

BAKERSFIELD - Well, there really isn't a lot of news from here yet this month. Gail and Merle conducted the Full Moon with a new ritual that Gail had written. It was very nice and really went quite well. I'm certain we'll be doing that one again.

Since we haven't had the Hallows celebration at the time this is written, we can't tell you about that. In fact, we plan to get this in the mail Hallows morning.

Judging from the number of requests we've had for invitations, including some of our new students from several cities, we should have a pretty good crowd and a pretty good time. More on that next month.

Even before our charter had come through, we had had requests from several of our member groups for charters as soon as they would become eligible, but now we have received our first "official" request for a charter. That will be one of the subjects for the Board of Directors to take up at the meeting this month. Another subject will be designing and printing of the charters and ministers' credentials.

We'll be planning a Thanksgiving dinner here as usual for those of our people who don't have families or those who just prefer to be here. Surely someone will suggest cooking the turkey in the microwave oven..but no way. A big turkey would never fit. Guess I'll just have to give it an early start on the conventional gas oven.

Sirius is a few months older than Wickian Pooka. Pooka will be 1 year old a week before Thanksgiving....but he still seems to be growing bigger every day. I had to laugh this Sunday morning when a tiny female Chihuahua in heat found a small opening where she managed to get into the yard. Sirius and Pooka were both very upset..but they couldn't quite figure out how to handle that problem.

Don't really have any news from Modesto this month. Manon has been busy with her coven as usual. Also had her little boy in the hospital one weekend for a tonsilectomy, and had to work another weekend to get more time off for a longer weekend here for the Samhain celebration....so we're also behind with answering the mail.

Judith arranged a work party here for yesterday to clean up the Circle and the yard to be ready for Hallows. So they did an excellent job of it. From now on, taking care of the outdoor Circle, the swimming pool, and the backyard will be the responsibility of Judith and the Pagan Way. Judith has already been doing a good job of taking care of the temple.

Someone asked recently why I still call myself a High Priest instead of Magus. Well, as I explained once before, the Georgians just aren't hung up on titles. It's really much like a business

that gives people a new title but no more pay; it just means a hell of a lot of more work...so who needs it.

If you would like a copy of The Elvenstone, write Oaken Moon Pagan Assoc., 242 Brentborough on Broadmore, Sheridan, Orego 97378. A donation is helpful.

Ellen (No. Hollywood) says a friend is doing research for a book and would appreciate info on actual occurrences of harassment, injury, persecution, etc. Privacy will be guarded. Write Peter Buhl, c/o Sothistar, Box 9513, N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609.

From Lady Phoenix, Box 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245: due to a series of difficulties...fires, surgery, unexpected and unpaid time off from work...Lady Phoenix, Unicorn Circle, Unicorn Gardens, etc... are struggling to get back into "shape" and be able to handle commitments. If you have ordered runesticks, subscribed to Unicorn Gardens, or ordered robes in the last six months, please write to Unicorn Circle or Lady Phoenix again with details. Many papers were damaged or destroyed, and she has no way of knowing to whom things should go. Please try to understand the delays, and contact her regarding your orders.

Rhea in Georgia says she'd like to know where to buy good incense in bulk. She says some of her favorites are not available locally, for example..trappist.

I don't recall what I said in a recent letter but Rhea replied: Southern Baptists do not drink alcohol in the presence of other people, especially other Southern Baptists. They only drink it when in the closet, under the bed, or out of town on a covention. Rhea says she has heard no more from Janice & Dennis (Texas) since their phone call.

Rhea says there is some gossip circulating that a former member of the coven here is planning to move in with me and become my HPs. Nice that someone finally got around to letting ME know about it. Wonder who started that one.

Rhea says she got a chuckle out of Rus's article in the last edition. She says each person should use what is most readily available, economical, and suits their purpose. She says she is not surprised that a number of humans are male! She is delighted by the fact!

Ricci Ann Porter, 10773 Hwy. 150, Ojai, Ca. 93023 says she'd like to hear from Craft people.

Nice long tape letters from Penny & Chris in Florida. They plan a Handfasting at Yule time. The coven of Windstar seems to be going quite well. At the Equinox, people attended from Key West, Miami, Tampa, and St. Petersburg. One girl brought along an antique 10 gallon chalice. Penny didn't mention whether she had to drain that at the end of the ritual. If so, wonder who picked her up afterward. Penny says because the Circle was flooded they had to use another too close to the road. Many insisted on going skyelad, so they did, and then her mother arrived for a visit..causing a mad scramble for clothes.

PRACTICAL TAROT CARD READING from Demeter ...Ye Full Moon  
Wicca...Mastic Beach, N.Y. Part 2.

Here is one thing that I strongly recommend because it works so well, not just for me but for others who use it: get yourself a small bottle of essential oil, and keep it with your cards. Choose the scent that you like or which corresponds to your natal Sun or Moon sign. You might even decide to choose a scent based on the lore of flowers or incense.

This use of oil does a few things. It acts as a Tie-in. Put a drop in the right hand of the Querent (Q) and a drop in your left hand as the Reader (R). The right side is believed to be the transmitting side, and the left to be the receiving side. The cards become the "radio set". The oil will slowly begin to coat the cards as they are handled, which protects them and adds to their life. My well-oiled original deck is old, smells great, and wine, pizza sauce and drippings from a circle feast haven't bothered it. Like incense, the fragrance builds up on the cards, and does trigger the psychic.

In the beginning, handle your cards often. It's not wise to "show" the cards to people until you've been reading them for a while. For a start, let only yourself and the Q hold or shuffle the cards. Later, you may let others see and touch your cards. In any case, the cards should not be abused or neglected any more than a good carpenter would mishandle tools he intends to keep working with.

#### SOME OFTEN ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How long will it take to learn to read the cards?

A. Don't compare yourself with anyone. Learn at your own pace. Some people can pick up a deck and "see" things right away. Most people can't do that. The time, energy, and effort you put in will all pay off. Reading the cards is just that...reading. Review the steps that you took to learn to read English from alphabet to first word sentences to paragraphs, short stories to novels. DON'T BE DISCOURAGED. You didn't learn to read English overnight either.

Q. When do I start to read reverse meanings?

A. When you begin, do not read reverse. Familiarize yourself with the regular meanings first. You will find that one card in the upright position has a similar meaning to another card in reverse. An example of this would be the Star upright has a meaning close to the Devil in reverse.

Q. Why is it that having learned the individual meanings of the cards, I still can't seem to put them together to make sense?

A. This goes back to reading. It takes time and practice, practice, practice. Keep in mind that the meanings of the individual cards will be changed by the other cards. We see this all the time when we read words. Take the word "love". "I love to read is  
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different from "Love is a many splendored thing" or "let's make love".

Check the book meaning for Pentacles Three. Basically it stands for a craftsman or artist; it could also be for a fraternal member such as the Masons. Put it in the 11 th House (see Horoscope Spread) of organizations, and it can be read as a person who belongs to a union (a special group or brotherhood of craftsmen) or someone who is interested in union activities be it strikes, contract negotiations, or who is simply pro-union or union active.

Q. Should I keep practicing on the same people?

A. Most people like readings of any kind, be it cards, numerology or palmistry. Read for as many different people as you can. If you run out of family or friends, or just want to read alone, here is a suggestion: before watching a TV show or a movie, throw the cards with it in mind. Jot down some of the impressions you find in the cards. Later, compare these notes to the plot. Don't look for the specifics at first. Go for the generalities to see if you can pick up on the theme (romantic, adventure, war). Later, you can use the same technique to assign the court card personalities. You can do the same thing with short stories, novels, newspaper articles, or interviews. Pay more heed to what you came close to than what you may have missed.

Q. What if I make a mistake and tell somebody the wrong thing?

A. There are certain things that you must be careful not to do. It is a definite no-no to predict death. It will show up in the cards. You can tell the Q. that she may be going off to a wake or visiting someone who has lost a loved one through divorce, separation or a distant move.

Never end a reading on a negative note. You can warn a person of rough times ahead...depression, worries, money problems, health difficulties, but you can soften these by describing them as unhappy periods most people face. If you wonder about making a negative "self-fulfilling prophecy" then point out to the Q. that the cards can be changed by changing the thoughts to a more positive direction or attitude.

Q. What should I do about becoming discouraged when people deny what I think I see in the cards?

A. Doubt is a bummer, especially in the beginning. Most readers learn that there are going to be people who say "no" regardless of what you tell them. It is only with time that you develop confidence in yourself and your cards.

About a year ago, a woman came into the shop with her baby daughter. Cards that I always associate with pregnancy showed up in her spread. She told me "no way!" The little girl was adopted after nine years of childless marriage. She felt what the cards showed was her desire to adopt another baby. "Oh well," I said after a few moments of doubting myself, "Tarot card readings are done for your entertainment only, but I will stick by my cards and say there is a pregnancy in store for you." She came back about a month ago for another reading. She was 7 months pregnant. Oh well..

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STAR GAZER November 16-December 16 by LADY FAUNA

- 16 Apply common sense. Yellow candles.
- 17 Guard against overspending, quarrels over money. Violet, sea green, orange, variegated candles.
- 18 Money is spent on lover. Green, blood red, light green candles.
- 19 A bizarre day at work. Take in the arts this evening. Violet, gray, blood red, blue candles.
- 20 Consciously relax. Yellow candles.
- 21 Full Moon. Review your ritual early in the day to make sure you have everything you need. White, variegated, vibrant red, orange candles.
- 22 Take care of pets before you go out. Dark blue, light green candles.
- 23 Use imagination in sexual partnerships. Sea green, violet, blood red, forest green candles.
- 24 Nurse a cold. Fire red, dark blue, light green candles.
- 25 You sense a change. Yellow, blood red, variegated candles.
- 26 Meditate on a long, hot bath. White, green, orange candles.
- 27 Visualization. Yellow, sea green candles.
- 28 Paperwork and study. Take periodic breaks, then go back and review your work. White, variegated, energy red candles.
- 29 Rebellions. Yellow, red, dark blue candles.
- 30 Work with a partner. Guard finances. Violet, sea green candles.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Hard work on a business trip. Dark blue, red, light green candles.
  - 2 Energy fluctuates. Red, light green, blood red candles.
  - 3 Withdraw to develop artistic talents. Violet, yellow, variegated candles.
  - 4 Negotiate. Green candles.
  - 5 Intellectual conversation enlightening. Violet, yellow, variegated candles.
  - 6 Intelligence shines. Yellow candles.
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STAR GAZER December continued

- 7 New Moon. Meditate on balancing the elements within you. Orange and sea green candles.
- 8 Stick to duties. Violet, dark blue candles.
- 10 An unconventional outlook provides fresh ideas. Violet, blood red candles.
- 11 You are given the responsibility for organization. It is a pleasant task. Dark blue, light green candles.
- 12 Business judgment and perception shaky. Blue, blood red, variegated candles.
- 13 Work on art projects. Encourage yourself. White, orange, sea green candles.
- 14 Athletics attract. Yellow, dark blue, orange, red candles.
- 15 Earth movement indicated. Temper uneven. The arts attract. Be cautious. Violet, gray, dark blue, light green, light blue, variegated candles.
- 16 Imagination provides fresh insight. Yellow, red, sea green, violet candles.

