

GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER

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Well, there will be no rituals to tell you about this month since we haven't done them as I write this. We will be celebrating Candlemas on February tooth and Lupercalia on the 16 th.

Manon gave me a beautiful puppy...Spitz/Samoyed. He has no name yet, so we'll let one of you name him. Winner gets a one year subscription to the newsletter. See photo on another page.

The votes are all in for the Georgian awards (or Georgie), and we were pleased to see that everyone nominated drew a lot of votes.

Winner for best in the newsletter...Rus & Ruthi. As one of those who voted said, "not only because they wrote so many BEING A WITCH" but because they gave others th confidence to do the same. By the way, Rus & Ruthi said that if they won, they would share it with all the others who contributed.

Winner of the person or group who had done the most for Craft/Paganism was very definitely Elizabeth Pepper for The Witches' Almanac. No promises, but if you want the Almanac to return, see elsewhere in the newsletter for what you can do. There is also a photo of the Georgian Award and a photo of Elizabeth Pepper on other pages.

Now remember to save your newsletters so you'll remember who to vote for next year.

#### STUFF & THINGS

Sorry to keep complaining, but PLEASE put your name and address on all letters either inside or on the envelope. Also...if you write poetry or articles for the newsletter and wish to use a different name...PLEASE put it at the end of what you have written. I really can't remember names and addresses of hundreds of people. •••or what other names they use.

Our thanks to all of you who have sent renewals on subscriptions. And our very special thanks to so many of you who enclosed a bit extra. It really does help a lot.

Some of you might be interested in a lecture coming up: Cassidy & Brujere on "Rediscover The Goddess Within"...Sat., Feb. 23..10:00 to 5:00 at The Healing Light Center, 138 N. Maryland Ave., Glendale, Cal. Phone 213-244-8607. We have no further info on this.

The Insight Bookshop, 1037 H St. in Bakersfield is not only getting an excellent selection of metaphysical books, but they schedule many lecturers locally. Write to get on the mailing list for programs.

CIRCLE says they will be going to a quarterly newspaper format and raising the price to \$5. per yr. For info write Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

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BEING A WITCH IN PRISON IS....

from Dean R.

....trying to explain to a guard what an athame is.



FROM SAN SEE in Oklahoma

A Thought

Ranging hues of distant bells. Serenity or depression? Microcosmic or macrocosmic? Matters not sensations pierced by the force. The chains of being are the freedom of links. Shared by all; recognized by few.

San Dee says Vicki is joining the mini-coven to attend the Pan Pagan Festival. Some of them are also planning to visit Lady Phoenix in Dallas.

San Dee had been planning to another area of the country but has changed her mind.

"I can feel the whole environment energizing...like it's just getting ready for the breakthrough here. Maybe I'm just energizing, but I become more positive each day. This winter I have really felt like a seed nestled in the rich Mother Earth. I have felt protected even though showers of negativity have poured on me. Guess it's knowing my day will come that keeps me plodding on."

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FROM DEMETER      Ye Full Moon Wicca      (N.Y.)

"I didn't receive the information about the Pagan Festival in the Kingston, N.Y. area until after my last letter to you, but have since received it. Even though the closing date is supposedly January 30 for cash or check reservations, a phone call upon receipt of the Georgian Newsletter might encourage Tzipora to hold another spot or so. I would recommend that the later the reservation, the more a person should try to secure a sleeping bag.

The weekend is planned Feb. 15-18, and will cost \$25. for adult Pagans and \$20. for baby Pagans. If you plan to visit for the day, the costs are \$8. & \$5. They had to raise the cost to cover air fare for Jim & Selena (Magick Circle) and to help meet the fuel costs for the barn. I should add here that the barn is remodeled with the attic finished and large enough for all the workshops & Circles & feasts. The downstairs has several 'bunk rooms' with about six bunk beds each...sleeping capacity for 12...but there are extra mattresses floating around. The barn also has a kitchen & ladies shower and toilet...sorry you guys have to go to the outside ones.

Merchants are welcome, but should let them know early to reserve table space. A phone call will hold space. 212-679-2860..but don't call before 11 A.M. Tzipora & the Wizard, 237 East 35 th St., N.Y. , N.Y. 10016. "

Demeter says she is still working on a catalogue.

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BEING A WITCH IS.....

Rus of Arcane Crafts

....the coven was so uppity, they wouldn't invoke the Goddess because nobody initiated Her.

....the coven was so poor they could afford to invoke only one Watch-tower.

'Twas night of the Yule of '79  
The Coven of Trothland  
were all feeling fine  
Their eyes were all dancing in  
anticipation  
of dancing and feasting  
and further revelation

of occult secrets wrapped up tight  
in colors of red, green, gold, blue,  
and white.

Greetings were done  
we hastened to repair  
to the door of our temple,  
a room bright and spare,

a Circle to raise  
bit by ritual bit.  
Our excited Maid said  
"Let's get on with it."  
Our High Priestess said  
"Quiet, 'fore I get the urge  
to straighten things up now  
by using the scourge."

When what to our admiring eyes did  
appear  
A brave tiny cauldron all wreathed  
in good cheer,  
Pine branches and cones and a bundle  
of sticks  
with a candle on top with a neatly  
trimmed wick  
and just to keep in a mood so jolly  
one bright berried sprig of holly.

The evening progressed much as it  
should  
Nobody blew much  
vibrations were good  
The candles were lit and all burning  
bright  
The dancing began and was turning out  
right

The fire in the cauldron had started  
up fine  
and we were enjoying a very warm time.  
The leaping was done with mild  
trepidation  
from the High Priest and all the  
congregation.

The fire progressed  
the incense was burning  
and in the dance  
we were twisting and turning  
When what to our wondering eyes did  
appear  
But a black cloud of smoke to dampen  
our cheer.

A great rush of robes -  
The Circle was broken  
A whole tribe of Witches  
All coughing and choking.  
The fire was smothered and air was let in  
As we wiped tears and mascara off of our  
chins.

We adjourned for coffee - A bit of a break  
Then back to the Circle our Athamos did  
take.

The blessings were done - the presents  
were opened  
Reality was better than what we were  
hoping.  
On to the feasting - and a little more  
wine  
The refreshments were great  
We were all feeling fine.

Our spirits all dismissed, our business  
all done  
We gathered our broomsticks for our  
midnight home run  
Stop for a "Blessed Be and Goodspeed"  
and a last hearty kiss in the dark just  
for fun.

As our voices dissipated with us out of  
sight  
"Good Yule unto all and to all a good  
night!

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## THIS FROM LADY MORGANE in Baltimore

The article "Making Craft Contacts" by Seanara of Arcane Crafts.... A well done and much needed writing, I think.

The loss of the Witches' Almanac...This has to be one of the greater Craft losses of our day. It had become a tradition in the Craft/Pagan world. I know I am saddened by this news. I have every copy that has been printed to date and was eagerly looking forward to the next issue.

I definitely liked the children's rituals written by Brita of the Windwalker coven...Again, a well done and much needed writing.

Marsha of New Mexico wants some orange flower water..Would you tell her I'll be glad to send her some orange flower water if she'll give me her recipe for the Egyptian rose cookies...Seriously, if she can't find any out there, I can obtain it for her...but I would like to have that recipe.

Ed. Note: The Yule issue of K.A.M. newsletter is now out. Due to rising prices it is now \$2.00 per issue. Published twice yearly now...Midsummer & Yule. KAM, POB 34464, Bethesda, Maryland 20034.

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## FROMM ELLEN in Hackensack, N.J.

Our visit with Paul & Connie was great even though we were an hour late because of traffic. We had a terrific time. We showed them places around the village, but mostly we talked and talked and talked! The time flew. We are going up there in the spring to see them.

There is a beautiful poem on Robin Williamson's latest album. The poem is called "Five Denials on Merlin's Grave" and is about pre-Xian Britain. The album is called "A Glint At The Kindling". It's also about the relationship between Merlin, Robin Hood, and the Horned Man or Green Man, which are, as he says, all aspects of the God. He also mentions the people who came to the British Isles and brought poetry and Goddess-worship.

Robin Williamson used to be with the Incredible String Band. The album can be ordered from: Pig's Whisker Music, POB 27522, L.A., Cal. 90027.

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## BEING MARRIED TO A WITCH IS.....

from Rik in Tucson

- ...terrified that your husband might try sex magick with his High Priestess.
- ...beating him up when he jokingly asks you to get him a host.
- ...not hanging up a Crucifix because he might want to hang up a pentacle.

## BEING A WITCH IS ....

from Scott in San Diego

- ...opening your herb cabinet and having something say, "Boo!"
- ...reading the Georgian Newsletter and laughing your head off!
- ...explaining why you never send Xmas cards at Yule.

## FROM PAUL &amp; CONNIE in NEW HAMPSHIRE

Went down to The Big Rotten Apple (otherwise known as NYC) for a whole week at the beginning of December. What a culture shock coming from rural N.H.!!! The hotel we made reservations at and, by the way, which was listed in several tour books as being clean and excellent, turned out to be an abode for harlots. The doors had slats on them, a lightbulb hanging from the ceiling, and when Paul went over to lift the window curtain, it fell off! We decided that there must be a better way to contact the Goddess Ishtar, so we checked out. This little mix-up nearly cost us our meeting with Ellen & Ray. They are every bit as wonderful as their letters.

They took us to (a well-known occult shop) which I must honestly say was a disappointment. Everyone in the store looked as though they were out to get something, and you just didn't feel as though any real love for the religion itself was going on. They had bumper stickers that said Blessed Be and lots of commercial stuff like that. I must say that their Book Dept. was excellent, also lots of herbs (but overpriced) and jewelry.

New York City is proof that spirituality is tied in with a love for nature. There is no nature there, the Goddess has been poisoned to death and likewise there is nothing spiritual.

Now, about Witches' Almanac and Elizabeth Pepper. We are VERY VERY VERY upset (to say the least) about this news. Surely we're not going to be intimidated back into the shadows again. Couldn't we write to the publishers? Let's not leave it at this.

