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DR. PERRY:

THIS LETTER IS TO REPORT PROGRESS ON MY INTERNSHIP WITH
THE SANDUSKY REGISTER. I APOLOGIZE FOR USING ALL CAPS IN THIS
LETTER, BUT MY TYPEWRITER HAS RECENTLY DEVELOPED A SEVERE
IMPAIRMENT OF THE LOWER CASE.

I MUST ALSO SINCERELY APOLOGIZE FOR SUBMITTING TWO WEEKS
OF MATERIAL IN ONE REPORT. BELIEVE ME, I UNDERSTAND BOTH THE
IMPORTANCE OF WEEKLY REPORTS AND THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH
IT COUNTS TOWARD MY INTERNSHIP. THERE WERE, OF COURSE, CIRCUMSTANCES
BUT I WILL OFFER NO EXCUSE AS I AM SURE YOU HAVE HEARD THEM
BEFORE. SUFFICE IT TO SAY YOU WILL HEAR FROM ME WEEKLY IN THE
FUTURE.

MY FIRST DAY ON THE JOB I ACCOMPANIED THE REGULAR POLICE
REPORTER ON HIS ROUNDS.. HE WAS TO COVER A TRIAL IN TOLEDO AND
GO ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO MICHIGAN AND I WOULD REPLACE HIM.
THE REGULAR POLICE ROUNDS INCLUDE: FIRE AND AMBULANCE, SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, CITY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, POLICE, HIGHWAY PATROL
AND A FEW LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

TYPICAL POLICE CALLS INVOLVING THEFT OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
OR OVER IS INCLUDED IN THE ALMANAC AND IS A STRAIGHT FORMULA. IT
IS THE FIRST THING I DO WHEN I COME INTO THE OFFICE SO IT WILL BE
OUT OF THE WAY.

AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE MY FIRST DAY I MET CAPT. MCDOWELL,
THE OPERATIONAL HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT. HE TOLD US
ABOUT THREE LOCAL BOYS SOUGHT BY FLORIDA POLICE FOR A
MURDER.

THE POLICE REPORTER WAS GETTING FOLLOWUP INFORMATION

ON A BOY WHO HAD BEEN HIT BY A TRAIN A FEW DAYS BEFORE

SO I TALKED TO THE CAPTAIN. I ASKED TO SEE THE

TELETYPE ON FROM FLORIDA A ND HE SHOWED IT TO ME AND

EXPLAINED THE CODES USED. I WENT BACK AND WROTE ALMANAC

NOTICES AND THE MURDER STORY WHICH APPEARED WITH LITTLE CHANGE

ON PAGE ONE.

THAT AFTERNOON I ASKED TO SEE THE LIBRARY FACILITIES

AND TRIED TO EDUCATE MYSELF ON THE ECONOMIC AND GEOGRAPHIC

MAKEUP OF THE CITY. MR. BROWN ALSO HAD A FEW BOOKLETS

FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WHECH AT LEAST GAVE ME A GOOD

IDEA OF THE TYPES OF INDUSTRY AND SERVICES IN THE CITY.

I ALSO TOOK A DRIVE AND GOT LOST A FEW TIMES, BUT FIGURED OUT THE MAIN ROADS AND STATE ROUTES. FOR ITS SIZE SANDUSKY IS VERY SPREAD OUT AND THE MAP BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE WHATEVER TO A GRID.

LEARNING THE PHYSICAL AND POLITICAL MAKEUP OF THE CITY JOINED WITH ADAPTING TO THEIR VDT SYSTMEM WERE MY PROJECTS FOR THE FIRST TWO AFTERNOONS. THEIR VDT'S ARE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THE ONE IN THE READING ON WHICH YOU INSTRUCTED MY NEWS II CLASS MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. SO I WAS RUSTY AND UNFAMILIAR WITH THEIR CODES.

