

COMING EVENTS

The Ham Dinner scheduled for Saturday night at the Grange Hall has been called off due to inclement weather. Another date has not been set as yet.

On December 17th, the Installation of Officers of Concow Grange will be held at 2:00 P.M., at the Hall on Big Bend Road. This is open to the public.

On December 31st the annual New Year's Eve dance will be held at the Grange Hall. Moriss Taylor will provide the music again this year.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Congratulations to Carol Hill on her brand new grandchild. A little girl.

The snow left many driveways with quite a pile of snow in front of them from the snow plow. It would be extremely helpful if you will remember to clear the snow away from your mailboxes so Mr. Robertson can drive up alongside your box. He has to walk to some of the boxes, and this takes up a considerable amount of time.

We hope that Mrs. Nancy Hosler will soon be feeling better and be able to return to her classroom. Mrs. Hosler teaches kindergarten and first grade at Spring Valley School.

EDITORIAL

We have received a barrage of comments on our "liberal views voiced" in the CYHI. So, in this the time of "peace on earth, and goodwill toward men," we state that if you find our views too "liberal" all you need to do to create bal-

ance, is to voice your own.

We will probably not agree with you anymore than you do with us, but we will fight for your right to voice your opinion, in this paper or anywhere else.

When we come outright and take a stand, it is not done in the hope of "hard selling" you on our belief; rather in hope that you will read it with an open mind and if you agree, fine, if not, challenge our stand. Either way it is always hoped that you will do it honestly, and, if in the form of a letter, with a signature affixed.

Perhaps the growing trend toward anonymity is, in itself, a threat to our society. The general trend grows toward noninvolvement; closing one's eyes to a crime, no matter how petty, rather than getting involved, of speaking out in unison in a group, but when the crowd thins, not to be the least bit oral.

What causes this temporary state of being blind and mute? Fear! Fear of reprisal from those opposed. Fear is relatively easy to overcome, by facing that which one fears, by conquering it a step at a time. Certainly not by submitting to it. One should be able to control his fear, he should not let his fears manipulate him.

So if you fear our so-called "liberal attitude" you have two choices, to hide and pretend it doesn't exist, or to speak up and make your feelings known.

During the course of printing this obscure paper, we have been asked many questions, i.e., how do we feel about the gay lib movement, the women's liberation, the Viet Nam war, the death penalty, etc. Controversial subjects all, ones to which we are entitled to our "personal" opinions, opinions which we are not obligated to voice. But if we decide to take a stand, then it is our right to do so, and it is your right, perhaps even a moral duty, to agree or disagree. Feel free readers to disagree with us at any time, no one is going to hurl a fire bomb into

your living room window for so doing. But, do not send unsigned threats to us, do not make wild accusations over the telephone; because we do not fear you, and you may find that we, the liberal can be as vindictive as you the conservative, with one decided difference, we will not be anonymous to you.

HOROSCOPES

Continuing with our detailed insight into each of the twelve signs of the Zodiac. This week, Aquarius, the water bearer. January 21 through February 19. Ruled by the planet Uranus.

The Aquarian lives in a rainbow world, he believes in Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and his whole world is seen through wide, childlike wonder. This does not mean the Aquarian is any less intelligent, don't forget this sun sign is the sign of the genius, Lewis Carroll, Charles Dickens, Thomas Edison and Galileo were all Aquarians. Perhaps they are more fortunate than others, for they can believe in their fantasies, dreams and visions, and still be able to apply them practically.

The Aquarian is, by nature, kind, tranquil and gentle, but they will delight in defying one with a hard set of opinions. They will also take a strange delight in shocking conventional, conservative folk with their erratic behavior. If an Aquarian feels like showing up barefoot to a cocktail party, that is precisely what he will do. Everyone of them will refuse to conform in one area or another.

Aquarians usually accumulate more friends than imaginable throughout the course of their lives, but a very few of these will be lasting, close friends. They are deeply interested in people, people in all walks of life, from

hardened criminals to Presidents.

Aquarians love freedom, and believe that all living things should enjoy equal freedom as do they, (Abraham Lincoln was also an Aquarian.)

They are great humanitarians, and many pursue careers as doctors, nurses, social workers and teachers.

