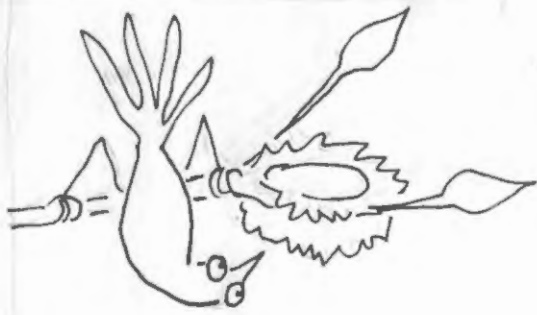




THE EMPTY NEST NEWSLETTER

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"Don't confuse me with the facts"

XMAS STILL POSSIBILITY

THOUGH DIMINISHED BY "SKIP'S" ABSENCE



DR. ARTHUR "SKIP" BROTEN CONTEMPLATING MISSED MIDWESTERN GALA.

Reno: Dr. Arthur "Skip" Broten, consort of Gillian P. Jackson and father of Cressida Ingrid G. Broten, has found that his new job at the Desert Institute will not permit him a week off so soon in his employ, thus preventing him from visiting Springfield between Xmas & New Years. However, he is urging Gillian and Cressida to make the journey, thereby giving midwestern

relatives and friends a chance to greet the new arrival, and tender their congratulations to the new mother.

The tentative plan is that the Reno contingent will spend Christmas itself in Reno, and then mother & child will travel to Spfld. on Dec. 26. The holiday will be postponed in Spfld till Dec. 26 or 27, thus also allowing great grandparents to spend time with the Schmidt grandchildren. Santa Claus has sent a reindeergram that he will be glad to accommodate these circumstances with a return visit.

J. Elspeth Jackson, "Ellie," will be home from college till Jan. 1. It is hoped that Minneapolis and Champaign will be represented, as well as Spfld, Reno, Beloit and New Hampshire.

UNCLE KARL PRODUCES "CANTICLE"

Madison: Karl F. Schmidt, husband of Joan Dougan Schmidt and father of all the Schmidt cousins, has realized a longheld dream in producing Walter M. Miller Jr.'s A Canticle for Leibowitz over National Public Radio. A detailed writeup of this event and Uncle Karl's comments appears on p. 1a of the Sunday Supplement to this issue. However, Uncle Karl reports to the Empty Nest that the airing times may be different in different parts of the country, and to contact your local stations. J.D. Jackson has already done so & finds that the broadcasts will coincide with her Thursday evening Fantasy class. Since one of the required books this term is A Canticle for Leibowitz, Jackson plans to use class time for listening. She has also suggested that the Public Affairs Colloquium "Thinking the Unthinkable," an SSU class on the Holocaust that could come, tune in on "Leibowitz."

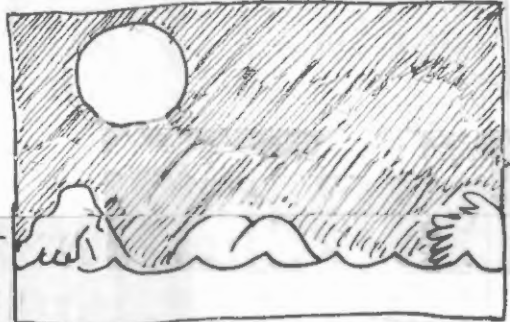
CHRISTMAS LISTS SOLICITED

Spfld. Since the bulletin board at 816 N Fifth is no longer regularly perused by members and hangers-on of the Empty Nest, it has been suggested that all readership submit their Christmas lists to this publication. All lists will be mailed received. To aid the editor, the lists are requested in column format and written in black ink. They can thus be clipped, taped and xeroxed without having to be copied. Annotations and explanations of items on lists will be welcomed. When possible give sizes desired, or colors that will NOT be worn. J.D. Jackson will start the lists by suggesting her binoculars be replaced, lost years ago by daughters at T.C.

RENAE PARRISH ENSOUSED

Spfld. Renae Parrish, a student at Eastern doing an internship at Gateway House, where her brother has just been busted to First Phase, has moved into 816 N Fifth St. At the moment she is occupying Ellie's room, which she finds "more attractive and cosier." She will leave about mid December, & move earlier to Pauletta's old room when

Ellie returns from school. Renae taking 2 courses at SSU, will graduate in December. An attractive husky voiced young woman who smokes too much, Renae found her first days at 816 fraught w/ worry, for her brother split Gateway the day before. Gateway, across the street, is a dope rehab center. Rick returned, was allowed to stay, but must sit on a chair from 6 AM to 12 midnight daily for a month, writing his life story. No one will be allowed to speak to him. (Cont column p.2)



HALF MOON UNDER FULL MOON

Spfld & Beloit: On Oct. 1, Ms. J.D. Jackson spent the whole of an 85° day with nose to grind stone. At last, at 7:30 PM, she managed to get to Lake Spfld with her work over. The swim, under rising moon & w/ mantle sunset behind, was "spectacular."

