

A very eventful week for all the people in our land. A week of mourning by many for Lyndon Baines Johnson. But also a week of long over due promised peace. Hopefully an equitable and a lasting peace for all concerned. Not only for the people of Viet Nam, but for the American military involved in that land as well as those hundreds of thousands of people involved in the Laos, Cambodia and Thailand situation.

The tension and anxiety felt by the families of the POW'S and the MIA'S, is shared by every American as they await Saturday, January 27th, the promised day of cease-fire.

Let us all keep hope, and an optimistic attitude regarding a peaceful settlement. The killing, destruction and strained feelings will linger on, they can neither be undone nor forgotten.

Perhaps we should all consider and weigh the advantages of a peaceful and constructive regime vs. a forceful, military one. Every conscientious American should reflect back on the Viet Nam situation, and ask himself how and why we became involved, the resulting implication of that involvement and the ultimate cost to the lands, governments and people involved.

Consider not only the thousands of troops in the Indo-China fiasco, but all the thousands stationed on foreign soil all over this globe.

Let us all work together for a truly peaceful, unified land; a land where there will be room for people of all beliefs, where every line of thinking may be openly and objectively discussed, and most of all looked upon by other lands not only as a "power structure" nation, but a truly open, fair and PEACEFUL one!

HELP! PLEASE!

Needed, an adult project leader for 4H sheep project. Must be willing to work with the children from now until June. The children are getting their sheep and suddenly find themselves without a leader, and they need guidance in the care of their animals.

Anyone qualified and willing to devote some time to this project should call Carol Pyle at 534-7896.

COMING EVENTS

There will be a Dinner at the Grange Hall on Saturday, February 10th. This will be a Spaghetti Dinner. Do try to attend, weather permitting.

BACKYARD ADVENTURE NO. 25

By: Lou Salzarulo

My winter gardening is done between the covers...with a warm lap robe and a garden book. This one is titled, Peacock Manure and Marigolds, and I inwardly rejoice with the author, Janet Gillespie, for her horticultural beginnings were much like mine. Together we have reached a plane of understanding that must be shared with those earnest souls who wish to garden - "nature's way." Stated simply, this involves learning to work with the natural ecological balance of the garden...not against it!

Ecology concerns the interinvolvement within the environment and the balance of nature that results. If that "environment" is a meadow bounded by a wooded area nature is in complete control. If it is your garden plot you must follow nature's plan if you expect success! "So simple, common sense tells us that!" True, but we have been schooled away from "common" sense, (but let's not get sidetracked into that one). This same spot would

produce those plants favoring the type of soil and climatic conditions that prevail in this area if you had not chosen it for your personal use.

When you take over a garden plot you become manager, god or boss (straw boss really because though old Mother Nature may step aside she is still in there, behind the scenes, running the show). The first step is to get to know your soil, and climate. I have covered both of these subjects in past columns, but with spring waiting in the wings to make her grand appearance I feel compelled to stress these two first steps toward gardening success.

Do a little 'between the covers' gardening now; get thee to the library, book store, paper-back rack. Visit the California Home Advisory Board downstairs in the Croville Post Office. If you don't see it on the free pamphlet rack, ask for it! Lean over the backyard fence, and talk to your neighbor. He, she, may have an "in" with Mother Nature. Just get with the program NOW, so that you're prepared to go into your garden with a feeling of confidence and to get into it with a shovel on the first warm day.

HOROSCOPES

Continuing with our insight into each of the twelve signs of the Zodiac. This week, Gemini, the twins, May 22 to June 21. Ruled by the planet Mercury.

The dual sign of the twins means just that, dual personality, likes, dislikes, loves, hates, etc. A Gemini is changeable, unpredictable and restless.

Gemini is also the sign of the talker, many of them find their mark in life as public speakers, politicians, actors and lawyers. All of them express themselves through writing (Mercury governs communications), and sooner or later all of them will have a go

at creative writing, most of them are terrible about writing letters.

They usually talk fast and think even faster, and it is commonly known that it is a mistake to challenge one to a battle of wits. Some of them take a fiendish delight in disconcerting slower minds with their quick mental processes.

They will often take on 3 or 4 projects at once and handle them all with seeming ease.