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MAY HARVEST by J. Davis Orlando, Florida

Of ancient scenes  
 Not now seen,  
 Cast a play  
 In time delayed,  
 Of a town  
 Dancing around  
 The May Pole Queen  
 And Jack in Green

Everyone is merry  
 For their fairy,  
 In festival ferment.  
  
 Bringing the fire  
 Of nights desire  
 In harvest to be sent.

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AGING IS WHEN.... From Don in Lomits

You get winded playing chess.  
 Your children begin to look middle aged.  
 You're still chasing women but can't remember why.  
 A dripping faucet causes an uncontrollable bladder urge.  
 You know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions.

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## JOVIAN HERBS by James Excell in Colorado

Jupiter is the planet of the All-father in quite a few pantheons, and the corresponding properties of generation, expansion, and beneficence are consistently fulfilled in the herba attributed to Jupiter. While basil and aloes wave the Juperterian banner of royal purple in their crowns of leaves and flowers, it is in the healing, soothing functions that the herbs as a whole typify the benefic influence of their patron planet. Many of the herbs act to soothe and gently heal several conditions that are well known for causing extreme discomfort.

Basil and cinquefoil are particularly useful for digestive difficulties that are (with varying degrees of aptness) attributed commonly to Jovian expressions of appetite. As stomachics, they are effective in relieving cramps, vomiting, enteritis, constipation, diarrhea, and dysentery.

Though basil and cinquefoil act to relieve the effects of Jovian excess, many of the other attributed herbs reflect the expansive, philanthropical aspects of Jupiter by acting as soothing salves, balms, tonics, and emollients. Used internally, aloes is generally a purgative, but when used in an external wash, it is one of the most effective emollients. It draws out infections and is useful as a wound wash, exerting a soothing and healing influence on minor burns, cuts, insect bites, and wrinkles. Cinquefoil, too, as a tea, acts as an external astringent for skin irritations and mouth and throat sores.

Oak is another Jovian astringent effective on skin irritations and sores, as a wash. As an internal astringent and digestive, it helps control rectal problems, hemorrhoids, bloody urine, varicose veins, and internal hemorrhage. As the oak quite often represents the All-Father, progenitor in the arboreal hierarchies, the strength the tree radiates and the towering, beneficent shelter it provides the forest, have earned it by virtue of its very demeanor its attribution to Jupiter.

Pine and poplar also produce healing balms. Poplar in particular produces a soothing salve for internal use and an exterior application virtually identical to balm of gilead (which isn't too strange, since balm of gilead is an old-fashioned quaint name for poplar!) The ascorbic acid content of pine make it effective as a balm and linament where a revitalization of systemic activity is needed. Pine-resin vapours inhaled are excellent in clearing up congestive colds. Frankincense and saffron serve to stimulate both the system and perception along philosophical and generative line ascribed to Jupiter. Saffron is widely reputed to be both stimulant and aphrodisiac, while frankincense, in addition to its protective function by elevating the level of psychic sensitivity serves the function of expansion of perception and renders the philosophic, expansive and beneficent mode of consciousness ascribed to Jupiter attainable.

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## VISUALIZATION by Karen in Colorado (Moon Magick)

The purpose of visualization is multifold. Learning to visualize goes hand in hand with learning to concentrate, disciplining oneself, developing an active imagination, aiding meditation, focus, astral projection, create a pattern within the mind and holding it. It brings into play the habits and mind patterns trained into you by early childhood, - allows you to use others' rituals when combined with a knowledge of symbology, and is a communication technique that leads naturally into dream work. Of course, there are corresponding energy techniques with the other senses, and once you teach yourself to satisfactorily visualize, you can use the same type of technique to utilize the other senses.

By learning to visualize, you will find your rituals are enhanced; for example, in a healing ritual you can produce more energy by visualizing the afflicted area in a healthy and vital state rather than just directing energy to the area. By utilizing both the direction of the healing energy and the visualization of the area as healthy, you will promote a faster and more efficient healing process. This is so for all types of ritual. Visualization of the goal achieved combined with the direction of the magickal energy will channel more energy thus achieving a more effective ritual.

It takes time to develop the ability to visualize, so be prepared to expend energy and time to allow this ability to manifest. You should set aside a time period in which to experiment with the process each day, a time when you will not be interrupted. Each person is different, therefore, each person will need a different space of time to develop this talent. Don't be discouraged if someone you know says they can do it easily in two days. Only you can be the judge of how you are progressing and how much time you need. Other people can, of course, give you suggestions if you seem to be floundering, but don't base your progress on the assertions of others.

You will need to learn how to visualize both with your eyes closed and with your eyes open. At first it is easier with your eyes closed.

### 1 st Exercise

You can start either with a tangible object or a card that is coloured or with a symbol on it. We will use a card with a symbol for our example. For a week, devote 10 minutes each day to studying the card. Pay attention only to the card, memorizing the detail of it exactly. The next week, put the card away and, with your eyes closed, imagine the card as you have memorized it in detail for 10 minutes each day. Sometimes it is easier to get the outline of the card first and then fill it in with the colour and the symbol.

### 2 nd Exercise

When you have successfully visualized the card in your mind's

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eye for a week, you will begin to visualize it with your eyes open. Staring at a blank white wall is easiest. Stare at the wall remembering the card and cause it to appear before you on the wall. After you have visualized it mentally erase it. If you find this difficult to do, try staring at the card first, intently, then switch your eyes to the wall. You will see the card for a few moments on the wall, and it will give you an idea of how it will look when you do it mentally.

## 3 rd Exercise

Obtain a black card. Holding it in the hand, trace with the finger of the other hand, a line on the card, the tracing finger not actually touching the card. As you trace the line, visually hold the line, and after the line is complete, hold the whole line on the card. Then erase the line by tracing over it again, physically and mentally seeing the line disappear as the finger traces it.

## 4 th Exercise

Put the black card away, and do the same exercise as above, this time in the air, remembering to physically and mentally erase it.

## 5 th Exercise

With the eyes open, mentally visualize your card with the symbol on a blank white wall. When the card is vivid, change the colour of it. Change it again and again to different colours.

## 6 th Exercise

Eyes open, visualize a geometric shape such as a triangle or circle against the wall. Now mentally spin it. When that is accomplished, turn it over in slow motion. Erase.

In dream working the method is much the same. Before you go to sleep, tell yourself that in your dream you are going to notice that, for example, your hands are clasped. Work on that each night until you clasp your hands in your dream, and you notice and remember it. Continue in this way until you notice everything in your dreams in detail. Now comes the fun. Before you go to sleep, tell yourself that you are going to dream about a particular thing. Work on this each night until you do.

It is important to note that before beginning any exercise you must be relaxed and comfortable. Be sure to get yourself to a calm, centered, and balanced state before beginning as this will facilitate the process.

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DIFFERENCE LAUGHER from Don in Lomita

What's the difference between a female jogger and a seamstress?  
A seamstress has only one bobbin.

## NOTES FROM ARLEETA in Pittsburgh

To energize one's self or to recuperate more quickly, sit under a pine tree. It has a red invisible aura. Also, touch ends of pine needles...3 to 5 minutes often. It also helps to place a pine branch on the head for a few minutes..10, 15 or so at a time.

Remedy for diarrhea: Green blackberry leaves or wild grapevine leaves, or green leaves of the hazelnut bush. Make into a tea.

Cauliflower is an internal cleanser and deodorizer.

If you burn your toast in the morning, don't throw it out. Eat it and count your blessings. It is (when burnrd) charcoal that detoxifies the body internally.

Peach leaf tea is a mild cathartic.

Potassium permanganate, applied locally, is a wonderful remedy for poison ivy or a bad rash. A pharmacist can prepare it for you. It was an old time doctor's prescription. You can make your own if you can get the powder. A pharmacist recently told me that it is not too readily available any longer.

The plantain, rabbit ears, rabbits foot, ribwort, etc. Macerate and apply to a cut. We used it a lot when we were kids. It staunches the flow of blood, and is very astringent. Also good for rectal itch or hemorrhoids. Macerate clean leaves, lubricate anus, or mix the macerated leaf in a good oil, and insert, if you wish. It works, too well, as it tightens the tissues and it is possible that it might temporarily be so tight that it may restrict the natural expulsion of faecies. With lubrication, everything will be okay.

Apple cider vinegar is one of the best antiseptics.

For stings and insect bites (chiggers, too) apply clorox. Meat tenderizer is also good for such bites (monosodium glutinate).

For body hives or breakouts, pour a box of baking soda into the bath water (or a couple of handfuls), and soak. You could also make a paste of water and baking soda, or a strong infusion, and apply. It should soothe the irritation almost immediately.

To remove toxins from the body, some spas in Germany advocate sitting in a tub of real warm water into which 5 pounds of Epsom Salts have been added. This draws out toxins and alleviates aches and pains. Especially good to immerse tired aching feet, but not so much Epsom Salts are needed. About a fourth of a box or a couple of handfuls is sufficient in warm-to-hot water...but not too hot.

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Money isn't everything.

No, but it's a good place to start.

THE HIGH PRIESTESS by Shadowhawk  
of Elvenhearth

## THE FOUR FACES OF THE SUN

It is difficult to decide how to approach this one. If I link it to the Wheel of the Year, there is sure to be someone who will disagree with my view. If I go at this from any one angle, there will be someone out there who deems it "all wrong"..so..

The views expressed here in the mythos, etc. are what I feel works best for me. I realize there are as many perceptions of the sun as there are people who are aware of him, her, it, and all are equally valid. OK-?

You can liken the Sun's 4 faces to those of the Moon. That is: he has a Dark/new face (winter solstice), a first quarter (Spring Equinox), a full (Summer Solstice), and a third or waning face (Autumnal Equinox).

The Dark/new herbs would be: St. Johnswort (dark), and Chamomile (new).

St. Johnswort is best burned during the Sign of Saggitarious - it brings feelings of well-being - it is male and mildly projective in nature.

Chamomile is an exaltant of the Sun. It is male and strongle projective in nature.

To make Winter Solstice incense use: equal parts of these and one part Laurel Leaves - Laurel will stabilize it; it is a Sun fixative, and also provides the suggestion of doing honor to the diety. These mixes are burned during the rites.

