

Around the World

with
Stan Delaplane

NEW YORK — I counted my tips for three days in New York and find I face 15 tipping situations each day. Fifteen times each day I must decide how much gratitude to show the waiters, doormen, hatcheck girls (who have no pockets so they can't knock down on the concessionaire), the men in the men's room, barbers, taxi drivers, the girl at the coffee counter, bell boys and cocktail waitresses. It's come to \$15 a day. A few years ago, Newsweek did a survey of businessmen visiting New York. Their tips averaged better than \$20 a day. So maybe I'm doing well. The major part of your tipping here will be in restau-

don't tip. New Yorkers themselves are used to the system and pay without resentment. "I would so appreciate knowing how to tip on our trip to Europe as we know nothing about the customs..."

rants. You will never get by on fifteen per cent in a top restaurant. You will be split between a waiter captain (who takes your order) and a waiter (who serves it). The expected tip will be 20 per cent — a third to the captain, the rest to the waiter. The copper sandwich quarter covers the daily drain to the doorman (hotel and restaurant). The hatcheck girl. The attendant in the men's room. Barbers. The coffee counter girl and the taxi driver. It is the minimum tip here. Tips are exacted like tribute — a New York taxi driver will tell you off loudly if you

his collar. He gets the tip when you leave. How much? About \$2 a week in a moderate hotel. Naturally, it depends on the hotel. You aren't going to tip on the Left Bank of Paris as you do at the George V. Some odd tips: Wine waiters are tipped separately. In Greece, tip the waiter on the plate. Put a little loose change on the tablecloth for the bus boy. In England, if the roast is rolled up to your table for carving, you tip the carver then and there. In England and Ireland, tipping is like America. Though some English hotels are now adding a 10 per cent service charge — a miserable idea since the help still expect a full tip. In restaurants, the English use 12 per cent as a tipping rule rather than fifteen. In pubs, the bartender is not tipped. (Often a barmaid.) You can offer to buy him (or her) a beer.

"We will be on a South Pacific cruise and want to tip correctly. We have heard the amount should be 10 per cent of the cost of the trip..." Nothing in the tipping line is argued more hotly than shipboard tipping. I go against the 10 per cent. A 42-day cruise in the South Pacific costs several thousand dollars and 10 per cent works out at a fantastic daily tip. The tip should be on the table, room and deck service, not on the total cost which includes the ship's crew, fuel and management ashore. If you figure sensibly what the service would be ashore, then trim it somewhat—remember you are contributing each day — I think you'd have a fair tip.

Coed Joins Journalism Fraternity

A Baylor University coed from Torrance has been initiated into the university's student chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, national professional society for women in journalism and communications. She is Cheryl Ann Yarchin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Yarchin, 23526 Leyte Drive.

Ensemble To Perform

The South Bay Woodwind Quintet will present a chamber music concert Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wayup Gallery, Hermosa Beach. Performing artists include Dorothy Bailey, flute, first chair flute in the Beach City Symphony; Kathleen Benz, bassoon; Jerry Foote, oboe, Beach City Symphony member; Charles Disparte, French horn, Palos Verdes Symphony member; and Robert George, clarinet, who has performed with the Beach City and Palos Verdes Symphonies.

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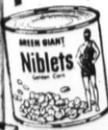
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