ON THE SECOND DAY I AGAIN ACCOMPANIED THE POLICE REPORTER

AND THE MURDER STORY REMAINED MINE. I KNEW THAT THE THREE

MEN HAD BEEN PICKED UP AN HOUR OR SO AFTER THE REGISTER CAME

OFF THE PRESS MONDAY. MCDOWELL TOLD ME THE CIRCUMSTANCES

SURROUNDING THE CAPTURE. AT THAT TIME I COULD NOT TALK

TO THE FLORIDA OFFICIALS BECAUSE THEY HAD JUST ARRIVED AT

CLEVELAND HPKINS AND WOULD NOT GET INTO TOWN UNTIL PAST

DEADLINE.

I HAD A FEW QUOTES FROM THE FLORIDA DETECTIVE FROM A CALL
I MADE TO FLORIDA ON MONDAY. I ALSO CALLED A FLORIDA NEWSPAPER
(AT THE SUGGESTION OF MY CITY EDITOR) AND GOT SOME MORE ON
THE DISCOVERY OF THE BODY IN A SWAMP.

THAT AFTERNOON I CALLED THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE A FEW DOZEN
TIMES IT SEEMS. THE FLORIDA POLICE WERE INTEROGATING THE
SUSPECTS AND NO ONE ELSE KNEW ANYTHING. I DIDN'T WANT THE.
FLORIDA PEOPLE TO LEAVE BEFORE I TALKED WITH THEM SO I WENT TO
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AROUND THREE, AND WAITED.

FROM ONE SPOT I COULD SEE ANYONE ENTERING OR LEAVING, THE PARKENG LOT AND THE HALLWAY OF THE HOLDING CELLS WHICH CONTAINED TWO OF THE SUSPECTS.

EVENTUALLY TWO VERY DETECTIVE LOOKING TYPES CAME OUT OF ONE OF THE CELLS WITH MCDOWELL WHO SAW ME AND WAVED ME BACK TO HIS OFFICE WITH THEM WHERE I WAS INTRODUCED. THEY TOLD ME TWO OF THE THREE HAD MADE STATEMENTS AND THAT THEY WOULD BE IN TOWN AT LEAST THROUGH THE NEXT DAY.

THE NEXT MORNING WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AT ABOUT EIGHT FIFTEEN MCDOWELL TOLD ME EXTRADITION HEARINGS
WERE SCHEDULED AT EIGHT THIRTY ACCROSS THE STREET AT THE COURTHOUSE.

I THOUGHT FOR A MINUTE WHETHER I HAD TIME TO COVER THE RAMAINDER

WOULD TAKE PLACE. I THEN RAN BACK DOWNSTAIRS TO THE BUILDING'S ONLY PAY PHONE AND CALLED MY CITY EDITOR. I TOLD HIM WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND THAT I HADN'T BEEN TO THE CITY BUILDING YET AND DID HE WANT TO SEND A PHOTOGRAPHER AS THE SUSPECTS WOULD SOON BE WALKED OVER FROM THE JAIL. HE SAID TO STAY PUT.

I WENT BACK UPSTAIRS TO COURT. SOON TWO SUSPECTS WERE BROUGHT
IN A FEW MINUTES APART AND CAREFULLY KEPT SEPARATED. SEVERAL
DEPUTIES WANDERED ABOUT AS DID MCDOWELL AND THE FLORIDA DETECTIVES.
I WANDERED FROM GROUPING TO GROUPING OF OFFICERS AND OVERHEARD
THAT TWO WERE READY TO SIGN WAIVERS OF EXTRADITION AND THE OTHER
MIGHT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. I ALSO TALKED TO THE
PUBLIC DEFENDER WHO WOULD REPRESENT ONE OF THEM. HE SAID THAT
ONE WANTED ONLY TO SEE HIS MOTHER, WHO LIVED IN A NEARBY TOWN,
BEFORE BEING TAKEN BACK.

THE HEARINGS BEGAN. CARTE FIRST THEN TIQUANO. EACH SIGNED AFTER HIS HEARING. THE THIRD MAN, STEVENS, WOULD BE HEARD'IN JUVENILE COURT SINCE HE WAS SEVENTEEN. (INCIDENTLY ON THE FIRST DAY STORY IT WAS NOTK KNOWN BY US OR THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES THAT ONE SUSPECT WAS A JUV. THEY GAVE US THE THREE NAMES WITHOUT AGES SO THAT DECISION WAS MADE FOR US).