First quarter herbs would be:

Heather - which is best used in the Spring; its nature is both Solar and Lunar, and it serves to stabilize.

and

Angelica - which is male, mildly projective (used in a lot of healing potions, rubs, and incenses).

To make Spring Equinox incense, combine equal parts of heather, anfelica and eyebright (eyebright makes visable the other planes) and add a touch of cinnamon - a Sun "charger".

FULL Herbs - this one is easy -

Saffron- male, harmonizer (Leo) and Sunflower - petals..male, exhaltant. For Full or Summer Solstice incense, combine equal parts of these plus one part Life Everlasting (a fixative) and add a few (1/3 part) frankincense tears (a projective).

and finally -

Third Quarter or waning -

Marigold - male, fixative and charger (the last flowers to die in a garden), and orange peel or flowers (represent duality and act as a harmonizer).

THE HIGH PRIESTESS continued

For Autumnal Equinox incense:, combine, combine these plus 1 part citron (male projective-heightens psi), a few mullein seeds (male fixative) and a sprinkle of nutmeg (sun-male-receptive).

Okay - now we have the solar phases and their incenses.

Spring Equinox 'cense should create a warm, relaxed feeling which might be termed "sensuous".

Summer Solstice 'cense will make you feel full of energy.

Autumnal Equinox should also give energy and a feeling of needing to plan and find patterns.

Winter Solstice will bring quiet energy and lift depression.

Now the cycle of the Sun differs from the cycle of the year in my calendar. I'll give you the concise legend of the Wheel of the Year below.

Oct. 31 - Halloween- the old year dies and the new is conceived.

Winter Solstice - the new year "quicken" in the womb of the mother.

Spring Equinox - the year is "born".

Beltane - it is growing - it is the youthful, pubescent God.

Summer Solstice - the year is now at its peak - it is the Sun Lord - young and vibrant.

Autumnal Equinox - it is fully matured and passing its prime - the year is turning old.

Samhain (Oct. 31) The old year dies as the new is conceived, etc.

I didn't mention the particulars of all 8 points due to space. As is, Pat will have to edit this down.

Meanwhile -

Goodness, joy and

Blessed Be

Shadowhawk

ED. NOTE: I didn't do it.

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WITCHES' TOOLS from Lilli in Costa Mesa

A broom, a cat, a candle,

A cauldron on the fire.

A book of spells, some sandal-wood incense, a golden Lyre.

Bottles and jars of magic lotions

Herbs and roots and other things.

Ingredients for magic potions

Magic necklaces and rings.

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BEING A WEREWOLF WITCH IS... from John in Wisconsin

..scaring everyone out of the Circle when the Moon comes out and you change shape.

## GOLLUM'S COLLUM

MEOW - HELLO THERE.

Sorry about last month but didn't get the collum in to Pat on time. I'm no different than anyone else when it comes to the deadline for the newsletter.

A lot has happened since the last collum. Tia (9/10/80) and Bright Eyes (8/31/80) had their kittens. Terri & Roger, my human daughter & son-in-law, had a baby girl named Christy Dawn (9/1/80). So we have babies all over the place..the den, dining room, and the bedroom.

I still say that we cats have it better than humans. Cats don't have to worry about feeding our babies, though Teri did breast-feed Christy for awhile.

And did you ever see so many diapers? Christy would rather not wear anything; you can tell she's really a little Pagan at heart. Well, to work now.

## CAT LANGUAGE

Cats have an unwritten language all their own. Cats will remain somewhat inscrutable & mysterious. You should be able to understand what makes your cat tick if you observe him/her closely.

Suppose you come home from a hard day at work, wearily fumble with your keys, open the door and find your cat is standing ready to greet you. Your cat runs forward with a warbling series of short sounds; this is your cat's version of saying, "Welcome home. Boy, am I glad to see you!"

A purr may simply mean your cat is having a wonderful time. It's enjoying being petted and having the privilege of curling up in your lap. When the purr is accompanied by the cat closing its eyes almost all the way and wearing what looks like a smile, you know he/she is on "Cloud nine", and there's no need to worry.

ANTICIPATORY PURR - can be a loud miaow or even a yowl, with the last part of the sound trailing off pathetically. A yowl that is urgently repeated, definitely means that your cat is trying to tell you something. If you can't figure it out, ask your cat in an inquiring tone of voice what's going on. The chances are that your cat will show you the problem.

In any case, listen to your cat. Try talking back. Otherwise, your cat might decide that it's tired of a one-way conversation and it wants to talk to someone else who will listen.

ELLEN - I am so sorry about Mau dying, but he is with the Lady now, and you know he is happy.

Mau III is already a good temple cat; he knows that the altar is a place of the Goddess, and a nice place to take a nap.

Try getting Mau III a fur rug to sleep on, and then maybe he'll stop sleeping on you. It is hard to have your cat, sorry about that, I mean to have a master cat sleeping on your head or around your neck, and it does get hot. Keep up the love, and I'm sure he'll understand.

## GOLLUM'S COLLUM continued

J.Y.B. - Here is the lovely poem you sent for last month's Gollum.

## MERIAH

She watches me from her Queen's chair,  
Her eyes with light do glow,  
She comes to me, like royalty  
As if ALL does she know.

Black and gold, her satin coat,  
Her eyes two thunderbolts -see?  
The spirit inside is of the Earth  
So wild and old and Free.

Her purr is soft and musical  
A song for me to hear,  
Her journeys are adventuresome-  
For nothing does she fear!

A privilege for you, she seems to say  
To behold such a creature as I,  
For I am a gift from the Lady of Light  
And my spirit will never die.

Yes, this is my cat, a creature unique  
And ever shall she be,  
It makes me happy when she purrs  
"Human - you belong to me!"  
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May the Lady walk with you always,  
Blessed Be  
Gollum

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BEING A WITCH'S NEIGHBOR IS... from Lee Diana in Oregon

...finding out that a diet of flies and bugs isn't half bad  
after she changed you into a frog, but you're doubtful  
about slugs and snails.

...having to ride on her collar after she changed you into  
a chameleon.

...having the priest leave your house after a friendly call,  
and saying, "Blessed Be, Father".

BEING A WITCH IS ....

...putting patchouly oil on the wrong door at night, thus  
causing your boyfriend to move out instead of the pesty  
neighbor.

## "WITCHES" STAND OFF from M. ariah in Calif.

I will tell you a story in history that most people don't know about. This is the way the story goes:

A man called himself a prophet, said his Lord God told him to deliver the message to a tribe of people..man, woman, and child... that if they don't stop burning incense and the pouring of drink offering unto the ground and baking special cakes unto the "queen of Heaven", they would have famine and die by the sword. And wherever they go, they(the tribe) would be cursed and a reproach among all the nations on earth.

The tribe of people said they would not listen to him and what he said his God would do. They were going to do what came out of their own mouths...as their fathers, mothers, their fathers and mothers, and their own kings and princes did before them. They would burn incense and drink offerings to the Queen of Heaven... 'cause when they did what the prophet said to do, they had famine and died by sword, and were unhappy.

But when they went back to burning incense unto the Queen of Heaven, they had plenty of victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

Then the prophet said that if they were to continue to burn their incense unto the Queen of Heavens, the tribe of people would be watched over as evil. And they would with words stand against the tribe of people as evil.

As I said before, most people don't know this, but it can help when a Xian (bless them for they know not) comes to your door. Just ask them if they believe everything in the Bible. And of course, they are going to say, yes. So then you take their own Bible from their hands ('cause they will not believe your Bible, if you have one) and tell them to read Jeremiah, Chapter 44, verse 1-30. This tells the story I have just told you.

So even then, we were fighting to do our own religion, and were being forced into believing their way. They still burned their incense unto the Queen of Heaven even after they were cursed by others. And so, we continue to burn incense unto the Queen of Heaven, and they continue to curse us. Oh, life must go on.

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## BEING A WITCH'S NEIGHBOR IS.. from Lee Diana in Oregon

...remembering the old days, and what a nice quiet neighborhood this was before SHE moved in.

...wondering if there is something to Magick after all, and could you maybe find a spell to use on her!

...having leftover brooms and more toads than usual in your back yard after last night's Sabbat.

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## MORE ON THE MORAL MAJORITY

Jeanne of Blue Moon (Pennsylvania) says: Speaking of harassment, I think you're addressing a very serious problem when you talk about the "Moral Majority" and their possible relationship to government. I find those people more frightening than their obvious stupidity should warrant, except that there are a lot of them, and they're associated with and have endorsed a major presidential candidate (and vice versa - they endorse him). These folks have bucks and votes - and on this plane, that counts mighty heavily in their favor. I know that we Pagans like to pretend that the real world doesn't exist, and keep looking for elves and unicorns - which is great - but I also think we'd best pay attention to the here and now, too, or we might be sorry (see enclosed article).

EXCERPTS FROM THE ARTICLE to N.Y. Times: When Amarillo learned that local members of the Church of Wicca would play host to a two-day convention of Witches at the Holiday Inn next month, not everyone took it in stride.

Two local evangelists, Jimmy & Judy Mamou, wasted no time in sounding the alarm. "We have seen an outbreak of demonic power recently in Amarillo - child rapes, murders and the kike - and we don't need to have the Witches meeting here." "If they don't cancel, we will conduct a rally and let our voices be heard."

Other church groups joined the protest. The San Jacinto Baptist Church cancelled a marriage seminar.

"We have decided it is not our place to make moral judgment on either group," said Melinda Batchelor, sales director for the motel. In Memphis, where Holiday Inns' headquarters is located, a spokesman said that the chain's policy prohibited it from discriminating against anyone or any group as long as that group doesn't violate any laws.

The Rev David Walker of the Baptist Church said, "What we're doing is just a one-church act of conscience. To do otherwise would be inconsistent with the New Testament stand against sorcery and Witchcraft."

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JOHN in Wisconsin says: I'm enclosing a clipping from our local paper which you may find interesting. It seems that we're not the only ones upset & worried by the political movement of the fundamentalists.

ASSOCIATED PRESS (Milwaukee) Political conservatives are manipulating biblical concepts for selfish reasons, says a new organization which has announced plans to oppose the trend.

"Our concern is the formation of an American Christian Party, or the establishment of the Republican Party as the "American Religious party," Rabbi Francis Barry Silberg said.

The danger is not immediately APPARENT BECAUSE IT OFTEN COMES WRAPPED IN SEEMINGLY HARMLESS TELEVISION SHOWS, Silberg said, adding his concern about the role of Conservative Christians at the Republican National Convention.

The conservative movement is often identified with renewed demands that prayer be reintroduced in public schools, that biblical fundamentals be taught alongside evolution, and that abortion and the

## MORAL MAJORITY continued

women's rights amendment (ERA) be opposed.

Silberg & Roman Catholic theologian Daniel Maguire describe the movement as religious fascism and a threat to civil liberty.

