★'S AND YOU

ARIES (March 21—April 19): You are in high spirits and full of optimism. All new undertakings will prosper. Good possibility of settling an important financial problem. Color Pink.

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TAURUS (April 20—May 20): Good propsects in your professional life and in the domestic sphere.

Material benefits bargains and satisfactory private purchases. Try to meet friends. Color Red.

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GEMINI (May 21 — June 20): Show that you can bring to a satisfactory conclusion anything you have started. The beginning, of the day my bring little obstacles, but later you will be able to surmount them. Color Black.

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CANCER (June 21—July 20): You will be very enterprising at work. Deal with everything and don't put off matters. Try to relax. Color Brown.

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LEO (July21—Aug. 22): You will be happy and carefree today and all your understanding will meet with success. Social success . . . Color Gray.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23—Sept. 22): New plans and projects. Take care not to be too critical of those around you, nor estrange those people who are fond of you. Color White.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23 — Oct. 22): Good prospects. A slight misunderstanding will be easily cleared up and you will conclude some successful business deals. The best of harmony among lovers. Color Orange.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23—Nov. 21): You will be some what upset by material details and by the behavior of someone dear to you. Today you find it hard to get on with people. Color Green

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22—Dec. 21): Very busy day, don't get overtired. Deal only with urgent correspondence and put off the rest for a more propitious day. Great social success. Color Blue

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22—Jan. 19): Forget your resentment. There is every chance of harmony with those around you. Favorable for business deals. Color Yellow.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20—Feb. 18): Forget your pride and listen to your heart; don't start arguments that may end in quarrels. Color Purple

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PISCES (Feb. 19—March 20): The general prospect is good, but you are somewhat moody and tire easily. Don't let slip a good opportunity, and consider favorable any proposition. Color Gold.

PEN PALS

Miss Marva Blanchard, 4205 Drakes Branch Road, 16, would like to correspond with boys and girls 16-20; Interests: skating, dancing, and singing.

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Miss Carmella Massidin, 2531 Oswego Ave., Baltimore, 21215 would like to corespond with pen pals 15-19; Interests: writing, dancing and watching TV.

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Miss Dorothy Smith, 15, 637 Nocturne Dr., Nashville, Tenn., 37207, would like to hear from boys and girls 15-20.

PRAYER

O, Lord, how bright the morning light, how cheerful and satisfying are these hours of the summer season, when serious work is put aside for rest and recreation.

Thank Thee for life and light and health and strength, for the use of limbs and right reason of our minds.

Bless the children, restore Thy servant, who is sick. Go with us this day, guide us.

Turn us aside from sin and from danger and keep us sweet. AMEN.

(From the Papers of Carl Murphy)

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ENGLISH

By CARROLL H. JONES

(Special or problem words)

Do you ever have doubts whether plural-sounding words like "measles, mathematics" and "ethics" should be followed by a singular or plural verb?

You would be unusual if you didn't. Final S doesn't always cause a noun appearing to be plural to be construed as plural.

Norman Lewis explains this paradox rather will in his "Better English" (Dell Publishing Co.), a handy reference guide that we recommended last week. Says he:

Measles IS a bad disease, or Measles ARE a bad disease?

Just as certain plurals look like singulars, so certain singulars, ending in S, look like plurals. For example: Measles, rickets, mumps, shingles, molasses, news, acoustics, mathematic, politics, athletics, economics, ethics.

PREFERABLE FORMS

Measles IS a bad disease.

Mumps IS catching.

IS rickets painful?

His shingles IS very bad today.

That molasses isn't very sweet, is it?

The news from Europe IS disturbing, as usual.

Acoustics IS studied in schools of engineering.

Mathematics IS an interesting subject.

Politics MAKES strange bedfellows.

Athletics IS important in a boy's development.

Economics IS studied in most colleges.

Ethics IS also studied in most colleges.

BUT:

The economics of your budget ARE all wrong.

What ARE the ethics of the situation?

The acoustics of that auditorium ARE wonderful.

His politics ARE wrong.

THUS

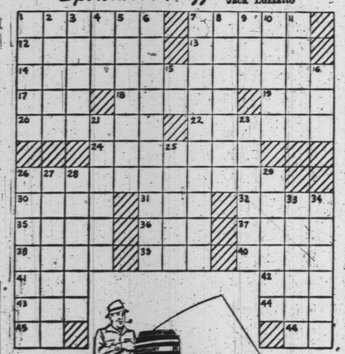
Diseases which end in S are singular.

Acoustics, Economics, Ethics, Mathematics, Politics and Athletics are singular when the words are used to denote subjects of study; otherwise they are plural.

NEWS is singular.

