

BAKERSFIELD - The Sabbat went beautifully as usual. Pixie & Sean did the Pagan Way ritual, Bobbie & I did the Craft ritual. A really nice crowd and we had a lot of fun. We're planning a yard sale at Bobbie's house July 8 to raise a little money.

MADISON, Wi. - Recieved a very nice photo of Selena & Jim. Wish we could meet them. Circle will have a Pagan-Witchcraft Resource Directory out soon.

N.B., CANADA - Michael planning to move to Oklahoma. He reports news of some group in red robes burning candles on tombstones in graveyards in the wee hours. Not at all friendly to observers. Chased one of his friends. But that's not why he's moving.

HOUSTON - June & Don have sold their home. Planning to trailer travel to Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, etc. Hope they get to visit here.

DES MOINES - Joe still making hand-carved Indian flutes for \$20. Sefa doing embroidery, beadwork, studding, and applique. Send description for estimate. Sefa, 1351 York, Des Moines, Iowa 50316. Sefa says they put a new fence around the house to keep the kid and the dog inside, but the kid goes over, and the dog goes under. Wonder if a chain and leash would work for both of them.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA - Pixie & Robert the only ones to get here for the Sabbat. Pixie got to visit for a week. Wonder what spell she put on the lieutenant? Joan busy working, reading, and studying.

SACRAMENTO - We had a very pleasant visit from Elder Wolfe of The New Wiccan Church. First contact we've had with this group. We hope it won't be the last.

EL PASO - A nice letter from Isabel. See herb teas. She hasn't found any local contact.

TULARE - Mike got here for the Sabbat. That's not surprising. I don't think he has missed a Sabbat in the 4 years since he was initiated.

LOS ANGELES AREA - Georgia & Gwen got here for the Sabbat. First time Georgia has been able to get up here in awhile. We were also very pleased that Minnie got here. She is planning to move up here soon. Walt came for a visit the day before the Sabbat but couldn't stay over because of business.

ALBUQUERQUE - A nice letter from Susan, Star Of Enchantment Church Of Wicca. More under herbs & meetings.

FLORIDA - Harry, Dianossian Wicca, reports the coven there is doing quite well. You'll find one of his drawings on another page. Also in Florida...Janice & Dennis studying hard and doing well on our pre-initiation material. Everything seems to be improving for them now. We are happy to have them join us. They may be meeting Donna soon. David had an operation scheduled but it was postponed. He's back home, and reading all the Craft material he can find.

GETTYSBURG - Another Susan...and this one busy on the pre-initiation material. Hope she'll be able to have her initiation here.

YOSEMITE - Deirdre & John left there and have been in Bakersfield for a couple of weeks. They were initiated here a couple of days ago. They'll be travelling the coast for awhile but promise to join us for the mountain meeting in August.

LAKEWOOD, CAL. - Peggy Ellen says there seem to be a lot of rats in her area, and now Mr. Slats is bringing them home to Peggy Ellen. Well, what is a cat to do with a rat? NEWS FROM ENGLAND: Peggy Ellen says there may be some demonstrations over the fence around Stonehenge. People just aren't at all happy about that fence. She also reports that the University Of Liverpool has cut down the world's oldest living OAK TREE (1500 yrs.) to count the rings and record its age. They promise to replace it with a concrete and plastic model of the tree. So now we know that all of the world's stupidity is not concentrated in the U.S. or even Washington...it just seems that way.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - Marsha & Jeff scheduled a picnic for Balboa Park for June 24. Unfortunately, we didn't get the info until too late for the last newsletter. It was intended to be an opportunity for all Pagans in the valley to get together and get to know one another. We hope it went well. Marsha says the class on folklore planned for Pierce College was cancelled because of proposition 13. Let's hope it can be re-scheduled for a future time. Marsha teaches astrology. Ted is busy at work on "Lilith" a pro-Witch film script he wrote. I have read the script and think it will make a fascinating movie.