They will usually speak, write or read more than one language. They possess a mastery of words exceeded by none.

They need more rest and sleep than any other sign, and since they are greatly susceptible to insomnia, this is always a problem. Consequently, nervous breakdowns are a real threat, they can suffer from one quicker from boredom and confinement than from any other source.

They possess a gift of portraying what they want you to see, even when they are down and broken, i.e., Errol Flynn, Judy Garland, John F. Kennedy, Marilyn Monroe, Michael Todd).

Gemini feels security is being in love, and he always is, although not necessarily with the right people. He is a flirt and always will be.

They love people and are happiest when they are in a crowd. They never lack for friends, but when they become bored, they will change friends and mates as quickly as they do their clothes.

They do make excellent husbands and wives if you can keep them interested. If you are the jealous type, this is not the sign for you.

They are attracted to speed and danger, and will back away from nothing. Their greatest fear is being trapped in a dull, routine existence, or in confinement, and this is a definite threat to their emotional stability.

A Gemini is exactly what you see, or what you think you see, plus about 15 more people!

Next week, Cancer.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

We are cropping our Recipe of the Week temporarily until we can go through our files and get some together for forthcoming issues. In the meantime, if any of you wish to submit recipes for this section, please feel free to do so.

MY COLUMN

By: Jimmie Lee

I've been worrying about a lot of things lately.

Really got my head in a turmoil and just before I was hopelessly lost in the tangled wanderings of my mind, we went down to the ocean. And it was ready for me, ready for a lot of my questions, and ready to give me a good shake, and set me back down on solid ground.

The wind was blowing in long cold gusts, and the ocean was jumping and heaving and tossing sea foam up to be blown away.

The sand was shifting and stinging and the sky was alive with blue and with authoritative clouds. I stood there and looked at it and listened to it, and felt it, and I knew how wrong I'd been. This is what is eternal it only tolerates man, because, though we may be precocious in technology and material things the whole of which we are only small parts is still far beyond danger of the destruction we have wrought.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I should have written this much sooner, but perhaps it will be better late than never.

I was utterly shocked at the boorish behavior of many adults and older teens at the Christmas program at Concow School.

I for one would like to ask the teachers and students at Concow and Spring Valley to forgive us and give us another chance.

Then I would hope and pray before the next school event the people responsible, will gain some insight of what public behavior should be. They should realize that their right to create a disturbance should stop the moment it infringes on the rights of those who came to listen and watch their children perform.

How, indeed, can we teach students respect for others when they see and experience such an utter lack of respect for their efforts?

The teachers and students put much work and thought into preparing that program for us.

I sincerely hope I never experience such behavior in our school again.

I've been attending my children's school programs here at Concow for 20 years now and never before witnessed such boorishness!

If such behavior continues, all I have to say is, "Thanks be to God that my last child will soon be graduating."

Betty Neher

Marion Driscoll called in to report that last Friday evening on her way to Park Hills Store she observed a dog which had been hit and killed by a passing motorist. The dog was in a ditch beside highway 70, another little black dog was waiting by the dead animal's body.

It struck a familiar note to Marion who had, some time ago, had her own dog hit and killed by a car on highway 70, but that motorist had not even bothered to take the dog off the highway nor made any attempt to notify the owner.

It seems a shame that people hitting animals along the roadway don't even have a few moments to spare to attempt to contact owners of family pets.

JARBOE GAP

This Friday and Saturday evening, Super Nova will be playing at Jarboe Gap. If you have missed them when they were in our area before, now is your chance. But go early as they always pack in a full house.

The three saddest words
in the language of this world
are I love you
because they admit
I need you
and care more
for your happiness
than my own
And there is joy in them too
like the color that comes
with dying in the fall
because you need me too
and the only tragedy
is that we are not one
but we share
pain
loneliness
despair
bewildered we wander
through the world
together - separately.

SUPERNATURAL***
Part VII

To most people voodoo means Haiti,
and there on its hazy ground voodoo
still survives and thrives. It is
a religious system made up of a
collection of beliefs and practices
with African roots that has become
adapted to the needs of life in
Haiti.

