly haired? (Translated into Pote-ry--"If your toupee misfits your head; adopt Yul Brynner's style instead!) Then there's the western writer who says early-day cowboys were not the strong silent type as pictured in the flicks, muttering only monosyllables such as "Yep," "Nope," and "Maybe." He says they were very vocal but there just were not any tape recorders around in those days to document the convivial comments. I suppose next they'll be telling us that cowboys didn't kiss their horses!

Charlotte and Bill Hoffmann, 1415 Kaneville Rd., Geneva, Ill. write, "Dear Al: We have been reading your Newsletters since last September and have been hoping to meet you in August of this year. We are real glad to read that you are out of the hospital. We thought by now we would be seeing names of some of our new neighbors in your Newsletter. Friends report our house at 9708 Briarwood Circle (Lot 101) is coming along nicely. We will be ready to leave here in August. We imagine many of our future neighbors are also getting ready for the big move. It would be fun to hear from some of them." (This pleasant plea may just inspire them.) A pretty card from Mary and Ed Mooney and daughter Charlotte at 340 Darby Lane, Mountainside, N.J. says, "Dear Al: Glad to hear you are on the mend. We enjoy your letter very much. We hope to meet you personally when we arrive sometime in the last quarter. We would be very happy to hear from our future neighbors. Our 'Hospitality Suite' will be located at 9620 Glen Oaks Circle." Any takers?

We have two families of Hurleys planning to become Sun Citians. Irene and Harold Hurley are presently trying to sell 1394 Ashland Ave., in St. Paul, Minn. They say, "We just received a picture of our home going up at 10127 Shasta Dr. (lot 130). It will be completed this fall. We sold our houseboat 'The Pussycat' after 15 years of boating on the rivers of Minn. and Wisc." (You should have kept it. The Arizona Navy would have welcomed you. Or perhaps you didn't know, Arizona has more boats per capita than any other state in the Union.) "We have been retired from our ladies and men's clothing shop for five years. We want to know our close neighbors too." Then from Irene and Roy Hurley of 6708 Gude Ave., Takoma Park, Md., a card saying, "Keep up those 'good spirits' you send all of us in your interesting Newsletter and you'll soon be fit as a fiddle." (If my doctor would just let me drink some of those "good spirits" I'd soon be fit as a Stradivarius.) The Roy Hurleys will occupy 15417 Bowling Green Dr. in Sun City. The John Sears have left Sioux City, Iowa and are now in their new home at 10011 Forrest Dr., Sun City. In a recent letter from the C. Bousquets, West 5023 Princeton Pl., Spokane, Wash., they say, "In your Apr. 12 Newsletter you mentioned the John Kinseys of Troy, Mich., but not a street address for them. They will be at 10023 Thunderbird Blvd. and we will be at 10025 Thunderbird. I don't think we could be closer neighbors." (The Kinseys can be reached at 2782 Hyland Dr., Troy, Mich.)

So traveling by Union Pacific Railroad, we get to 5364 Baptist Rd., Pittsburgh, Penna., and Jack and Eldred Gunner. They write, "Our new home is at 9117 Hidden Valley Lane and in the May 10 issue we were pleased to note our new neighbors the Andrew Alberigis of Healdsburg, Calif. will be at 9115 Hidden Valley Lane. We hope Grace and Andrew's letter broke the ice as it did for us and perhaps some other fine people we know will live on 'HVL', will also identify themselves. Our good friends, Fran and Mary Lou Kelly, who accompanied us on our trip last March, also contracted for a home at 10643 Brookside Dr., but will be at least another year at 162 Orchard Spring Rd., Pittsburgh, Penna." Dr. and Beatrice Dorrance are presently at 6079 Jenkins Arcade, Pittsburgh, Penna. but looking forward to prospecting at 10401 Sutters Gold Lane in Sun City. Col. and Mrs. Melvin Beaumont, 55 Delafield, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. sent a nice card but did not include their future address in Sun City. Please, Sir, will you inform me of its location so your future neighbors will come to attention and perhaps prepare a pre-moving parade of letters? Another couple for whom I have been unable to locate a future Sun City address are Lloyd and Winnie White of 26000 Ridge Rd., Damascus, Md. The nice card they sent said, "Greetings from a Marylander who almost became a Sun Citian. Except for the same reason you were hospitalized, we would have made it. Through your kindness we are keeping in touch through your Newsletter." (So drop me a line and rescue me from this sea of uncertainty. Is your course still charted for Sun City or have you run aground?) Also a beautiful card from the Ralph Kimmets of 44 Crestview Dr., Tiffin, Ohio. They will be living at 10302 Kelso Dr. in Sun City.

