

U. S. S. GENERAL R. M. BLATCHFORD (AP-153)

3 November, 1945

Dear Mom & Dad

We arrived in Nagasaki as scheduled, but have received orders not to unload troops here, so we are showing off for Nagoya this afternoon - it is only a short distance from Tokyo.

Nagasaki as you know is where one of the atomic bombs was dropped and the damage done is everything that has been written about it. Another officer and myself took a liberty party ashore on the 1st and made arrangements with the Marine for trucks to show us around so they show all thru the area hit by the atomic explosion. It wiped out an area of about 10 square miles. Cement structures seemed to withstand the shock fairly well but those buildings constructed of steel girders were pushed over and layed low like fallen grain. There was evidently a great amount of heat liberated because window glass was melted and all wooden things burned. The thing that was

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very odd being that only those sides of  
tiles and telephone poles exposed toward  
the origin of the eruption were  
burned. The bomb was a complete  
success here, for the whole industrial  
area was knocked out of existence. The  
machines stand naked of their buildings  
and the complete story of the unexpectedness  
of which the bomb caught the workers is  
told. The reason, as I have heard it for  
the loss of so many lives in the blast  
was that they paid little heed to only  
two planes as they were accustomed  
to many more in an air raid. Skulls  
and bones are still to be seen among  
the rubble and thousands are still  
unaccounted for.

The residences of Nagasaki are very  
poor, they have little food and clothing.  
Hundreds are predicted to die this  
winter for lack of food; many are  
homeless and of course jobless. Because  
of the clothing shortage, most of the men  
and boys have been issued Japanese  
army clothing, the majority of the women  
worn and outfits similar to fancy  
pajamas. Their modes of transportation

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are mainly walking and bicycles. Nagasaki has one railroad which is very crude and is packed with people going and coming, to and from as one knows. A few American made automobiles are in the hands of the smart well to do but they are scarce, very scarce.

The Japanese are a very prolific people and children swarm the streets looking very dirty and hungry. Women receive little respect. It is not uncommon to see a man help a woman on with a very heavy pack and then walk along beside her, I saw countless women pulling big carts as the men strolled along balancing the load.

When the Marines landed here, there were 200 Geishiki houses in this small port alone, but they were soon disbanded. They say the percent age of people having venereal disease is very high in Japan, but they say they have little disease in the Geishiki districts. The doctor claims it is ~~the~~ due to the better standard of living they can afford and cleanliness. In certain respects the Japan

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are very clean. They do the laundry for some of the Marines and although they wash in what appears to be dirty water the clothes come out snow white.

The Japs are very friendly and have given no trouble whatsoever here. Many won't admit serving in <sup>the</sup> Army but the flies are still proud and will tell you they were pilots. The affair still as to be seen with their shining boats, but no insignia. They discharged their troops by just dumping them off at the docks.

All in all it is remarkable how they waged war against us and held out as long as they did. They are very primitive in many respects and are still years and years behind us as far as living conditions and conveniences are concerned. Most of the islands are hilly and mountainous, they farm them by terracing up the sides. Their machinery in the plants are American made.

Well, I must close now, will try and

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write again before we leave Japan, as far as I know now I'll be back in Seattle about the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, but not for long I guess. I have a line on some Jap rifles dad as I may have some for us to look at any way. Haven't received any mail here yet.

Lots of love  
Buddy

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Mrs W F Lilly  
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Buddy

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Thought I would send  
this as that is my  
hotel there on the front. It  
is the tall one.

I think it is my  
putty down Biscayne Blvd.  
Of course I wouldn't trade  
a side street in Montana  
for it.

Love  
Buddy

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TELEGRAM



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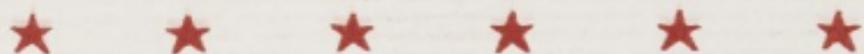
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Mom

on my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday



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SCHOOL

*The High School  
Gang Looks  
at LIFE*



Jesus Christ said, "I am  
come that they might have  
*life*, and that they might  
have it more abundantly."  
(*John's gospel, 10:10.*)

*As Doors* swing outward in American high schools, hundreds of thousands of young men and women pour out into a world of increasing perplexity and uncertainty. They are on the threshold of life—seeking its enjoyments, wondering about its meaning. Where shall they find REAL LIFE? . . . These prominent students believe they have found the secret, and they wish to impart it to you. . . .

have really come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and I praise Him that I have eternal life because He died for my sins. I have found in Christ the real joy, peace and security that I had been seeking. It's really wonderful to know that I have an everlasting friend in Him, and that He really gives victory over sin. Through Him I find real satisfaction in my heart among high school kids who are seeking satisfaction in the world.

*Charlene Waller, Tyler, Texas; Student Council, Girls' Forum Council, band and orchestra, home room president, chosen one of "The 21 Ideal Girls" at Tyler High School.*

**Charlene  
Waller**



## J. L. (Pinky) Daniel

*J. L. (Pinky) Daniel, Fort Worth, Texas, Masonic Home and School of Texas, two-letter footballer, Student Council representative, member Bio-Chem-Phy.*

The most wonderful fact I have ever learned is that Christ is sufficient for every phase of a young person's life. Whether studying my lessons, playing football, or just going about my daily tasks, I have found Christ to be real, and I depend on HIM to guide me and to strengthen me in the tight spots. In His Word I have found a solution to my every problem. It is not hard to live the life when you have such promises as I Corinthians 10:13.



Last summer I gave my life to Christ—crowning Him Lord of all. What perfect peace and joy has followed that decision! Before I surrendered all to Him there were many things about the future with which I was deeply concerned—college, my vocation, and numerous other things. However, placing these in His keeping, I know that they will work together for good, and so I have no worry. For He has said, “All things work together for good to them that love God.” What a wonderful promise—made to me! It's great to be a Christian.