THE STEVENS HEARING WAS DELAYED WHEN THE JUDGE INSIGNED
A LAWYER BE FOUND FOR HIM, ALTHOUGH HE HAD WAIVED THAT, BEDAUSE
HE WAS A JUV. WE WERE ON EARLY DEADLIN THAT DAY BECAUSE OF
REPAIRS IN THE PRESSROOM AND IT WAS BY NOW WITHIN A HALF HOUR
OF THAT DEADLINE. I HAD GONE DOWN TO THE PAY PHONE TWICE AND
IT WAS IN USE SO I FINALLY DECIDED TO LEAVE AND TRY TO CALL
IN JUST BEFORE THE STORY WENT IN.

I HURREDLY WROTE THE STORY AND CALLED THE COURTHOUSE:
THE HEARIN STILL HADN'T STARTED.

THE STORY WENT LARGELY AS I WROTE IT, BUT WHILE EDITING
THE CITY EDITOR ASKED IF THE POLICE HAD ELABORATED ON
THE STATEMENTS. (IN MY STORY I SAID ONLY THAT TWO HAD MADE
STATEMENTS ALTHOUGH A DETECTIVE HAD TOLD ME MORE) I HAD DONE
WHAT WAS TAUGHT TO ME IN NEWSWRITING. I TOLD MY BOSS THE
POLICE SAID THE STATEMENTS WERE A VIRTUAL CONFESSION. HE ASKED
THE M.E. "WHAT DO YOU THINK, JIM, SHOULD WE LET THEM TRY THESE
GUYS IN FLORIDA OR SHOULD WE TRY THEM HERE TOO?" BROWN SAID
GO WITH IT AND WE PUT IT IN.

THAT CASE WAS THE HIGHPOINT SO FAR AND I SUSPECT FOR SOME
TIME TO COME. I HAD A FEW SMALL POLICE STORIES THE REST OF THAT
WEEK AND A MEETING STORY OF THE ERIE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER,
FOR WHICH I'D PREPARED BY GOING THROUGH THE CLIPS ON FILE.

THE NEXT WEEK I COVERED A MEETING OF THE NAACP AND HAD

THE UNIQE AND SORDRING EXPERIENCE OF COVERING A SPEECH AND

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION GIVEN BY JIM BROWN, MY M.E.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN METICULOUS ON QUOTED MATTER AND AM GENERALLY

CONFIDENT OF ACCURATELY REPRESENTING A SPEAKER, BUT COVERING

YOUR M.E. WILL PUT ANYONE ON HIS BEST BEHAVIOR.

LATER THAT WEEK I PICKED UP ON AN AUTO ACCIDENT INVOLVING A FATALITY. I WROTE THE STORY STRAIGHT AND ANOTHER REPORTER WROTE FEATURE STUFF ON IT BECAUSE IT TURNED OUT THE DECEASED HAD JUST GRADUATED COVALEDICTORIAN OF HER CLASS. THE CITY EDITOR COMBINED THE TWO.

A JUVENILE HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH DWI AND RECKLESS OPERATION
IN THE ACCIDENT AND THE NEXT DAY WAS CHARGED WITH AGG. VEHICULAR
HOMICIDE. ACTUALLY THE WARRANT FOR THAT CHARGE WAS ISSUED, BUT

THE BOY NEVER MADE IT TO THE HEARING TO BE FORMALLY CHARGED BECAUSE HE WAS ADMITTED INTO THE HOSPITAL.

THURSDAY MORNING WHILE CHECKING WHEN THE HEARING WOULD BE
RESCHEDULED THE COURT REPORTER WAS TOLD THAT JACKSON WAS MISSING.
NEAR DEADLINE, AFTER I FINISHED SOME ROUTINE STORIES MR.
BROWN PUT ME ON THE STORY WITH THE COURT REPORTER TO TRY TO
TRACK DOWN THE DISSAPPEARANCE BEFORE DEADLINE.

THE BOY WAS LAST SEEN IN PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL. I

TALKED TO THE P.R. DIRECTOR WHO SAID HE'D PUT ME ON HOLD WHILE
HE TALKED TO THE ADMITTING PEOPLE. APPARENTLY HIS TELEPHONE
HAS PROBLEMS BECAUSE I COULD OVERHEAR HIS CONVERSATION WITH
THE NURSES ON THE OTHER LINE WHILE I WAS "ON HOLD". IT WAS
CLEAR THAT THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WENT AND THEY DECIDED TO
TELL ME HE MUST HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED.

