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EL PASO - Isabel says she is sorry she couldn't make it to the mountain meeting this year but hopes she can make it next year. Isabel is interested in starting a study group in her area. Anyone interested may write me, and I'll forward to Isabel. Isabel has enrolled in classes in herbal medicine and meditation at the local community college. She sent me a flyer that she picked up in the local occult shop. Seems that the character she mentioned who was maligning Witches on TV is recruiting for the Satanic church he is starting. Most interesting thing about the flyer is the great number of mis-spelled words.

SPAIN - Herbie is now in Spain, but doesn't sound greatly enthusiastic about it. We're hoping he'll have an opportunity to visit with Nancy & Jim in Belgium...or vice versa. Herbie is always complaining about not getting enough mail. Remember, Herbie, to get mail..you must send mail.

FLORIDA - Penny is busy on pre-initiation material. Last report from David is that he was still in the hospital but hopes to be home soon. Haven't heard from Donna and Tony this month. All goes well for Janice and Dennis. They have recently acquired 3 ponies and a mare...2 of them pregnant. They hope to get a ranch...they'll need it! Both Janice and Dennis are looking forward to initiation in the near future.

OXNARD - Mary and Mark have returned from their vacation in Milwaukee where they bought lots of books and incense. We're looking forward to a visit from them soon.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY - Marsha says she was too busy getting moved into her new apartment, and looking for a new refrigerator, etc. so she didn't get to the mountain meeting. Think she should go to the doghouse anyway.

TUCSON - Ernie (Enchanted Moon Coven) says he would be happy to hear from other Witches to exchange knowledge, ideas, etc. However, he didn't say it was ok to publish his address. I'm sure you can find it in the Pagan Occult Directory.

L.A. Area- We were happy to see Judith (Hawaii) at the mountain meeting. Judith will be staying in the L.A. area and is planning to start a new coven there. Georgia, Gwen, and Walt all got to the mountain meeting. Georgia has decided not to move to Oklahoma but will stay put. Shawn has moved down there to be her acting HP. Yvonne and Bruce have been receiving our newsletter for a few months, so they decided to meet the people they had been reading about. We were very happy to meet them at the mountain meeting...and now they have decided to join the Georgians. Welcome!

Last minute problems prevented Shirley & Lee from getting to the mountain meeting. Shirley was initiated in Bakersfield a few days ago. Congratulations! Not only the Bakersfield coven present but 3 others from the south made the trip here so they could be present. It is nice to have friends...and a Craft family.

Las Vegas Area - Barda busy putting up pears. Barda says the cat which ate from a plate are really nothing compared to hers which drink water from a glass, play hide & seek with her, catch paper wads, chase her, eat butter, and love chicken raw or cooked. They also growl at the mailman or strangers at the door. Barda also said something about Linda Blair and Witchcraft this fall. Couldn't quite make that out.

ATLANTA - Rhea still very busy getting ready for The Pagan Leadership Conference. But she did find time for a Full Moon ritual and an initiation in the mountains. She's been in the mountains so much lately that I wouldn't be surprised if one day we find her in bare feet, a torn dress, and smoking a corn cob pipe. Wonder if she has a still up there??? Rhea says she has painted a silver pentagram on her front door. Wonder if anyone has asked her what time are the Jewish services? Well, a few people have noticed the pentagram I wear and asked me if I'm a Rabbi. Seems they don't miss the POINT! Anyway, Rhea is also busy putting together the new directory supplement. If you want to be listed, you had better hurry and get the info to her. Rhea is still looking for that big house. If anyone in Carter Country knows of a big, BIG HOUSE available, please let her know. No, Rhea, just because they had a thunderstorm at the Stonehenge meeting, we did not cause the earthquake to outdo them.

DES MOINES - Last day to get anything in the newsletter and I still haven't heard from Sefa about the Pagan meeting there. Guess we'll have to banish her to outer Mongolia. Wonder why you never hear of anyone sent to inner Mongolia. Must be something good there.