SEATTLE-TACOMA AREA - We still keep hoping Stef & Bob will get down here soon. Stef has promised they'll be here for the August mountain meeting. Remember Donna who was on that primitive, deserted island (well practically) with all those navy men (about 100 men to each girl)? Well, she is now at Whidbey Island, and was recently initiated into Stef's coven. Her handfasting is scheduled to be held on Whidbey in a fairy ring July 8. Donna says she now has a cat, 2 dogs, and a 3'4" boa. Does everyone up there have snakes for pets? Maybe we should start calling it The Snake Coven?

HONOLULU - A nice letter from Adele & Ruthie. They are hoping that both their covens can join C.O.G. The covens planned to celebrate together a handfasting and mid-summer wedding feast. The covens are now meeting at homes, and the forests and beaches (don't you pity them?) so they are trying to find land for a permanent covenstead. When they find it, I wish they'd send us the beach. Adele is planning a visit to California this summer. Ruthie may be able to make it, too. Adele is preparing a mail order catalog. We may enclose a part of it this issue if we have room.

BOOKS & MAGS

Sefa says they are printing up the last issue of Revival & Craft News Brews until people get off their butts and start sending in the articles they promised. She says there have been lots of broken promises from people who promised to contribute and donate.

The Crystal Well is still publishing. New Crystal Well, 412 6th St., San Pedro, Cal. 90731. \$6. per yr.

Castle Rising, 9728 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, Col. 80010. Monthly newsletter \$5. yr. The color Book \$5.50. Catalog \$1. Incense formulas \$1. Pagan Renaissance, quarterly, \$6. yr. They also have some copies of The Witches' Almanac for \$2.45 including postage.

Sefa says if you have a thing for unicorns...stationery, pendants, etc...write for a catalog (free, but 25¢ appreciated) Unicorner, 55 Greenwich Ave., N.Y., N.Y.10014.

We recently recieved a copy of Lost Goddesses Of Early Greece (pre-Hellenic mythology) Very nice. \$5.70 or \$6.44 overseas includes postage & handling. Women In Distribution, P.O.B. 8858, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Jeff's book, A Complete History Of Witchcraft, is coming along fine. He would like contact with some English Witches...in England. Write Jeffrey B. Russell, Dean Of Graduate Studies, California State University, Sacramento. 6000 J St., Sacramento, Calif. 95819. Jeff also tells us that a sociology professor at Arizona State (Hans Sebald) will have a new book out in August or September...Witchcraft - The Heritage Of A Heresy...the Craft in Franconia in the 17 th century and for the past 50 yrs. His grandmother was a Witch in Franconia so it should be interesting. Publisher: Elsevier, N.Y.

MEETINGS

Pan-Pagan Festival, Lake Holiday, Indiana. July 14-16. For info...write Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

AMERICA'S STONEHENGE - Stef will be having an open celebration there July 15.... ritual about dusk. She calls it a High Summer Celebration. There are state camp-grounds nearby...\$3.50 a night, also motels. Swimming in the river.

The location is Maryhill, Washington...about 90 miles east of Portland, Oregon on the north side of the Columbia River. Stef says the best way to go is to drive from Portland on Hiway 80N. For more info write Stephanie Cluff, 13126 110 th Ave. N.W., Gig Harbor, Washington 98335.

DES MOINES - Sefa having an open Lammis Festival Aug. 4,5,6. For info write Sefa, 1351 York, Des Moines, Iowa 50316.

ENCOUNTERS...UFO & PSYCHIC SHOW, 2120 S. Eastern Ave., City Of Commerce (L.A. area) 10 A.M. - 10 P.M. July 21-23. For info or tickets call 213-571-0335.

