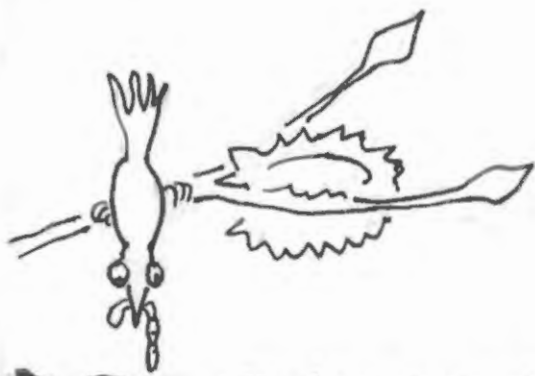




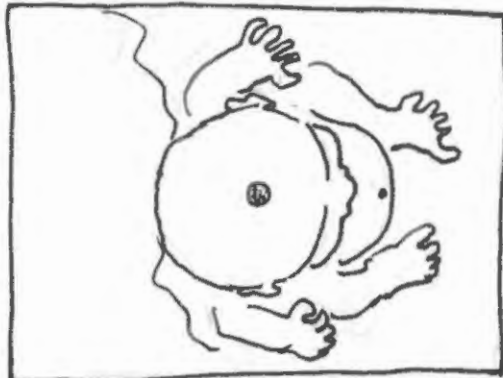
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"All the news that's shit to print"

DR. SAYS "NOT TO WORRY"

WILL GROW OUT OF IT



TOP VIEW OF C.I.G. BROTEN & BLEMISH RENO: Cressida Ingrid Grey Broten, born unspotted and unsullied on July 29, has developed a strawberry birthmark on her head which is now the size of a farthing. This has been of considerable concern to her parents, Ms. G.P. Jackson and Dr. Arthur (Skip) Broten. When taken to the Dr. this past week, Cressida was pronounced fit, & her parents were advised "not to worry." She will grow out of the spot in time. When asked where on her head the spot is, her mother replied, "Right where if you were to hang her up by a string you'd fasten it."

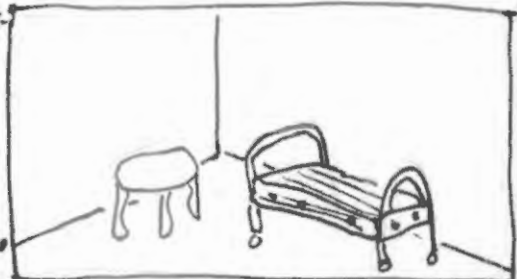
GR. GRANDPA'S EXPRESS SATISFACTION Beloit: Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Dougan express satisfaction that they have received at last a picture & birth announcement of gr grandchild #6, C.I.G. Broten. "We wouldn't believe it till we saw it," says Great Grandpa.

CHRISTMAS A POSSIBILITY Nest May Fill For Holidays

Special from Spfld: When December 25 rolls round this year, 816 N. Fifth Street may have many stockings to hang up for Santa Claus. G.P. Jackson, Cressida Broten, & Skip Broten may be toasting their toes before the fire. Invitations are being extended to Ms D.L. Jackson and Ms. S. Mudge, Ms. M.T. Jackson, Mr. Robert Wesley, Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Dougan, and, of course to Ms. J.E. Jackson who will be home from the East. Ms. Muffet and Mighty Mouse are planning to greet cousin Cover D'Or, and hang bones and mice on the tree. This happy reunion will depend on Skip Broten being able to take off for the week between Christmas & New Years, from his new job at Desert Research. All family E. of the Rockies are praying that this will happen, as all are in a lather to see the new baby. Great Grandparents say that though they will make every effort to see Jennie and Matt Schmidt, Carl Andrew Schmidt, Sonja & Joshua Ide during the Christmas season, that they will give priority this year to Cressida.