—portsword Puzzle

By Jack Luzzatto



ACROSS

1. Calk a leak (2 wds.)
7. Slanted rec tangle
12. Spin like a
13. Of a desert waterhole
14. Engine for propeller fishermen (2 wds.)
17. Dessert dish
18. King of Troy
19. Any small Caribbean isle
20. Seraglio
22. Times to fish with lights
24. He bought New Mexico and Arizona for the U.S.
26. California mountain country (2 wds.)
30. Water: Span.
31. Compete with
32. Take a break
35. Is in season, as fish
36. East northeast
37. Freshwater fishing spot
38. Breathe heavily
39. Relative: Abbr.
40. Graceful water bird
41. Limit on deer, at times
42. One — — time
43. Blade for the dinghy
44. A craving
45. Nova Scotia: Abbr.
46. — — Louis

DOWN

1. Parts of motorboats
2. Silent comic strip
3. Speak
4. Prattle
5. Heavens on earth
6. Fisher for special oysters
7. Fishing tackle (3 wds.)
8. Worse, as an actor
9. Orbiting Scientific Observatory
10. Athletic contest
11. Make grotesquely puffed up
15. Smallest state: Abbr.
16. Railways: Abbr.
21. Shocked by
23. Grows like a twisted oak
25. Fishing net
26. Spear a whale
27. Lizards
28. Hunter with rifle
29. Progress through the water
33. Big rays of Pacific coast waters
34. Dwellers

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AT LAST MR. BUMBLE HAS FOUND A WINNER

By BOOKER T. BUMBLE

At last we've got a winner.

It was a long hard job and the final choice was made on the basis of deep and conscientious thought on the part of the writer of the winning entry.

Miss Mattison, we believe, rendered her answer without anger but with pride, and a profound understanding of a deep and injurious problem.

If we have learned anything from this contest it should be that some Afro-Americans are lost and confused in a maze of fear

Black has become the "Boogeyman" to many people who have never known the truth about themselves.

The oddest thing is that many people who chose Negro and rejected black don't realize the words mean the same thing.

In my next contest we're going to talk about Astrology. Do you believe in it? Do you make your daily decisions according to what your Horoscope predicts?

If you do, I want to know why; if not I want to know that too.

In 75 words or less write to me and tell all. I won't project a deadline just yet because there are still a few letters for the present contest that haven't been printed.

So get started right away.

On this page the guidelines for the new contest appear in the box below under New Contest.

Read it carefully and be ready to win some big money prizes.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER $25

Miss Birdie Mattison
Route 5
Anderson, South Carolina

I think I should be called Black.

Calling our race black expresses the fact that we are as qualified to be called by an English name as any other race.

As opposed to the Spanish name, Negro, it also expresses our pride of our African heritage.

As opposed to the pride of having our beautiful race's color varified by the white race that is expressed in allowing ourselves to be called colored.

MISS ELEASE WHITE
1030 N. Broadway
Baltimore, Maryland 21205

I prefer to be called "Black."

For many years, to be called black meant an insult, but I have learned to appreciate the beauty of being black. My ancestors were.

Truly Yours,
(Mrs.) Elease White

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JOHN U. McLEMORE
2 Keer Avenue
Newark, N.J.

There are Polish Americans, Italian Americans, etc., so logically we are African Americans.

When we were taken from Africa we were called Africans.

When we were made slaves, the Slave masters called us Negro. We should call ourselves Afro Americans and discard the labels hung on us by slave owners.

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MISS PHILETIA MEDLEY
P.O. Box 202
Badin, N.C.

"What I would like to be called".

I most certainly do not want to be referred to as black, because black is a color formally used to represent deaths. Being called colored is better but not much because it could stand for any of the several personal colors. So if I have to be called anything call me a Negro because with a name like that a person can hold his head high.

MRS. MAE F. STUCKEY
Rt. 1, Box 192
Gibson, N.C., 28343

My pride is being a Negro, to stand up brave and tall, to be in the race of the Negroes, is the best race of all. My pride is being a Negro, to live with my race without shame. I am a Negro, Frances is my name.

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MISS ANDREA S. McCOY
555 Ludlow St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19139

Colored means in English dipped, dyed, stained, and not stable in core with nature.

Negro and N.... are the same. In Arabic Negro means something that is filthy.

I would prefer to be called Black because black is original, strong, clean and beautiful.

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MISS CLAUDYA KAI McKEE
1823 West Fayette Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21223

I would prefer to be known as a Negro distinction-wise.

Truthfully I would rather be called by my given name; and if race is the concern I would like to reply HUMAN!

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MISS IDA MAE EVANS
Route 1, Box 377
Georgetown, S.C.

I think our race should be known as Negro. Because I know nobody who wants to be classified as black or colored people.

MISS PATRICIA A. SIMMONS
Route 1, Box 74
Walterboro, S.C. 29488

I would rather be called Negro. All people are a color therefore everyone is a colored.

It is true that when we were slaves the word Negro was not known.

But it sounds better for a white man to say Negro than black man. The word Negro is a very respectable one and should be respected in every way.

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RODNEY W. BROWN
7629 East Capitol St., S.E.
Washington, D.C., 20019

Any Black who doesn't acknowledge the fact that he is black shows his ignorance.

The name Negro has had connotations because so-called Negroes originated from the immoral practices of slave owners on our ancestors. And everyone has a color.

Mine is black.

MISS RUTHIE SIMMONS
Route 1, Box 74
Walterboro, S.C.
29488

I woul drather be called black. The Negro has "black blood" no matter how they look or how light their skin. They are still black people and that is our color.