BAKERSFIELD - We'll be having our yearly mountain meeting at Panorama Heights (about 50 miles from Bakersfield) Aug. 12-13. Make your own reservations & send checks to Panorama Heights, Posey, Calif. 93260...phone 805-536-8816. Cabins with cooking, shower, sleeping facilities for 4 (others in sleeping bags no extra charge) for \$25 per night plus tax. Sleeping rooms (state for 2 or 3 people) \$10. per night plus tax. One trailer sleeps up to 8 for \$25. per night plus tax. Free pool use to any of the above. No charge for trailers, campers, tents, sleeping bags on the campgrounds, but \$1. charge for pool use. Bar-B-Q steak dinner available on Saturday night for \$4.75 Sunday breakfast to order. Restaurant, bar, heated pool, horses available. Dance on Saturday night. We have some things scheduled so far: there will be a rap on herbs with Merle and anyone else who wishes to participate, Lee will do a presentation on foot readings, Bobbie & Sean are preparing a passion play, Shirley on palm reading, Bobbie on biorythm, Shirley Ann on runes, Stef on dances to alter consciousness, an evening sing-a-long with everyone (we have a few musicians), and of course, the usual Pagan ritual open to everyone. If you wish to do a presentation (on anything you wish) let us know in advance so we can make up a schedule of events. If you play an instrument, bring it. If you sing, dance, or whatever..bring yourself. Some of our people will be going up on Friday night. I will wait until Sat. morning in case anyone wants to follow me. Most will probably leave Sunday afternoon or evening. If you plan to arrive by plane or bus, let us know so we can make arrangements to pick you up. Info on directions to Panorama, and how to find my house in the next newsletter.

PAGAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - Sept. 10-14. Details from Assoc. Of Cymmry Wicca, P.O.B. 1514, Smyrna, Ga. 30081.

HONOLULU - Covens there are planning a Pan-Pagan Festival the latter part of August. Anyone vacationing there at that time is welcome to attend. Write for info: Adele Jacobson, 2835 Kolowalu St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

ALBUQUERQUE - Star Of Enchantment Church Of Wicca preparing for the annual Samhain Seminar. Nov. 10, 11, 12 at the Holiday Inn. Mostly open to public. Lectures are free but donations accepted. For info write P.O.B. 26810, Albuquerque, N.M. 87125.

HERBS

MERLE SEZ: According to Greek legend, the violet originated from the tears of Io, a beautiful nymph who was loved by Zeus. To hide Io from Hera, his jealous wife, Zeus changed Io into a white heifer. When Io cried because the field grasses were too coarse and bitter for her taste, Zeus transformed her tears into sweet violets to provide her with a more delicate food.

The Garden Violet is primarily an herb for respiratory problems. A tea made from the leaves is excellent as a soothing gargle, as well as for headache. A decoction of the rootstock makes a good expectorant.

For inflamed mucous tissue in the mouth, rinse with a tea made from the rootstock or the whole plant. A tea or syrup made from the plant, especially the root-

stock and the flowers, is a soothing remedy for coughs and whooping cough.

LETTERS TO MERLE - (Albuquerque) Susan says the Celestial seasonings tea, "Red Zinger", tastes better iced than hot. Iced Sassafras is good, too. Susan says she used to make popsicles for the kids out of herb teas, and they loved it. Susan's favorite teas (iced or hot) are Lemon Mate': 1 part yerbe mate', $\frac{1}{2}$ part lemon-grass, $\frac{1}{2}$ part lemon peel (dried & crushed). SPICE TEA: 1 part Cinnamon Stix (crushed), 1 part oolong, 1 part Jasmin, $\frac{1}{2}$ part allspice, $\frac{1}{2}$ part cloves, $\frac{1}{4}$ part anise seed, $\frac{1}{2}$ part Ginger.

ANOTHER LETTER TO MERLE - (El PASO) Isabel says Jamaica is very good. Take a handful of Hibiscus flowers, and soak in $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon of water overnight or about 12 hours. Liquid should become a light red color. Strain and sweeten to taste. A little lemon juice may be added to give an extra tang. Refreshes better than lemonade or iced tea. An infusion can be made to drink hot for lowering a fever.

Merle says he agrees with the above, and he does appreciate hearing from you.

STUFF AND THINGS

Something we don't often talk about, or even think about..funerals. A recent investigation of exorbitant costs showed that the average cost of a funeral in California is \$2400. For members of The Neptune Society it is about \$300. I'm not going to do a long pitch for them, but if you are interested, here are 2 of the addresses you might write to for info: The Neptune Society, 1456 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93711...or 333 First Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701. Not a memorial society.

We have been getting a few names and addresses for referrals. Be sure to say if you are looking for a coven, or if you have a coven. If you have a coven, make it clear whether you wish to contact or be contacted. We do NOT publish last names and addresses nor do we give them out without your permission.