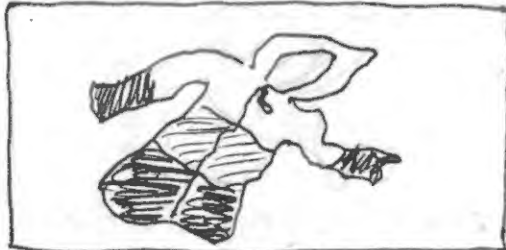
PAULETTE FOLDS HER TENT * 2 TONS OF POSSESSIONS

~ AND SILENTLY STEALS AWAY ~
Spfld: On Sept. 24, when J.D. Jackson returned from an unplanned & unexpectedly long buying spree at the Jr. League "Nearly New" Sale at the State fair grounds, she was greeted with an empty house & a note on the table. Somehow in the space of a few hours Paulette had managed to stow 50 million boxes into her own car, & her mother and stepdad's car, numerous plants, the only bottle of tamar sauce, the clothespins exc. the ones J.D. Jackson had borrowed from Paulette & was hanging the wash with, as well as other familiar items, not yet missed. J.D.J. was filled with dismay, since she fully expected to persuade Paulette's Kinfolk to spend the night before returning to Memphis. She is glad, however, they ate the supper she had prepared. Paulette will be returning for her bicycle and stilts.



VIEW OF PAULETTE'S ROOM

WINDBREAKER UNEARTHED; HOPES SOAR FOR WOOL PEACOCK



BURIED ON DRESSER 2 YEARS

Spfld: On a recent dig, Ms. J.D. Jackson uncovered a red, white and blue windbreaker buried on her dresser for two years. The garment, belonging to J.E. Jackson, had been given up for lost and replaced. It had been hidden by a sheet placed there to protect the little sticks and artifacts. With this discovery, hope soars for wool peacock given JET by M.T. Jackson, which vanished midwinter. There are four other sheets in house, protecting partial excavations. Work will not begin on these areas until grant money is available.

STILL TOGETHER

Beloit: When asked for news for the Empty Nest Newsletter, Mrs. Vera Wardner Dougan of Colley Rd, Beloit, Wis., responded, "Ron and I are still together."

D.J. JACKSON INTRIGUED BY REVELATION

SEES SELF IN CATEGORY OF "BIRD-LIKE WOMEN"

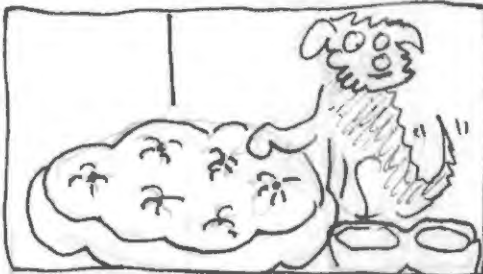
Mpls: Damaris Lee Jackson, violinist, artist, writer, quilt-maker & dancer, (graduate of SIU Edwardsville School of Drama) has of late been involved in a dance group using the techniques of Ruth Saporita. Called "action-theater," the dances are improvisational and have to be based in 1) movement, 2) ones emotions and 3) sound, and all at one time. In viewing a videotape of a self performance, Jackson was recently surprised to discover herself in the category of what she calls "bird-like women" -- such as Marian Levin, Noel Kendall, etc. "I always pictured myself as slower moving, slower speaking," confesses Jackson, "but I am really a darter, with a flurry of movements, & quick speech." Jackson says she does not feel bad, only the thrill one experiences when ones self image does a sudden turn. Ms. J.D. Jackson, mother of D.L. Jackson, recalls the summer DLT spent as a seagull, with frequent flaps and unexpected screeches and squawks. She also recalls genetic precedent: When Corinna was wheeled into the operating room 2 yrs ago for an emergency appendectomy (burst) Grampa was overheard by Uncle Karl to whisper to her, "You're a brave little sparrow." -- which statement caused Karl-

DOGS PROVE LITERACY ALSO

HARRY REVEALS OCCASION WARP BEHINDWOOF

Spfld. In response to the letter received from Ms. Muffet Jackson, Harry Contrakon of 425 W. Edwards responded on June 26 as follows: (Due to the length of Harry's letter, it is reproduced in full in the Sunday Supplement to this news letter. Please refer to p. 1A.)