Its proponents, they said, are lobbying congressmen and are trying to elect candidates favorable to their thinking, thereby jeopardizing the traditional separation of church and state.

These people are tenacious, Silberg said, I can't call them honest, but they are forthright, and their strength is personalities, such as television preachers.

Without the "cosmetic of television, these people will be revealed for the fanatics we know them to be," he said.

ED. NOTE: We must say we're happy to see that some people are beginning to wake up to the danger. Also happy that we one politician with enough guts to criticize the Moral Majority..Anderson.

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## STUFF &amp; THINGS

Le Ann (Missouri) says she is studying algebra and hopes to take computer science next semester.

May I make a request in the newsletter about what books I should read concerning teaching the Craft to children? Though it's a long way off, I would like to teach my children about the Craft. Maybe some of the readers could share their teaching of their children.

Nice card from Armeeta, vacationing at Indian Harbour Beach, Fla. She says temps are about 82 to 85. She says the Palm Bay & Melbourne libraries have a nice collection on the "Art".

JENNY (Gainesville, Fla.) says: I really enjoy the Emergency Med class. Next step is Para-Medic. I had my first Rescue/Ambulance run on Oct. 8 from 1 to 6 PM. We transported some people but no cardiac arrests or bad accidents.

ELLEN (No. Hollywood) says: Don't miss the November issue of OUI. Has a great article re: Craft. Speaking of articles, I will be the subject of a newspaper article the Sunday before Halloween...me and some other local Craft people. My opinion re: danger from the Xians. Yeah, maybe they will. But we have an advantage we didn't have in the former burning times...communication. No one has to be alone. We can get help from each other, be it magical, or even a defense fund if necessary. NEXUS was formed with just that in mind, and there are the newsletters around the country. "They" don't believe in magick, but we do, and we can use it to help protect each other. On a more mundane level...don't forget that there are other non-Judeo Christian religions in the country who will protest any state religion attempt. Here in California especially, we have many temples and groups involved in Eastern philosophies. As for Xians..I have many friends who, though devout in their Xtian faith, are also tolerant of other ideas.

## STUFF &amp; THINGS

KAREN (Colorado) says: last weekend did a fair and sold some incense and bathsalts. But my barterers were the crowning point of success - I trade for a black opal, quartz crystals, and emeralds. Got an excellent deal.

Had a wonderful experience last full moon. We went out to a place called Red Rocks, which is a beautiful place. There is an amphitheatre there which is pretty famous. Anyway, we crawled up inside the side of some huge boulders and climbed and slithered for about 45 minutes to get into the center. The rocks open there, and it is a perfect view of the Moon. As a friend put it, it's kinda like you're a little worm in an apple, crawling toward that hole and the moon. We all meditated on the moon for a few minutes, and then began some chants. The voices were echoed in the chamber, and it was absolutely beautiful.

ED. NOTE: Don't forget to write for Karen's Moon Magich catalog.

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SHADOWHAWK (Washington) says: Elvenhearth will be moving Nov. 1 so things are in chaos, and will stay that way for awhile. Got a letter from Kalinda - I'll reply as soon as I get time...but I will reply.

Plans for Yulefeast are going very well.

Just got a gift from Blacksun. It's a neat book called GETTING HAPPILY PUBLISHED by Judith Applebaum and Nancy Evans, published by Harper & Row.

Equinox was great. We got invited to 2 separate ceremonies which were both so good we didn't need to hold our own. One was very formal, and held outdoors. The other was loose and informal, indoors. Between the 2, everyone on our Circle got to go.

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CIRCLE says: dates & sites have been selected for the 1981 National Pan Pagan Festival...July 15-19 at a private sanctuary in the hills of southwestern Wisconsin.

For more info, write: c/o Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

CIRCLE now also has a PAGAN SPIRIT ALLIANCE. For info and membership forms, write: Pagan Spirit Alliance, above address.

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RHEA (Georgia) says: weather turned cool...40's and 50's. Did it overnight. One day 90 degrees, next day, 50 degrees. You didn't answer a question in last letter...do you know of any place out there to get good bulk incense? Particularly "Trappist"? Jodi & John did a handfasting & legal marriage on the full moon. ~~o~~ Outdoors. Couple's new home has beautiful fenced, wooded backyard. Had a letter from Penny (Florida). Said she plans on coming to the Samhain doings. Hope we'll have a chance for a visit.

ED. NOTE: Anyone know where to get that incense?

## BOOKS from Armeets in Pittsburgh

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If you are chemically inclined, a lot will be easy for you, but the book gives sources where items for making can be purchased, and a lot are nature's. Some are from the kitchen or can be purchased in your supermarket or drug store.

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FROM ELLEN in No. Hollywood

CRYSTAL VISIONS, POB 3145, Seal Beach, Cal. 90740.

There is a definite lack of music we Pagan/Craft folk can use and enjoy, both in ritual, and just sitting around singing. CRYSTAL VISIONS will help remove that lack. There are songs that can be used in ritual, songs of legends, and songs for other occasions..even a love song, (which is one of my personal favorites). The artwork is delightful, to add to your enjoyment of this book. CRYSTAL VISIONS is definitely of the quality we have come to expect from Crystal Well. \$5.00.

FIRELORD by Parke Godwin.

The title, FIRELORD, comes from a name given to Arthur (yeah, King Arthur) by Morgana, in this most unusual tale of ancient Briton. She calls him BELRIX, Lord of Fire. Parke Godwin has, again, brought through the life, love, and torments of his characters in such a way that you really feel them. You are familiar,, I know, with the cast of characters here, but you'll see them in a new way. FIRELORD has magic, excitement, love, tears (I still get a little misty thinking of Geraint's death), and too much to share without relating the whole book.

If you are among the many who enjoyed MASTERS OF SOLITUDE of which Parke Godwin was co-author, you'll find just as much to enjoy in FIRELORD. This one is definitely worth the cost.

DOUBLEDAY \$12.95.

## MORE GOODIES FROM ARMEETA IN PITTSBURGH

Did you know that three of our largest and strongest animals are vegetarians//..the elephant, the horse, and the ape.

Some of you out west in Washington, Oregon and Northern California can capitalize on the volcanic ash. The ash can be made into pumice stone which is good for sharpening knives, and is also an abrasive for cleaning (kitchen cleanser) as it is silicate which can be ground finer. The pumice stone can be used by mi-lady to eliminate leg hair rather than shaving. If any woman is so endowed, take it as a blessing as hair on legs indicates a strong sexual nature (animal instinct).

For mending glass or china: melt some alum in an old teaspoon, then quickly rub the melted alum over the edges of the pieces to be joined together; press together, and set aside to dry.

Furniture polish can be made by mixing equal parts of kerosene, turpentine, and vinegar. Apply with a clean, damp rag, and polish with a soft dry cloth. A furniture man once told us that he uses crude oil on his best wood furniture. He also manufactures furniture, and he uses the crude oil on all his woodwork.

When cleaning copper or brass, use vinegar and salt in a little water. A paste of the same is also excellent.

Denatured alcohol on a brush removes stains from copper or brass ash trays. Rub a piece of lemon on zinc spots; let it remain for an hour, then wipe it off. Kerosene cleans and polishes tin.

For water bugs: a little kerosene poured down the kitchen sink drain is a good protection against bugs.

Vinegar or salt or baking soda poured down the drain will keep the drain clear. Just enough to get into the trap, then later flush with warm or hot water. When using salt or baking soda for the purpose, pour a little water with them.

For scorched pots and pans: sprinkle dry baking soda, and let stand awhile, or you can use more soda with water, and let it soak.