*Naomi Thomas, Yakima, Washington, Senior High School, Girls' League representative.*

## Naomi Thomas

## Bessie McCambridge

*Bessie McCambridge, Houston, Texas, Austin High School; Student Council, president of the Speech Club, the Boosters' Club.*

I haven't words to tell you how much Christ means to me. Not only because He saved me from sin's penalty and gave me eternal life, but because He can meet every one of my needs even now while I'm in high school. I know I can depend on Him because of the promises in His Book and from proof in my own life day by day. In just these six weeks of school with Him, He has proven again to me that He is all I can ever need.



*Betty Anne Hale, Houston, Texas, Lamar High School senior.*

When I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, my life was completely changed. Just to know that He loved me enough to die for all my sins and unrighteousness, has brought me peace and satisfaction and real joy that I had never known before. When I think of the doubt that was in my heart two years ago, as to whether there was such a thing as a God, I cannot help but praise Him for calling me out of darkness into His marvelous light.

## Betty Anne Hale



*Travis Hyatt, Los Angeles, California, Franklin High School, president of Science Club, Ephebian, Varsity tennis team, commencement speaker, June, 1941.*

Three years ago I chose Jesus Christ as the Captain of my life. He has put me on a definite course and has given me power to live for Him. Because the Lord Jesus Christ bore my sins, I can now have joy and fellowship with God. The Bible has charted my course. It alone is God's holy Word and has given, and is still giving, me strength to live "all out" for Him. His love fills my heart with joyfulness, and I have found peace in the Lord Jesus Christ. I recommend Him as the Captain of your life.

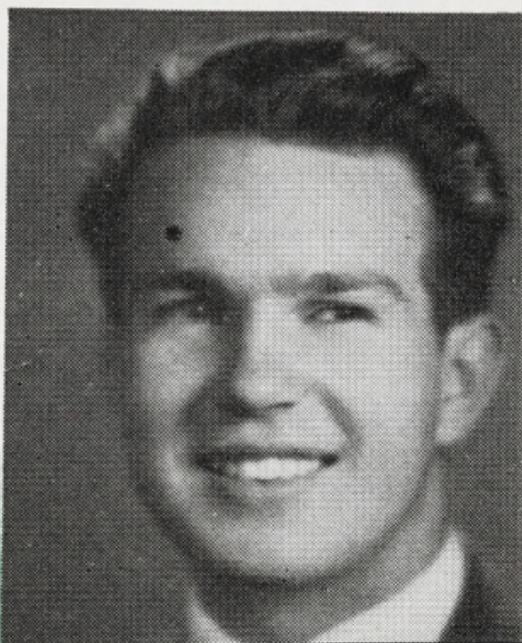


**D i c k S o d e r**



I thought I knew what happiness and thrills were, until I received JESUS CHRIST, God's free Gift of salvation, as my personal Saviour and Lord. It was He who showed me that I hadn't even been living. But now "to me to live is Christ." To the one who says Christ does not satisfy 20th century youth, I can say that I have matched Jesus Christ with all the world has to offer and have found conclusively that He more than satisfies. I am proud of Him and glad to be known as one of His.

*Dick Soderberg, Los Angeles, California, Franklin High School, valedictorian of January, 1941, graduating class, student body president, athlete, voted most valuable student of the year, 1941.*



## Kenneth Howard

*Kenneth Howard, Tyler, Texas,; drum major of Tyler High School Band, senior class vice president, French Club vice president, Bsq Math Club, Jr. Historians.* When I graduated from junior high school and was ready for high school, I, like most other kids, was seeking something I just couldn't seem to find. I entered into almost everything the world had to offer, but nothing seemed to satisfy me. One day the Lord Jesus really became real to me. I can now truthfully say that I never knew real joy until I found Him. How wonderful it is to just let Him run things!



As a high school student, I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world can offer. I have found such wonderful peace and satisfaction in serving Him as my Lord and Saviour. "In God have I put my trust" (Psalm 56:11). I have found that the only way to have real victory is to be fully surrendered and yielded to Him. So many young people are missing the train to eternity because they haven't accepted Him as Saviour. Others are missing the joy of serving Him by not being fully surrendered.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past;  
Only what's done for Christ will last."

*Sadie Kooistra, Yakima, Washington,  
High School; girls athletic manager,  
chairman, high school scrap drive.*

## Sadie Kooistra

## Garland McSpadden

*Garland McSpadden, Teague, Texas; president Student Council; varsity football, basketball, baseball; former president, junior class.*

The Lord Jesus Christ has brought me the realization of real life. Since accepting Him I have realized that I only thought I had life before. He has never failed me in any way. If I ever get troubled I take the problem to Him, and He clears it up for me. I know that He lives today, and that anyone who trusts Him will find, as I have, that He will never let you down, and that you will never regret having accepted Him.



I have known the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour for three years. Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). That is what I did, and now there is no better life than that of a Christian. There is comfort in knowing He is by my side at all times. Jesus is everything to me. It is not what I have done, but what Jesus did on Calvary's cross. "Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain; He washed it white as snow."

*Bob Stokes, Memphis, Tennessee, South Side High School; football, west Tennessee champions; "S" Club, Howard-Krass Society, senior class president.*

## Bob Stokes

## Teddy Leavitt

*TEDDY LEAVITT, Ellensburg, Washington. Received Kern award as most valuable player on the high school football team, 1942 Valley football champions; Valley champion in 110-yard high hurdles; captain of the Bulldog Guards, boys' service club; president, the Yakima Valley Youth Fellowship.*

Christ is to me a partner and source of power. He has promised to be with me always if I meet His qualifications, follow His teaching

Before starting my athletic career I made up my mind to prove that a fellow can fulfill Colossians 3:23: "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men," not only in church activities, but even in athletics as well. My heart desire was to exalt my Saviour on the gridiron and cinder track among fellows who knew Him not.