The slave trade from Africa to
Haiti began in the early 16th cen-
tury, when Spain occupied Santa
Domingo. In 1677 Haiti was ceded
to France, and it became France's
richest colony. More and more plan-
tations were established and there
was a growing need for more slaves.

The slaves brought with them
their traditions, languages, their
gods, rituals, dances, drum beats
and memories of their homeland.

Bokono (magician) and vodu-no
(priests) trained in Africa, taught
following generations, and so the
religion survived.

Voodoo satisfies the emotional
need for social contact through its
colorful ceremonies, and supplies a

practical method of alleviating
physical misfortune.

The worshippers petition the gods
for an end to his poverty and unhapp-
iness and also relies on his voodoo
priest to provide him with magical
remedies in case of disease and injury.

The enormous collection of gods and
spirits known collectively as loa, may
be divided into two categories. The
great loa worshipped on a national
level, these divinities mostly of
African origin. The second, the petro
gods, some African divinities, but
the majority conceived of Caribbean
origin. Most students of voodoo agree
that a complete catalogue of all these
gods would be impossible to compile,
because new ones are constantly intro-
duced as old ones die and are forgotten.

Here are a few of the more popular
ones:

Legba - guardian of gates and fences,
protector of home (under the
name of Maitre Carrefour, he
is a patron of sorcerers)

Agwe - presides over the sea and life
in the sea as well as ships
that sail on it

Zaka - patron of crops and farming

Bade - the wind

Sagbo - lightning

Agau - storm spirit.

Voodoo services are most likely to
be held on a Saturday night, all cere-
monies - both public and domestic - are
long and strenuous.

The celebrants gather early in the
evening in a friendly and casual at-
mosphere. The altar is covered with
offerings of fruit, rum, soft drinks
and clay jars - some containing the
spirits of ancestors.

The hungan takes a jug of water,
lifts it successively to the four card-
inal points, salutes the loa. (He
also salutes the Father, Son and Holy
Ghost). Then he makes a drawing or
several drawings on the ground with
sand or flour of gods to be manifested
at the ceremony. Each drawing is con-
secrated by putting small piles of
grilled maize and other dried food
stuff and some kind of drink on it.

*****LOCAL MERCHANTS*****

The rituals that follow will often vary, but will always include singing, dancing and wild drum beats. Many times there will be sacrifices - pigs, goats, fowl or bulls.

In "black voodoo" - a world of sorcery and black magic, zombies, werewolves and murder the loa are also very much in operation.

One manner of committing murder is for the sorcerer to conjure up the image of the victim in a bucket of water, then to stab the victim, if the sorcerer is successful the water supposedly will turn blood red as the victim dies.

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*****BULLETIN BOARD*****

FOR SALE: Table lamp, \$5.00; guitar, \$15.00; buck goat, \$25.00. Call Stephanie Rowe at 533-6094.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom house off highway 70, partly furnished, \$75.00 per month. Prefer older couple, call Mary Hughes at 533-5144.

FOR SALE: Porta-crib, stroller, coffee table, end tables, T.V. trays, Avon bottles, miscellaneous. Call Betty Hagood at 533-9341.

FOR SALE: Two electric ovens, 1 small oven works good, 1 30" oven very clean, works well, but needs new thermostat. Also 2 electric 4 burner cook tops. Call 533-1926 or see at Leo Neher's on Big Bend Road.

Any item for the Bulletin Board is welcomed. Write or phone your items in, please give us a call when you have sold your items or no longer wish your ad to be run.

CONCOW JADE SHOP: Located at the north end of Lake Concow, jade from local mines in the area, jewelry, rough material for rock hounds and pieces suitable for carving. Phone number is 533-0974.

PARK HILLS STORE: Located in Big Bend, trailer park, grocery store, featuring a complete line of groceries, beer, wine and soft drinks, sundries, also bait and tackle for fishermen. Phone number is 533-2086.

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PENTZ STORE: Service station, beer bar, and groceries. Steve and Margie Easter owners, phone number is 534-7587.

THE LITTLE COUNTRY STORE: Located in Pentz right next to Spring Valley School. A gift shop for those last minute items. A large assortment of gifts and all occasion cards. Call Jinx Goodwin at 533-3912.

JARBOE GAP: Beer bar and service station, located on highway 70.

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