Remember...anything you wish to put in the newsletter must be recieved here at least several days before the end of the month. I try to get this in the mail by the first of the month. It takes time to get copies, fold, address, stamp, etc. So I must write it at least a day or two before then.

With a full-time job, a house, yard, temple, dogs and fish to take care of, meetings twice a week, Sabbats, newsletters, and stacks of mail to answer (14 letters in one day sometimes) there isn't much time left even to sleep. I need a beautiful, sexy gal to be a live-in housekeeper, secretary, assistant, and....etc. Lots of work..long hours...no pay...but lots of love available. Any Volunteers?

Love and Blessed Be.

Pat

At the right: a sketch by Harry in Florida.



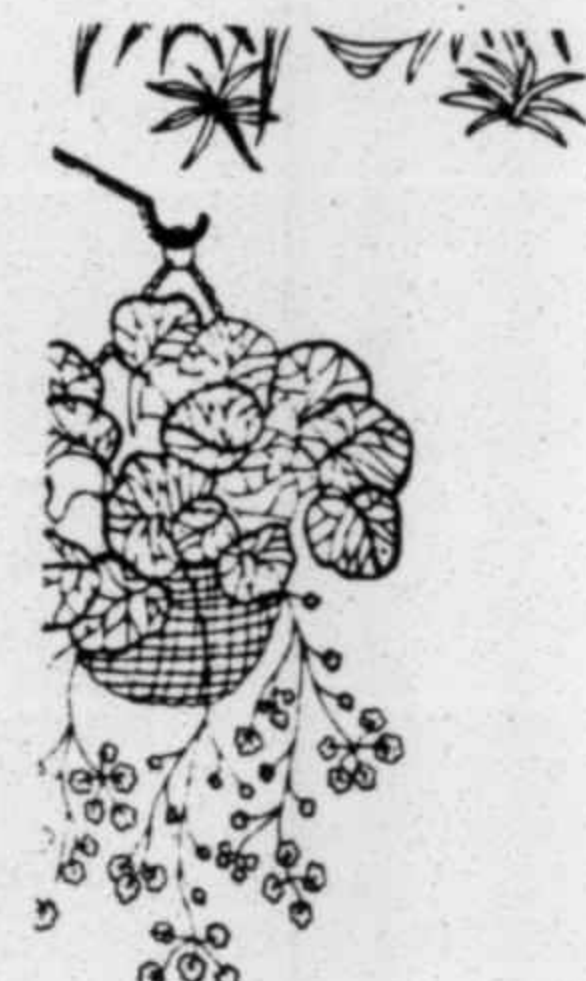


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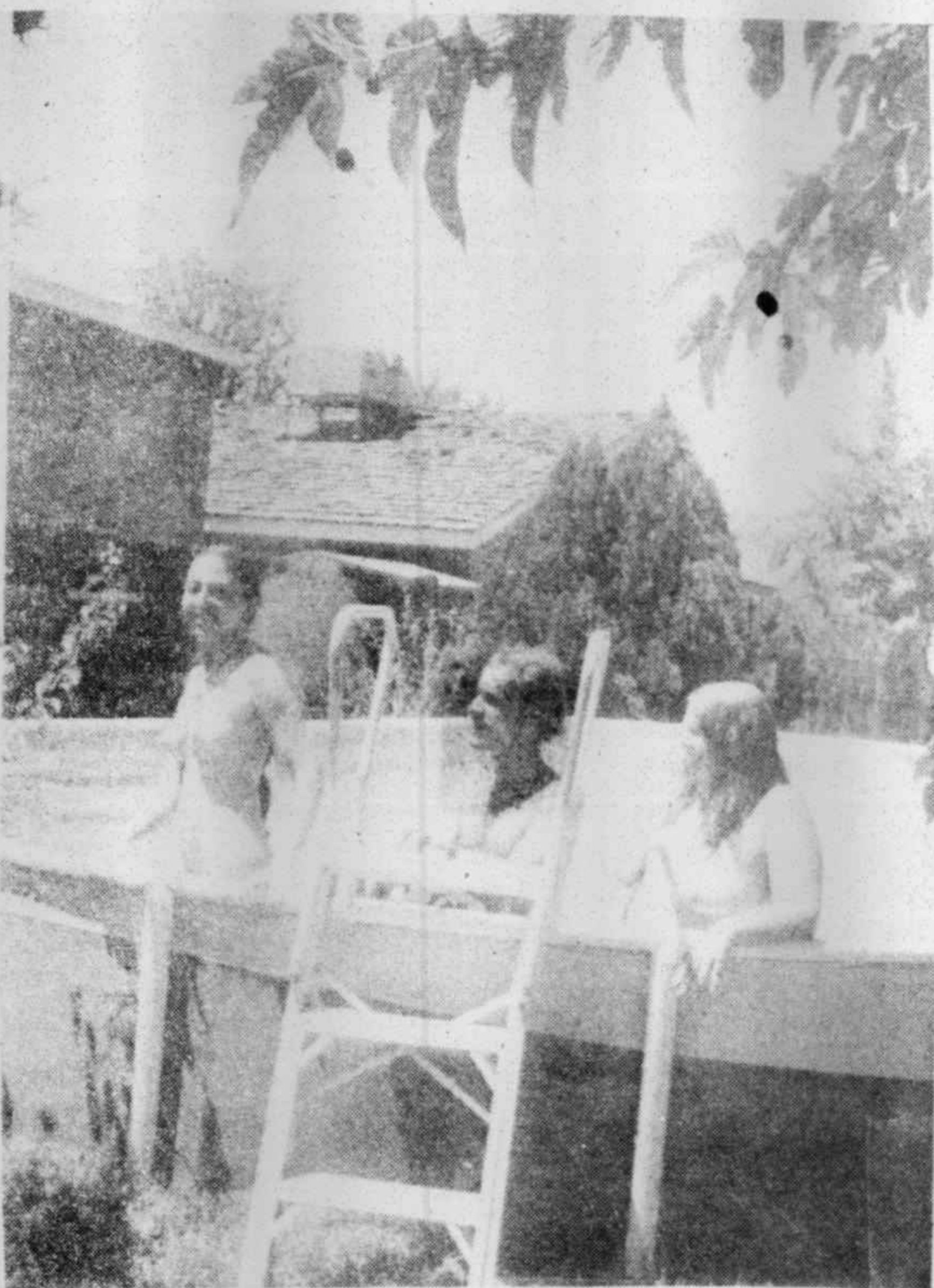
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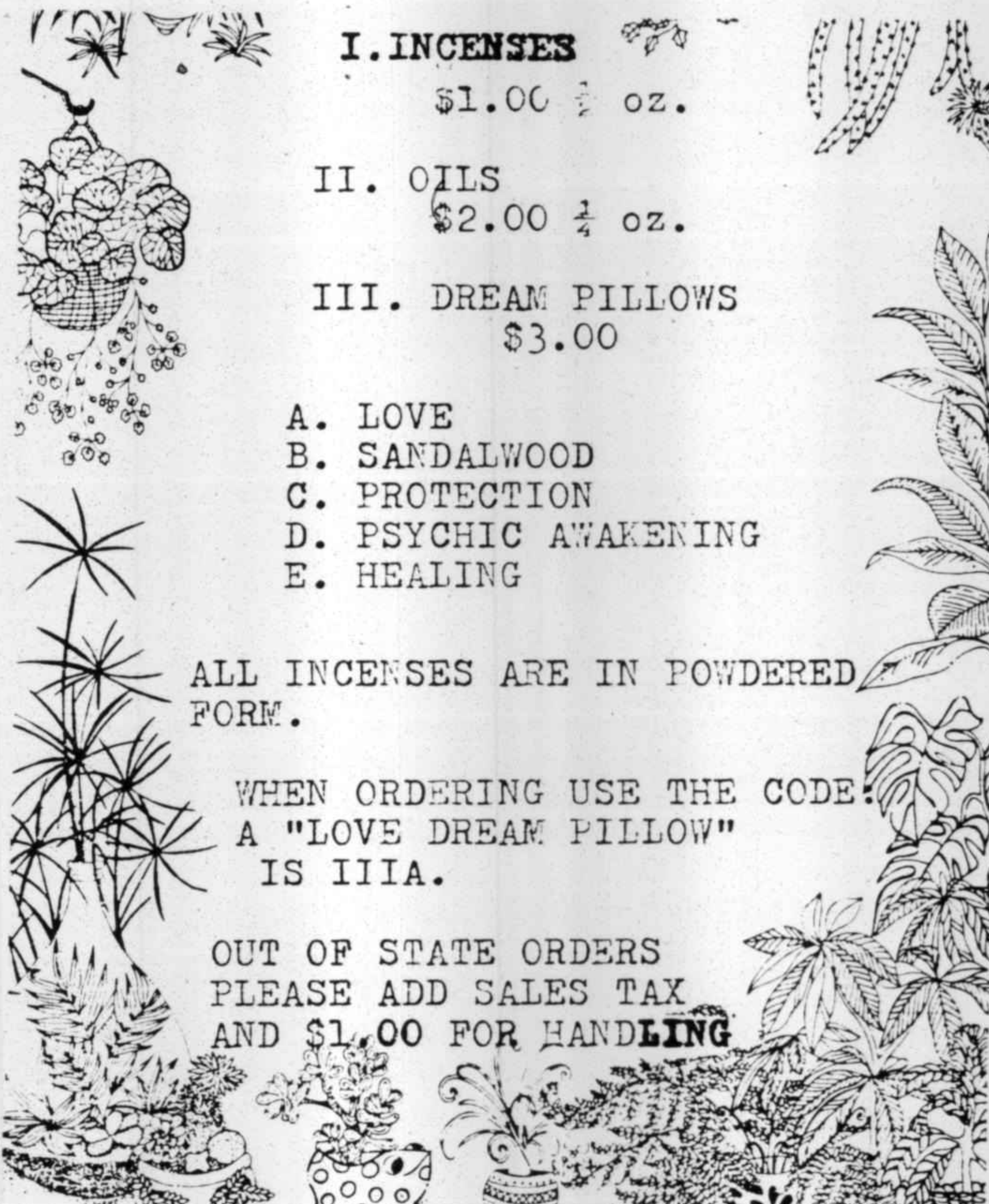
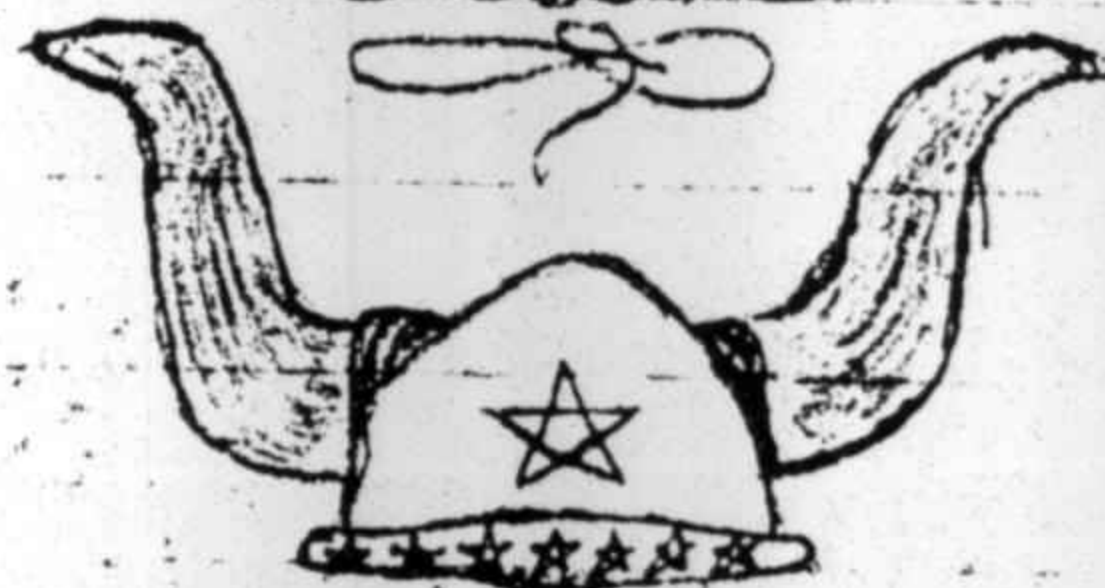


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