During the Valley track meet last year I was to run against a far better hurdler than myself. While warming up I heard this fellow take Christ's name in vain, which gave me an urge to defeat him and win an opportunity to witness. At the third hurdle I lifted my heart to God and asked Him to glorify His name. The result was, through His strength I won the race and witnessed to several fellows about my Christ.

## *You May Prove*

the truthfulness of these statements for yourself. Just as scientific assertions are put to the test in the laboratory, these young men and women invite you to "taste and see that the Lord is good."

They have spoken of a real and satisfying salvation. It is not theory, but fact—based on the eternal Word of God, the Bible. Individual experiences may vary, but everywhere and always God makes "new creatures in Christ" of those who accept Him as Saviour.

Jesus Himself said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20).

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Waylen Francis Gilly, Jr.

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Service to the Lord Jesus  
Christ, your country and your  
fellowman is our prayer  
and wish.

Manhattan  
Mission Aid

Prov. 15:33

Please read this leaflet,  
God bless it.

File

Joan's Hours

Wed 11 Nov	Bud's	1/2
Fri 13 Nov	Joan's (Letters, Ambassadors, Rephart, Shattuck (Pa.))	1 1/2
Mon 7 Dec	Bud's, P.O., Bank,	4
	Joan's - Typed 65 Env. Stamp, etc.	3
Tues 8 Dec	Bud's - Newsletter	2 3/4
	Bulletin, B'man	1/4
	Business Ctr.	
	Fold, Send out, P.O.	1
		<hr/> 13 hrs.

Tues  
15 Dec. Bud's

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Joan Gould  
12/15/87

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## Joan's Hours

Fri Oct 23	Letter David Macdonald - Send \$25 <sup>2</sup> .	1/2
Tu Oct 27	New members (50) Gregory - Letters - Bank - P.O.	1 1/2
Th Nov 5	Address & Stamp 30 envelopes - Letter, etc. New Zealand & R. G. Bird (Mass.)	2 1/2
Fri Nov 6	Bud's, P.O.	1/2
Mon Nov 9	Letter of Recommendation	1
Tu Nov 10	Geo. F. Grant - Deliver Bud's, P.O.	Bank
	Total	6
		x 5
		<hr/> \$ 30
	Joan Gould	

- Joan's Hours -

Tues. Bank, P.O., Kwik-Kopy  
 Sept 8 Bank, P.O. 1/2

Wed. Bud's -  
 Sept 23 4 1/2

Wed Bud's - Bank 4  
 Oct 14 P.O.

Wed Joan's (Organizing)  
 Oct 21 Ledger Work 7:30-8, 9-11 2 1/2

Thurs Ledger 1/2  
 Oct 22 

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 17 hrs.

Joan Could  
 Paid  
 Chk. #117  
 \$ 60<sup>00</sup>  
 22 Oct. '87

# Time Sheet

Mon 24 Aug '87

Hours

(Newsletter) 9:30-12:30 Joan's  
1:30-5:00 K.K.

6½

Tues 25 Aug '87

9-9:30, 4-4:30, 5-5:45

7-7:45

Joan's, K.K. 2½

Wed 26 Aug '87

8:30-9, 9:30-10:15

K.K. Printers

4-4:30, 4:45-6

P.O. Sent off 3

12

Mon. 7 Sept '87

6:30-8:30 pm

Ledger

2

14

Tues. 8 Sept '87

9-12 noon

Catch & Release

3

Total Hours

17

Pd. Sept. 8, '87

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x 5  
85

Joan's Hours  
7/24/87

Tues.

July 14 Bud's 9-12:30 3½

July 22 Bud's, P.O. 10-12:30 2½  
Bank, Phillips

July 23 Joan's 9-12:30 3½  

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9½

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7/24/87

\$47<sup>50</sup>

## Joan's Hours

May		
27	Bud's 10:15-2:45	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
28	ABS	$\frac{1}{4}$
28	Bud's 10:30-2:30	4
June		
1	Speedy Print 11-11:15	$\frac{1}{4}$
	Bud's 11:15-12	$\frac{3}{4}$
	Speedy Print 2-2:15 (not ready)	$\frac{1}{4}$
	Speedy Print 3-3:30	$\frac{1}{2}$
	Bud's 3:30-4:30	1
2	Ledger Class - Gini M.	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Book Keeping - Joan's	1
4	Speedy Print, Bulletin, Bud's, P.O., Bank	4
14	Joan's - <sup>Put together</sup> Ledger - Petty Cash	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
15	Bud's 1-4	3
22 & 23	Joan's - Ledger - M/S, etc.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ (23 $\frac{3}{4}$ )
23	Bud's -	2 $\frac{1}{2}$

pd.  
\$131.25  
6/23/87

total. 26  $\frac{1}{4}$  hrs.

May .

Hours

Wed.  
20

Bud's  
Phillips  
Bud's

4

21

Joan's  
Bud's  
K-start  
P.O.