His planet makes him a natural rebel, and he will turn to drastic and revolutionary measures attempting to change that he feels is wrong. He is also a born analyzer, and will spend days upon end analyzing friends, strangers, or how a rock was formed.

He tends to dwell in the future rather than in the present, and never in the past. He is often mistakenly identified as a loner as he drifts in his magical world.

Their stability walks a very thin line, it has often been said there is a fine line between genius and insanity, they seem to possess a strange mixture of cold practicality and eccentricity. Almost all of them are empathetic to the mentally disturbed. Many of them will use their medical training to seek employment in mental institutions, they have a marvelous knack for calming hysterical people.

Their philosophy is open, they believe that everyone be allowed to do "his own thing," he will not attempt to sell you on his idea, but if you ask his opinion, he will give it bluntly and honestly.

Aquarians may seem to be lost in a fog or daze-like dream world, not true, they won't miss a second or one word. They are by nature absent minded about non essential things, which to them is the grocery list, car keys, where the car is parked, which movie to pick the children up from, or the doctor appointment. They are difficult to treat medically, they come up with the weirdest complaints and ailments known to medical science and some of which aren't known. A curious thing, almost without exception, they are ideal subjects for hypnosis, and almost without exception they shy away from it.

They make good mates, they will never be predictable, and they will never be overly passionate. If you make the mistake of trying to cut off his or her freedom, they will be gone in a flash. They are ideal partners for lawyers, scientists, doctors and politicians, they tend to soak up knowledge like a sponge and can release it back on request. Once you've captured one, if he truly loves you (which may be a feat in itself to determine) they will never, under any circumstances, stray.

Next week, Pisces.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

LOG CABIN AND THE SWEET POTATO PIE

Combine $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups mashed cooked sweet potatoes (about 4 medium), $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup softened butter; gradually beat in $\frac{2}{3}$ cup Log Cabin Syrup. Add 3 eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend in $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk, then $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. each nutmeg, allspice and cinnamon, and 1 tsp. vanilla. Pour into 1 unbaked 9-inch fluted pie shell. Bake at 425° for 10 minutes; then at 325° for 1 hour. Cool and serve.

WANT TO EARN MORE MONEY IN 1973? THEN YOU'D BETTER EAT SOME COLLARD GREENS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

By: Inez Yeargen Kaiser

Since collard greens, a leafy vegetable that looks much like spinach when it's cooked, symbolized "greenbacks," or money, the slaves adopted them as part of their traditional holiday menu...with the hope that they would help bring good luck, and more money in the coming year.

Collards, as they are commonly called, are just one of the many Soul Food dishes served by most Black families throughout the year, but most especially during the holidays.

Blackeye peas have a particularly interesting history. The first blackeye peas came from Africa aboard

slave ships, and the fact that they survived their journey is almost more amazing than the survival of the slaves. With little or no food to eat, the slaves were still repelled by the raw blackeye peas their ship's masters gave them to eat. Even after being forced to open their mouths with hot irons placed under their chins, they would still not swallow the peas. Blackeye peas are extremely hard to chew when uncooked. The slaves stored them under their tongues and then stowed them with their belongings when mealtime was over. When they arrived in America, the women planted them. When eaten (cooked, of course) on New Year's Eve, they signify prosperity or good luck.

Today, blackeye peas are soaked overnight, and then cooked with salt pork, red peppers and seasonings. Often they are mixed with cooked rice and brought to the table heaped in an African-motif casserole.

Served with the collard greens and blackeye peas is another Soul dish that has its roots in early Black history. Chitterlings, or chitlins, are a pork dish that taste far better than they sound. Chitterlings are, quite literally, the intestines of a pig; they're prepared with garlic, salt, pepper, red pepper and a whole potato. Since its beginnings as a humble dish served from necessity, chitterlings have now become something of a delicacy...and one that is a constant reminder of a poor, yet inventive heritage to Blacks. Another "must" dish during the holidays is sweet potato pie, served for dessert (it's delicious piping hot with whipped cream on top). In the early South, Blacks associated the American-grown sweet potato with an African root vegetable, the yam, from which they made a pie dish. Served today, it's not only meant to be mouth-watering but to be a reminder of a former way of life.

Rounding off the menu are cornbread, or cornbread muffins, Soul slaw (made with red cabbage), barbecued ribs and neck bones.