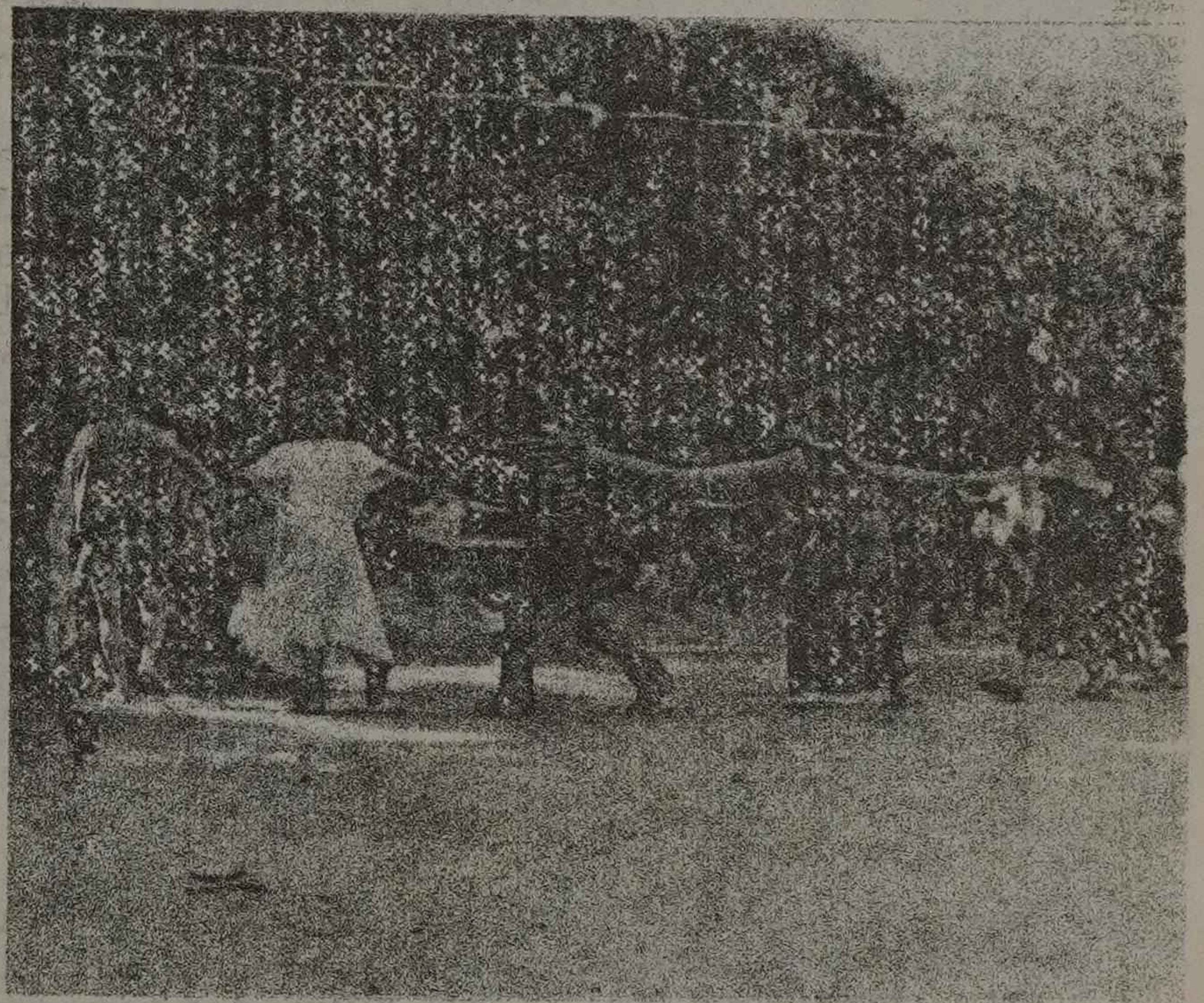
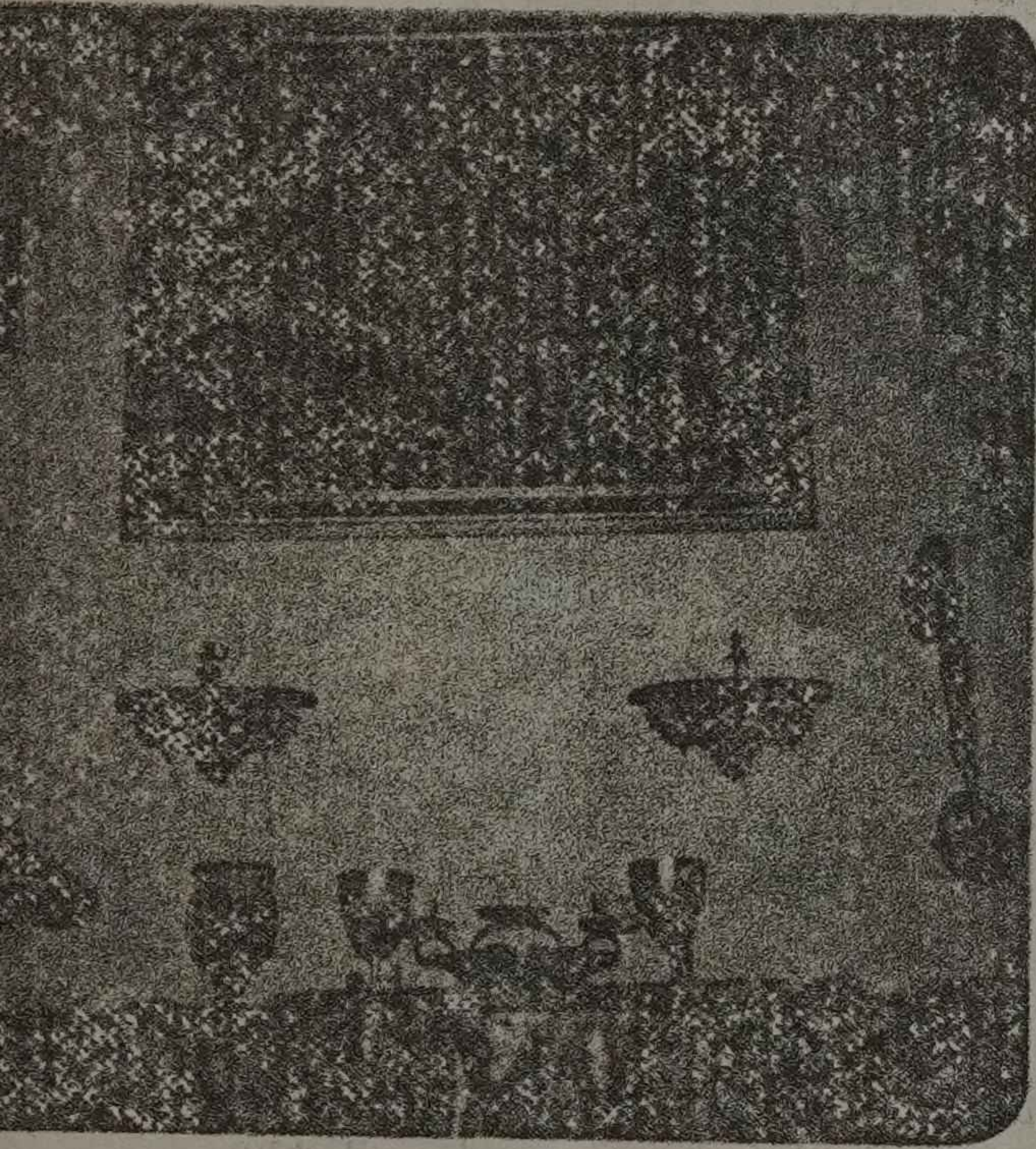
To clean the residue in the bottom of vases: use either vinegar or ammonia, and let it sit for awhile, then rinse. You can also use sand, and shake the vase, as it has an abrasive action.

Cleaning silverware: common laundry starch made into a thick paste with a little water makes an excellent silver polish. Rub on with a damp cloth, and let stand a minute or two, then rub off with a soft cloth.

White statues can be cleaned by making a paste of corn starch and a little water. Apply, let dry, then brush off with a dry brush.

Hornet's hives (when empty in fall & winter..be sure they are empty) can be used to clean eye glasses.

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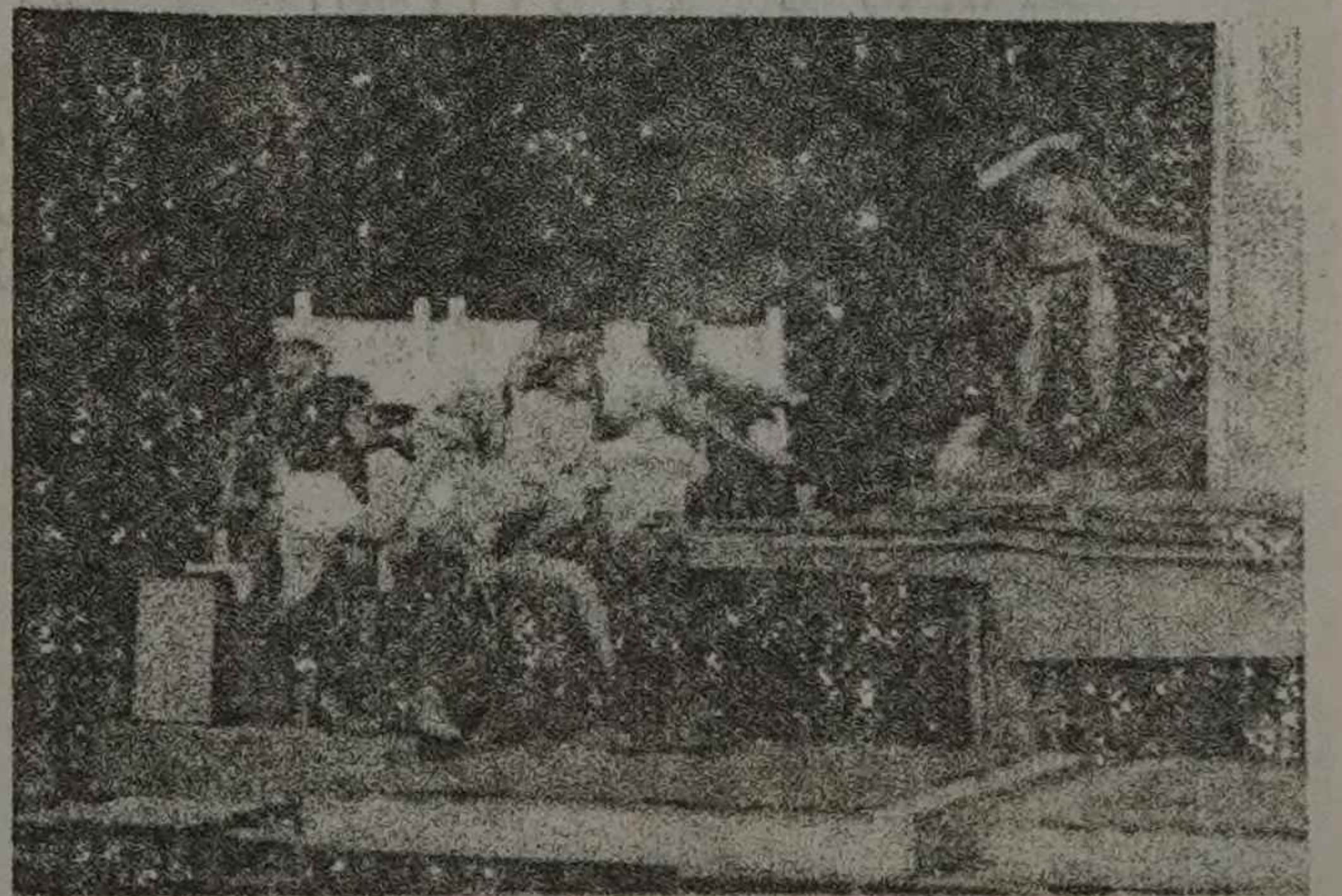
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## STUFF &amp; THINGS

A small book we think every Witch should add to the library is THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC 1981. This is the 189th edition; you can find it on the news stands every year. It is loaded with information on planets, weather for the different parts of the country, times of rising and setting of the sun and moon for any part of the country, schedules of when to plant and what, tides, and interesting articles on many subjects. 176 pages of info for only \$1.25.

Since some of you like to do the full moon ritual at the time of moon rise, we used the charts in the Almanac to get these times for November 22 for various parts of the country:

N.Y. 5:19, K.C. 5:48, Dallas 6:03, L.A. 5:27, Seattle 5:30, S.F. 5:39, Phoenix 6:02. These are all standard time.

As some of you may know, farmers and the government have been experimenting with using natural predators to replace pesticides. This non-farmer got the idea to try it in N.Y.C. He is the janitor of a very large apartment building in N.Y. Tenants had been complaining of the numerous rats. So the janitor decided to try the natural predator idea. So he rounded up a couple hundred non-poisonous snakes, and turned them loose in the basement of the building. It wasn't long before snakes were entering the apartments under doors, out of air vents, etc.

So instead of getting rid of the rats, he succeeded in getting rid of all of the tenants. They decided they were more familiar with rats than with snakes. The city got busy trying to find housing for all those apartment dwellers until the snakes could be removed from their homes.

The janitor has not been available for comment, but the tenants say they are not going to complain to him about the roach problem.

Dates and sites for the 1981 National Pan Pagan Festival have been selected. July 15-19 at a private Nature sanctuary in the hills of southwestern Wisconsin. 170 acres of woods & meadows and a natural pond for swimming. No media people and no people unsympathetic to Paganism will be allowed.

