

Mountain Views

By F. N. Fuller

We are in receipt this week of our second letter from Miss Jean Goddard of 121 Whitely street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England.

In this column we mentioned Miss Goddard's plea for pen pals from Owens Valley several weeks ago. We explained then, and we repeat now, that Miss Goddard is a very nice appearing young lady and is one who writes a letter which not only reflects sincerity, but indicates that the young lady is well educated, intelligent and intrigued with the Alabamas.

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Miss Goddard explains in this letter that she was first prompted to address a letter to "the mayor or editor of Lone Pine," when she learned of the community's existence in a Hopalong Cassidy picture. She confesses that "I love them—crazy though it may seem for a grown-up," (she is 21), and explained that she decided then to learn more about Lone Pine and its country by appealing to "folks over here" to write to her.

We mailed Miss Goddard a copy of our column mentioning her first letter and we thought you'd be interested in her reply.

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Miss Goddard reports that "until now, the response to my appeal for pen pals hasn't been very terrific." She explains: "Maybe you frightened the good people away by the remark about the corned beef."

Miss Goddard makes it clear that she is not at all concerned with receiving "corned beef", but would like to correspond with Inyoites. She adds, however, "incidentally, our meat ration over here is not one pound per person per week, it's three-fourths lb.—it's so long since I saw any corned beef in our weekly ration, I've just about forgotten what it tastes like."

On the subject of correspondence, Miss Goddard remarks, "I did get one very nice letter from a boy . . . I shall answer it right away" She adds, "I would like to hear from some more citizens, though—maybe eventually someone will get around to it."

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The part we like about Miss Goddard's letter is the last paragraph. She writes, "I liked your newspaper, Mr Fuller—and quite enjoyed reading the various articles. I rather wished you had left the rest of the paper there (we only sent one page) as it's such a pleasant change from reading a newspaper that isn't full of news about more food ration cuts and clothing coupon cuts, etc. If you've read an English newspaper," she explains, "you know what I mean."

She ends her letter with a request for complete copies of our newspaper . . . we're sending 'em along, with four cans of corned beef.