ED. NOTE: More on this elsewhere in the newsletter.

## THE TEMPLE OF DENDUR by Paul

In the 1950's the go ahead was given to build the Aswan Dam, the modern day Egyptians knowing full well that its construction would undoubtedly mean the flooding of the Nubia, resulting in the loss of many ancient monuments and much ancestral heritage. UNESCO began an all out campaign to raise funds from all over the world to try to save as many Nubian monuments as possible.

The United States was largely responsible for saving much of the great statuary of Abu Simbel, and in appreciation of this, the Egyptian government offered the little Temple of Dendur to America. The temple had been taken apart in 1963 by the Egyptians, but did not reach New York until August 21, 1968. It was packed in 640 crates and weighed over 800 tons. It was housed in a vinyl air structure until the climate controlled environment could be erected at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. When finished, this wing would approximate the light and surroundings of the original location, complete with a reflecting pool to the east to simulate the impression of the Nile.

After visiting the Temple on a recent trip to N.Y., I can honestly say that the designer's efforts were not in vain. It was every bit as magnificent as I had expected it to be. The bas-reliefs are simply fantastic, and even the Pagan who knows little of the Egyptian Pantheon will find some familiar Gods & Goddesses. The inner sanctuary was supposed to house the spirits of the Goddess Isis and the God Osiris when it was built back in the first century B.C. Now it is in our own country where new Pagans can appreciate it, too.

Who says it's an Old Religion?

## THIS FROM PENNY in Florida

Penny says the following is a Xian song with some word changes she has made. If you're familiar with the music, let us know how you like it.

## THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE WICCIANS BY OUR LOVE

1- We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Goddess. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Goddess. We pray that all unity may one day be restored. And they'll know that we are Wiccians by our love (by our love).

2- We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that the Goddess is in our land. And they'll know that we are Wiccians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Wiccians by our love (by our love).

3- We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. And they will know that we are Wiccians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Wiccians by our love (by our love).

4- All praise to the Goddess from whom all things come, All praise to mankind the joy and recreation. All praise to the Horned Hunter who makes us one. And they'll know that we are Wiccians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know that we are Wiccians by our love (by our love).

Penny has been busy at her job, giving lectures, improving the outdoor Circle, having rituals and Craft meetings, and raising a witchling named Jennifer. Wonder what she does with all her spare time.

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We have recieved so very many sad letters about the loss of The Witches' Almanac, and asking if there is anything you can do. Well, Elizabeth Pepper says Grosset & Dunlap has a new president, and letters addressed to him just might get some result. Stanley S. Sills, President, Grosset & Dunlap, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010.

So WRITE...even if you don't like writing letters.

Elizabeth sent a very nice photo (on another page) of herself and her owner and real editor of the Almanac, Sibylla. Too bad you can't see it in color.

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BEING A WITCH IS .....

from Ellen in North Hollywood, Cal.

- ...flying around in circles 'cause all you could find was an extension cord.
- ...buying a combination candle lighter and snuffer at a Christian store...and trying not to snicker.
- ...pointing out to a Xian friend who disapproves of using "psychic gifts" that First Corinthians 12 says that all such gifts are from God..

## STUFF AND THINGS

Just recieved the KAM Newsletter. It is now published twice a year, Midsummer and Yule. Due to rising costs, beginning with the Midsummer 1980 issue, price will be \$2.00 per copy. Order from KAM, P.O.Box 34464, Bethesda, Md. 20034.

The Wiccan is shipped overseas only by air mail...and that is expensive. Orders for the U.S. will be \$2.00 per copy. Order from The Editors, P.O. Box 80, Lane Cove, New South Wales, 2066, Australia. If you write to them and expect a reply, send an I.R.C. for 70¢...available at the post office.

The 1980 Pan-Pagan Festival is scheduled for August 21-24 in Baraboo, Wisc. They need more workshops and special events. If you have something to offer, or if you plan to attend, write: Temple of The Pagan Way, 1532 W. Victoria, Chicago, Ill. 60660.

The Insight Bookshop in Bakersfield is building a nice stock of occult material, and if they don't have what you want, they'll order it. Also have lots of lectures, etc. going on all the time. Insight Bookshop, 1037 H St., Bakersfield, Cal. 323-9929.

When you send articles, etc. for the newsletter, please do NOT send them to several places at the same time. If several of us decide to print it at the same time, this can cause copyright hassles. If you are so impatient to have your artistic endeavors published, send to one place and enclose a postcard (self-addressed) with places to check...I WILL USE...or...I will not use. When the card is returned, if it is rejected, then send it to another publisher. This is best for us...and for you.

Also...when you send material...please remember to say whether or not it is for publication.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Would you like a Scotch on the rocks?

No, thank you, I'd prefer an Irishman on the beach.

BEING A WITCH IS ..... from Tanya in Colorado

..... trying to find your own Sacred Well in a public park.

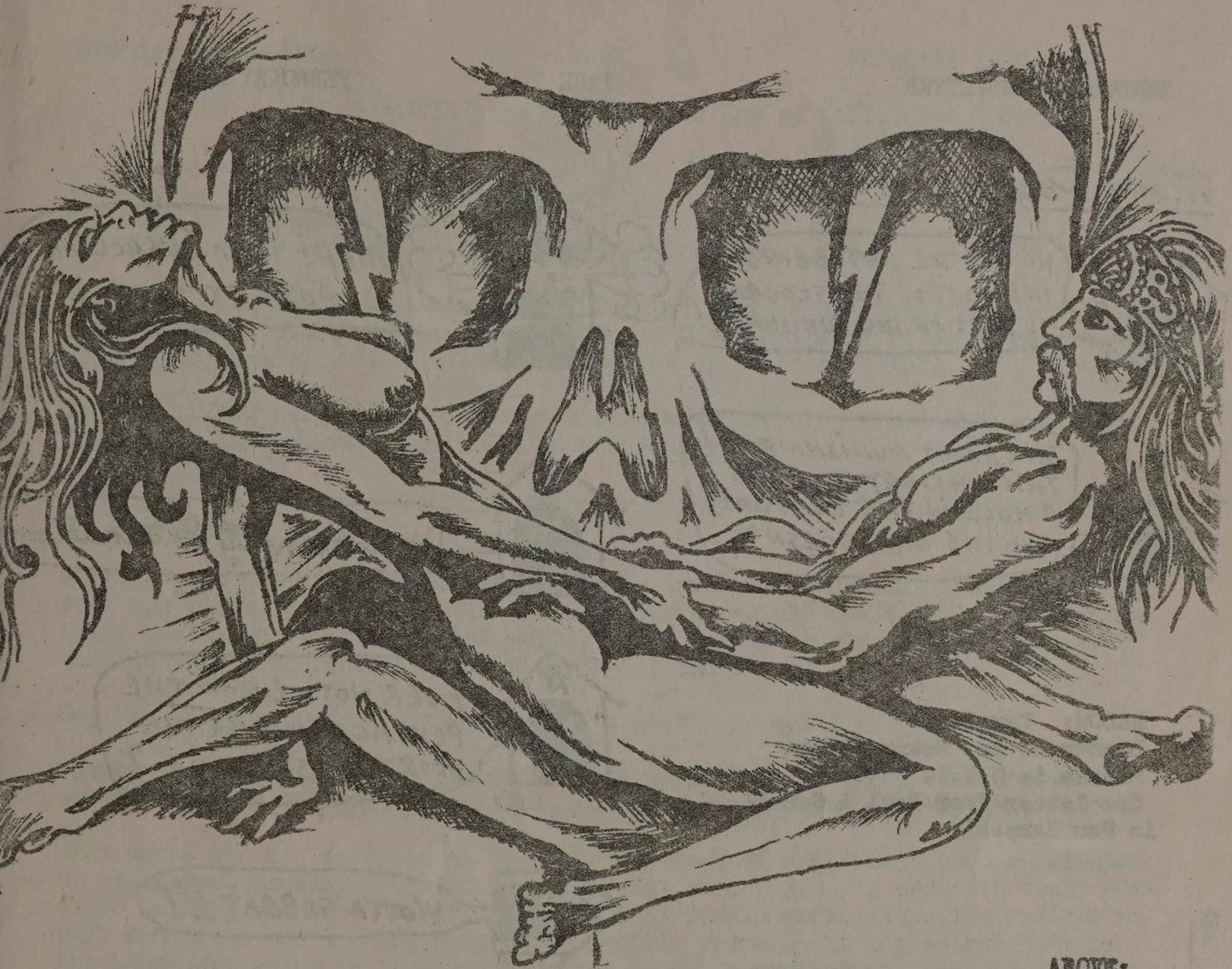
From Ruthi (Arcane Crafts)

.... lending out all the robes in the closet because all of the coveners forgot theirs, and having to go skyclad because there's none left for you...and the heat isn't working.

....buying an entire set of Crowley's works because they're cheaper than firewood.