WHEN HE CAME BACK ON THE LINE AND GAVE ME HIS STORY I ASKED,
IN ABOUT SIX DIFFERENT WAYS, IF JACKSON HAD BEEN OFFICIALLY
KELEASED AND IF THAT WAS RECORDED. HE SAID HE ASSUMED THAT.

I ASKED WERE THERE NO RECORDS? HE SAID HE ASSUMED THERE WERE.

I ASKED HIM IF HE KNEW WHETHER JACKSONLEFT IN ANY OFFICIAL

CAPACITY OR LEFT ON HIS OWN. HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW, AND IT WAS
DEADLINE SO WE JUST QUOTED HIM THAT WAY.

THAT AFTERNOON I CALLED ONE OF THE OTHER HOSPITALS AND

LEARNED THAT ADMITTING NORMALLY HAS A SHEET ON EACH PATIENT LISTING

THE VITAL STATISTICS AND THAT IF THE PATIENT WERE RELEASED A

DISCHARGE DATE WOULD BE ON THAT RECORD. SHE SAID THERE

WAS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "DISCHARGE" AND "RELEASE" AND THAT

OTHER SIMILAR RECORDS WERE KEPT IN MEDICAL RECORDS AND ON THE

PATIENTS FLOOR. SHE SAID SHE BELEIVED SUCH PROCEEDURES WERE

STANDARD FOR ALL HOSPITALS.

I CALLED THE P.R. DIRECTOR SEVERAL TIMES AND THE ADMINISTRATOR

THE OFFICE. THE NEXT MORNING I TRIED SEVERAL MORE TIMES AND
THE ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE WAS FINALLY "IN". HE GAVE ME
THE SAME STORY. I ASKED HIM SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC
RECORDS AND WHY DIDN'T HE GO LOOK AT THEM INSTEAD OF DOING
ALL THAT ASSUMING. HE WAS FINALLY FORCED TO SAY THAT HE
KNEW WHAT THE RECORDS SAID AND THAT HE WAS UNWILLING TO
RELEASE THAT INFORMATION. HE THEN RATHER TIMIDLY ASKED WHAT
WE WERE GOING TO DO AND IT I SAID WE WOULD PROBABLY PRINT
THAT.

HE CALLED BACK FIVE MINUTES LATER (HALF HOUR BEFORE DEADLINE) AND SAID HE HAD EGG ON HIS FACE BECAUSE HE'D TALKED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD WHO TOLD HIM TO RELEASE THE INFORMATION. HE OPENED WIDE AND PROFIDED A DETAILED ACCOUNT, COMPLETE WITH MEDICAL CARE ADMINISTERED.

THAT'S ABOUT IT. AS I SAID YOU'LL HAVE THE THIRD WEEK REPORT PROMPTLY.

SINCERELY, MIKE JESSE

PXMX P.S. I'M TRYING TO LOCATE BARB GRUBB AND JENEANE GUTMAN.

IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE THEYVE EACH LOCATED I'D APPREADIATE
THE INFORMATION.

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Mr. Darrow:

My news items have calmed down considerably in their intensity from the first week. However two stories were something more than routine.

The first is the running saga of Randall Jackson, a suspect in a vehicular homicide case here. The beginnings of this appear in a previous internship report, but two stories and a blurb went into this one. The boy, who fled from a hospital here to avoid charges against him, was found in his hometown of Manchester Ky. But as you can see (6-26) he was released to his parents - who are charged here with aiding his escape. The lead in this story reads that he "appeared at an extradition hearing" that day. That's because someone from the courthouse down there told us that Jackson was in the hearing with attorneys at that moment (when we called just before deadline).

However, she was either misinformed or deceiving us for when I called back that afternoon she, or perhaps another woman, said she could not tell me if Jackson appeared at the hearing because that was confidential information. Informed her that it was not and she eventually told me that Jackson had skipped his court appearance. He is still missing.