PARRISH (Cont. P. 1.)

J.D. Jackson stuck her neck out by sending a note to John Step in our Ki, director of Gateway, telling him one day, ok, one mo, no - that any person needs to exercise on the body - & mind - will explode. "It's as important for a body to move as it is to pee," Jackson wrote Step. She advised that someone run around the block with Rick several times a day.

Renee Parrish is proving a fine tenant: She has voluntarily cleaned out the frij and thrown out many mouldering bits of this and that.

NEWS ARRIVED TOO LATE FROM ELLIE FOR THIS ISSUE

DOG VISITS RELATIVE

Beloit: Ms. Muffet of Spfld. spent the weekend of Oct 2-3 with her cousin Cover D'or of the Dougan Farm, Beloit. A highlight of the weekend was chasing a black cat from near the house to the barnyard.

VWD UNTIES KNOT

Beloit: Mrs. Ronald Arthur Dougan has rebelled against Mr. Ronald Dougan's tying their ankles together with a necktie when they go to bed. The idea on RAD's part was that he would know if VWD got out of bed in the night, for the necktie would jerk him awake. He fears for VWD's safety if she wakes & is disoriented. VWD says he should fear for his ^{own} safety, she was about ready to put the necktie around his neck. "Every time he'd turn over I'd be jerked awake," VWD complained to this reporter.

NEWSLETTER BEGETS

Chatham: Ms. Jan Grimes has started a family paper, "The Empty Nester Newsletter," patterned on ENNL. Ms. Grimes is JDT's helper. The letter's name may be changed to "CROSS FIRE".

shoe

WESLEY REPORTS "FAIR" FOR FISHING; BLAMES VOLCANIC ACTION

Spfld: Bob Wesley, 1833 Outer Park Drive, Spfld 62704, reports that the fishing has been only "fair" this summer. When asked if the Volcanos in Washington & Mexico may have caused this Wesley replied, "I'm no expert but fish do respond to the weather." Wesley is looking forward to the croppies biting better this fall.

GODMOTHER GIVES PAPER

NYC: Damaris Jackson's god mother, Ruth VanBekeft, Professor of English at CUNY, will present a paper on Eudora Welty at an International Conference on Women Writers to be held at Hofstra University in November. Both Damaris & JDT would like to go.

GRANDPARENTS ADMIRER

Beloit: When VWD studied carefully the photographs (through special glasses and magnifier) of Cressida Broten and Reno family, she was especially taken with grandparents Arthur and Elaine Broten. "My, they are a handsome couple!" she remarked.

THERE IS NO NEW WORD FROM CHAMPAIGN THIS ISSUE

DAMARIS: PLEASE SEND A SHEET OF QUILT PRICES TO RUN IN SUNDAY SUPPL.

BARBARA DOUGAN SVELTE

Beavercreek, OR: Barbara Dougan has now achieved her desired weight, and will attend class for one year to learn how to eat to maintain that weight. This editor, shamed by her own inability to shed a few pounds, offers congratulations, and will publish her own weight in the ENNL, regularly, to force her to lose. As of today: 132. Desired weight: 122. Barbara D. says Uncle Craig is now beginning to lose. "He can't stand the competition," she reports. "That I can lose & he can't!"

ZANZIBARS DISCOVERED



KNOWN ALSO AS "ANGEL TURD"

Reno: While Ms. J.D. Jackson was in Reno for the birth of C.I.D. Broten, she opened a cupboard and discovered a heap of Zanzi bar candy bars, some several years old and so hard you would break a tooth on them. Those bars were sent from VT. by Ms. J.D. Jackson, over many summers and Christmases. When queried, Gillian Jackson responded, "I don't like Zanzi bars much any more - all that sugar -- but I didn't want to hurt your feelings." JDT appreciates GPT's reluctance, but wants to inform all recipients of Zanzi bars, maple sugar dolls and Spruce gum, that her feelings will not be hurt if recipients tell her they really don't want those goodies. This year, at any rate, no one will get Zanzi bars, for when JDT safaried to the Shelburne Country Store for her yearly supply, she found the store closed on Wednesdays. She did not have a chance to get back.