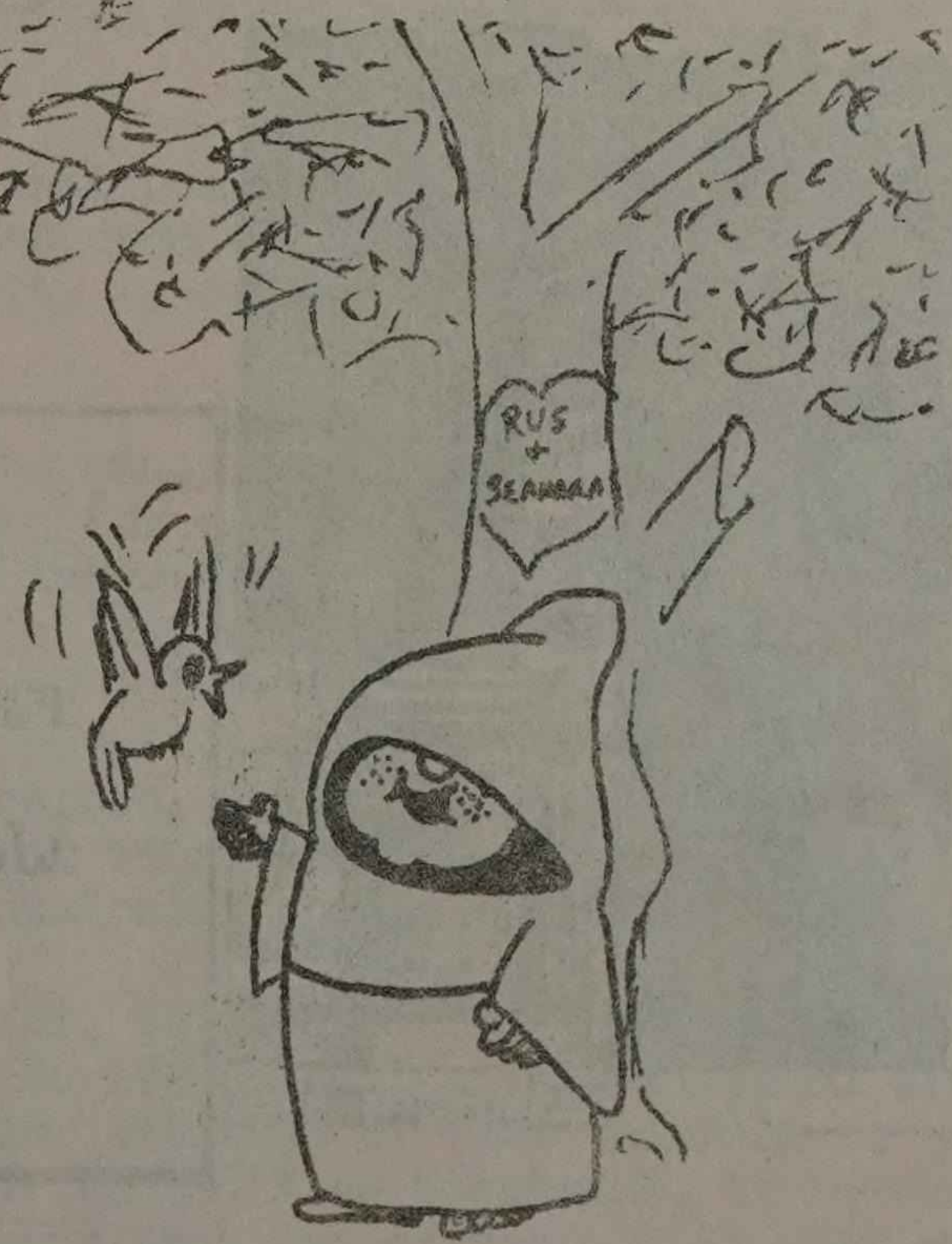
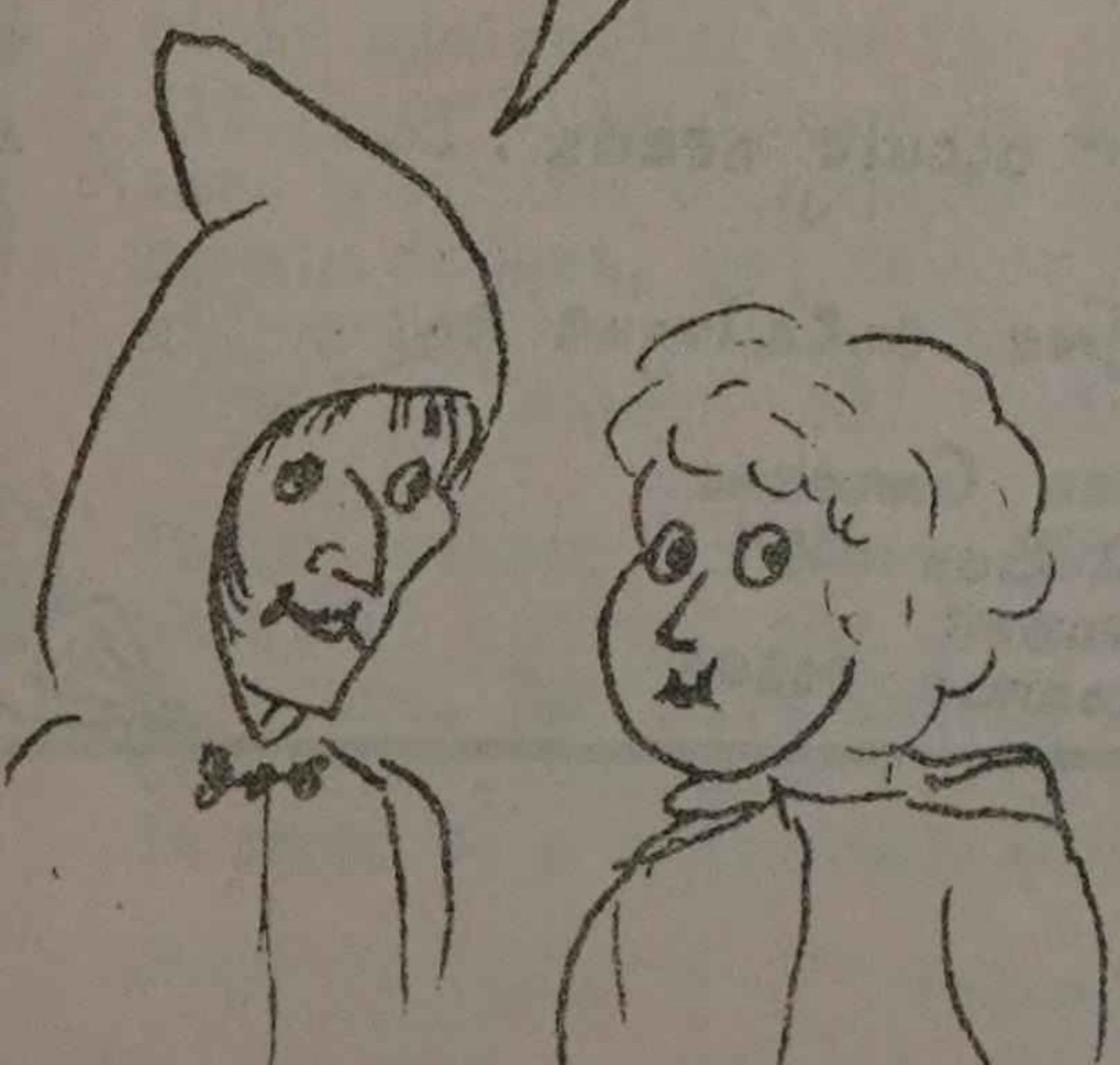
....a Tradionalist and a Gardnerian getting handfasted and arguing what to raise the kids as..and settling on Catholic.

ED NOTE: Ruthi, you go to the doghouse for that one!



ABOVE:  
Drawing by  
DEAN R.

SHE CAN CHARM  
THE BIRDS OFF THE  
TREES — WHEN SHE  
IS NOT SWEARING, THAT IS.



More Doggerel from Rust\*



NO, YOU'RE NOT BEING INITIATED! THE SCOURGE IS PART OF THE PUNISHMENT.



MAN! THAT EVERCLEAR IS POTENT STUFF!!!



TALK ABOUT PUNISHMENT! THIS WHISKEY JUG HAS A HOLE IN THE BOTTOM, AND THE GIRL DOESN'T.



Dear Amnesty International

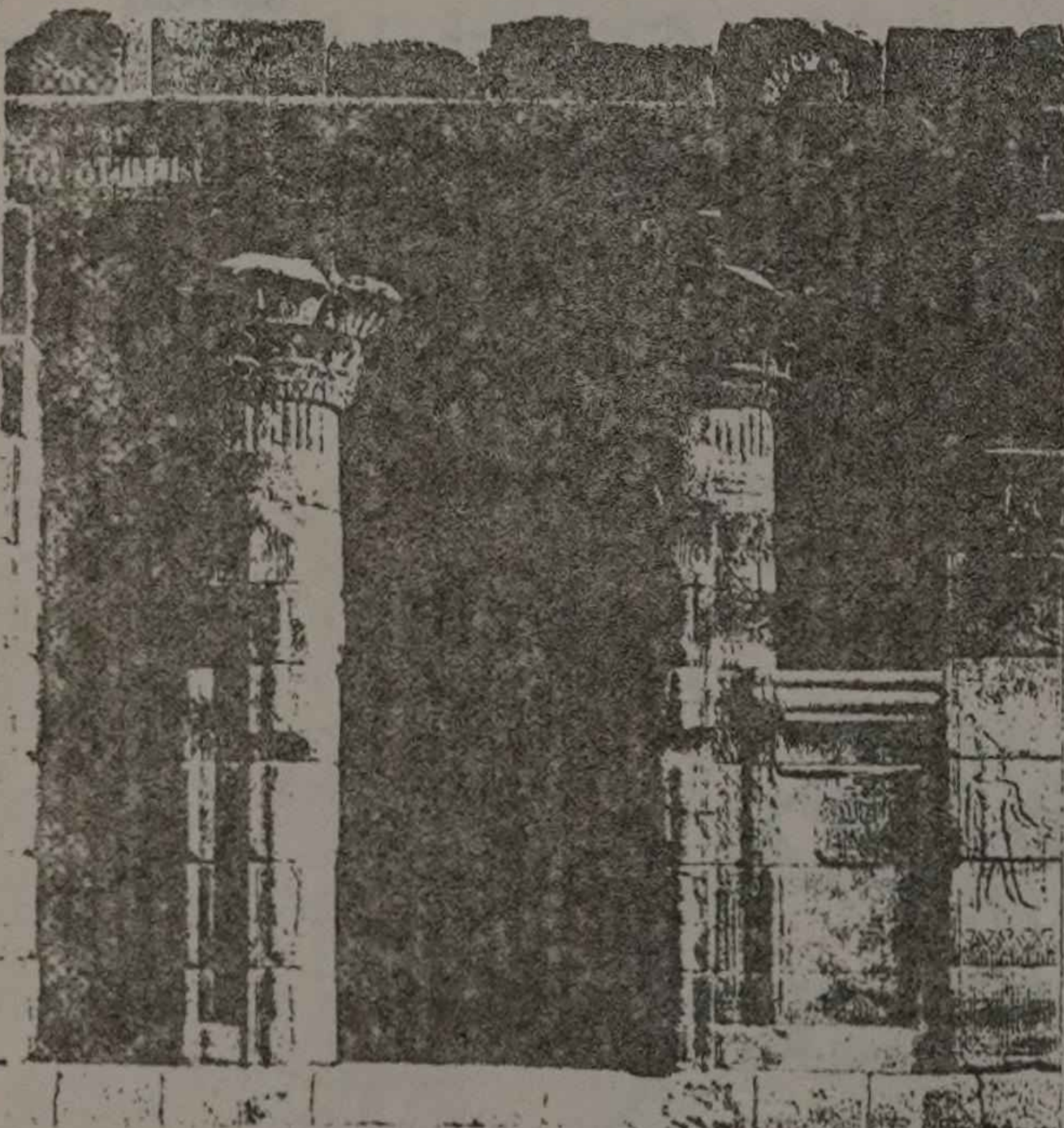


EVER NOTICE HOW THE PENTAGRAM OVER THE DOOR KEEPS TURNIN'?