For more details, get on the Festival mailing list. Brochures will be mailed out next Spring. Write: 1981 National Pan Pagan Festival, c/o Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

SARHADWEN in Illinois says: Songs of the Lady in moonlight and sunlight, as lover and avenger, story of a valorous king, and of "my unicorn, priestly lord of hoof and horn." These are the songs of "NEANDIR, LADY OF THE FLAME", a recently released cassette tape by Victoria Ganger. While this tape was aimed at a medievalist audience, many Pagans will enjoy it.

Victoria Ganger  
1723 Coventry Rd.

tape: \$7.00  
Songbook \$2.50  
both for \$8.50

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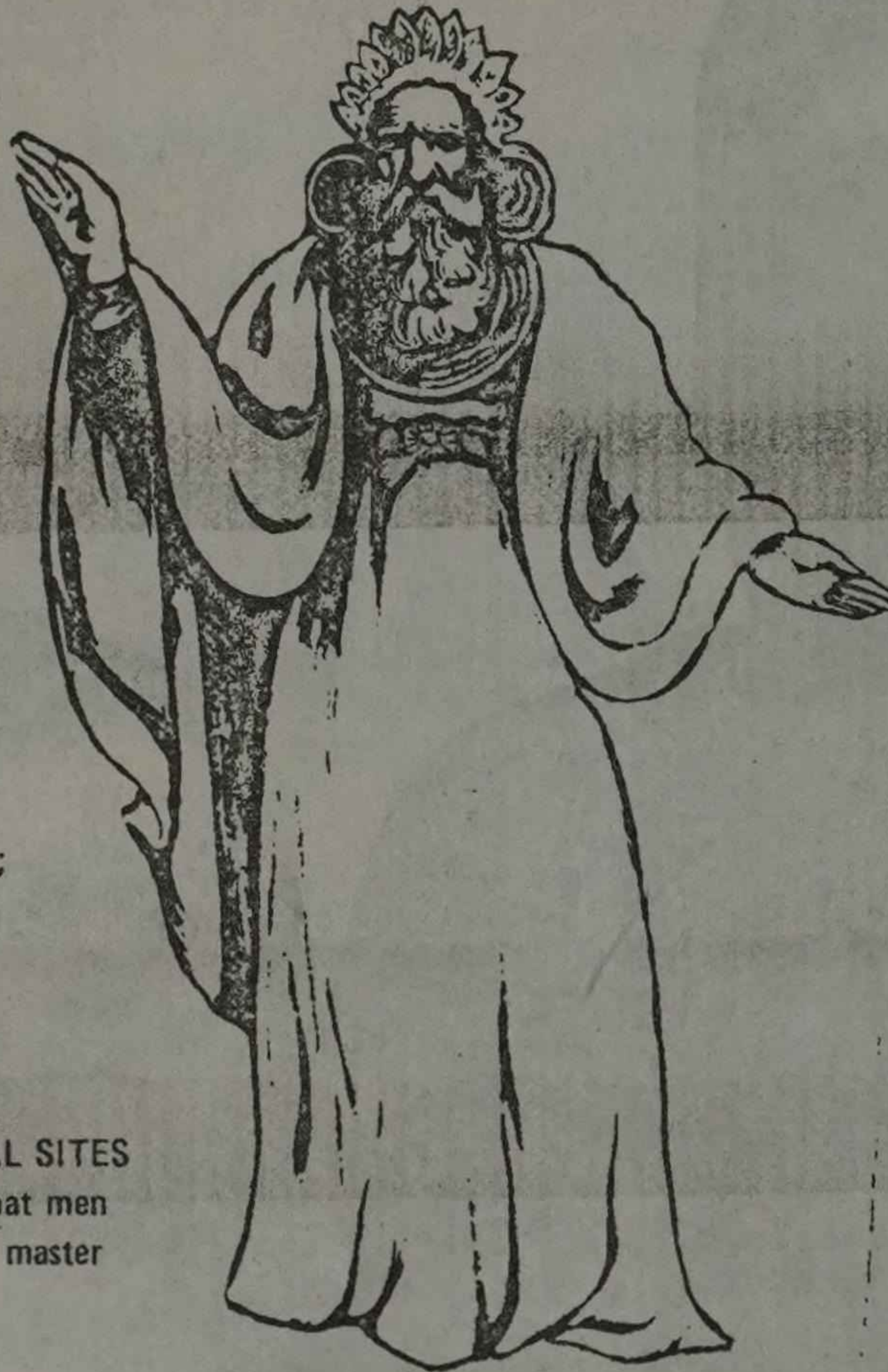
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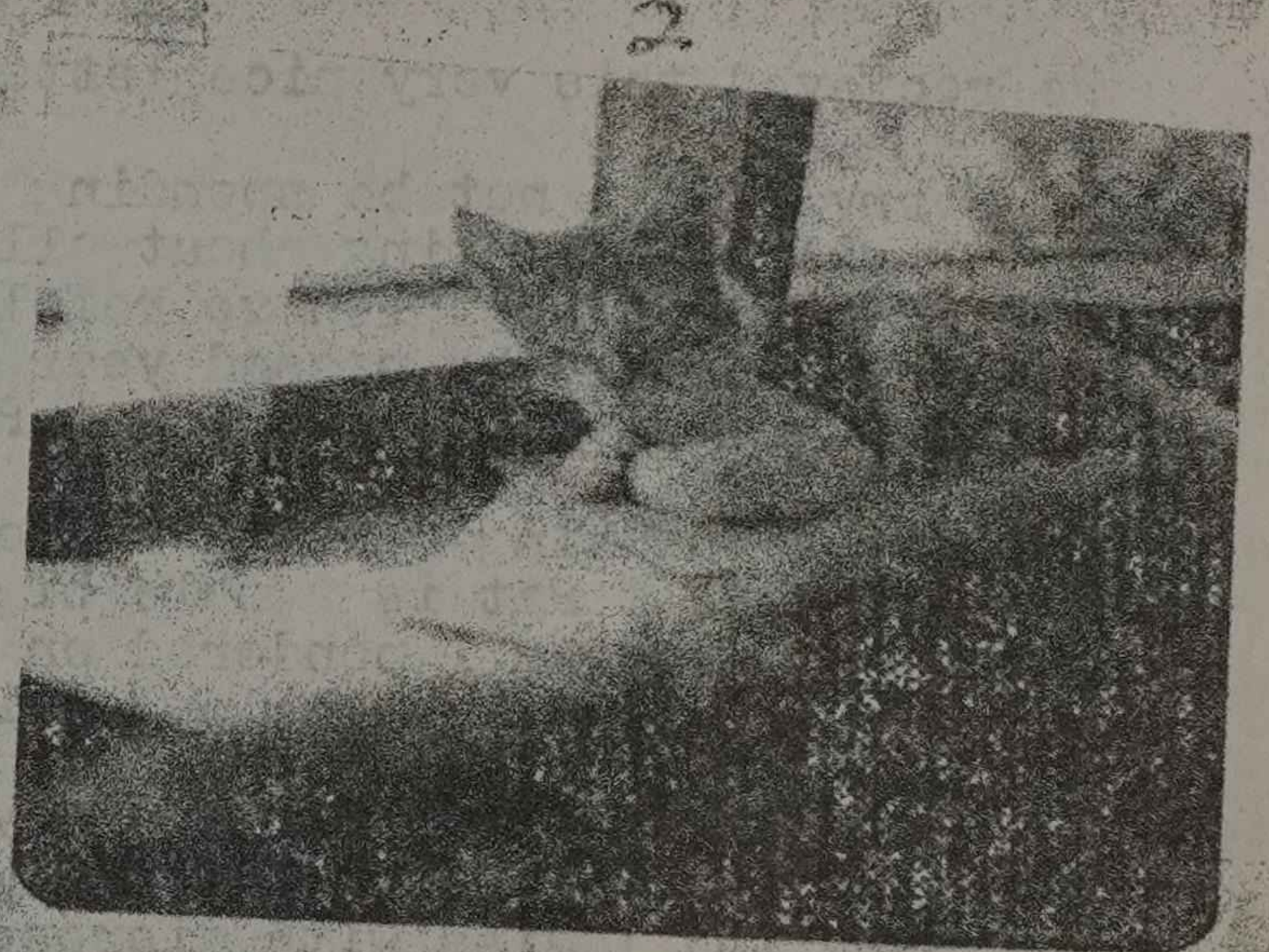
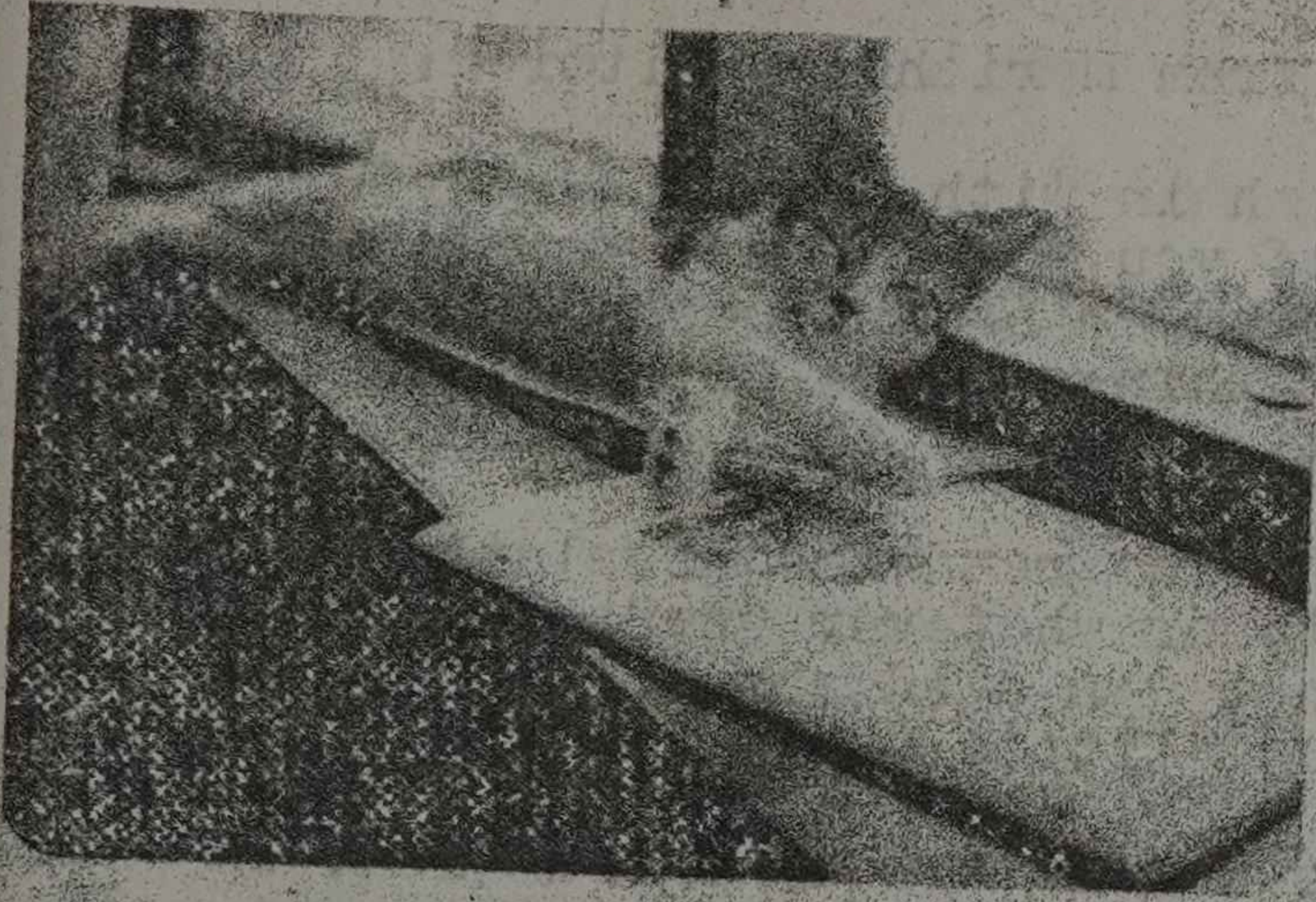
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EUROPE and the BRITISH ISLES