San Francisco Bay Area - Well, we knew that Joan wouldn't be able to make the mountain meeting earlier. But we haven't heard from anyone else up there until today. Finally got a letter from Chuck today. (about time) And after reading 2 pages...all I know is that he is very busy. But at least he did write, and send a contribution for the newsletter...so instead of confining him to the doghouse//we send him to the cathouse. Hmmm! I'm not so sure that will encourage him to write more often.

SO. COUNCIL OF C.O.G. - Held off on this as long as we could because....Dagda promised that we would receive a report on the trip to Greece by Athena...but we still don't have it. All we know for certain is that she has ~~not~~ returned. Wonder who should we send to what house????

SEATTLE-TACOMA AREA - We were certainly happy that Bob & Stef got down here for the mountain meeting. We just don't see enough of them. As for the rest of the covens up there....to whichever house you fit into best.

HERBS

MERLE SEZ - This month I'm going to try to encourage you to take a bath! But first, throw away the soap, and get out the herbs. There are many ways to prepare your herb bath: one of the best is to prepare a strong, hot tea...then pour in before getting in. Another favorite is to put herbs into a drawstring cheesecloth bag. Allow me to outline just a few herbs and their affects.

ANTISEPTIC - Lavender, thyme, peppermint, eucalyptus, wintergreen.

ASTRINGENT - Sage, comfrey root, strawberry leaves.

CLEANSING - (especially for oily skin) Geranium leaves,

HEALING - Peppermint, camomile, (flowers), rosemary.

MOISTURIZING - Orange blossoms, camomile and rose blossoms.

SOFTENING - (wrinkle-removers) Fennel with rose petals and white willow bark.

TONING THE SKIN - Thyme with peppermint.

All herb baths seem to work better when shared with a friend...so with that in mind...let's take one tonight!

MEETINGS

So I repeat some of these at times...but we do have new readers every month.

GEORGIA * Pagan Leadership Conference, Sept. 10-14. Better hurry and make your reservation on this if you haven't done so.

ALBUQUERQUE - Star Of Enchantment Church annual Samhain seminar Nove. 10,11,12. P.O.B. 26810, Albuquerque, N.M. 87125.

VAN NUYS, CAL. - Don't know anything about this group but they have announced plans for psychic fairs twice a month. Next one Sept. 16-17. Church For Positive Directions, 13152 Ortley Place, Van Nuys, Cal. 91401.

Stuff & Things

We just have to stop turning everyone into toads. From now on we turn them into things that have the first same letter as the month. For September we turn them into Snoopy Snipes.

As we've mentioned before, we've been operating the newsletter on donations..which have been so abundant thus far that they pay less than 1% of the cost. As you will see, we have received our non-profit permit from the post office. That helps a lot. Our special thanks to Les for giving us an electric Ditto copier which we hope to be using for printed material next month. That also helps. But we have had requests for ad rates.. so... $\frac{1}{4}$ page, 1 time \$7.50. $\frac{1}{2}$ page, 1 time \$14. Full page, 1 time \$25. 3 consecutive issues..5% off the above. 6 issues, 12% off. 12 consecutive issues (1 yr.) 30% off... all payable in advance. Art work or photos must be ready for photo copy.

BOOKS

The Pagan Way Rituals..vol. 1&2 have been combined into 1 volume and published by Weiser. Much easier to read than the original. You should find it in your bookstore.

Jeff still busy with correspondence and meetings with many Pagans as he gathers info for his new book, "A Complete History Of Witchcraft". If you have info to share regarding the past or present of the Craft, he would be pleased to hear from you. Jeffrey B. Russell, Dean Of Graduate Studies, University Of Calif., Sacramento, ~~XXXXXX~~ 6000 J St., Sacramento, Cal. 95819

Margot Adler (N.Y.) visited a couple of years ago when she was gathering material for her book. We had been wondering why we hadn't found it in the bookstores. Margot says it will be published in the spring by Viking. The title (unless changed) is "Drawing Down The Moon: The Resurgence Of Paganism In America". Watch for it.