The other story I found interesting was on an air pollution incident involving an aluminum smelting company and the mysterious deaths of hundreds of trees and plants a few months ago. The story (6-28) took no great investigative skills since the chief sanitarian - a great source of information - gave me the EPA report which laid the blame.

One sort of strange thing happened while I was writing. I had been trying to get in touch with the people at the plant for their side and finally got to a Jack Egan. I told him who I was and that I was a reporter for the Register and I asked my questions. He answered carefully not to admit any guilt, as anyone in his position probably would. But when I was done I asked his title in order to accurately identify him. He paused and then said he doesn't "do that sort of thing". I was genuinely puzzled and asked what sort of thing was that. He said interviews and such.

So I never did find out his title, but I certainly used what he had told me. I have generally been taught that "off the record" is something which cannot be created after the fact. I properly identified myself and he readily answered questions.

Most of my other articles have been pretty ordinary. People get arrested and other people have things stolen from them.

Sincerely,
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Dr. Endres

After nearly a month covering the police and fire I was sent down to the Register's Norwalk bureau because the regular Norwalk reporter was on vacation.

I had a new city to learn and a new machine to send my stories in on. The city is small (15,000) and covering my morning rounds took literally no more than twenty minutes -- on foot.

Our bureau office is in the basement of the Post office there and that building is within half a block of City Hall, police, fire, sheriff and courthouse. I checked with them for news and only rarely had something big enough to go with.

Fortunately I came in just when a local strike was reaching a breaking point. The country's only Fanny Farmer Candies plant is in Norwalk and is one of the largest employers. The local had been on strike for several weeks while the company, which had months of supplies stockpiled, waited out the strikers with a final offer.

On my first or second day on the job, the union was having a meeting to discuss the final offer at 10 a.m. So I went down to the local Moose Lodge where the vote was to take place. I figured I would blend in and get what I could before they checked I.D. cards.

What I didn't know is that nearly every Fanny Farmer employee is female and I was a little conspicuous. When the meeting started The union president asked that any non union members or any media people please leave. I figured I'd wait for a more direct request. He went on to explain the content of the new contract up for vote. I couldn't take notes, of course, so I tried to remember the points of the contract.

They were about ready to line up to vote and deadline was approaching so I figured I'd slip out when everyone got up to go vote. But just before that point someone asked me directly If I was a member of the union and since a bluff couldn't work in that situation anyway I said no I wasn't a member. They asked me to leave and I did.

I went back and wrote what I had and kept calling back right up to deadline to see what the vote was. Unfortunately it took until well past deadline so the story would have to go as it was.

That afternoon the union left a message at the bureau office that the vote had been 175 to 125 and the contract had been approved. Repeated calls to the union president's office determined that he steps out of the office a dozen times a day and is in conference a lot.

The next day we reported in a blurb the approval of the contract by that vote. That afternoon rumor had it that the vote was reversed and approval by one third plus one vote had ratified the contract. Still the union boss was stepping out of his office and the rank-and-file would do little more than confirm it.

Finally one union steward, apparently fed up with the leadership, agreed to talk. At the same time I talked to the people in Boston who run the company that runs Fanny Farmer and they were talking about a second plant.

By the 17th the rank-and-file wanted to be rid of the Teamsters union for good, and out of nowhere the union president called ME and apologized for being so terribly busy he could not return my call sooner.

The rest of Norwalk was little more than a police story here and there and a story about an impending motorcycle swap meet to be held in the village of New London. The citizens were upset with the prospect of several thousand Hell's Angels trashing their homes.

The last two days of that week I was back at the home office, but temporabily without a beat. I did a few rewrites and worked on two related stories on the gas situation. They weren't printed until the next week so I'll discuss them in the next report.

Sincerely, Mike Jesse

P.S. What would you have done in that union meeting? Stay or leave?

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Dr. Endres;

During this week of my internship I didn't have much to do. I was between beats since the Norwalk reporter was back and I would not go to the Bellevue/Clyde beat for another week. I did a few piles of rewrites, which I didn't clip, a couple of short layoff stories and a feature on a new lottery game which wasn't printed that week.