MUFFET SITS ON TUFFET

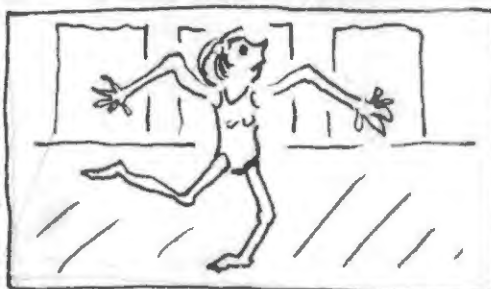


MS MUFFET ACCEPTS GIFT

Spfld: J.D. Jackson recently attended the Jr. League "Nearly New" sale and purchased a tuffet for Ms. Muffet. Originally a cushion for a rocker, the tuffet comes with a back piece for guests, and is pearly grey plush with black buttons. Muffet will use tuffet for rest between bouts of scaring away spiders, her current Empty Nest.



AND CHECKS FOR SPIDERS



JACKSON AT MOMENT OF TRUTH

BUCKLEY BEHIND-THE-WHEEL

Portland: When Dr. Craig Dougan goes driving in his right-hand drive British Armstrong-Sibley, William F. Buckley Jr., dog, Samaroid, enjoys riding along in the other front seat. When Dr. Dougan pulls up to a stoplight he ducks, leaving Buckley alone in the "driver's" seat, and smiling (with tongue out) at other drivers and passengers waiting at the light. Buckley has not yet been approached for his license.

BIRTHDAYS FORGOTTEN

Spfld. Ms. Muffet, whose (approx) birthday of Sept 1 was totally overlooked, has been appeased by gift of tuffet. Mighty Mouse, birthday approx. Aug. 1., was totally forgotten by her owner, J.E. Jackson, who was busy with summer larks and school preparations, till several weeks later. Says Ms. Mouse, "Don't let it happen again."

BIRTHDAYS REMEMBERED

Proten, Bresnahan and Jackson to Celebrate Natal Days
Reno, Seattle and Hanover: Specials to the Empty Nest Newsletter
Arthur (Skip) Proten will advance a year in age on Oct. 9. P. Bresnahan, ditto, on Nov. 9. J. Elspeth Jackson will celebrate birthday #18 on Nov. 6. This does not bring her to the legal drinking age in New Hampshire nor nearby Vermont or Massachusetts

and later all family -- to experience lumps-in-throat. Also, Ms. J.D. is the proud owner of a portrait (self?) by Jackie-Jo Dalvit Goutane of an ecstatic woman turning into a seagull, or an ecstatic seagull turning into a woman, take your pick. More evidence.

ELDEST GREAT GRANDCHILD, 5, LITERATE

Beloit: Word has been received from Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Dougan that they have received the first letter from a great grandchild, Jenny Dougan Schmidt, daughter of Peter & Betsy Schmidt of near Washington, D.C. Jennie's letter reads, "Dear Grandma and Grampa Dougan, Thank you for the \$10 check. I am going to put it in the bank. I can't wait to see you at Christmas time. Love, Jenny."



JENNY IN THROES OF COMPOSITION

MS MUFFET WRITES PAL

Beloit, June 23, 82: Dear Harry, I'm here visiting Grampa and Gramma and my cousin Cover D'or. Cover is pretty old and crochety, like you, and tries to keep her rawhide bone away from me, but I snatch it & go under the piano. I make her run a lot more outside, too. Sometimes Grampa lets me sit in his lap.

I have not peed once in doors since I've been here, or pooped either. They think I am trained, but just wait till I get home.

I am taking a heartworm pill every day until Christmas.

Cover & I go in & out of doors about 40 times a day. I am very good at making a racket on the screen door.

There is a gopher that lives on the lawn.

The main excitement & concern around here is that Grampa dropped a radish down the kitchen sink drain. It acted like a bobber in a toilet tank--as soon as the pipe filled, the radish would float & close off the pipe so that no more water would go down.

Grampa finally had to take the plumbing apart. Grampa didn't look too hot when he had finished. Neither did the radish. See you the end of July. Love, Muffie. P.S. Grampa says it would have been an entirely different story if he'd only dropped a strawberry.

P.S.S. Cover & I tripped Jackie while she was jogging & she fell flat on her face. She tried to kick us but missed. She will survive to jog another day.