5 1/2

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9 1/2

Paid 150<sup>00</sup>

May 21, 1988

(Covering April & May '87)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXPLANATIONS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
<u>APRIL</u>		
Th 2	Bud's 9:30-10:30 ABS 1:30-2:00	1 1/2
Fri 3	ABS + Bud's 10:00-11:00	1
Th 9	Joan's Edit & Type Newsletter	2
Wed 15	Bud's Phillips 10:00-11:00 (1) Joan's 6:00-8:30 (2 1/2) (15 letters)	3 1/2
Th 16	Bud's 11:15-2:15 ABS Artercraft Bud's Phillips P.O. ABS Artercraft 3:30-4:00	3       1/2
Th 16	Joan's 8:30-9:45 p.m.	1 1/4
Fri 17	Joan's - Early a.m.	1 1/4
17	ABS/ Del to Artercraft 8:45-9:00 a.m. Bud's 10:00-12:45 P.O. (Sent off)	1/4 2 3/4
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Tu 21	Bud's 10:00-1:00	3
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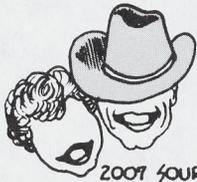
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WESTERN RIVERS CLUB  
July '88

<u>GAS</u>	<u>FOOD</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>	<u>MISC</u>
19.78	4.81	\$ 18.75	\$ 129.99
16.60	4.52		
22.00	12.31		
47.15	5.88		
16.70	3.58		
22.00	2.41		
11.50	21.86		
18.20	9.64		
22.00	7.57		
<u>\$ 195.93</u>	14.64		
	12.42		
	3.17		
	14.18		
	13.49		
	13.17		
	<u>\$ 143.65</u>		

488.32  
13.00 gas  
1.25 Post Off  
502.57 Total

\$ 195.93	GAS
143.65	Food
18.75	Lunch
129.99	Misc
<u>\$ 488.32</u>	<u>Total</u>



*Bud and Pat Lilly*

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January 15, 1983

Dear Member;

Pat and I are delighted to have you join us as a charter member of Western Rivers Club. You are among the first one hundred members to form our club.

We will be keeping abreast of the fishing on all the rivers year around and of course, exploring and gathering information to help you plan interesting and exciting western fishing trips.

For those that would enjoy a learning experience, Yellowstone institute offers a terrific variety of lectures, seminars, field trips and demonstrations. Write Yellowstone Institute, Yellowstone National Park, Wyo. Early reservations required.

We're looking forward to sharing plans with you.

Sincerely;



*Bud and Pat Lilly*

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WESTERN RIVERS CLUB UPDATE

March 1983

Earlier this year we sent you materials announcing the formation of the Western Rivers Club along with a membership application.

The purpose of the club is to keep you informed on the fishing in the area of Yellowstone National Park, southwestern Montana, and parts of Idaho and Wyoming to help you plan your fishing trips to this area by assisting with suggestions for accommodations, where to eat, what to see, special events, reliable guides and of course where and when to go fishing.

In addition we promised to send you three newsletters a year to be published in February, May and August. The first newsletter was mailed to club members this past February along with other special materials we thought would be interesting and helpful. The response from members to this mailing has prompted us to contact you again.

The enthusiasm of present members in what the club is and can do for them may also do the same for you. We will be pleased to send you a membership. Just enclose \$50.00 for a one year subscription along with your full name and address.

Bud and Pat Lilly

Hi -  
Missed you last year in West. We finally  
have our log cabin on Hebgen - It's great!  
I'll be there for the month of June. I'm for  
last 2 weeks - Hope you are well - maybe  
will see you -  
Sincerely,  
Mary Jane + Jim

Dec 11, 1982

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Sincerely

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Fletcher M. Craig, D.D.S.  
2155 Webster St.  
San Francisco, CA 94115

Dear Fletcher:

Here is your membership card for our Western Rivers Club.

Thank you for your membership. I am delighted you have joined us.

About a month ago we sent you our May Newsletter. To keep you up to date, I'm enclosing our June Bulletin and August Newsletter. Thought you might enjoy looking at them.

You will shortly be receiving our next Newsletter which I hope you will find interesting.

Sincerely,

Bud Lilly

May 21, 1987

~~Dear Tom~~

Dear Ken,

Thank you for joining the Western Rivers Club again.

The day we had <sup>on</sup> the Madison was a bummer last season also, so I guess you did have a disappointing trip for the most part. However, I don't think I would conclude that the fishing is shot on some of the areas you fished at that time. It could be that you just caught them at an off time.

I'm going to fish the Firehole this weekend, so I'll see if there are any fish left in the river.

I'll be reporting to you in a bulletin soon on the conditions of the rivers.

In looking at the Guest Ranches you listed in your letter I do not know details about all of them. I do know

Mountain Sky Ranch and have stayed there. Suzy Judge was manager at that time and I would rate the accommodations amenities and food superb. Not fancy accommodations but comfortable for ranch life. It is still the same owner, but new manager.

63 Ranch is also superb. The owners-managers are my friends and the ranch is well managed.

The Point of Rocks is very spartan little cabins. More for hunters.

Complete Fly Fisher from all reports is still very good although no longer owned by Phil Wright.

On the Smith river I have heard a new ranch resort is being built that is reputed to be great. I'll let you know. I'll do the same on the Missouri.

The other ranches you listed I don't know personally but I will check on them.

For the Wind river area I will check for you through some folks I know in the Cody area.

I will research the other ranches you listed for you and for my information as well and report back.

I like your suggestion of rating some ranches and I will attempt to do that when I can.

one thing about it you keep me on my toes.

We will look forward to seeing all of you again too we certainly enjoyed the day and evening this past season.

Sincerely

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There is considerable literature written describing trout fishing in various places and the stories told make some unbelievable claims. The trout fishing here, within a 100 miles radius of West Yellowstone, is where these claims become a reality and the fishing, not the stories almost unbelievable. Hundreds of miles of world famous rivers, streams and lakes are found, and surprisingly so, most of them to be reached by merely stepping from your auto after a short drive. There is, however, back country fishing second to none, for the angler that enjoys hiking or pack trips with horses.