WOTTA SABBAT!!!

BELOW: Temple of Debtor at the Metropolitan Museum in N.Y.C.  
See letter from Paul & Connie in New Hampshire.



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"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder."

"Beauty is as Beauty does."

And let's not forget the one about "skin-deep"...etc., etc.

Much has been written and said about "Beauty", but even Webster has failed to give an adequate definition of the word. In his dictionary he says that Beauty is, quote: qualities which please the senses or exalt the mind.

One day, after overhauling the engine on his motorcycle, a neighbor exclaimed: "Listen to that purr--doesn't she sound Beautiful?"

I suppose the noise was quite pleasing to his senses, however, I doubt if it would inspire a poet.

A friend who was in electronics was deeply involved in drawing a schematic for some new remote control gadget. The mathematics surely exalted his mind to the total exclusion of the physical world, while he was thusly engaged --however, the finished blueprint was hardly worthy of the Louvre.

So, Mr. Webster, your definition doesn't work very well!

Beauty is indeed a potent "power" in the world, for it seems that everyone covets that which is most beautiful, without even knowing exactly what it is.

What meets the eye is often an illusion of mis-judgment, based upon a false set of standards, usually dictated by commercial enterprise. In order to truly perceive beauty, one must "feel" it rather than simply seeing it...its radiations will penetrate one's aura, causing a specific response in the astral body of the beholder, which in turn reciprocates by "re-charging" the aura of the thing or person beheld.

This would most certainly indicate that Beauty is, then, one of Nature's Forces. A form of radiant energy which is gathered (or stored) into, or by an individual or object. Thereafter, it radiates its energy outward from that in which it is stored.

The condition of the astral body determines the eventual condition of the physical body. That is why, for something (or someone) to remain beautiful, it is necessary that there be a continued inter-change of "beautiful" feelings, possibly admiration and its response. As long as a person is considered to be beautiful, or looked upon by loving eyes which behold the beauty therein (and this also pertains to objects as well as people, animals, etc.),...that beauty will remain intact, and may even become moreso. But, if the attention is completely withdrawn, or changed to a less potent vibration, the beauty will fade and the person or object will begin to disintegrate, and lose the ability to radiate.

If one wishes to become more beautiful, it is not enough to concentrate upon physical culture and grooming, nor glorify oneself with artificial aids toward that end. One must assume inwardly the attitude of that which he or she wishes to become. One must begin to think of oneself as beautiful, to be sure, but it must be a spiritual attitude, rather than one of vanity. It must come from

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## BEAUTY continued

thinking beautiful thoughts, doing kind and beautiful deeds, etc, thereby "rewarding" oneself with a sense of self-esteem. This will in turn bring the attention and admiration of others, and sets up the chain-reaction.

It is possible to give a well-deserved boost to one who seems obviously neglected --probably because of some unfortunate incident which caused the person to lose self-esteem, and start a reverse action in motion. When such an individual seems to have all the necessary attributes, yet lacks the spark which ignites true radiance, you can work miracles by placing your right hand upon their left cheek, and simply saying, "You are beautiful!" But you must mean it in all sincerity-- not be thinking the opposite while saying it. Such a small effort can do so very much to prolong and enhance a life, which may have a great deal to offer others in return.

The same formula holds true for your beloved art objects, furniture, clothing, bric-brac, souvenirs, also for your pets and plants... (which we are not so likely to neglect.) Inanimate objects re-act and respond in the same manner as do living beings. Try an experiment with your gem-stones. The more you care for them, admire and praise them, the more they will flash their fire, and the more vibrant their colors will become. Store them away, and they become dull and commonplace.

Beauty is everywhere--if the eye will bother to behold it.  
And let's forget the one about "skin-deep".

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FROM MICHAEL.....Columbus, Ohio

Why is an air-traffic controller like a ceremonial magician?

They both know the value of keeping the planes separate.

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## HELPFUL HINTS FOR BEGINNERS

Perhaps I didn't help recently when I spoke of the element symbols on the altar. Sorry, didn't mean to confuse anyone. Incense goes to the east of the altar as an air symbol. A red candle or something of the sort goes to the south as a fire element symbol. Water goes to the west as a water symbol (wine also would go to the west), a pentacle of silver or perhaps copper with inscribed symbols would go to the north as the earth element symbol. For those lacking a pentacle, a cup of earth or salt might be used. The cakes may also be placed at the north. The Georgians use the wand at the east as an air tool, the sword at the south (point to the east) as a fire tool. You will find that some groups may reverse the wand and sword since they consider the sword as air and the wand as fire. Remember, these comments always apply to the Georgians and not necessarily to all groups.

BEING A WITCH IS..... from Scott in San Diego

....Well, or, anyway, I used to believe in reincarnation,  
but that was in my last life.

## This from Lady Phoenix in Texas

At 10:12 a.m. Monday, January 7, 1980, it was only an idea..word spread until a network was established by 9:05 p.m. This network consisted of Witches, Pagans, and concerned non-Pagans who had love and energy to send to a brother and sister in need of it. And Loy and Louise Stone will need the loving support of all of us even more as the trial continues.

As our circle began working at 9:05, we were aware of other circles working in coordination with our Central Time, in North Carolina, Minnesota, Kansas, 4 in Dallas, Mesquite, FT. Worth, Waco, Calvert, Houston, in New Mexico, Arizona, Los Angeles, and Bakersfield, Ca. In addition, there were non-Witches in Ohio and Colorado who had their own form of circle working to the same purpose.

At 9:30 p.m., whether direct or relayed through other groups, those built-up pools of energy interlaced with a purpose of strength and serenity were released to Loy and Louise.

This is a work we will continue each night as long as the trial continues. Also, some of us are sending a postcard daily, from all these various places...not only to daily let Loy and Louise know that they are not alone, but also to let the Post Office (and therefore the community) realize that they are not alone. There is no need for any return on the postcards, nor full names, unless you should choose to do so. Loy and Louise will know most of the handwritings, or postmarks, and there is no need to change a low-profile stance in the process. Merely a date..and a brief loving message will do.

The address is Loy and Louise Stone, P.O. Box 69, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

ED NOTE: I'm sure all of you have read accounts of this trial in your local newspapers. You've also seen the comments of a person in N.Y. since they were made to the wire services (A.P. & U.P.) which feed stories to papers all over the country. I'm sure most of you know that I have neither love nor respect for the organization criticized. But, appearing as they did, in connection with the trial, this seemed to be only a criticism of the Stones. I consider it to have been very poor timing and in very bad taste. What do you think?

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BEING A WITCH IS.....

from Tarrus in N.Y. state.

...feeling slightly uncomfortable if someone mentions sacrifice...and you're the only virgin there.

...stepping back when the HPs invokes the guardian of the watchtower, flailing her athame, and just missing a vital part of your male anatomy.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Would you like the regular or Ethyl?

I just want gas, I don't care who puts it in.

## RITUAL ETIQUETTE by LADY FAUNA (Calif.)

note to editor: this is a labour of love offered at publication at tremendous personal risk....

FINALLY, you have been invited to a ritual. You accept. What now?

Arrange for transportation to the place of meeting. Your host or hostess may be able to assist you if you cannot arrange to get there alone. It is best to rely on yourself for transportation as much as possible, as your host or hostess may have additional responsibilities for the occasion of which you have no knowledge.

Find out what time you should be there and BE THERE ON TIME. If you arrive early, you may interrupt preparations for the ritual or disturb your host or hostess while they catch a last minute nap before the evening's excitement. If you arrive late, you may interrupt the ritual and may be disappointed by being turned away at the door. If you can't make it on time, don't go. The NEXT DAY write or call your host or hostess, explain you arrived late and did not wish to interrupt the festivities, and thank them for the invitation. It will practically insure you another invitation on a different occasion.

Know what you are expected to wear in advance, as well as what you should bring for the feast and ritual. If you are not told to bring something specific, it is considered good taste to bring cheese, wine, or munchies of some kind unless you are told not to bring food or beverages. If you have unusual dietary needs, provide for them yourself rather than going hungry or expecting someone else to provide for you. (At one time, I was not eating meat. Rather than expecting my hostess to prepare meatless dishes, I fixed my own. This assured me I would not go hungry, while providing enough for everyone to share a new culinary experience. More and more meatless dishes appeared once everyone found out how cheap, hearty and tasty these dishes were!)

This will be a new, unfamiliar experience for you and your host or hostess should be prepared for that. If you run up on a preparation for the ritual itself with which you are not familiar, ask your host or hostess about it. They will give you as much information as they can without violating their oath of secrecy. If you feel uncomfortable about participating in the Circle, ask your host or hostess in advance if it is permissible to observe only. If it is not, either excuse yourself and leave or prepare to confront your misgivings with your host or hostess and participate.