A letter arrived from Helen and Joe Petok, 9434 Brokenstone Dr., Sun City. They are fugitives from Chicago. Thank goodness Helen wrote most of the letter, as a P.S. from Joe at the end said, "In the May 10 Newsletter, when you were unable to defend yourself, I was offered the opportunity of joining the writing team of Petok & Pote. But you are well and another bubble has burst. Please stay that way!" (I'm a bit broke and even somewhat broken, but not "burst." Boss Jerry is always getting me into trouble when I'm not around to defend myself. It'll be Pote & Petok or I won't pen another pun.) Helen, whom I'm sure is much easier to get along with, says, "We are now in our new home and the only sad part of the deal is that we will no longer be eligible for your fascinating Newsletter." (Think of how sad it would have been if it had been written by Petok & Pote all of that time!) "Sun City is all you said it would be and we love it and our lovely new home. Thanks for spreading such good cheer, and sharing the Arizona sunshine with us freezing northerners at a time when we needed it." (What's a nice girl like you doing with the junior member of the of the writing team of Pote & Petok?) And to prove that things can get worse as they go along, a card from Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Holzhauer says, "Hurry out of bed - We just can't Pote-up with something like this." The card was Pote-marked 1044 N. 122nd Street, Wauwatosa, Wisc. and they re-Pote that they will be living at 10513 Kingswood Circle in Sun City. And I'll be doggoned if I didn't get a sad looking hound on a card, evidently trying to "hound" me into getting well. It was from Lois Imperial who recently wrote me a nice letter. She and Anthony, who you might guess are dog lovers, are presently at 80 E. Merritt St., North Lindenhurst, L.I., N.Y. but are eventually slated for 10533 Burns Dr., Sun City. Another interesting letter starts - "Midge and Grover Hamilton want to tell you how very much the Newsletters have meant this past year. We are heading for Sun City for key inspection of 13094 - 100th Ave., Apt. 112. Our move-in will be gradual as we cannot become full time residents for some time. My company is transferring me to El Paso, Texas so we will be much closer. Midge and I will never forget the wonderful red carpet treatment we received when we came to see Sun City a year ago. You contributed greatly to our warm reception and we told you at the barbeque it was our decision to add two more citizens to Sun City from North Carolina. We started our retirement plans right then and there. You should get a raise in pay for all the good work you do." (That's what I always say, but nobody listens!) Their North Carolina address is 3515-A Beacon Hill Dr., Winston Salem, N.C. 27106. Charlotte and Joe Marone sent a card and note announcing their arrival in their new home at 13805 Blue Ridge Dr. Their former home was Hawthorne, N.Y. In part they say, "Just hate to give up those fantastic Newsletters. Even under sedation, you're sensational." (Sure wish I knew what happened during that period. The nurses also said it was a most sensational sedation.) Two bears from the Toledo Zoo also sent me their photograph but not autographed. On the back was a note from the V.J. Willis's saying they will soon be living at 13062-99th Dr. (lot 94) in Sun City. (But not one word from the bears.) The Lawrence Eldreds have moved from Apple Valley, Calif. to 10440 Twin Oaks Dr., Sun City. Mr. and Mrs. Karl King, Jr. have picked up keys to 10025 Shasta Dr. but are back at 571 Pleasant Avenue, Highland Park, Ill. until next fall. The Jurl Armstrongs are key holders of 14650 Fallbrook Ct. but are uncertain as to when they can leave 6624 Southdale Rd., Minneapolis, Minn. for Sun City residency. (We hope all of those who are not able to attend Newcomers Coffees when invited by letter will be sure to phone us when they do return so we can invite them personally.) Don and Dorothy Moffat also fall into that category. They have picked up keys to 9205 Indian Hills Dr. but are now at 901 So. Beverly Place, Lake Forest, Ill. They plan to spend time in Wisconsin before coming to Sun City in Oct. They say, "Your letters are most enjoyable and we feel you are quite an asset to the fine Del Webb organization." (You'll find me listed among the "debits" in the annual report.)

"Dear Al: We feel after your most welcome Newsletter that we are on a first name basis," starts a letter from Carl and Melba Guenther of 4772 Irvington Pl., Tulsa, Okl. Melba continues, "Carl retired from Standard of Indiana the first part of this year, and we'll be making our new home at 9308 Briarwood Circle (lot 168). It seems there is nothing left unsaid about your newsy, informative, descriptive, witty, clever, humorous, and, yes, most interesting Newsletter." (Following all that, anything left unsaid was better left unsaid!) "We will be happy to leave the severe weather watch and toronado alerts and warnings that we go through here, especially at this time of the year. We are in the process of weeding out---trying to decide what to sell, give away, bring with us, or burn. I guess we should bury it instead of burning because of the pollution, but doubt if the people who bought our house would go for that bit." (Why not just put it out in the yard and let a tornado whirl it away?) We received a change of address and a very welcome check for the Boswell Hospital fund from Roy and Clara Houston. Since selling their home, they are now at P.O. Box 222, Marshall, Mich. Their Sun City address will be 13204-99th St. Which finally gets us to Carl Lemcke who is diligently devoting days to "discard" decisions at 1045 S. Route 53, Lombard, Ill. He says, "Dear Al: I am pleased to learn you made it out of the hospital without being rendered ka-Pote by the blood letting. I hope that terrible pun doesn't give you a relapse!" (Well, it certainly wouldn't give you a very good mark in de-Pote-ment!) "When you feel up to it, I shall appreciate it if you would send me the names and addresses of my neighbors-to-be on either side of my house at 9315 Glen Oaks Circle (lot 157)." (They don't trust me with valuable information like that. You'll have to contact your sales counselor.) "I have begun the task of getting rid of the momentos, heirlooms, and antiques-(polite terms for junk)-that I won't be needing in Sun City. Could you give me an estimate on the resale value of a one-owner snow shovel pushed only a few thousand feet by a little old man with a weak back?" (We might get you the price of a short beer if we can find a little old man with a weak mind!)

According to William Feather - "Loneliness is something you can't walk away from." (When on the high school track team, I also found you couldn't run away from it. I always came running in a lonely last!)

Hope you are the same ---

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