MIMI BALDWIN SPACKLES CEILING

Hinesburg Pond: Despite JDS's protests that the ceiling of Mole End has been unfinished since 1967, and can continue unfinished a little longer, Mimi Baldwin, guest, built herself a scaffold and taped and spackled most of the cracks and nail heads. The work is much appreciated.

CARTOONS SOLICITED

Spfd. Cartoons and other material are being solicited for inclusion in future E.N. Newsletters. Please send to Editor, 816 N Fifth.

SQUIRREL ASSAULTS SUNFLOWERS

Mips. Ms. Damaris Jackson recently chased a squirrel off the sunflower crop raised this summer in the garden of 3608 Clinton Ave S. "The little (deleted by ed.) was eating the seeds we are squirreling away for the winter for ourselves," Ms. D.L.J. was heard to exclaim with asperity. Ms. S. Mudge, co-gardener, concurred with this statement & sentiment.



THIEF CAUGHT IN ACTION

Correction: Last E.N. said Ellie ate by president of D'M Coll at Goose-Something Mt. Col. The name of the mountain is "Moose lock."

COINCIDENCE NOTED

Hamover: The guy who climbed Mooselock Mt with Ellie Jackson at the end of the bike trip, & saw in the sunrise w/ her, occupied room #76 of The Lodge last year. Ellie says, "He's nice, but off this term."

SEES CHIROPRACTOR

Mips: DL Jackson has seen a chiropractor for a painful neck. "Don't tell Uncle Craig," she says.

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CEILING FALLS IN MIPS

Mips: D. Jackson & S. Mudge, who narrowly escaped injury or death a year ago when their apartment burned, (saved by S. Mudge's habits of nocturnal prowling & sniffing) have suffered a new disaster in their new house on Clinton Street: there was a loud crash and all occupants--luckily upstairs at the time--sprinted down to see the living room ceiling on the floor. The insurance money came the same day, a promptness Ms Mudge has experienced since she had her tires slashed the first week she came to Mips. The occupants will strip the ceiling, including the lathe, & put up sheet rock. They expect to save enough by doing it themselves to redecorate the downstairs on insurance money. The woman who will come in from outside to spackle the sheet rock will work on stilts. This should prove sight worthy.

J.E.J. TO ATTEND EUCHARIST Hamover: On Sept. 24 J. Ellie Jackson plans to attend Eucharist at "The Edge" at 9 P.M. "The Edge" is the Episcopal student center.

CARE PKG SENT LOWENSTEIN

Spfd: A CARE pkg is ready to send to Dean Leah Lowenstein who quizzes in college rooms at Jefferson Medical College 4 or 5 nights a week. The pkg contains gum, candy, jacks, string for Cat's Cradle, a Harlequin Romance, snake bite kit, Agatha Christie mystery, Cup-a-Soup, and a special deck of cards featuring a medical joke on each playing card. (dumb & sexist)

NEWS BRIEFS

- Nancy Raymond stopped by to look at all the stuff she has stored in Megan's old room at 816 N. 5th. She left empty handed.
- Patty Goll, Tim Veach's sweetie, was robbed of jewelry & other items at her U. of Ill. penthouse apartment. "What will I do w/out my cornpopper?" says Patty ruefully.
- The Sept. 24 Wall St. Journal has lead article on soaring college tuitions & costs, which features Dartmouth College. The article is called "The Campus Crunch." "Don't I know," groans Ms. J.D. Jackson
- E. Jackson's sore ankle has been cured by aspirin, but not in time for her to sign up for jazz dance.
- E. Jackson recently had duck for dinner at the Lyme Inn, w/ Carol & Ed, Sara & Heather Dell. Sara is back from Ireland & off to U. of Chi. to Soph. Year of Schol. Heather has 2 jobs in Boston: 1) Ad Agency 2) head something or other at Rape Crisis Hot Line.
- Ms. J.D. Jackson has hired Jan Grimes to help her out of 816 "Morass." Progress is being made, but oh so slow.
- E. Jackson has been invited to Dells for Thanksgiving.
- J.E. Jackson's Latin Drill Class is at 8 AM. Groun moan.
- Rita Bresnahan is still larking around the Bahamas in a sailboat called "Ultimate Folly."
- S. Mudge has bagged the garden tomato plants against the cold.
- E. Jackson is stealing milk cases to make a bookcase. Tsk Tsk.