Food is a means of communication. When you get a group of people together, and they sample unfamiliar foods, it provokes conversation and can help bridge the gap between ethnic groups.

For years, Americans have accepted Italian, Chinese, Mexican and Irish foods as part of their diet. Now Soul Food creates an understanding of how Americans live and how we have lived....and what better way to start a New Year than to understand.

BACKYARD ADVENTURE NO. 22

By: Lou Salzarulo

The North wind doeth blow,
and we shall have snow,
and what will the Robin do
then, poor thing?

She'll sit in the barn
to keep herself warm
and tuck her head under
her wing, poor thing!

Out with the toboggans, on with the skis, into the snowmobile...and away!. Snowtime, rosy fine-flow time, in these days of synthetic everything one of the real things that we can still enjoy in its purest form is the marshmallow topping frosting the countryside. I pray that man never becomes so knowledgeable as to regulate the seasons. How would you feel about plastic snow dropped by duster pilots?

Did you ever think you'd have a green plastic Christmas tree? If it saves cutting live trees they're excusable say the ecologically minded. Tree farms are a going business. In many you can choose and cut your own tree. When a fir tree becomes a commercial piece of property the intrinsic value changes and it is considered only for it's size and shape; it is not a living, breathing part of the forest. Just as cut flowers are grown in nurseries for florist shops the commercial Christmas tree farms supply trees for the lots. Live trees are also available on some lots and in nurseries. So whether you go live, plastic, or cut have a happy Christmas tree.

BOOK REVIEW

By: Pat Everett

With Christmas near I've been looking for children's books, and I'd like to share some of the books I found with you.

A friend recommended KINSHIP WITH ALL LIFE, by J. Allen Boone. I read it with the thought of passing it on to my children and enjoyed it so much that I'd recommend it for adults as well as children. Mr. Boone shows that there is no difference between pet and pest when it comes to communication. He has a remarkable way of showing what an open mind can accomplish.

As the cover says, "Into this small book are packed thirty-four chapters of the author's experiences with animals. These animals ranged in size from a camel to Freddie, the fly. This book is excellent in two ways: it is highly entertaining and deeply philosophical."

ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS, by Scott O'Dell won the most distinguished contribution to American Literature for children award. Besides that and most important is children have recommended it to me.

Ivan Southhal has written: TO THE WILD SKY, HILLS END and ASH ROAD. The American Library Association named Hills End one of the fifty notable children's books in 1963. Ash Road was awarded the Australian Children's Book of the Year Award for 1966. Good adventure stories.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB, by E. B. White is another good animal story.

SUPERNATURAL

Part III

This week, let's take a look at Magic, more precisely, Low Magic or Black Magic.

"Magic (in general) is the knowledge of the action and the combination of the forces of the Universe, the study of their conduct, the involution their evolution." So wrote Jolliet-Castelot.

Magic seems to have had its birth in India, the word is derived from the Greek, Magus and the Chaldean Magdhum, variations of the words, Mog, Megh, Magh, which in Zend meant Priest, Wise & Excellent. Magic quickly spread thence to other lands.

The Church waged war on the Magi, or Magicians. It purposely confounded them with the Sorcerers, fearing their power and their authority. In order to escape from Church persecutions, the Magicians, alchemists and other custodians of the "occult" concealed their knowledge in bizarre formulae or in the viel of secret writings.

The ancient occult divided Magic into four sections, being:

1. Natural Magic. The possibility of performing certain miraculous deeds by a deeper knowledge of the phenomena of Nature.

2. Mathematical Magic. The thorough knowledge of the laws of Mechanics. It was the knowledge of Albert the Great of Boetius, etc.

3. Poisonous Magic. Deals with philters, mysterious potions, metamorphose, etc.

4. Ceremonial Magic. The most powerful, the most terrible. It supplied the means of communicating with the spirits.

Magic keeps as its own province the fluids which are a manifestation of the fourth state of matter. It begins where physics end, it is hyperphysics.

There are various ceremonies celebrated by the "Black Magic Cults", among them, the Sabbath, paying tribute to the Sod Pan; the Great Sabbath, held once every three months to unite the sorcerers and witches of a State; the Little Sabbath held once a week for the witches of a town or small region; Black Mass, which deals in animal and human sacrifice, calling upon the dead, drinking blood, etc.