Once inside the Circle, follow the actions and guidance of your host and hostess. If you make a mistake, don't be overly concerned about it. It will not be the first mistake made in a Circle and the less fuss made over a mistake, the less it will interrupt the flow of the Circle. Good intentions and thoughts are much more important than physical expressions anyway. If you have questions, try to save them until after the ritual is completed. Your host or hostess will anticipate that you will have questions and will try to answer them as best as possible.

The Lord and Lady are the guests of honor. Etiquette states that the guests of honor are the last to arrive and the first to leave, and their leaving indicates the festivities are drawing to a close. Once the Circle is broken and people begin to leave, prepare to leave yourself unless you are a house guest

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## RITUAL ETIQUETTE continued

of the host or hostess and have made advance arrangements to stay overnight. If you are in doubt about whether it's time for you to go, ask your host or hostess.

You may want to bring a friend, spouse, child or pet to the ritual. If that is your desire, discuss this IN ADVANCE with your host or hostess. CROSSING THE THRESHOLD TO THE CIRCLE IS NOT "IN ADVANCE". It is best to know if other guests will be welcome before your friend, and possibly you, are turned away at the door. Many groups do not wish to have guests that have not been screened in advance. If your friend is welcome, remember you are responsible for them and prepare them for the occasion as much as possible. Introduce your friend to people who can help with questions you cannot answer. Remember, this does not relieve you of your responsibility for your guest. If you bring someone with you as your guests to a ritual, prepare to assume responsibility for them for the duration of the occasion, especially in the case of children. Your friend, host, and hostess will appreciate you for it.

If you act in a responsible, considerate and honest manner, it shows you are capable of exercising these qualities which are necessary in the close working relationship mandated by the Witches' Circle. It is a large step in the direction of the knowledge you seek, regardless of the outcome of your relationship with those whom you have chosen to celebrate the forces of Nature and Life.

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## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM W. C. Pasture

Kids are expensive. If you earn \$10,000 a yr., the I.R.S. will let you keep \$200. more of your income for the year...to raise the kid. If you can do it for one month on that, you're doing very well. It's cheaper to have a pet and lose the deuction. And you won't have to join the P.T.A.

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## FROM RUS...Arcane Crafts

The coven was so small their altar consisted of just one table leg.

The coven was so tiny, they suffocated when somebody put a second grain of incense on the censer.

## FROM MIKE &amp; GAIL B. in San Jose

BEING A WITCH IS.....

..... having your daughter ask when the next Yule "original" will be.

## FROM TANYA in Colorado

.....trying to draw down moon energy and make it look like you're only stretching out in your front yard.

## MORE ON MAKING CRAFT CONTACTS by LADY FAUNA in Calif.

What a nice article from Lady Seanara on making craft contacts! So, now you've made your first contact. What happens next?

Expect an exchange of information. Your first exchanges may be by mail or through a social introduction by a mutual friend. Your new contact will want some information from you-- a name by which you wish to be known so they can address you personally, your age (most groups will not take minors as students without expressed parental consent), your religious background, reading you have completed related to the Craft, specific interests you have related to the Craft (healing, Tarot, scrying, runes, etc.), and, most importantly, what are you seeking from them (Are you looking for a pen pal, a teaching situation, just exploring a different religion, doing research for a school project, writing a book, etc.) If you do not understand why a contact asks you a question, be honest and ask why.

Your contact will evaluate this information and decide if they can help you on your Path or whether it would be best to refer you elsewhere. The information you give them will help them decide if you have compatible interests and also open a line of communication should you have mutual interests.

If you have not had a personal interview, this might be your next step, distance permitting. You may be limited to a pen pal relationship for quite some time if you are not within reasonable commuting distance of your contact or if either of you have a transportation problem. However, it is best to arrange an in-person contact as soon as possible. Try to meet your new contact in a public place or in neutral territory. (Remember you are still strangers to each other and the new contact may be a wierdo masquerading as a Craft contact. This is a nasty reality we all wish wasn't there, but nonetheless, must be taken into consideration for your protection.

When selecting your place of meeting, arrange to have some privacy. If you are meeting at the home of a mutual friend, make arrangements with your friend in advance to have some privacy with your new contact. If you are meeting in a public place, select somewhere you can talk at length with minimal interruption and distraction. Your contact may have some suggestions.

After you have met your contact, ask the questions you most certainly still have. Your contact may not answer all of your questions but should explain why they do not wish to do so. Remember that "Perfect Love, Perfect Trust" is developed and is not necessarily extended beyond the Circle immediately. Crafters may not wish to reveal intimate details of their life. Think about the questions you ask. Consider the importance of the answers you seek. If the answer makes no difference to your continued relationship, don't ask the question.

When you feel you have enough information, evaluate the contact. You must decide what things you might be willing to make concessions on, as rarely, if ever, will you find someone who thinks the same way about everything as you do. Discuss misgivings and differences honestly with your contact as soon as they pop up, for to do otherwise is a disservice to both of you. Your new friend will love you all the more for your candor whether you part ways as friends or begin a relationship that will span many lifetimes.

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## HELPFUL HINT FOR BEGINNERS from Manon in Modesto

After referring to the white-hilted knife as a bolino for some time now, I realize that the white-hilted knife and the bolino are two different tools. The white-hilted knife can have either one or two sharpened sides and is used only inside the magic Circle. It is used for carving, and whittling other tools of the Art. The bolino on the other hand, which also has a white hilt, is used outside the magic Circle for cutting herbs, wands, etc. It usually has a curved sickle blade with only one honed side.

## BEING A WITCH IS.....

.....explaining to your Xian mother that you are having a costume party when she unexpectedly walks into your house and sees everyone just before a ritual.

.....doing a full moon ritual and having the roof start leaking on the middle of the altar...and trying to ignore it.

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## YULE TIDE FEAST from Myra in Oklahoma

We closed the Circle so none could come in,  
the pentacles were drawn to protect all men.  
We blessed the God and lit the candles to light the way,  
through the long winter night to the light of day.

The candles glowed of love and peace,  
as we gathered together for the Yule Tide feast.  
Gifts were given in friendship and love,  
to those who gathered in hope and prayer,  
That all who shared this ritual tonight,  
will find peace, love, hope, and light.

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From Susan in San Francisco (Susan is in the dog house for not putting her name and address on either the letter or the envelope.)

This past Samhain a group called the Covenant Of The Goddess put on an open Samhain ritual for the public at Fort Mason, which was attended by about 150 to 200 people. (Just a guess) But it was very crowded! It was fantastic! There were beautiful costumes and masks, singing, chanting, exotic dancing! The dancing especially impressed me, it was sort of modern ballet, with persons representing the three aspects of the Goddess, the Corn God and the Four Elements. In the end, everybody present participated in the chanting and the "Spiral Dance" I think everyone who participated, Catholic, Jew, Atheist or whatever, came out with a new understanding of Witchcraft.

The Lady who organized this affair is the leader of her own coven (called Compost) and she has written a book called The Spiral Dance (Published in San Francisco by Harper & Row, copyright 1979 by Miriam Simos, known as Starhawk).

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It is a wonderful book on rituals and personal exercises and explanations of Witchcraft. I have read many books on the subject, and The Spiral Dance is one of the best.

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## THE DOGHOUSE AWARDS

from Rus (Arcane Crafts)

To the coven that is so "pop" even their Goddess won't appear unless she's paid for it:

a free banishing pentagram.

To the prankster who put popcorn grains in the incense:

an all-expense paid trip up the chimney.

To the HPs who was so uppity, she had the coveners carry her around on a silver pentacle:

a silver thumbtack soldered to same.

To the HPs who broke thirteen altars in as many esbats by sitting on them:

a "whoopie" cushion, and a chapter in the Guinness Book of World Records.

To anyone who recognizes anyone in the above awards:

a reminder that it's all fun and fiction, and figments of Promethean imaginations.

(we'll add a couple to this, Rus...is it imagination?)

To the HPs who initiates anyone who passes her house:

a free one-way trip to Siberia.

To the HPs who initiates anyone who will join her in bed:

a queen size waterbed..and a one inch dildo.

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## WORDS OF WISDOM

She's so gorgeous that she won the award for worst-dressed girl in the skylad beauty contest.

Miss Jones, the phone has been ringing for five minutes. Why don't you answer it?