WESLEY WITH PURCHASE

Spfld: Bob Wesley's purchase of a new blue & white Mustang marks a life-long love affair with this type of automobile. He is teaching a class for LCC in Intro Soc, to pay for clothes recently bought. With this new purchase Wesley may be moonlighting at LCC for a long time.



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Beloit: A psychologist studying doodles left on scraps of paper around his telephone by Ronald A. Dougan, patriarch of the Dougan Clan, has concluded that the prominent progenitor has a basically happy and optimistic personality. "This is shown by the number of smiles and bright eyes on the creatures doodled," points out the psychologist. "There is also a flower just to the left of 'Dougan,' perhaps a tulip." The diamond pattern at the top was doodled by a different doodler, the psychologist believes. However the "Everything" is significant.

Spfd. With Issue # 3 of the
Empty Nest Newsletter, the
Editor is requesting of readers
1) whether they want this pub-
lication to continue and 2)
whether they will submit letters,
articles, editorials, remem-
brances, notices, ads, art
work, cartoons, recipes, ad-
vice, news items, and any
thing else that will make
this publication more lively
and readable. Items are re-
quested to be sent in 1 or 2
column format and written in ink.
This will save much time in copying.

Spfd: Cindy Landis is JD Jackson's new helper for her radio program, Reading and Writing and Radio. She will do the preliminary selection of all the children's manuscripts. Landis is a former writing student, now in the Fantasy class.

Beloit: About a ton of garbage, mostly old plaster & building materials has been dumped in the Dougan lane.

Beloit: 3 different nights thieves have siphoned gas from trucks at the seed building on the Douglass Farm.

Bebit: When interviewed about the state of her eyes, Vera Wardner Dougan reports that in the center of her vision, right straight ahead, is always a pattern of interlocking diamond grids. Then off to the left side are castles: usually large and white, with many stairs up to columns, as in Washington DC buildings. Sometimes the castles are rosy, but they are always there, several of them, like Alexandria, Virginia row houses. When asked if there were turrets on the castles, VWD responded in the affirmative. "But no banners or flags," she added. This reporter thinks that if you must have bad eyes ("macula" is the name of the ailment) that you could a lot worse than diamonds and castles. VWD, while considered legally blind, can still spot things that astound those around her.

Demi, Fall '58: "Spanks don't help little girls be good!" **

Demi to Megan: "You can do that because you're an unusual little girl." ☆☆

Megan, after Mrs. Gummere asked her if she'd had her BM yet that day, "I only have BMs in cold weather." **

Megan, diplomatically to Mrs. G. "I should think if you have grandchildren, you'd have toys for them." **

Gillian, not quite 2: Kept pointing out the window and saying with wonder, "Baw!" Mother corrected, "Moon," but she'd have none of it. This was O like a ball, moons are A in her picture book. **

M: G playing: M: Let's not eat any
G: "OK, we've eaten enough people." **

Elspeth (just 4) "When I grow up I'm going to be God." * * E., at Thanksgiving Dinner: "When I'm a mommy I'm going to grow my grandchild-
dren first and then my children." * *

E, just 4: "How did the very first person grow?" ~~EE~~ E: (carrying bank) "My great big mouse is hungry." Mom: "How do we feed him?" E: "With money!" ~~EE~~

Beloit: In early September, three out of 13 beehives were stolen from the woods behind Chez Nous. Each hive was valued at \$150. A truck was driven in over the fields to accomplish the theft.

SWIM NEWS: J.D. Jackson swam at Shojiere Dam Oct. 2, 3 & 4, and in Lake Spfld. Oct 5. Reports Jackson on Wis. site, "Spectacular!"

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Recipes ~~~

Zucchini pancakes - a big hit when I introduced them to the women's breakfast I'm involved in.

Grate:

1 medium zucchini

1/2 c. sharp cheese

add:

1/2 c. flour

1 tsp. baking powder

2 eggs

Chopped or grated onion optional.
Mix and fry like pancakes.

PESTO. (our basil plants are huge!)

In blender:

3 c. packed fresh basil leaves

2 large cloves garlic

1/2 c. walnuts or almonds

3/4 c. packed fresh parsley

3/4 c. fresh grated parmesan

1/2 c. olive oil (or melted butter)

1/4 c. melted butter
salt.

Blend/stir into a paste.
Serve on pasta.

Wonderful summer squash

slice/chop several yellow squash + a couple onions.
Sauté in butter. When almost soft add chopped tofu (optional), more butter, and 1/2 c. (at least) nutritional/brewer's yeast. (maybe push squash to 1/2 the pan + ^{fry} mix new stuff in other half. Add 1/2 - 3/4 c. H₂O or milk for gravy. Stir. Sprinkle chopped tomato on top and serve over rice.
Yummee! (salt pepper garlic?)