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MISS ELIZABETH SIMMONS
Route 1, Box 74
Walterboro, S.C., 29488

I would rather be called colored. The two words Negro and black do not describe us as we really are.

When our ancestors came from Africa they were not black but a mixture of colors.

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MRS. BETTY WARTHINGTON
1900 Savannah Terrace, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020

I would like to be called Negro because it spells us out as human beings and not as animals as we are sometimes referred.

NEW CONTEST

In Mr. Bumble's new contest you have to tell whether or not you believe in your Horoscope predictions.

Whether you do or not has to be included in the letter and take care not to let your entry exceed 75 words.

Here is an example: "I believe in the predictions of my Horoscope because each day for the past 12 years has proved to me that the predictions are true. I met my wife in 1956 on the 20th of September.

On that day my Horoscope read: "Good prospect for marriage."

Prizes for this contest will be $10 to the first place winner; $5 to the second place winner and $2.50 to the third place winner.

Get your entries in right away.

AARON GATEWOOD
Route 1, Box 48
Wadesboro, N.C.

I would not want to be called Black because it was used too often in the slavery period.

I would not want to be called Negro because I've heard it used wrong too often.

I would not want to be called Colored because, it is not a definite name for a race.

I would rather be called a name which shows our relationship between our ancestors of yesterday and tomorrow.

And this name is Afro American.

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C. R. BRYAN
2116 E. Hoffman St.
Baltimore, Md. 21213

I would not like to be called Negro because the white man called us that name and that is not our name. According to the scriptures we are the original Israelites: Colored, is many nations and we are not a black nation.

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MISS CAROLYN DeVAUGHN
110 West Henrietta Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

I prefer to be called a Negro, because its meaning is distinguished.

I belong to the dark or black race, but black doesn't fix me, black is dismal, and to be colored could mean being of any non-white race.

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MISS JEANNETTE STEPHENS
155 Pamphylia Avenue
Bridgeton, New Jersey

I like to be called "black" because it seems to fit better. After all, they call "white" men white which they aren't.

So I think they should call us black when although a majority of us are not black.

I have learned that black is truly beautiful.

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MRS. GLADYS POWELL
417 Mechanic Street
Camden, N.J., 08104

I think we should be called Negroes, because we are not black.

Black is such as a piece of coal or a playing record.

When God made us; he did not determine the color of skin.

If God made no distinction, why should the people?

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MISS MALDONIA GRIFFIN
Route 2, Box 636
Kingstree, S.C., 29556

I think our race should be called Negroes. It's obvious that we are colored and we realize that we are black people which we are proud of.

However we prefer being called Negroes because it shows respect, and we do consider ourselves a respectable race.

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MRS. ANNETTE HARRISON
2219 Linden Ave.
Baltimore, Md. 21217

Call men Negro. Why? Because if you purchase a can or jar of different vegetables or fruit it's referred to as mixed. However, a mixed race of people is referred to as being Black, Colored or Negro. I feel that this word Negro brings the light, or mixed "blood," brown and dark under one title.

MISS PHEMIE HAWTHORNE
Rt. 2 Box 7-a
South Hill, Va.

I would like to be called Black. The reason I like to be called Black is because I am proud of my color. God made me this way. I am glad that he made me this way.

Nobody should be ashamed of his color no matter what color they are.

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ROBERT GATEWOOD
Route 1, Box 48
Wadesboro, N.C. 28170

I prefer Black.

The red Indian living in undiscovered America, the white men living in Europe, and the black man in the jungles of Africa, prove there isn't a colored race.

Europeans discovered America killed most of the reds, went to Africa, killed and took slaves to now called America.

Then comes the name Negro where white men call the slaves.

And I wouldn't want a name used in slavery times, used in a nation of freedom.

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MRS. AGNES BARBER
734 W. Fayette St.
Baltimore, Md. 21201

I prefer Negro because it's a classified title which unites us as a race regardless of whether our skin is black or colored.

I am black and proud but, Negro adds prestige or character whichever word you prefer and so much togetherness to make one group. United we stand, divided we fall.

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MISS PATRICIA WILLIAMS
2230 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

Negroes should be called Negroes because that's what they are. They shouldn't be called Black because black just like white is in art pertains to something neutral and that is something the Negroes and the Whites are not.

They shouldn't be called Colored because they're not orange, blue, or green.

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MISS DARLENE ADAMS
2204 Guilford Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Black is my race.

I prefer to be called black than Negro or colored because it makes me feel good when a white person calls me black, they think that they are hurting me, but they are really making me feel good inside.

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MISS BETTY J. CHAMBERS
5817 Blaine St. N.E. apt. 33
Washington D.C. 20019

I would rather be called colored, because I know what I am, if you call some people a Negro or black, most of them get angry.

I feel this way, colored is a more appropriate word, and it makes me know that the person, who calls me colored has feeling and respect for me as being a Human being.

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MRS. CURTIS ADAMS
Route 6, Box 219
Martinsville, Va. 24112

I prefer to be called Negro because, God planted us so his flower garden would grow many colors. I am a Hybrid Tea Negro.