

Friends of Kentucky Libraries, *Incorporated*

NEWSLETTER

March, 1968

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE
SPRING MEETING OF FRIENDS OF KENTUCKY LIBRARIES, INCORPORATED

COME ONE, COME ALL!

members, librarians, citizens of Kentucky and all other states

TIME: April 24, Wednesday at 7 p.m. E.S.T. -- Gala Dinner

PLACE: Springs Motel, Lexington (see page 4 for directions to motorists)

COST: \$4.00 for dinner including tax and tip
Entree -- swiss steak. (Alternate -- seafood. If preferred, so
state on coupon sent with check -- see page 3 for coupon)

Checks are to be sent to Mrs. Russell Houston, Jr. (see coupon for address.)

Final date for mailing checks -- April 16, so that your name can be mailed to
Motel.

SPEAKER -- DR. BERGEN EVANS

Note on Dr. Evans:

Author, TV personality and master of ceremonies on his own show; lecturer and wit. His childhood was spent in England; he was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford and came to the United States to Harvard for his Ph.D. He is also Professor of English at Northwestern University.

Anyone who has ever read any of his books will be happy to have this opportunity to hear and meet this brilliant, clever writer and speaker. On the following page, are some short quotations from the four of his books now at the Department of Libraries in Frankfort.

Dr. Evans also writes a syndicated column called "The Last Word", which appears in a number of newspapers throughout the country.

QUOTES FROM FOUR BOOKS BY DR. BERGEN EVANS

Word-a-Day Vocabulary Builder

"Man has been defined as a tool-using animal, but his most important tool, the one that distinguishes him from all other animals, is his speech."

"The idea comes up from our subconscious clothed in words. It can't come any other way."

"....anyone who develops the valuable habit of examining his own prejudices will find that many of them are, at bottom, verbal....A situation automatically calls forth a single word. The word is bathed in emotion. So whenever the situation is repeated, it produces the same emotional response."

"It takes words to free us from words. Removing an emotionally charged word from a phrase and substituting a neutral synonym often gives us an insight that nothing else can."

"Many studies have established the fact that there is a high correlation between vocabulary and intelligence and that the ability to increase one's vocabulary throughout life is a sure reflection of intellectual progress."

Natural History of Nonsense begins:

"We may be through with the past, but the past is not through with us. Ideas of the Stone Age exist side by side with the latest scientific thought. Only a fraction of mankind has emerged from the Dark Ages."

Dictionary of Contemporary American Usage

This is a dictionary with a difference -- entirely readable.

Two definitions:

Castles in Spain: It is not known why the edifices of fancy should be built in Spain, but they have been for at least seven hundred years. But whether in Spain or merely in the air, the phrase is a cliché, the word that it affects usually to be a sprightly sally....Bulwer-Lytton's observation that castles in the air are cheap to build but expensive to keep up is profound.

Caucasian: The use of the word Caucasian as a euphemism for white, in its racial sense (members of the Caucasian race only served here) is vulgar, offensive to humanity, language and ethnology.

Comfortable Words

"Fine speech, like fine clothes, fine manners, or fine furniture, is basically a matter of good taste, the sense of what is harmonious or fitting, and this is not acquired out of a book or over a weekend."

"Avuncular." (Written because of a question sent to him about the corresponding word for an aunt.) "The correspondent who asked this question has exposed the insidious workings of the double standard: there isn't any word for things pertaining to an aunt!....Since amita is the Latin word for aunt -- especially a father's sister -- there ought to be a word amital or amitular to describe auntly actions and qualities. But, alas, there isn't. Aunts apparently didn't count. They probably never had enough money to be generous and were too wise to give advice. (Note: Avuncular sometimes refers to a pawn-broker who generously lent money.)

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Enclosed is \$_____ for reservation(s) for dinner at the Springs Motel in Lexington, April 24, at 7 P.M. E.S.T.

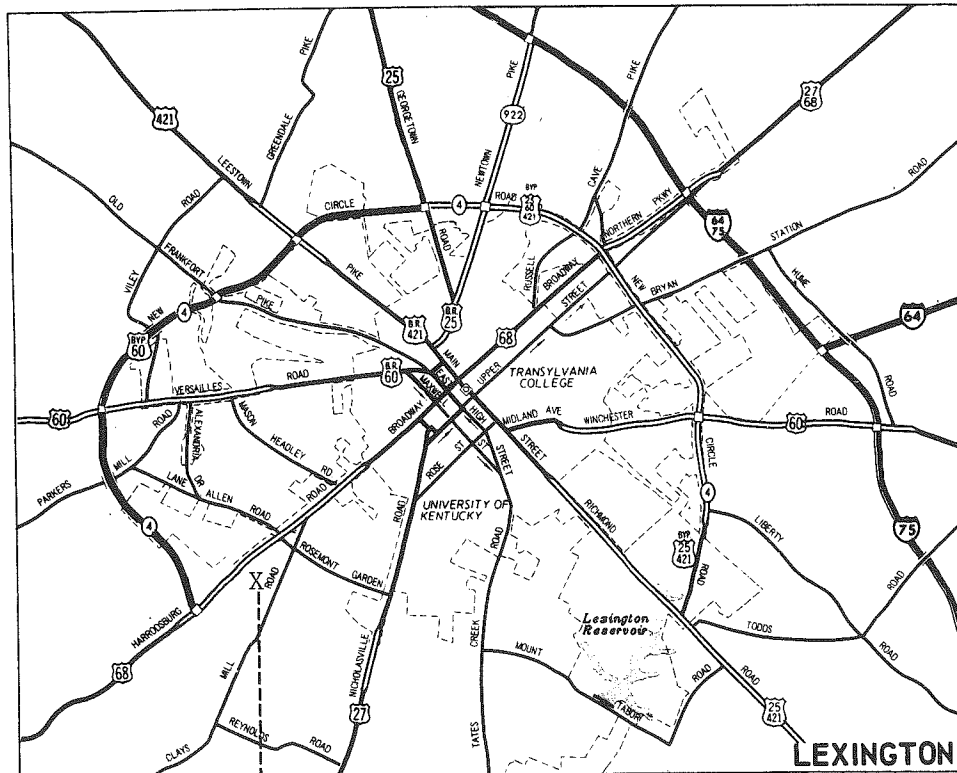
Enclosed is \$2.00 for renewal of membership (annual) of Friends of Kentucky Libraries. _____. (Collecting the money this way instead of at the meeting will save time for you and the secretary.)

Send by April 16 to: Mrs. Russell Houston, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Friends of Kentucky Libraries, Inc.
2512 Brighton Drive
Louisville, Kentucky 40205

Springs Motel -- On U.S. 68 (Harrodsburg Road near Rosemont-Lane Allen Road intersection)

Driving from Louisville, Frankfort, etc., take U.S. 60 (Versailles Road) to Ky. 4, turn right and drive on 4 to U.S. 68 (Harrodsburg Road), turn left; Springs Motel is about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on your right, across from the Turfland Mall Shopping Center.

From other locations, follow U.S. 68 from the downtown area; or use the Belt Line to U.S. 68 and use the directions given above.



Approximate location of Springs Motel