This small corner of the world that we hope to share with you as shown on our accompanying map offers the ultimate for the fishing sportsman that appreciates and preserves the outdoors. It is great and will only remain great by every sportsman's efforts. Here will be found not only fish, but scenic beauty that needs protection against thoughtless littering and defacing. Fishing regulations are set to promote good fishing, limits are liberal on the catches allowed in possession. We encourage the catching and releasing of trout to be caught another day. Just because you play golf, you don't have to keep and eat the golf balls. Trophy sized trout are abundant here and do look wonderful gracing a board in your home. Ask us for fishing regulations, as year to year changes occur.

Fishing is a universal sport in the methods used to catch trout. In these waters are found conditions that will suit the fisherman that prefers to fish with bait, or for those wishing to use lures, for those desiring fishing by trolling or for the fine method of fishing with flies. The fly fisherman will find some streams within Yellowstone National Park restricted to fishing with only artificial flies.

For the fisherman that has learned to catch trout with bait on small brook trout streams or still fishing in a lake, here he can enjoy the best. Worms are legal bait in all waters open to fishing with bait. Garden worms or red worms preferred by some and the garter snake sized night crawler employed by other bait fisherman. Minnows are prohibited in all waters, Salmon eggs are not permitted in Montana or Yellowstone National Park. Shore casting with the wiley night crawlers in lakes has proven the undoing of thousands, ye millions of trout, and famous Hebgen lake trout are particularly receptive to worms cast from shore. *and* The trout here will run 12-18 inches and each season produces lunkers 5-15 pounds. The largest in the past few seasons, 23# brown taken from the shore.

Spinning has broadened the anglers horizon for different and lighter lures. The trout in surrounding streams and lakes have looked over an astounding variety of lures. These trout have decided that they prefer certain colors, shapes and actions of lures in various waters and at certain times during the season. The daredevil type spoon in *various different* sizes and colors is an old reliable, wobblers and the free spinning weighted spinner also tremendous. Don't overlook small light single hooked lures fished on lightweight line. Fish your favorite lures hard and check with us for special ones effective in these waters.

Fly fisherman will find the Madison river in Yellowstone Nat'l Park, Firehole river and the Gibbon Falls river upstream to Gibbon Falls restricted entirely for them, only artificial flies permitted here. These streams have been rated with the best in the World (I'm sure they have been at least in the U.S.) For the angler preferring meandering glassy water to cast flies to, here is typical water in these streams. For those preferring larger streams go immediately to the Yellowstone river as it

moves downstream through awe inspiring Hayden Valley. For rocky rushing pocket water see the Gallatin, and of course combining every conceivable desire of the fly man and have them satisfied on the Mighty Madison river downstream from Slide lake.

Fly hatches appear all season with concentrated hatches during seasonal development. The big Salmon fly that emerges in untold numbers and sweep the lower Madison in egg bombing missions from mid-June thru early July will give fly fisherman literally "fits". As these flies fall to the water, rainbows and brown trout gobble them. Big trout are gluttonous for these bugs. Even though the adult fly is ~~several~~/several inches long we have examined trout stomachs that were crammed with 100's of these succulent insects.

The May flies, Dunns and March Brown that appear classically on streams in Yellowstone Park, the hordes of nymph on the bottom of all streams keep the angler busy and the trout interested. Grasshoppers appear in mid-season and flies to imitate them will catch big trout. Lakes like Hidden, Wade, Hegben and others provide other facets for the fly fisherman to see and enjoy.

Over the years local fly patterns are created and refined for these streams and peculiar conditions. We are proud to know these "killers" and will advise you. Your favorite fly patterns will catch fish here as everywhere, but don't hesitate to do as the Romans do.

Now let's go out on the stream or lake. Look over the suggested places to go on the map. These locations have been selected because they are usually good and you will catch fish there provided everything else is equal, but there are hundreds of other places you will discover that you will find equally good or better. Sometimes fisherman suspect us of having secret places where we catch all the fish. With most all these waters accessible by car and in full view to everyone, there are no secret places. We tell you all we can, we are anxious for you to have good sport (we need to eat). Our store prides itself on having what you need, the most reliable information first, then to supply you with the best tackle, freeze and store your trout, provide you with dry ice to transport or ship your catch, we will arrange for guides for private parties or group trips. We offer repair service, rental service, fly tying and will listen to all fish stories. (once)

**A FEW SUGGESTED "HOT SPOTS"**

287 Ranch.

1. Hebgen Lake - For those that wish to rent boats on the lake you may do so at Madison Arm Resort, turn left just before crossing the Madison River North of town on hiway 191, boats available on the North shore of the lake at "The Narrows", "Lakeview", "Ball's Hebgen Lake Lodge", and Kirkwood Trolling flat fish or Pop Geer trolls the usual favorites.

Shore casting with worms is a reliable method of taking trout in Hebgen. Two old standby locations are: Mormon Point and Rainbow Point. To reach Mormon Point, proceed about 4 miles from the Trout Shop on hiway 191 and 20, turn right and follow Hebgen Arm road about 4 miles, turn left and follow one of several "fishing" roads to a choice section of beach. Rainbow Point road on Horse Butte leaves hiway 191 north of W. Yellowstone about 5 miles from the Trout Shop, turn left and follow gravel road to lake shore. Many, many other excellent areas can be found on the West and North Shore of the lake. ~~West shore road leaves~~

*hiway 191-20 7 miles from the Trout Shop, turn left. Hiway 287 follows the shoreline along north side of Hebgen.*

Fishing with flies and casting to rising fish can be jolting fun here in this versatile lake too. Woolly Worm flies fished as sinking nymphs are good. 14-16 and 18 sized dry flies will seduce the big submarine browns surfacing and gulping clumps of tiny dark flies in later part of the summer.