Elizabeth Pepper and John Wilcock

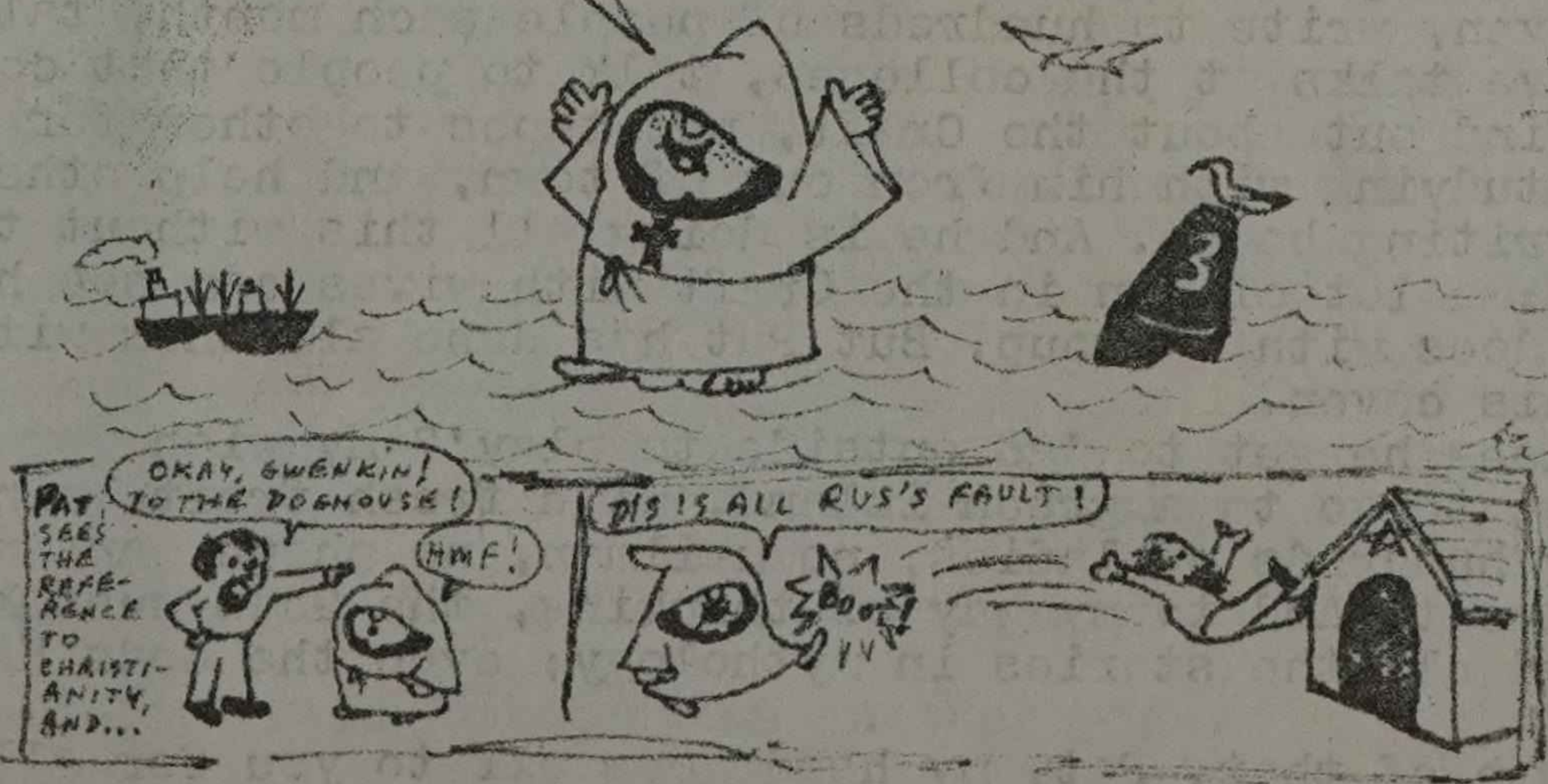
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Gwenkin



We recieved this very nice letter from Mariah in Whittier:

Sorry I will not be spending Samhain with everyone up your way. But I will be thinking about all of you, as always. Now I will share with you what I have refelected on of the passed year. In looking back on the passed year of things to do with the Craft, I got around to the topic of Pat Patterson and the Georgians.

And I was thinking about how people who read the newsletter sometimes say that Pat is a male bigot, or whatever words they use for you that week. As I pondered on what was said about Pat and his Sexatary, I could not help getting a little upset. The people that call Pat 'their' little names, most or all of them have not gone to visit Pat to see for themselves how he treats the ladies. I have known Pat for about five years, and I have never seen Pat treating the ladies with disrespect. He has been a gentlemen to ladies when most men would have been rude to them.

And as to his Sexatary, it has been a great disrespect to the position of a Gigh Priestess; she is of the highest quality in the Craft. I have never seen her acting unladylike. She has a gentle side that everyone sees. I have never heard anyone talk disrespectful of her, except the people who got upset about Pat's name for her; and if you go back and read how he has said it, you will see between the lines that he thinks the world of her.

They both work together on the newsletter, are very good friends, and they are lovers if the mood is right. Sometimes people forget that they are both single, so they can do as they will, and it will harm none.

On another subject, when I am able to travel about four hundred miles round trip to visit Pat's group, I have noticed that Pat sits like a father watching his beloved children playing; he does not join in, (who knows but him) maybe 'cause he could do the same as the other men at play, but people would talk about him if he did.

Pat's group is getting the best training I have seen. I know 'cause one of my friends was one of his H.P.S., and she covered everything that I can think of.

It is a hard 'job' to put out a newsletter every month, have an active coven, write to hundreds of people each month, talk on the radio, give talks at the colleges, talk to people that come to his home to find out about the Craft, put tapes together for people who are studying with him from out of town, and help other people who are writing books. And he is doing all this without the help of a wife; a lot of men in the Craft with wives can see how much work she does with a group. But Pat has done all this with the help of his coven.

So when does he get to 'go outside to play'? My wish for him is for him to get to go to a green island, with fresh fruit being served to him by hundreds of ladies, no mailman, no phone, and no deadlines to meet. And to my way of thinking, the Gods must have done that. Read all the stories in mythology; even the Gods HAD A REAL GOOD TIME.

Well enough of that. Pat, my hood goes off to you for all the work

## LETTER FROM MARIAH continued

you have done for the Craft. And to your Sexatary, Manon. I hope all your dreams come true; you have very good ideas for the Craft this next year. I hope the Gods make it easy for you and the Georgians to bring them to LIFE. Who knows, maybe you will get to go to the island of ladies, but with your luck, all the ladies will be from the E.R.A., and you will have to go get the fruit for them one day and the next day will be your turn to relax. Maybe you had better stay off that island; you can kill yourself feeding fruit to each lady on your day.

See you when winter is over 'cause I won't go over the Ridge Route during that time...unless the weather is good. But this year will be the worst winter we will have, so start putting canned goods away 'cause food will be damaged in the fields, making food prices high all over the U.S.A.

People will not be able to get to work, and the trucks will not be able to get what little food they have to the markets. Planes will be grounded, and will not be able to get California food to Ruthi and Rus of Arcane Crafts back east. So, pre-warned is our only defense. When you go to the store for food, get two cans instead of one, and put the other can back for the winter. We will all be saving ourselves some money.

My husband thinks I'm crazy now..but wait until later.

Good luck in the coming year for you and all the Georgians.

Love with a Blessed Be.

Mariah

ED. NOTE: Thank you for the kind words and kind thoughts, Mariah. You know we all love you, but I still think you should go to the doghouse if you don't get here for Samhain.

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Another nice letter from Catherine and Kent of the Wiccan in Australia. Catherine recently launched a new book at the Exiles Bookshop in Sydney. The book is OTHER TEMPLES, OTHER GODS. THE OCCULT IN AUSTRALIA by Neville Drury and Gregory Tillett. The book will not be for sale in the U.S. but can be ordered from the publisher: Methuen Australia P/L, St. Martins Tower, 31 Market Street, Sydney 2000. Cost is \$14.95 and you should add for postage.

Catherine and Kent also want us to remind you that cost of their newsletter in the U.S. is not \$2. yr. but \$2. per issue. Mailing costs are very high and they ship by air mail. THE WICCAN, POB 80, Lane Cove, N.S.W. 2066.

With coven no. 5 underway with Lady Rowena, Catherine says she is delighted to sew on her fifth bell. "That garter really sings". Plans are also underway for beginning a sixth coven.

ED. NOTE: Keep up the good work, you beautiful people. Congratulations!

Photo of Catherine and Kent on another page.