Hi mom. Our garden has been such a source of happiness these past 2 years. I was introduced to the summer squash dish while visiting a house in the country 2 hrs. from the cities - a couple miles from "Little House in the Big Woods", by Lake Pepin. Precipitous hills, a stream, big gardens. Susie and I helped cut + boil 8 gallons of tomatoes, + ate this dish late evening when chill had descended. We sat by the wood stove. Susie + I will probably ~~help~~ share rent there this year (\$20 mo.) with 8 or 9 other women and will have tons of squash next year.

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EdNote:

Dawn Jackson is
one of the founding
members of this enterprise
and is happy to report she is
beginning to make a few \$\$\$ of it.

SERVING:
• Fruit salad, yogurt
• Short order eggs
• Tofu scramble, rice
• Potatoes • Sausage
(plus rotation of: pancakes,
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Dearest Muffie--

June 26 '82

I hope you don't love Coeur d'Or & the Dougans & the farm so much that you stay there always. Dog Days in Spfld are more bearable when friends are near.

A friend of George's tried to ingratiate himself w y'truly & brought a rawhide "bone." (Fool fishes w rubber worms, I'd bet.) If you've grown big enough teeth at July's end, you may have it. I hid it behind the radiator in the upstairs bathroom. I am not easily fooled. I have buried a real bone w marrow under my white Dogwood tree between our screened porch and O'Shea's Law Office next door. We'll split it. Think it should be ripe by August Oneth.

Congratulations on your continence, You may be eligible for a grant or an award from the Golden Stream Foundation. They sent me a little medal in early spring of 1978, but then they took it back in September after I got excited at the Vet's the day PC returned from Canada & came to take me home. I was so happy to get out of that cage and go HOME, I piddled on a fat lady's fat nylon toe sticking out of her fat shoe. Lord, what humiliation. Everytime I see toeless shoes, my sphincter sphincts. Control is everything, Muff.

I'd get another Vet's opinion re: heartworm. A pill a day is the pits - prune pits; July 4, Labor Day, Halloween & Bird Day are for Oreos, no pills.

Muff, you have somewhat to learn about gophers. They do not live ON the lawn but in big wormholes UNDER the lawn. Incidentally, some people think the name, g o p h e r, is derived from that of a tribe of lady Amazons in S. America w the vivid appellation, Gofopagos Hernandos. In truth, it is an Hellenized(sic) name originated by a peripatic & mind-wandering Greek filosofer who mentally miscrossed o's & f's w. He was bivouacked (sp?) just outside Sparta and seeing the little tykes hurriedly go fer their holes during a fierce lightning storm, he hollered, "Go fer it! Go fer it!" They did. He raced to his lean-to & jotted down the happening. Thus, this tale ends. (Positively makes mine wag. I love educated people!)

You & Coeur d'Or had better tell JJ that one can't fall flat on Collie (preferred sp.) Road if one dog-trots - not jog-trots. Some mistress, all brains and no sole.

PC has told me about the Dougans; if I were with them, I'd be nice, too. Now, to the point. Much as R. Dougan is to be admired, there are a few things he may not know. I give you this info to pass to him in a rare & quiet moment of privacy - his ego might impair if Vera or Coeur d'Or or JJ or Elle overheard. When you drop a radish or a turnip down ANY hole, you hold it by the tail. When eating a radish or turnip, you MUST hold it by the tail. If Ron thinks that the radish in the sink pipe was a problem, wait until he has one in his gizzard! Also, tell him that the last time George Coutrakon worked on the sink trap below the garbage disposal, the Community Hospital emergency treatment for his thumb cost \$125.

I trust you have told Vera nice things about me. Tell her I dance fairly well on my hind feet. I lift my paw when told, "Shake!" I permit Blossom & Willow to enter the door first, and I patiently sit & let them eat first - unless there's chicken: PC tells me about that. At times I am willing & I try hard to give up my canine habits, but neither I nor Rome can be bilked in a day. Tell Vera that I am seldom depressed & am a gay (in the best sense of the word) dog, I feel sure I might win her heart.

I have been at the little country house for a week and more while the town mausoleum has its floors oiled and varnished. I have fond memory of the day you decorated the big, old, black bay window cushion. It was a perfect expression of my sentiments, and I couldn't have done so well. My sights are all right, but my aim is a little higher.

Write soon. Your letter is a real treat, truly a paws that refreshes.

Love & other indoor sports-- Harry

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