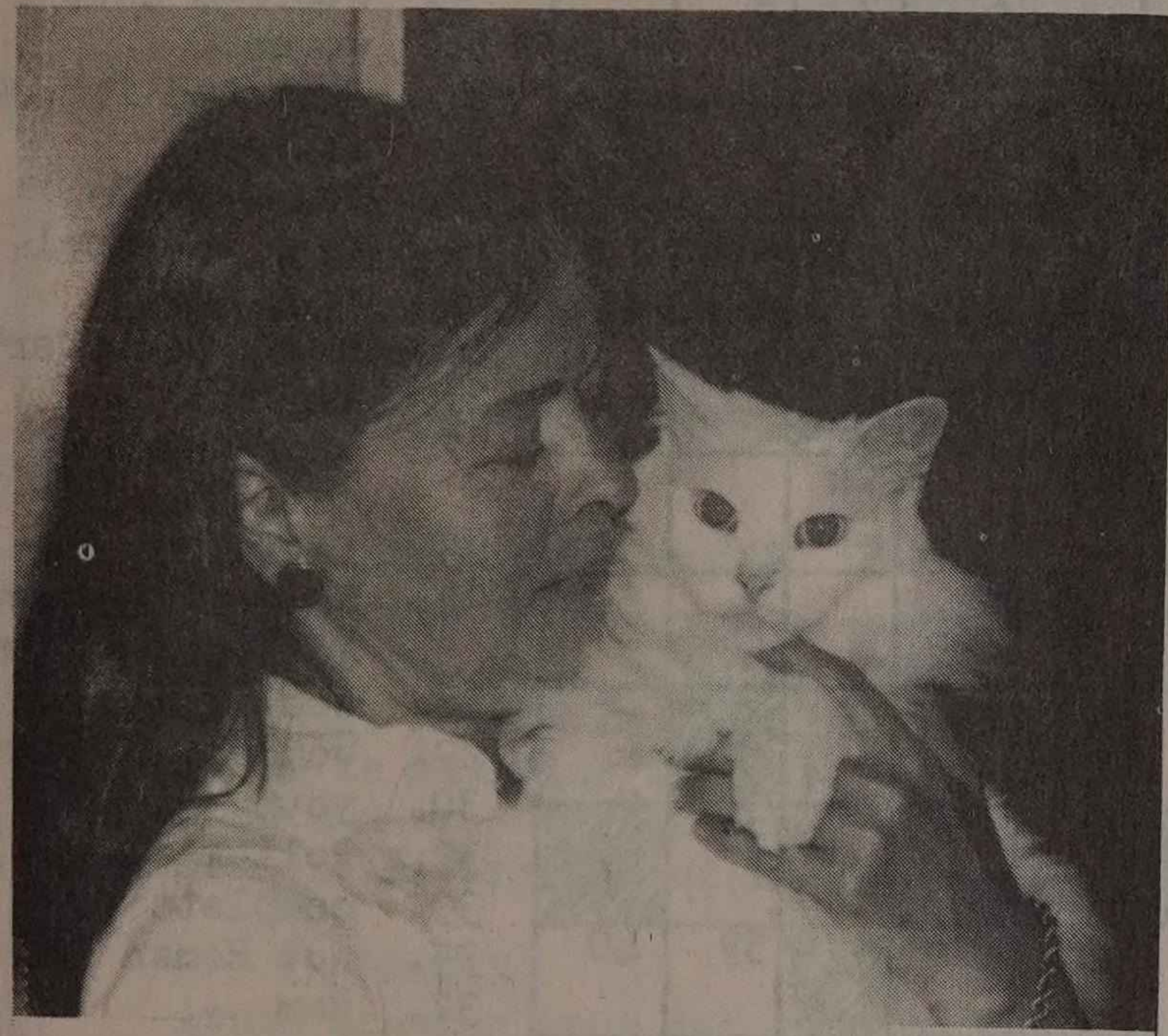
It didn't ask anything.

She says the only reason she got the lowest grade in her shorthand class is because her fingers are too long.

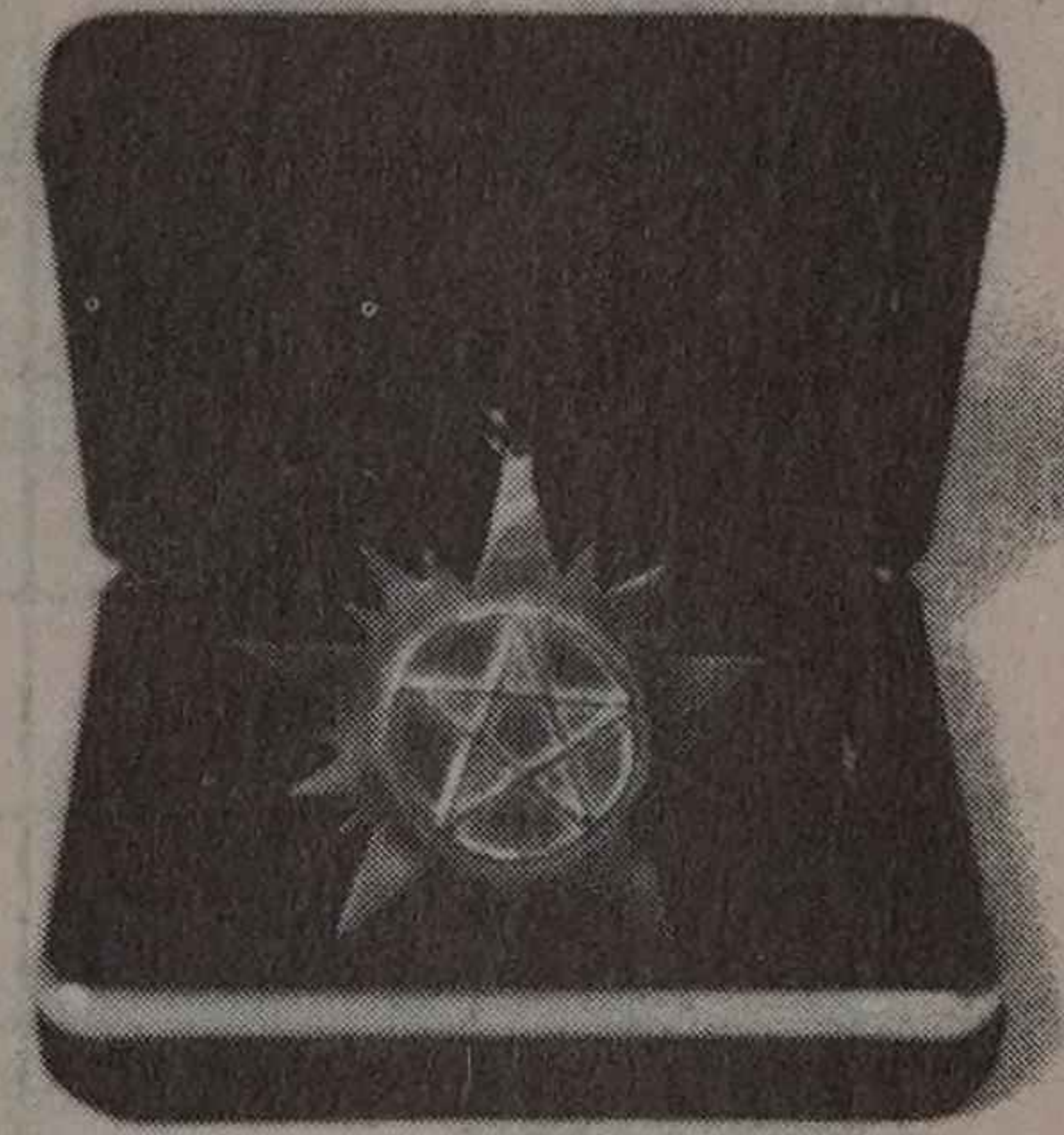
And for your new car, Miss Beanbottom, would you like a shiftless model? Nooo, I'd prefer one that works.

Mrs. Broadbeam, I'm sure your husband would be happier if you took the Queen size bed.

No, he isn't gay. We'll take the regular size.



**ABOVE: Elizabeth Pepper and Sibylla.  
Which one edits the Witches' Almanac?**



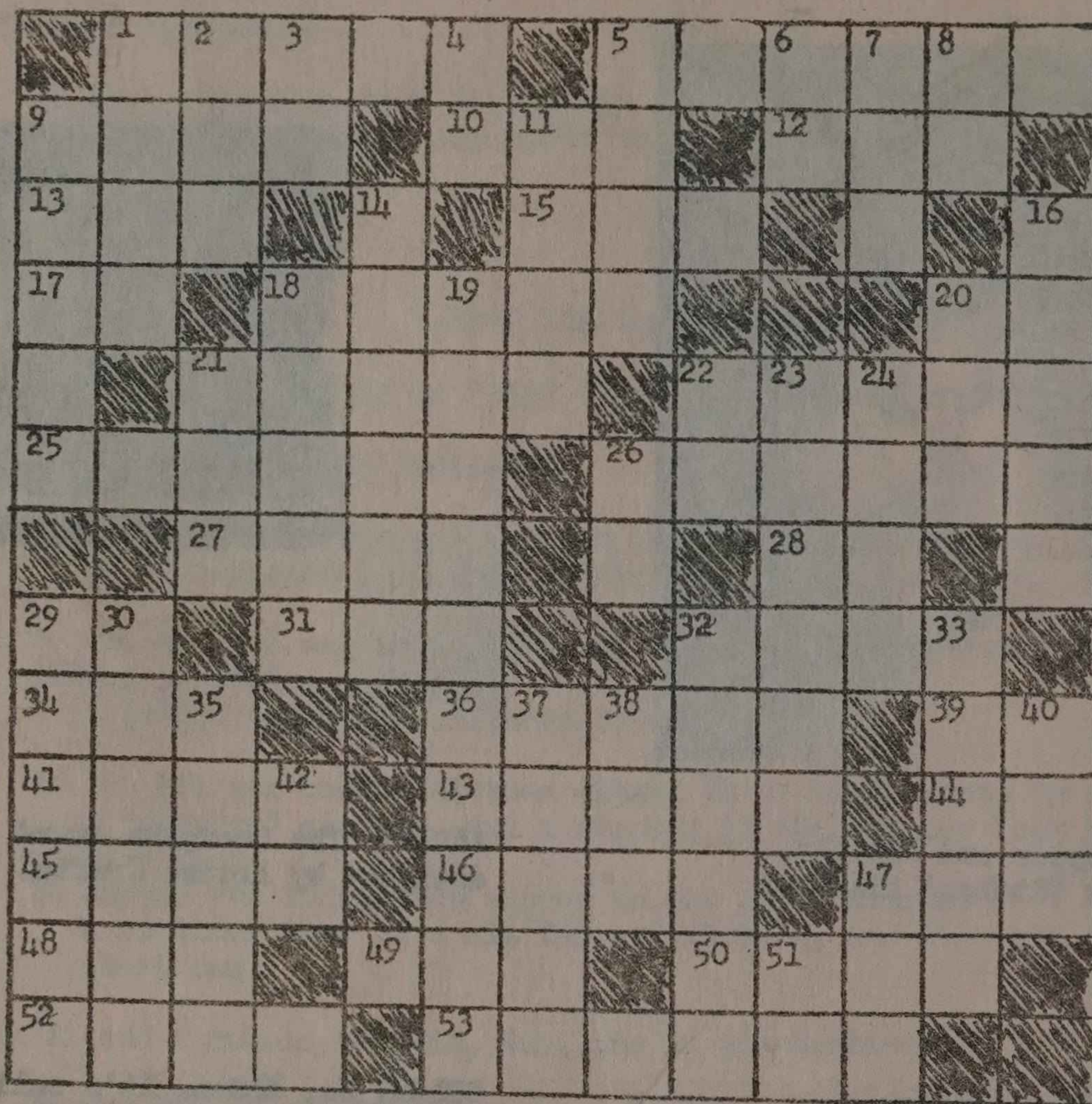
**ABOVE: The Georgian Award  
designed by Arcane Crafts.**