I enjoyed doing the gasoline stories because I like a little more depth than most stories entail. For these I started by going to all the K-mart type stores that have automotive departments to seek what gas crisis related products they were carrying.

Aside from walls of gas cans there wasn't anything new. A couple gas additives which have been around for years seemed to make more of a gas savings claim than they used to, but that was about it.

(One interesting thing happened at a local store. I was writing down some of the claims of gas additives when a manager type came by and told me no price writing was permitted in the store. I asked him what lawbook he found that power in and he didn't have one handy. I told him I really wasn't interested in the prices anyway.)

Then I called almost every gas and service station manager in town and asked about how their customers were buying gas. Did they have people who wanted to put leaded gas in unlended cars? Did they notice many burned out converters? Tune-ups. etc.?

After that was a long series of phone calls to the government red tape bureau. EPA, FTC, and the Better Business Bureau made up most of that, but every time I talked to one person I got two more names of people I really had to speak with to get the information I wanted. The layoff stories were pretty normal although I found it interesting that when I called Chrysler on Tuesday they had no layoffs planned, but three days later 96 people were out. Naturally I wouldn't expect them to say oh yes we'll layoff a hundred later this week. It was just funny how it happened. Incidently, auto related industries are pretty important in this town. The Big Three each have plants here that probably together employ close to a thousand people.

It was a bit frustrating not having a beat because I was trying to come up with good story ideas (in a town I have only lived in a little over a month) and those I could think of tended to fall in someone's beat.

Sincerely, Mike Jesse 8/17

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Dr. Endres:

This report includes the first of what is to be my two week stay at the state desk. I cover Bellevue and Clyde, two little cities to the southwest.

Nearly everything except meetings is done by phone and I had to call around until i found who was in charge of what. The regular reporter left me a nice pile of information on the city managers, councils and some developing stories, but she forgot to include the list of calls she made every morning. Police, fire and highway patrol - that kind of thing.

This was mostly regular stuff. Two things worth mentioning: I did a story about a helicopter/ambulance system one of the Toledo hospitals is developing. It was to land in Bellevue for a demonstration visit. I called the Toledo people and did a story on it for that day, leading off with it landing that morning but telling all about how it was formed, etc. The paper came out about 1:00 and at 2:00 the Toledo spokesman called me to say the helicopter was just put into regular service for an emergency here in Sandusky and it would be landing in half an hour. So we sent a photographer and did another story.

The other thing I want to mention is the lottery story (8-5). That was written a week or so before it was printed. The city editor had heard that a local newsdealer was to be one of the first places to offer the new daily game. I called the newsdealer and the lottery people and went to the library for background on the numbers game once I saw the similarity. It was funny because the lottery guy talks like a gangster and the newsdealer is an old Italian guy. Godfather III.

Mike Jasse

P.S. I got the job here. They upped my salary to starting level with a few weeks internship time left.
P.S.S. Any news on Frank's replacement and the director search?
P.S.S. (P.P.S.?) I apologize for being late a lot on these reports. Sometimes I have to dig back for clips i didn't take and sometimes the report lays around waiting to be stamped. Sorry.

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Dr. Endres;

Ninth week. This was my last week doing Bellevue and Clyde and there wasn't really anything unusual.

There was, of course, the same problem of going to a council meeting in a new town and trying to figure out the people and background. Councils in small towns tend not to have nameplates for the members, after all, we all know each other in Moosesnort, Ohio, don't we.

Distinct difference between the city councils in my two towns. In Clyde the councilmen and city manager seem to be the strong forces, while the president of council does little more than recite Robert's. In Bellevue, the council president sits up in what is usually the judge's bench and the meek little councilmen sit around waiting to endorse what is placed before them.

From now on I'll work the Castalia/Bay View beat. I didn't see much in the files on it so it either wasn't covered well or there isn't much to cover.

Mike Jesse

P.S. I'm enclosing some stuff I found in my files. Sharon has a file of other papers and speeches filed away and she might as well have this stuff too in case it even comes in handy. Frank left before he could look at a microfilm library proposal I worked out with a library science student I know. I'd still like someone to look at it but Mr. Darrow said the new stater advisor will be whoever is hired to replace frank as an instructor, so please let me know when the new person comes along.