2.) The south Fork, The coldest stream in this area, Recent years has been heavily stocked with Rainbow. This stream has a fine gravel bottom excellent for spawning which lures the trout from Hebgen Lake. Huge trout often linger here after spawning. This stream appeals to all fisherman as it makes continous horse shoe bends and undercut banks. Water is always gin clear, requires careful approach. Upper South Fork may be reached by following road that turns left from highway 191-20 about 2 miles west of town. Beaver dams here create large ponds.

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14 Lower South Fork, turn right after leaving the trout shop and traveling slightly more than 4 miles on hiway 191-20 west. Numerous wood roads will lead you to the stream. Flies, worms or lures all excellent here.

3.) Duck Creek, a small stream rising in Yellowstone Park. Again lunker class brown trout find Duck Creek suitable spawning grounds and many stay and set up house keeping. The careful fly fisherman find Duck Creek very rewarding using either wet or dry flies. Lure fisherman will score here if willing to fish upstream on long casts and donating some lures to the bottom. Early season, try fishing that portion of the stream west of highway 191, walk downstream to the meeting of Duck Creek with Cougar Creek, fish your way back. Find Duck Creek upstream from Koelzer's Ranch after turning right from hiway 191 approximately 7 miles from the Trout Shop. Follow this dirt road to Yellowstone Park boundary, leave car and follow upstream in wide meadow.

4.) Cougar Creek--Eastern Brook can be had here and of course be prepared to hook brown trout and Rainbow. Turn right on hiway 191 about 6 miles from the trout shop, winding wood roads will show you the stream. Cougar is not easy to fish due to brush, snags and an occasional moose, but will provide fine sport particulary to the bait fisherman.

5.) *Quake* Slide Lake August 17, 1959 about midnight, an earthquake shook a mountain top into Madison Canyon creating a lake by stopping off the Madison river. Following the earthquake, heavy equipment cut a channel through the slide allowing the river to flow again, but a lake reamins for several miles above the slide. This slide area is an attraction every visitor will want to see. Fisherman will find great opportunity here to try all their skills with either bait, lures or flies. That portion of Madison river from Hebgen dam as it flows into Slide Lake downstream from "Campfire Lodge" (a fine fishing resort) is an excellent feeding area. Fish Slide Lake where Beaver Creek and other creeks enter the lake. These streams are constantly bringing food into the lake. Fish will be found throughout the lake, so explore.

6.) Lower Madison. That part of this great river from Hebgen dam downstream is referred to as lower Madison. All of this great river has fish, the numbered spots with the mileage from the Trout Shop are sections of the river we hope you will find good, as has been our experience, and then fish any others that look good to you. The character of the Madison here is a fast moving river with small to huge boulders. The rocks are exceedingly slippery and combined with fast current means tricky wading. The rushing water and absence of gliding pools may cause you concern at first, but watch for fish holding runs around partially submerged boulders. Water only knee deep may be the feeding station for trout weighing several pounds. A safe rule when first getting acquainted with the Madison is

cover all the water that you can. Dry flies tied to float in fast rough water are terrific. Fish wet flies deep. Remember the Salmon fly hatch from mid-June to mid July. Joe's Grasshopper fly fished dry is hard to beat. See us for special patterns developed for the Madison. Spin fisherman will find this river good for them too, but the rocks will take their toll of lures. Daredevils, Wobblers, and the Mepps type lure are suggested. The Madison is famous for many reasons, but is always remembered as the stream that will give you trout from 6" to 6#. See numbers and mileage from the Trout Shop. 7-33, 7-34, 7-45, 7-25

Desirable camping grounds with pump, and sanitation facilities are located in Madison Canyon approximately 25 miles from The Trout Shop on highway 287, also the West Fork Camp near Hutchins's Bridge 40 miles from THE TROUT SHOP. The West Fork of the Madison is a small tributary stream, because of its size results can be on again & off again.

Upper Madison <sup>(16)</sup> from where the river enters Hebgen Lake and upstream to its headwaters at Madison Junction in Yellowstone Park is locally referred to in this manner. Now the character of this river is entirely different than farther down stream. The river moves more slowly with boiling, tricky eddies, long flat glides and some definite pools. Commencing in early June will be beautiful hatches of May flies followed by March Browns, Dunns, and the dragon flies. Here the dry fly fisherman that pursue the classic sport of dry fly angling, will have a gladdened heart. Matching the hatch and casting to rising slurping trout will be your pleasure.

The Madison near "Thornton's Camp" downstream to Hebgen Lake and upstream to the park boundry above "Baker's Hole" camp is water that ordinarily produces well in early season and again late September and early October. Large brown trout up to 7 and 8 pounds have been taken in this area the last few seasons. Try big streamers here and remember all of this river in the park is Flies only.

General Begin using dry flies as soon as the waters clear in early June, each day will get succeedingly more abundant hatches, with the peak reached late June. Wet fly fisherman will find big nymph imitations fished deep, and reliably black in color best, bucktails should be used all season - big one and usually dark in coloration. A sinking wet fly line makes a difference. There are some periods when the reverse is true and small dark nymphs and wet flies required, but those periods are exceptions and not the rule. Long leaders with diameters to suit conditions best is Very important.

