

BY THE BEARD OF THE PROPHET, THERE IS ONLY ONE FUNNY MAN, AND HIS NAME IS P.G. WODEHOUSE.  
(New Yorker)

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WCY = Wodehouse Centennial Year. OM suggests that Plumies use this abbreviation in place of a.d. following the date on all communications, to serve as a reminder of an important year.

Our San Francisco chapter had its first meeting on 1 Feb 1981 WCY. It is a rapidly growing group with bright prospects for a prosperous future. Its pres. pro tem., Pauline Blanc, deserves credit for her rewarding efforts there. BRAVO X 3 !!!

The title of our newsletter was the child of desperation and necessity, cruel parents indeed. A pristine first edition of "Jeeves and the Tie that Binds" goes to the Plummie who suggests a more appropriate title before 30 April 1981 WCY. By the way, only two entries have been received for the Great Symbol/Device/Insignia Contest!!!

OM is advised that Major Decisions on PBS TV programming are made in Wash., DC. Ms Chloe W. Aaron is VP for Programming. Address: Public Broadcasting Service, 475 l'Enfant Plaza West, NW, Washington, DC, 20024. Len Lawson says that Time-Life Television, Time-Life Bldg., New York, NY, 10020, has contracted with BBC for future showings of BBC productions. New York Plumies may be able to influence them along the right lines.

PGW collectors NOTE: Two TWS members, Charles Gould and Barry Phelps, are booksellers who specialize on Wodehouse books and ephemera. Both promise to send their booklists to all members.

Recent issues of The Red Herring, a publication of The Red Headed League, an association of Sherlockian persuasion, contained scholarly discussions of Jeeves' cutting remark about Ms. Bobby Wickham, that red haired women cannot be trusted. Learning of this misunderstanding (for Jeeves was driven by the Wooster-Wicham engagement to preserve the employer-employee relationship upon which he depended, and uttered words of more sweeping scope than he may have intended), OM wrote to Red Herring's editor and instigator, Ann Byerly, inviting her subscribers to join TWS and learn first-hand of Jeeves' pure nature. Ann, of her own volition, has become a Plummie; she has further offered to mention our Society to all her readers; she even offers free subscriptions to all TWS members who may be interested in the goings-on of Sir Arthur's superlative detective, Mr. Holmes. Her refreshing sense of humor is kept on a tight leash, but bounds away at the slightest opportunity. Write: Ms. Ann Byerly, c/o The Red Herring, Westtown School, Westtown, PA, 19395.

David Jasen, TWS, has revised his excellent biography of Plum. Ask for "P. G. Wodehouse: A Portrait of a Master," Mason and Lipscomb, NY, 1981. This revision now includes the Master's total career and completes the bibliography.

Errors of whatever nature or magnitude which sharp-eyed members may note in CIP or lists of members are entirely due to computer malfunction. (Now that four of our members are professors of English, I think that I should change that to read "due entirely to") (I am also using more correction tape than usual.) Sometimes my abacus goes haywire, too. Here, Fra Elbertus' dictum should be observed: "Never apologize. Your friends don't need it and your enemies won't believe you." Hi, friends!!!

  
The Oldest Member