CHIROPRACTER ONLY STUDENT

Mips: D.J. Jackson defends neck manipulation by saying the chiropractor is "only a student" and that at her regular clinic, the M.D.'s gave her aspirin for knee troubles. A therapist gave her postural help. Jackson also has jaw trouble, sometimes her jaw clicks & sticks. So far neither chin nor MD has helped.



FLASH! KOPLOW IN ST.L.

Covington, Ky: Word has been heard indirectly that a work of Philip Koplow, composer of The Endless Pavement, will be performed in St. Louis Oct. 17. More news in next edition of E.N.N. Meanwhile we extend congrats to Compositorolla.

PRaises GRANDCHILD

Beloit: Mrs. Vera Wardner-Dougan, when learning that Elspeth Jackson, 'Shmen at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., is taking Philosophy: "Logic & Argument", remarked, "She'll have no trouble with philosophy."

WORKING STILL PITS

Hanover: J.E. "Ellie" Jackson reports that her cafeteria job is still the pits, since its hours interfere with so many other activities designed to make 'Shmen feel at home, make friends, & bond to D'u college. This week she missed a dorm cook-out & a bowling trip, as well as lesser activities. "But don't get upset, Mom," says J.E. "Someone has to work the dinner shift. I'm being bonded in a different way."

WE'EN IDEAS SOLICITED

J.E. JACKSON REQUESTS IMMEDIATE RESPONSE!

Hanover: J. Ellie Jackson urgently requests all friends & relatives to send her ideas pronto for the Halloween Masquerade Party. She has already rejected the best idea Ms. JDJ has ever seen, the one of "walking on your hands." [gloves on feet, hang a "head" between legs, sweatshirt for pants, baggy pants over head, hands (w/shoes) through pant legs, & arms extended. Tiring but spectacular. Even tho you know, it looks REAL & impossible.] If any one has ideas, or even a costume, please get in touch w/ J.E. Jackson IMMEDIATELY. The We'en Party will also feature a 'Tails Party [cocktails] where party goers go from dorm rm to dorm rm, having itty bitty drinks of various sorts. JDJ offered homemade dandelion wine, but J.E. thinks she will prepare "white Russians" - Kalua flavored milk.

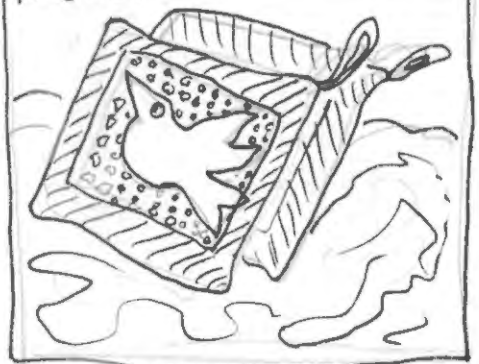
TUTORS STAND BY

Hanover: Tutors stand by every night M-Th at the library to help any one having trouble w/ any thing, J.E. Jackson reports.

Ms. Tuffet went the night of Sept 23 w/out peeing in the kitchen. However, Sept 25 she chewed up her tuffet.

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ORDER CHRISTMAS HOTPADS NOW - MAKE ATTRACTIVE GIFTS Mips. Damaris Lee Jackson says order now to assure your hot pads will arrive in time to mail to everyone on your Xmas list. She also says, "Please consider a quilt as 'that special gift' for someone you love." Ms Jackson works from original designs, often with an Eskimo motif. Sales of her handwork are all that keep the wolf from the door. A blurb sheet with current prices will appear in the next newsletter. Please support this Cottage Industry by one of Our Own. -- Ed.

4 BATCHES PESTA FROM ONE BASIL PLANT; 3/4 PLANT REMAINS

Mips: Damaris Jackson has made large quantities of pesta-which uses 3 cups basil - from one home grown plant. 3/4 plant remains. Recipe in next newsletter, as well as recipe for zucchini pancakes & yellow squash pancakes.