Every stream has it's favortie stretches or pools and the Madison has with such names as "Back of the Barns" <sup>(16)</sup> 1/2 mi. turn left on sign indicating camp area after travelling from the Trout Shop into Yellowstone Park by the west Gate. Try three "holes" starting with number 1 just downstream from cable crossing due east of the "Barns", number 2 downstream 1/2 mile. #3 may be reached by continuing north through the woods and bearing to the left as you first sight the barns after leaving main hiway. The "Slow Bend" about <sup>(16)</sup> 5 mi. from The Trout Shop, watch for trout feeding near the far bank. <sup>(16)</sup> 9 mi "Nine Mile" marked by oiled pull out, large boulders on near bank, cast big wet fly along far bank. <sup>(16)</sup> 12 1/2 miles from the Trout Shop, the "Meadows" fine dry fly water. Big large bucktails, wooly worms fished deep, good anywhere all seasons  
Fire hole river <sup>(17)</sup> Fish this stream with dry flies and nymphs primarily.

<sup>(16)</sup> Here is a stream that captivated the great Ray Bergman, see TROUT BY Seven Mile Bridge, turn right just before crossing the Madison into small grove of pines work upstream.

Mr. Bergman. The Firehole is the stream that will makê a champion of a duffer one day and a duffer of the champion on others. Traditionàlly, we have found June and sometimes a part of July the best of the Firehole then again in September and October. The lull in between attributed to warm water. Brown trout 16-18 inches should be taken here frequently and a big one 22-24 not unlikely. There are rainbows too, but the brown is the challenge here. Careful selection of flies and leaders will be necessary. Remember, only fly fishing here. Fish - 17-14 1/2 mi 17-19 mi 17-20 mi, 17-21 mi, 17-23 mi, 17-27 mi. Gibbon. Smaller with thinner water depth and trout wary. There are some prize trout in this fine stream. Stretches of the stream appealing to the dry fly angler would be 17-15 mi and 17-18 mi Small dry flies early season and grasshopper fly later. Remember "flies only" up to Gibbon Falls.

Grebe Lake <sup>20</sup> Looking for Grayling? Leave your car and hike about 45 min for a relatively easy hike to fish for a scarce species of fish. Here in Grebe with small flies or spinning you will find grayling and rainbows. A large grayling is 16". Remember your conservation as this is another vanishing game animal. The magnificent dorsal fin is one way to identify this beauty.

Yellowstone River. <sup>23</sup> Upstream from Canyon and through Hayden Valley, will be found coursing a river and a trout fisherman's river in every sense. It is pure in its specie ~~holding~~ holding only the black spotted Yellowstone Cut Throat trout. Enchanting to view and wonderfully productive. Here you may employ bait, lures or flies and the best results no doubt with flies and lures. The Yellowstone has delightful hatches, but are usually short ones about twice each day, fly fisherman be on hand for these. When fish are not rising its hard to beat the Yellowstone Wolly Worm Fly or try spinning if you prefer. <sup>23</sup> - 4/5 mi Try the area near Dragon's Mouth.

Yellowstone Lake <sup>22</sup> Fishing Bridge needs no description, but if you wish to troll the lake, cast from shore or fly cast, Yellowstone lake will reward you with cut-throat trout averaging about 14 inches and fine specimen to 20 inches not uncommon.

Lewis <sup>26</sup> Lake Take your own boat, Lake Trout and browns here. Deep trolling for the big maciknow or Lake Trout. Fly fisherman will find the mouth of Moose river as it enters Lewis a good spot at times.

Shoshone Lake <sup>25</sup> No boats available. May be reached from Lewis Lake by proceeding up Moose river that joins the two lakes. Maciknaw, browns, brook trout here. Trolling by spinners or flatfish has been successful other times.

Hidden Lake <sup>11</sup> Rainbow and brilliant red stripes on this sides, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 pounds in a true blue mountain lake. Arrangement may be made at "Selby's Ranch" for transportation to the lake and for a boat. While at Selby's, fish Elk Lake for Grayling, Maciknaw and Cut throat trout and also some rainbow. Turn at sign "Boot Jack Pass" on highway 191-20 18 miles from T. Shop - follow dirt road marked by occasional signs

Wade and Cliff Lake <sup>9-10</sup> Like Hidden and Elk Lake these two lakes are very near one another. Boats are available on each lake, big trout in the 1020# class have been taken from Wade and often enough to keep you nervous. Your car will take you to both of these wonderful lakes. Neely's Ranch on Cliff Lake also will arrange trips to Hidden Lake and boats.

Henry's Lake <sup>13</sup> Big brook trout 3# and better are very plentiful. Rainbow and hybrid Cut throat 4-15# caught regularly. Wet fly fisherman once they learn the particular rules for this lake will catch big fish.

Trolling from opening day, traditionally June 4, until about July 31 is possible. The heavy aquatic grass is a problem. Spinning with lures and bait is good throughout the season. Idaho Fishing permits required. Boats are available at several locations on the lake.

Graying Creek (21) Very few of these grayling are left in the stream but marked remains. Downstream from highway 287 the creek makes continuous bends and some deep pools. Early season spin and bait fishing suggested. Upstream from highway 287 will be found a portion of the stream bordered by the colorful Dude "Guest" Ranch, the Morris Parade Rest Ranch. Some portions of Graying Creek may be fished (21-12) where highway 191 North crosses about 12 miles from the Trout Shop. Mostly brown and rainbow trout with occasional native cutthroat.

Gallatin (24) Rising in Yellowstone Park and paralleling highway 191 for several miles within the park it is a small stream. As you go north on 191 you will have the Gallatin within a stone's throw of the road for 40 miles and tributary streams add to its flow to form a clear, rocky, fast moving river of moderate size. The fish are predominantly rainbow trout that rise wonderfully to dry flies, or will take lures or bait if you prefer. Average size of trout will be 8-14 inches with an occasional big fish. The Gallatin flows through a long beautiful canyon about 35 miles from the Trout Shop. Campsites are plentiful and well attended for by U. S. Forest Service.