The first word in the books of ancient Magic is Abraxas - it describes the storehouse of the sorcerer,

the main items of which were natural talismans, magic formulas, rings, wands, weapons, mirrors, baby's skins, virgin parchment, wax, soil, herbs, etc.

The chief talismans were:

1. The mandragora, inspiration of love.
2. The topaz, to drive off black thoughts.
3. The ruby, to quiet excited senses.
4. The hyena skin, to make one invulnerable.
5. Powdered toad, to produce love.
6. The bezoar, universal panacea.

The following supposedly bring good luck:

1. A horn made of coral or gold.
2. A piece of the cord of a hanged man.
3. A little bag containing the eye of a woodpecker, the eye of a weasel, a crystal ring, a penny with a hole in it, and a fragment of an aerolith (a stone fallen from the sky.)
4. A four leaf clover, picked only by the wearer, at midnight on a Friday during the first three days of a new moon, or in the bright sunshine between noon and three o'clock. Picked either in a lonely spot or in a cemetery.

There were two kinds of magic rings:

1. Those which gave their wearer supernatural powers.
2. Those which bound their wearer to some bondage, usually a bondage to Satan.

The best known kind of these rings were:

1. The stellar rings, which were worn around the neck.
2. The travellers' ring which enabled one to cover long distances without fatigue.
3. The rings of invisibility which made the wearer invisible to the eye. It was made of solid mercury and contained a stone found only in the nest of the hoopoe.

Weddings rings are a remnant of magic rings.

Following is a partial collection of magical prescriptions discovered by Pope Leo III and given to him by Charles the Great in 800 to protect him

against all evil. Dealing with the power of words:

1. Against thieves: Throw into water the names of the suspected thieves, written on separate pieces of paper and say: "Aragoni-Parandamo-Eptalicon-Lamboured; one or more of the papers will float, revealing the names of the thieves.

2. Against burns: Place currant jelly on the wound and say three times: "Esoenarth. Fire of God. Lose thy heat-Esoenarth!"

3. Against toothache: Say "Struggole fauisque lecutate, te decutinem dolorum persona." There is a complete book of these dealing with every imaginable ailment or incident.

It should be mentioned here that many of the ancient formulas to low magic have been hidden away for centuries, closely guarded by generation upon generation of a particular family; while those that have been deciphered and translated are, in all probability, only the more unimportant volumes.

There is an ever growing, increasing interest in the occult, particularly in black magic in this generation. Many groups have formed calling their sect "churches". Perhaps one of the most closely organized and longest staying of these is the Process Church. Active in the Los Angeles area, London, and Mexico. Since the days of the breakthrough in the Manson murder trials, the Process Church moved completely underground. At one time they held regular "mass" meetings on the beaches in Southern California with animal sacrifices, and reported human sacrifices. All of which they always record via movie cameras.

It is an interesting subject and one which did not die out with the witch hunts and burnings of three or four centuries ago.

Next week we will look at, among other things, magical herbs.

POETRY CORN R

Nature is full of genius, full of the divinity, so that not a snowflake escapes its fashioning hand. Nothing is cheap and coarse, neither dew drops nor snowflakes...What a world we live in, where myriads of these little disks, so beautiful to the most prying eyes, are whirled down on every traveler's coat, the observant and the unobservant, on the restless squirrel's fur, on the far-stretching fields and forests, the wooded dells and the mountain tops.

Far, far away from the haunts of men, they roll down, some little slope, fall over and come to their bearings, and melt and lose their beauty in the mass, ready anon to swell some little rill with their contribution, and so, at last - the universal ocean from which they came.

There they lie, like the wreck of chariot wheels after a battle in the skies. Meanwhile the meadow mouse shoves them aside in his gallery, the schoolboy casts them in his snowball, or the woodsman's sled glides smoothly over them, these glorious spangles, the sweepings of heaven's floor. And they all sing, melting as they sing, of the mysteries of the number six; six, six, six.

He takes up the waters of the sea in His hand, leaving the salt; He dispenses it in mist - through the skies; He recollects and sprinkles it like grain in six-rayed stars over the earth, there to lie till He dissolves its bonds again.

By: Henry David Thoreau

BULLETIN BOARD

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