**BELOW: Name the puppy contest.**



**BELOW: No, Manon. It's calling  
down the moon...not calling  
down the sun.**





- 9. storage unit
- 11. woven
- 14. searched for
- 16. original
- 18. Odin's wife
- 19. herb to repel mosquitoes
- 20. honey gatherer
- 21. anger
- 22. expression of delight
- 23. feminine
- 24. Federal Reserve Actions; abbrev.
- 26. see 44 across
- 29. Goddess of Wealth
- 30. young girl
- 32. Pollux's twin
- 33. complete
- 35. not Roman
- 37. Ram
- 38. browned
- 40. wand
- 42. printer's mark
- 47. see 7 across
- 51. partner for across

ACROSS

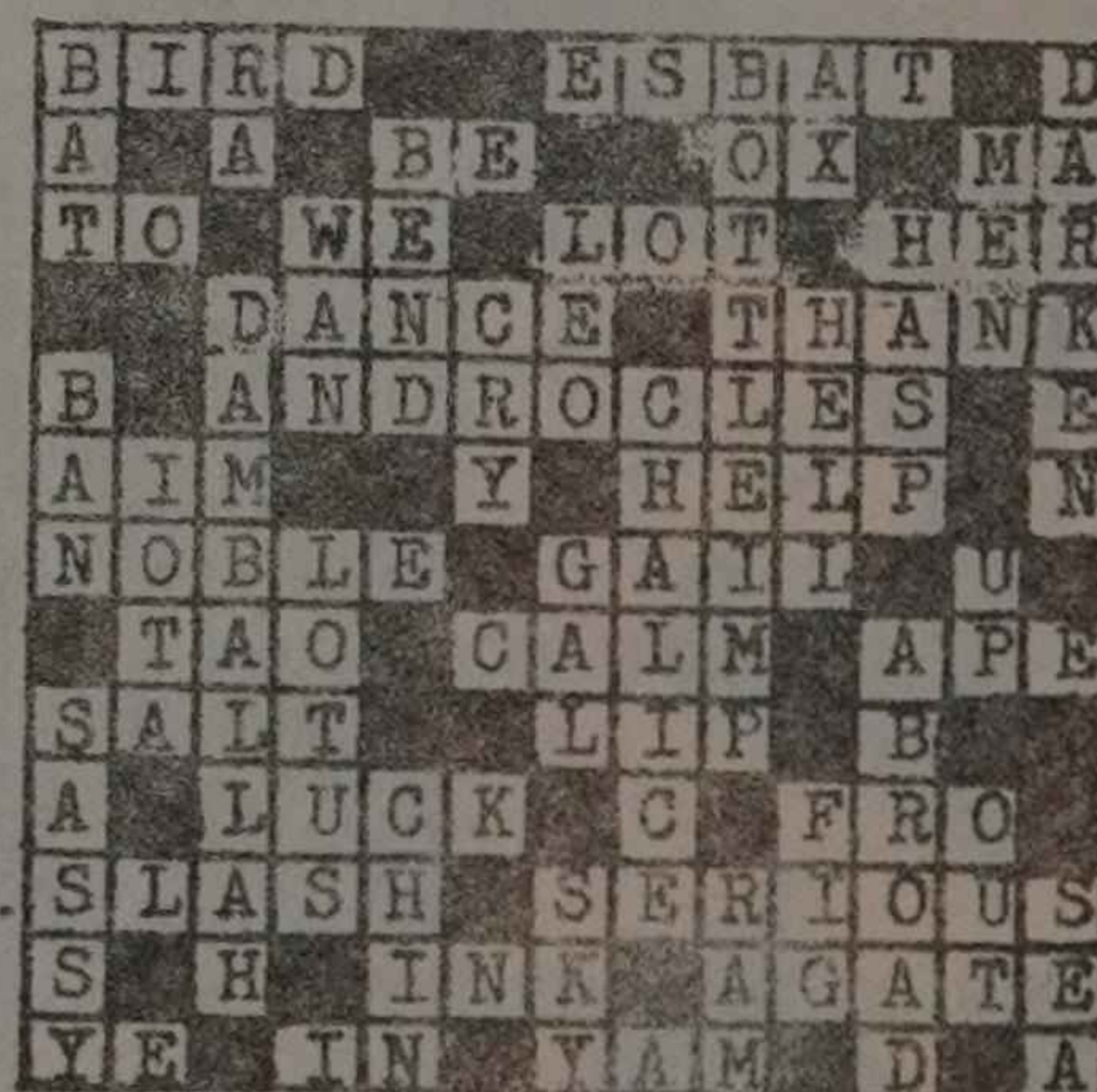
- 1. knife part
- 5. three bases
- 9. secure
- 10. fire remnant
- 12. rap
- 13. 15 across part
- 15. pork source
- 17. editor; abbrev.
- 18. concentrate
- 20. two; prefix
- 21. man's name
- 22. give, as advice
- 25. tree source
- 26. there is; cont.
- 27. ogler
- 28. mother; slang
- 29. have being
- 31. fuss
- 32. throw
- 34. label
- 36. originating from birth
- 39. either —

- 41. employ
- 43. remove
- 44. lean-
- 45. Biblical garden
- 46. fuzz
- 47. place for notes
- 48. born
- 49. strong drink
- 50. whitish gem
- 52. immortality symbol
- 53. \_\_\_\_\_ plane

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- 1. bobble
- 2. sly
- 3. man's name
- 4. each; abbrev.
- 5. the one here
- 6. that thing
- 7. friend
- 8. long-playing; abbrev.

JANUARY'S ANSWERS



## GOLLUM'S COLLUM

## TAKING TRIPS

Even if you don't anticipate many trips with Puss, it's wise to accustom him to travelling and be prepared with a good cat carrier.

Your carrier should be large enough to contain an adult cat comfortably. It should be ventilated at one or both ends, and have a strong latch.

Acquaint your cat with the carrier by letting him sleep or nap in it if he likes.

## AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL

If properly introduced to automobile riding, most cats can learn to take it calmly, if not with pleasure. The secret lies in letting the cat get used to the car slowly. He should be allowed to sniff around the inside of the parked car until he is familiar with it.

When and if your cat takes to auto riding happily, he may enjoy sitting in someone's lap instead of in his carrier.

## PARKING

Avoid leaving your cat in a parked car. If you MUST leave the cat, park where it is cool, leave the windwings slightly open, lock the car, and hurry back.

More next month on shipping your cat, and boarding your pet.

PENNY - I'm sorry to hear about kittens getting killed. They are with the Lady now.

SAN DEE - So you now have two cats. The Lady knows where to send our true friends. She send them to places that are full of LOVE.

MAU - NO..it's not absolutely necessary for fixed cats to get fat. Ellen, you may have to play with Mau a little more to keep him in shape.

SAMMIE - Happy to hear the stitches are out from your spaying operation.

MR. SLATS - Cat trees are great fun. I, myself, love to jump on the dogs as they walk by ..and then the fun begins.

PIPPIN, PUSSKIN, & PADDWADDLE - If Sam is an older cat, it could take some time for her to become friendly with you and your children. In the meantime, try to have lots of LOVE in your heart for her. She sounds as though she needs it.

MARSHA - You are a loving human, and the cats all know it; so that's why those cats keep coming to your door. Your husband working for Ralston Purina is a great help in feeding them, too.

Meow for now.

May the Lady walk with you always.

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BEING A WITCH CAT IS.....

(from Morgan LeFay)

..... sending Pat a petition protesting the use of the Cat-house as a place of punishment...and landing in the doghouse.

..... threatening to expel the Maidenpussy if she sharpens her claws on the watchtowers again.

## FEBRUARY 1980 STAR GAZER

by Lady Fauna

- 2nd Candlemas 3 pm, 10 pm Good for necromancy. Yellow candles.
- 3rd 1 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 8 pm, midnight. Protect money. Avoid travel. Yellow, red and blue candles.
- 9th 3 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm. Bad day to travel. In matter of fact, a good day to stay home in bed. Yellow and black candles.
- 11th 3 pm, 10 pm. Don't travel on water unless absolutely necessary. Green candle.
- 16th New Moon. 1 pm, 8 pm. Meditate on the Dark Goddess. Black and yellow candles.
- 17th 5 pm, 6 pm, midnight. Travel will offer fertility, knowledge. Use green candle.
- 18th 1 pm, 3 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm. Visit your lover and sing the new song you wrote last month. Green candle.
- 25th 5 pm, midnight. Danger of earthquakes in the Northern Hemisphere. Red and green candles.
- 26th 2 pm, 9 pm. Danger of earthquakes persists. Be aggressive in financial affairs. Red and green candles.
- 29th 5 pm, midnight. Take that someone special out tonight. Green candles.

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FROM RUS (Arcane Crafts)

The coven was so secretive, they bricked up the windows before each Circle.

The coven was so nasty, Pat had to build an armored doghouse for them.

The coven was so crazy, they held Circles in a padded room.

The coven was so small, they used a dime for a pentacle.

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FROM SCOTT in San Diego

The coven was so rich, they shredded up twenty-dollar bills to use in their Jupiter and Earth incenses.

The coven was so rich, they had their sword and cauldron insured.

FROM ELLEN in New Jersey

BEING A WITCH IS .....

.....treasuring your Witches' Almanac.

