



UP THE CREEK September 1, 2010

This month's newsletter is a U-write-it. Just fill in the blanks from the following list of first names. Each name is used only once.

Bill	Bob	Brad	Brooke	Bun	Chuck
Dale	Dell	Don	Dot	Dotty	Faith
Fanny	Gale	Hope	Jay	Jerry	Jimmy
Mark	May	Miles	Pat	Patty	Pam
Ray	Skip	Spike	Stone	Sue	Rock
Tad	Tip	Tipper	Van	Ward	Wiley

A TRIP TO THE STORE

One fine day, my wife asked me to _____ on down to the market for a _____ roast. She's a little _____, and forgot how many _____ it is. It's over hill and _____, clear past the little brown church in the _____. But I was touched by her _____ in my strength. Giving her a kiss, I set out, full of _____.

Soon the sky darkened, and I was struck by a _____. I was scared that it would _____ me over into the _____. But then I met a lady coming the other way, and I saw that it didn't _____ over. I wasn't so scared, but I sure wanted to _____ a windbreaker. Soon, a _____ of sunshine came out, and I felt a _____ better.

I had to _____ walk across a busy street to get to the market. I stepped on what felt like a _____ and fell down. But fortunately, I found it was just a _____ poking through my sole. I stood up just in time to _____ off a _____ barreling down the street toward me. Good thing it missed me, or I would have had to _____ the driver.

Arriving at the store, I discovered the grocer was _____ deaf. With all the yelling, I forgot what my wife told me to get, so I just told him to give me a _____, a can of _____ to fry it with, and a _____ to put it on. I made my _____ on the _____ and started home.

On the way, I stopped by a lake to watch the ducks _____ up and down. I guess it was getting late, because when I got home, the door was locked. Without a key, I had to _____ the lock, breaking it. I suppose I _____ get around to _____ rig a latch one of these days.

My wife looked at what I brought back, and was speechless. She wrote me a note that was supposed to say "ignoramus" but she forgot to _____ the I. I was thinking of a _____ explanation, but figured why _____ the boat. I just told her I loved her and gave her a little _____ on the _____.

THE END

--A shameless rerun of a 1998 newsletter originally suggested by Rita and Lewis, whose names unfortunately don't fit anywhere in the story. But thanks, all the same.