There are some interesting, low-cost books available from Cesara Publications, Huntington Castle, Clonegal, Enniscorthy, Eire. Too many to list here, but you might write for a catalog. Overseas air mail is 31¢ per ½ oz. You may find it a bit confusing converting pounds and pence into dollars and cents, so remember the following: One pound = \$2. and one pence = 2¢. They will accept checks made out in dollars. You may have a long wait for books by surface mail, but worth waiting for.

Peggy Ellen says Doreen Valiente's new book, "Witchcraft For Tomorrow" is being published by St. Martin's Press, N.Y.....and "Earth Magick" by Francis Hitching is published by William Morrow & Co., N.Y. Ernie Bidwell says the Valiente book sells for \$8.95.

Our thanks to Peggy Ellen for adding to our library a copy of "The Runes And Other Magical Alphabets" by Michael A. Howard...published by Thorsons Publishers Ltd. Don't know where you'll find this one...but try.

Another addition from Martha & Luke..."Love Songs Of The New Kingdom"..translated from the ancient Egyptian by John L. Foster..publisher..Charles Scribner's Sons.

The Crystal Well, POB 1164, San Pedro, Cal. 90733...still \$6. yr. if you order now. Price is going up.

Castle Rising moving to 1730 Wazee St., Denver, Col. 80202. Don't forget change of address cards when you move.

Pagan Occult Directory...Pagan Grove Press, POB 49285, Atlanta, Ga. 30359...\$3.95.

Ellen (New Jersey) says Marion Weinstein, author of Positive Magick, has a monthly program on WBAI-FM in New York. If you live in the east, try to pick it up.

The following from Lori's Book (Austin, Texas) not yet published. Elemental Magick.

Blessed Be the Gods above
 Blessed Be the Gods below
 Blessed Be the Gods of Earth and Sea
 Blessed Be Fire and Water
 Blessed Be Earth and Air
 Blessed Be all good spirits
 and all those dwelling here.

This one from Penny in Florida:

Nature in her chore of time
 Weaves many webs from the land of chaos CHAS.
 Adding strength or denying life
 She never changes to meet our creeds
 Or the greed of mortal man
 Thus when we meet this Lady of Chance
 and find Her within our own plane
 That we find magick in the air
 Then is magick no longer closed to us
 But is as a second breath.

Sunora

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Dear Pagan Friend,

We of the Association of Cymmry Wicca are presently compiling the Supplement to the Pagan/Occult/New Age Directory, which was released last Spring and listed over 400 Pagan contacts. The Supplement is scheduled to be released in September of 1978.

WHY a Pagan Directory? The Directory and Supplement enable Pagans to communicate with each other -- to reach out to others of like mind -- to foster UNITY within the Pagan Community.

Many Pagans feel so "alone", unable to make contact with other Pagans, because of the "shroud of secrecy" which Pagans have worn for so long. Recently, Pagan friends visited with us who had moved from one state to another a few months ago. They were bemoaning the fact that they were in a "Pagan desert", feeling sure they were the only Pagans in their new city, maybe even in the state! We handed them a copy of the Directory -- with a dozen listings in their new city! Now they are no longer "alone".

However, in order for us to make this service available, we need YOUR help. We only list the names and addresses (P.O. Box numbers if available) of those Pagans who wish to be listed -- who are willing to share -- to reach out. And, we want to be as accurate as possible in our listings. Therefore, we are asking you to complete the questionnaire attached, and return it to us as soon as possible. We need it back by September 1 in order to meet our September release date.

(If you do not wish to be listed in the Supplement, please complete the form, check the box marked Confidential and return it to us. We will not release your name without your approval, but will keep you on our Confidential mailing list.)

We feel sure that there are many Pagans with whom we have not yet made contact who would wish to be included in the Directory Supplement. Won't you share this letter with those you know? They may "zerox" the questionnaire, or send in the requested information on plain paper.

We thank you for your help in this and know from past experience that Pagans from all over the country will be thanking you.

*Blessed Be
Rhea*

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