## MAGICK AND TRANSFORMATION IN WORDS

by Gordon in the navy (still in Spain, I think)

To speak of the runes (properly) is to refer to the magickal script invented and used by the various and sundry Germanic tribes that inhabited continental Europe and England. The word "RUNE" derives from a west Germanic root which means "a secret; something whispered". (In modern Finnish, it refers to any poem, specifically to a magico-religious poem.)

The Futhark dates to the first century or so of the current era. Many of the letters and their associated meanings were derived from magickal symbols that the pre-literate Germanic tribes carved into rock faces (Hallristningar) at least as early as 1300 BCE. These rock carvings seem to be connected with Indo-European solar and fertility cults. These symbols were later combined with a European alphabet, probably either Thracian Greek or Northern Italic by an unknown tribe possibly as early as 800 BC. Limited evidence suggests that this tribe dwelt on the coast of the Black Sea.

The runes in their original form consist of 24 letters, often divided into 3 sets with 8 runes per set. One set for Frey, One set for TIZW (Tyr) and one set known as Hagals set, probably referring to the forces of nature. Each rune had a name, each name possesses a magickal meaning, and each name had a stave of a poem that described the name. The runes were never a secular script. They were used almost exclusively for divination and hexing throughout most of their active history. Neither were they written as such; they were carved or engraved into wood or stone. The engraved characters were then filled with paint or dye, and on occasions, even blood.

Many of the inscriptions are impossible to read, and it was common practice to use complicated cipher systems, abbreviations, etc. when engraving an item.

The runes were brought to England no later than the fifth century. Their common use in England did not last past the tenth century, as the clergy took a very dim view of magickal alphabets. They fared a bit better in Scandinavia, since the last reference to their usage there was in the seventeenth century.

A bit of mythological background on the runes is appropriate at this time. Norse mythology attributes the invention of the runes to the Norns: Urd, Verdandi, and Skuld. Odin acquired the runes by performing the "usual shamanistic sacrifice of dying in order to be reborn with power" of some sort.

According to stanza 138 of the Havamal, Odin sacrificed himself on the world-ash Yggdrassil (Odin's steed) and hung there for nine days and nights. He neither ate nor drank for this time, and perceived the runes at his feet. He gathered them, fell from the tree, and his uncle Mimir nursed him back to health. Mimir then taught Odin 18 songs of power to use with the runes.

(continued next month with the Anglo-Saxon Rune Poem)

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FROM LADY PHOENIX in Dallas

She came from such a sheltered environment that her scholarship was from Masters & Johnson.

From Marsha in New Mexico : "I haven't been able to find out anything about my God statue. When I went back to Lubbock, the ceramic shop was closed so I am going to write them."

From Betha in Calif. : " My son is off to Saudi. Have told him to be on the lookout for Witchy things..and got him a camera. This last week he found out that gas is 16¢ a gallon over there. I don't think they fill up camels with it!"

From Lady Saira in Conn. " Paul Gallico's THOMASINA is an excellent book, truly understanding the spirituality of a cat.  
..I am somewhat of an advanced amateur herbalist..I greatly appreciate the articles on herbs. I have found that powdered neutral henna makes an excellent face masque for any type skin..it leaves my face feeling renewed and moist. I drink a cup of comfrey tea every day (it helps the skin regenerate itself.) I use comfrey tea to moisten the henna to a mud-pie consistency for a masque. I also use camomile and marigold petals to make a rinse for my hair."

Georgia in Miss. says she is still hemming pants. "I imagine that I am hemming one for Bert Reynolds and one for Robert Redford. It is more fun."

Karen in Colorado is enjoying a vacation between jobs. "Got NINE APPLES a couple of weeks ago..I really like it. One of my rituals is in it. I don't recall seeing mention of The Spiral Dance by Starhawk. It is an excellent book, well written with some very good rituals and exercises. I'm really sorry Scott had that mandrake experience.' He could have killed himself. Please remind the readers that although as Witches the use of herbs is part of our heritage...it is with knowledge and intelligence that they should be used! Even if an herb is considered to be non-toxic, a person may still be allergic. I urge everyone to study and experiment with herbs carefully."

Myra in Oklahoma says: "San Dee & I finally held our first ritual at Yule, and it was great."

Rus (Arcane Crafts) says: "Yule was small and snappy. I did something new...roasted a goose. Turned out amazingly well. We also had Wassail and good English Merrydown Mead. I got a drinking cup as a present, and made everybody drink rounds of wassail until the pot was empty. Cured one guy's hangover, but caused none."

Nice letter from Jenny in Florida but not really any Craft news.

Jim in Calif. planning to take a silver jewelry making class.

Judith says, "please extend my warmest welcome to any Wiccans passing through to stop and visit. I am eager for contact with fellow Wiccans". Ye Olde Enchantment Shoppe, 4682 Iowa, suite 101A, San Diego, Cal. 92116. Phone 282-8718.

Jim in New Jersey says he has also had trouble getting an order from Wicca Craften. Maybe it's better to order COD.

BEING MARRIED TO A WITCH IS.... from Mariah in Calif.

....sneaking a look at the Georgian Newsletter to see the nude women.

...having your cards read when you don't know what to do about a problem.

FROM MARILEE & ED in San Diego

First to get out of the doghouse (or is that cat house?)

SNAPDRAGON is played by placing raisins on a dish and covering the raisins with alcohol (we used 151 rum!) and setting it on fire. Then the players must snap (with fingers) the flaming raisins out of the dish and into a cup putting them out as they go. They must only take one at a time--player with the most raisins in their cup at the end of the game is the winner (our prize was a chocolate Ushabti). This can also be played if you're not playing for a prize, by snapping the still burning raisins directly into your mouth. Great game, but have people roll up sleeves and keep in mind this game can be dangerous if not prepared--have lots of Aloe Vera on hand. Also, if you have a lot of people you can time each person, we gave 45 seconds each.

SLICING FLOUR-- Take a large bowl and fill it with flour packing it down until it's like a round mound, turn it over and place on a plate. On top of the flour mound place a small gold ring. Every player gets a butter knife and the game begins. Each player must cut a slice from the mound without moving the ring. The first person to make the ring fall down into the flour has to pick it up with their teeth...when we played it, the person who lost had to go down several times before she found the ring, a totally hilarious game, but remember to put newspapers under the plate or you'll have flour everywhere!

Pagans might be interested to know, we have a small jewelry and gift item business here in San Diego, carrying mythological or unusual unique pieces from all over the world. Some of our items are on consignment in Ye Olde Enchantment Shop (Judith & Mel's) or Pagans can contact us by picking up our business card at the shop.

Was on KCBQ talk show 12/23/79 (2 hours!), with Karl Sagan, that was fun, they wanted to know what a Witch did on Christmas! Went well, but 2 hours is pretty tedious on a call in talk show when you never know what someone is going to ask etc. But we were pleased with the results and that it went so well.

In perusing the newsletter, I had a few comments to pass on to other Craft members regarding some of the information presented. Hope this helps for more interpersonal communication between Craft members.

NOTE TO CRAFTERS VISITING STONEHENGE: So as not to risk the wrath of the guards, you can write to the Department Of Environment for permission to enter the Circle Of Stones. We did, and spent a delightful morning in the center of Stonehenge gazing at the aura of the heel stone (one place it can be seen is from the very center facing outward) and listening to the history of the stones from one of its guardians. This kind gentleman allowed me to collect some of the leaves and pieces of oak the Druids had left from their last ceremony, and feathers birds had dropped in the center. It's well worth the time to try to get permission to go the center, and makes for good friendship with the people there. The guards take their job very seriously there, for although Pagans have the highest respect for it, unfortunately there are those who don't.

(This was in response to Selene's trip to Great Britain)

(For Marsha in New Mexico)

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(for Marsha)

Would love it if you could print the recipe for the Egyptian Rose cookies, they sound great and I'd like to try making them. As to orange water--you can usually find it in Liquor and Specialty (Deli-type) stores, but you can also make your own easily. One modern herbalist way is in a crock pot. Take an empty crock pot and invert a bowl or cup on the bottom, place an empty cup or bowl on top of that right side up. Fill crock pot with orange flowers until about the halfway point, being careful not to get any orange blossoms in the cup that's sitting right side up. Then fill crock pot with water until it is just below flower level or even with it. I use distilled water in mine so that my completed product is actually double-distilled. Then invert the crock pot lid and fill with ice. Turn on the crock pot and let it cook (I usually use the high temperature). You can even run tubing from the crock pot lid to your sink so that you don't have to drain the water manually, so all you have to worry about is keeping ice on top of it and making sure your cup that's right side up (this would be called the reclamation cup) is not overflowing with beautiful double distilled homemade, fresh orange water!

(For BETHEA)

Usually Hallmark Stores carry sealing wax for 50¢ a stick. If Ellen can't get it for you, I can.

(To MARIAH)

The song you know as the 13 Moons Of Yule..we learned it as the 13 Yule Song and found it in The Crystal Well.

(To ARMEETA in Pittsburgh)

Wintergreen can also be interchanged with white Willow Bark for pain, and aspirin.

Group news consists of gathering at our house--congenial meeting, people full of good ideas, good motivation, etc. Everyone should give Judith & Mel lots of support for getting their store started in San Diego, I hear the Xians have been hasseling them. Made herb vinegars as gifts for Yule. Started Eucalyptus oil yesterday--today will probably start extraction of ethyl alcohol--By the way, for those dabbling in oil making--a good place to get your alcohol is in Tijuana, Mexico. It runs about \$2.75 a quart. Each person over 21 is allowed to bring 1 quart over the border legally.

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BEING A SEXATARY IS.... from Manon

....buying stock in the Liquid Paper Correction Fluid Co.

Well, we have lots more we could write this month but today is the 29 th, and we hope to get this in the mail on the first as usual. Also busy preparing for Candlemas we'll be celebrating on the 2 nd, and Lupercalia on the 16 th. Never get caught up.

That's All, Folks!

at and all the Georgians.