NOVEMBER'S EVE

ACROSS

- 1-the Powers of \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-a divination method
- 14-wife of Myrddin
- 15-the three elves of India who built the gods' chariots (Ri \_\_\_\_\_)
- 16-this tree symbolizes peace, friendship, and divine blessings
- 17-the King of Phaeacia who entertained Odysseus
- 19-a small preposition
- 20-a maiden goddess of the mountains, forests, & meadows (spelling variation)
- 22-Hera's Golden Apples could be found where in the Hesperides (2 words)
- 23-Medusa \_\_\_\_\_ lost her \_\_\_\_\_ at the hands of Perseus (2 words)
- 24-the Dearly Departed like to do this on this night
- 27-to allow
- 28-a tradition that claims this night as New Year's
- 30-a name of the Goddess of #28 across
- 31- a negative prefix
- 32-\_\_\_\_en, a Celtic Underworld God
- 33-traditional travel means to the Sabbat
- 35-month (abbrev.)
- 36-a chanting sound
- 38-a feasting meat
- 39-hasten
- 40-\_\_\_\_\_ Maen Dulan is a promontory known as "Dylan's death-groan"
- 42-greet
- 43-fairy mounds
- 45-guardians of the Watchtowers
- 49-little magickal peoples
- 50-musical stories

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- 5-the temple at York for Serapis
- 6-the people of Olde would \_\_\_\_\_ at the thought of goblins
- 7-a silly word, rhymes with 'muse'
- 9-to hallow, purify, and dedicate
- 10-real (abbrev.)
- 11-the Chinese female energy
- 12-the sacred plant of this season
- 13-\_\_\_\_esis, the goddess of divine vengeance and righteous anger
- 18-no (spelling variation)
- 21-divination can help us see this
- 24-see 15 across
- 25-this Great Sabbat
- 26-a small preposition
- 29-to offer a liquid sacrifice
- 31-a mischievous little magical creature
- 34-signs of the future
- 36-a small conjunction
- 37-Pendragon's first name
- 41-see 11 down
- 44-elevation (abbrev.)
- 46-a small preposition
- 47-no good (abbrev.)
- 48-a suffix for plurals

DOWN

- 1-we celebrate the cycles of Life and \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-a name of this festival
- 3-the darkness will advance while the light will \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-one of Arthur's thirteen

## DOG DAYS

First this month, a few notes from United Press International.

The British Post Office has abandoned an effort to keep dogs from biting letter carriers by having postal workers spray a dog repellent on their trousers. The program was declared a failure after one year because letter carriers using the spray were bitten by 500 dogs, eight cats and one squirrel....and because many postal workers complained that the spray made them smell so bad that their own wives wouldn't get near them. Now they're trying to persuade dog owners to control their pets. They are distributing posters, badges and T-shirts bearing the slogan: "Be a Postman's Pal."

It's time for a toast to a small terrier named "Little Bit." The four-year-old dog died in smoke and flame in Tioga, Louisiana; after awakening Wesley Hebron and his family...rescuing them from the fire that destroyed their home.  
ED. NOTE: Have you ever noticed how often the dog saves the family but the dog is left to die in the fire? It seems some loyalties are only one-sided.

Glenn Cook makes his living by fitting humans with artificial limbs, but he was faced with an unusual challenge recently.... making an artificial leg for a miniature horse. But he did the job. Did it so well in fact, that as soon as the leg was attached, the tiny, 19-inch-tall horse almost ran away. Cook, who designed and built the aluminum and plastic device to replace the horse's defective right foreleg, had high praise for the filly, saying, "She's been a lot better about this whole thing than a lot of other patients."

Coast Guard and Humane Society officials gathered on Connecticut's Falkner Island recently for a rabbit roundup. Seems there were no bunnies on the island until a few years ago when a lighthouse keeper left two of the long-eared lovelies behind when the lighthouse was automated. Two has become a herd and now, to quote Humane Society spokesman Frank Intino, "Everywhere you turn, you see a rabbit." Intino says there's not enough vegetation on the island to support all the bunnies, so officials planned to put as many as possible up for adoption.

Canine parvovirus broke out in nearly epidemic proportions across the country this past summer. And many pet owners have been waiting for cold weather to reduce the chance that their dogs might contract the disease. But the Personal Business column in the recent BUSINESS WEEK says, don't wait any longer to have your dog vaccinated. "Parvo" is a particularly hardy virus, and it is not a seasonal ailment. The disease is almost always fatal to pets unless treatment is immediate. Puppies under 5 months and older animals are particularly susceptible. First vaccination should be given to puppies 9 weeks old, with a booster shot 2 to 4 weeks later. Older dogs should get 2 shots, 2 to 4 weeks apart, and a

## DOG DAYS continued

booster every six months. If your dog is going to be around many others...in a kennel, show, or grooming shop...it should have a booster about a week beforehand.

ED. NOTE: Because there was such a demand and a shortage of the vaccine, it was just over two months before we could get the 2nd shots for Wickian Pooka and Sirius. Guess the situation is getting better because the vet said they now have plenty of it.

New York City veterinarians Stuart Brodsky and Howard Kessler are looking for an unidentified truck driver who brought in an injured baby Finch he found on the sidewalk. The animal doctors spent two days nursing the fledgling back to health...and they want to give the Good Samaritan a special citation.

BOB IN SAN FRANCISCO SAYS: I have an update on the dog the sailor threw on the barbecue. The last I saw on the news up here, the dog had been adopted. They even showed the dog and it looked great.. really perky. The only thing I've heard about the sailor is that he was drunk at the time, and was confined to ship to await possible court martial proceedings. Knowing the military as I do (I'm ex-army) that doesn't mean much. But the dog is alive and well now.

Also, no more incidents of small animals being hunted by our new friends from Indo-China. The official story now is that the culprits really didn't know what they were doing. It was, in other words, something they had always done before. There has been an educational program going on, and the incidents have stopped. However, everyone is still watching carefully.

JOHN IN WISCONSIN SAYS: I forgot to mention that Guinea Pigs will also lick you like a dog does. Anyone thinking of keeping one or more will be interested to know that you feed them the same type of diet that you give a rabbit. Rodent food is available in almost any pet store, and they'll eat carrots, apples, grass, alfalfa, clover & lettuce. They are absolutely crazy about lettuce. Some say you can feed them cabbage, others say not. Depends on the digestion of the animal. Their cages should not be kept on the floor nor in a draft, and should be cleaned every 3 days. You can use either straw or cedar chips. They should not be fed such things as onion or garlic. One can get either a water bottle or a water dish, but if a dish, it should be changed 3 times a day. They have a lifespan of 7 to 12 years. However, one word of warning: if you plan to keep one, expect to have other rodents moving into the house.

JERALDINE IN FLORIDA SAYS: I have acquired an Australian Shepherd. He has blue eyes and a pink nose. I have named him Dingo.

BEING A WITCH DOG IS.... from Wickian Pooka

...having to spend a day in the dog hospital getting x-ray and treatment of my leg because I tried to take a bone away from Sirius.

## MORE DOG DAYS

This report from Bob 9n S.F. came about a week after the other report had been typed. He says:

Concerning the dogs in Golden Gate Park: You're right about the official story being B.S. I just found out that things haven't changed. In fact, as I recieved your letter, a story came over the radio that a couple were stopped at an airport because their suitcase had an odor. When it was opened, it was found to contain what they said was their lunch...barbecued dog head and neck.

Just yesterday a woman called in to one of the shows to complain that when the animal service was called concerning a dog that had been hit by a car, it took them three hours to respond. That left the dog in pain for three hours.

I really didn't mean to give the impression that I had fallen for that earlier story (the official story), but I did hope that something further would be done. But so far all I've learned is that what a person does to an animal seems to be totally unimportant. I've called animal shelters, the police, etc., and I got the same answer each time, 'Due to proposition 13..'

I'm sure the sailor who threw the dog in the fire is free and clear by now, as I suspected.

It's really sad what's happening right now. I'm allergic to dogs and cats, but I still love them. Sorry I didn't have any good news, but that's what's been happening.

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We hadn't heard from Isabel in El Paso for some time. Just recieved a nice letter and other material. I guess all of you have heard of the bomb threat at the Amarillo Samhain Seminar. Fortunately, there was no bomb, but all those rednecks are at it again. Several hundred demonstrated outside the motel. These people are really sick. Their major belief seems to be that no one has a right to live unless they believe their way...and most of them really know very damned little about the religion they claim. But so long as there is a Falwell or Graham or PFL Club to tell them what to do, they don't need to know anything or even have the ability to think.

Isabel sent info on a book club which she likes. Preferred Choice Bookplan, POB 10399, Des Moines, Iowa 50336. She says they have some nice Craft books at below publishers prices. She got Jeffrey B. Russell's "A History Of Witchcraft" for \$10.95.

Isabel says her two young sons are anxious to do a Samhain ritual so she is writing a simplified ritual for them.

And that reminds us: we have had letters from others who wish to teach their children or whose children are anxious to learn. They would appreciate hearing of any books or other material which might be useful for this.

BEING A WITCH KID IS...not having to go to Sunday School.

More from Penny in Florida: she says several of them visited a nudist camp with a lake recently. She was enthusiastic about finding snakes and alligators present. Penny says an alligator swam up close to a woman on a raft. Apparently the alligators are used to people and leave them alone. I have always considered it a better policy to leave them alone.

A Psychic Fair coming up in St. Petersburg. Penny planning a workshop for that.

Penny also says no mail from Janice & Dennis in Texas. If they don't start writing soon, they'll be in everyone's dog house.

Some good news and some bad locally: the place where we've been buying paper has closed. We have experimented with various stencils for some time. Conclusion...we will have to go to a better grade of both paper and stencils to get good clear printing. So, in the near future, we'll just have to raise the subscription price. And that reminds us, please do not send for subs for more than 1 year at a time.

You will also not see bad photos this time. The place where we had our offset copy done sold out a couple months ago. The new owners have doubled the price. Tried another place but they wanted three times the price. So we'll just have to stick to electronic stencils for photos, cartoons and art until we can afford an offset and photo setup for ourselves. Electronic stencils cannot make good copies of color photos or anything with too much dark or black in them. So for the present, please send only BLACK & WHITE photos with plenty of contrast..light & dark. Cartoons, artwork, etc. are usually no problem. And please keep cartoons and other art to no more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  page size.

Our thanks to all of you for getting material in early this month. It did help a lot.

So it's getting close to Yule, and a lot of you will be giving gifts. I'm sure most Crafters would prefer something related to the Craft in some way. Look over your back issues of the newsletter for addresses of various publications; a subscription may be a nice gift. You'll also find addresses for various occult shops.

BEING A WITCH IS.... from Rus, Arcane Crafts

...finishing the Great Rite, and trying to untangle your Pentagram from the HPs's necklace.

Guess that's about all for this time.

Love and Blessed Be.

Pat and all the Georgians

Yep, it really is page 33. As you can see, I goofed on the numbering again, but they should be in the correct sequence.

Guess we should call this page a sort of a P.S.

A THE BLUE BOOK

"A Brief Assessment of Neopagan Theology"  
as presented by Bro. Cyprian  
at Pan-Pagan Festival 1980  
\$3.00 plus 75¢ postage & handling  
to Houston Roberts  
2708 Old Lebanon Road  
Nashville, TN 37214

As usual, lots of last minute stuff coming in even after the second deadline. So, we'll have some material to start the edition.

Some of the local people were concerned that some of the readers might be offended by my comments on page 1 of the last edition. So far, only positive comments. Perhaps we'll print some of them next month. It seems others have run into the same problems we had.

And this time we really mean it when we say:

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS.

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