Along the Gallatin will be seen the ~~famous~~ Dude "Guest" ranches such as

Elkhorn 9 Quarter Circle, 350 Ranch  
Rainbow Ranch and others' farther down  
stream. Fry 28-35, 24-45 miles. 24-20

18 The Little Firehole - During the summer's  
warmest part trout often migrate here to  
find cooler water, conditions are extremely  
difficult and would challenge the most  
meticulous angler with light, long leaders  
necessary.

Note - This part of the Firehole was loaded  
with Trout late last summer, but no one  
had much luck catching them. Maybe  
that we won't want everyone to get this  
information.

Conditions change from day to day  
on all streams and lakes. The information  
given above is based over a long period of  
observation and deals with general conditions.

Don't hesitate to ask for help we are looking  
grateful for the opportunity to give you  
information on conditions as they change  
from day to day. Remember you should  
always try to be at your favorite  
fishing location last week or it will  
be better if <sup>you</sup> could be there next week.  
ask for Bud Lilly or Chuck Gosh

Respectfully and apologetically submitted  
Bud -

Thank You

Mother





For the toughest job on  
earth, well done

Love  
Bud

Chairwoman Cindy Younkin and the  
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February 13, 2003

Dear Chairwoman Younkin and the Natural Resources Committee:

I am writing to urge you to vote against HB 467 in Committee. The bill is anti-citizen and anti-water and demeans not only the public petition process but ignores the importance of clean rivers and waters in Gallatin County and Montana. The citizens of the Gallatin watershed not only support the Gallatin Outstanding Water Petition but we support the Petition Process. HB 467 opposes both.

I would have attended your hearing and presented my testimony in person but illness precludes the trip. Please accept my comments to the Committee in writing and consider them as though presented in person.

I have built my career on the importance of clean flowing rivers and waterways, and am a staunch supporter of citizens' rights to clean waters. The ORW process is one of the best mechanisms for citizens to analyze and promote clean waters. HB 467 will eviscerate the citizens' rights by making the public pay for the petition process and by creating a "necessary" standard that simply can not be met by any measure.

HB 467 unreasonably creates an impossible standard to meet - that something is absolutely necessary. This is just foolish, given that water can be degraded to the limits of the standard before the law is considered to fail, despite antidegradation or related provisions. Therefore it is impossible for ORW protection to be LEGALLY NECESSARY if the existing law exists. However, it is FUNCTIONALLY NECESSARY to keep our few high quality waters high quality. HB 467 is a ruse to define permanent degradation as the rule and insure that industry can continue to permanently degrade where it suits them. I disagree: Some areas simply deserve protection from permanent degradation. There are not many left and HB 467 insures that none will remain in future generations.

HB 467 also unreasonably makes citizens pay to use the State's petition process. With HB 467, the Legislature gives with one hand and takes with the other, because no citizen or non-industry interest could possibly afford to pay for the process. The state is supposed to pay for this type of thing. HB 467 tells the public to be damned and tells industry it has free reign to permanently degrade where it pleases.

With a troubled economy, the state cannot afford to continue permanently degrading our few remaining high quality rivers. There are not many left and once permanently degraded, they are gone. These are the future not only of our children but the fishing, floating, and recreation industries that is growing and sustainable. In Gallatin County, where a number of Natural Resources Committee members reside, tourism and recreation are the future of our economy. For an out of county legislator to propose a retroactive bill that effectively kills the Gallatin ORW petition, and all citizens' use of the petition process in the future is outrageous and demeaning.

I greatly urge you to vote against HB 467. A Committee vote in favor of this bill is anti-citizens rights, anti-water, and anti-democratic. I especially urge Committee members from Gallatin County to vote against it - because of the great support the Gallatin Petition has in our County. It is supported by businesses, the County Commission, the City, and a majority of citizens. Environmental issues are not often the bell-weather of voters, but the ORW is not just about the environment - it is about the peoples' rights and our futures.

Please vote against HB 467 in Committee.

Thank you

Bud Lilly  
Bud Lilly's Trout Shop

**As we develop Montana's energy resources, it's important we have Public Service Commissioner's who recognize both the critical importance of protecting the quality of Montana's water resources and the immeasurable value of our rivers and streams as riparian habitat and quality fisheries.**

**I say this both as a person who cares deeply about preserving the quality of Montana's water resources and as a businessman who's spent a lifetime providing quality fishing products and services to Montanan's and folks from across our country and around the world.**

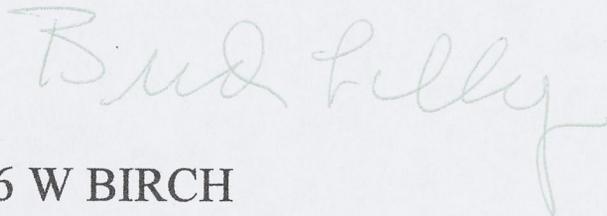
**John Vincent's long record of respecting and protecting our rivers and streams makes it clear that he's the kind of person we need on the PSC.**

**Both in the state legislature and as a Gallatin County commissioner, John worked hard to protect our rivers and streams.**

**In the legislature, John sponsored and passed legislation to strengthen Montana's Stream Preservation Act by protecting our river and stream beds from encroachment and damage. As a Gallatin County Commissioner, he led the effort to establish 300 foot development setbacks on major rivers and 150 foot setbacks on perennial streams. For his leadership on this important effort, John received a 2006 Outstanding Individual Achievement Award from the Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.**

**I support John Vincent for the Public Service Commission because his record clearly shows that he'll defend both our water resources and our rivers and streams from harm as we carve out a new and cleaner energy future for Montana.**

**BUD LILLY**



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