

8 issues so far!

December '82. Dear Friends--This fall I've begun sending out The Empty Nest Newsletter to family; and this special edition is self-explanatory. Please come to a reception for bride, groom and baby at 816 N. Fifth, Spfld, between 4-8 on January 1! My parents will also be here. And Happy Holidays and a Good Year to you!

Jackie Jackson

HITCHED!

IN SILVER QUEEN

"WHY NOT?" SAY BRIDE AND GROOM



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Exclusive to ENNL:

"A little birdie told me."

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(Phone No. of Jackson/Brotens: 786-3290)

Virginia City, Nevada: On the birthday of the groom, at 1 PM Oct. 9, 1982, Dr. Arthur "Skip" Broten and Ms. Gillian Patricia Jackson were united in holy matrimony in the famed red carpeted chapel of the Casino-bar "The Silver Queen" in Virginia City. The couple had planned an 11 a.m. wedding, but due to forgetting the marriage license, had to return to Reno, and so arrived at the Silver Queen at 11:45 AM. Upon the groom's inquiring to the cashier, where was the Justice of the Peace (a full time job at this casino) the cashier replied, "Oh, Ed?" (yells) "Where's Ed? -he was just here, he's gone home to lunch. He'll be back about one." The bride and groom ate popcorn while waiting. When Ed returned, he rounded up two witnesses, and performed the ceremony. The couple returned to Reno and had a 3:30 PM celebratory dinner with Ms. Elaine Broten, who had been baby sitting Cressida Ingrid Grey Broten, 2 mo. old (+12" daughter of the pair. The father of the groom, and grand father of Cressida Ingrid Grey Broten, was unable to be present as he was closing the family cabin at Eagle Lake, California. He returned in the evening, when all toasted the nuptials with beer & tacos. The bride will retain her maiden name, Jackson, and the groom will retain his maiden name, Broten. Cressida will continue to go by her maiden name, Broten. When asked why they had taken this step at this time, the bride replied, "It just seemed like the right time. And we'd never been to Virginia City."



"ED" PERFORMING CEREMONY

WEDDING COINCIDENCE

Baker, Ore: When learning of the Jackson-Broten nuptials, Skip's sister Ingrid reported that she and her husband Ash were also married in the Silver Queen's wedding chapel on the groom's birthday.

BRIDE CHOOSES JEANS

Virginia City: For her wedding to Arthur "Skip" Broten October 9, the bride, Gillian Patricia Jackson, chose to wear a pair of her fiance's denim jeans, since she was not yet able to fit into her own. Her top was a brand new Western shirt (purchased while pregnant & never worn) (the shirt was \$30, marked down to \$5). It was white cotton with a small black floral print, yolk, cuffs & curly piping & trim all black, slash pockets and snaps. For her feet she chose cowboy boots. The groom chose to wear white corduroys topped by a salmon and mint hand knit sweater with a "packed" turn-over collar, sent to him by his sort-of-mother-in-law (S.O.M.I.L.) J.D. Jackson for his birthday. He also wore cowboy boots. The couple doffed their cowboy hats for the ceremony.

EDITOR GRATEFUL

Spfld: The editor of the E.N.N.L. expresses thanks to Dr. Arthur "Skip" Broten and Ms. Gillian Jackson for supplying the headline for this week's edition. "There just wasn't much news," says the editor. "I had 'SLUGS DROWNED' already headlined but now I'm relieved I can move that story to the second page."

Erratum: Ms GP Jackson reports that the family dog, Maybe, is not a he but a "she." The editor of the ENNL apologizes to Maybe, & welcomes hearing of any errata that appear in these pages.

DR. DOUGAN REMINISCES

ABOUT VIRGINIA(CITY) & TRUCKEE RR
Beaver Creek, Ore: Dr. R. Craig Dougan, chief surgeon of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad from 1965-1970, a railroad w/ some 60 mi. of road bed and 1/4 mile of track [at the Carson City Airport], recalls the jamboree on Labor Day, 1967. "We were all enjoying running the locomotive back & forth on its 1/4 mile of track," reminisces Dr. Dougan, "and they let me take a turn, and I ran it off the end of the track. I was relegated back to my duties of applying Band Aids to washed thumbs, and other railroad related injuries." He adds, "They would not let me play with their toy anymore." The train & right-of-way are owned by Nevada Heritage.

OFF SEASON AT VIRG. CITY

Beaver Creek, Or. When Dr. Dougan learned that "Ed" had performed the ceremony at the Silver Queen, he questioned, "Where was Joe Conforte? Where were the Kresbach boys? Ed? Who's Ed?" As to the quality of Ed's off season in Virginia City. You just can't get professional witnesses at this time of year. You have to take what you can get. The pros have all gone back to Southern California.



ACRONYM OFFENDS; EDITOR APOLOGIZES

Reno: In a letter to the Editor of the Empty Nest Newsletter, G.P. Jackson states: "Ms. G.P. Jackson would like to register offence at being called anyone's sow and is shocked that the editor would be so tactless. If she thought it was amusing she should thin Kagain."

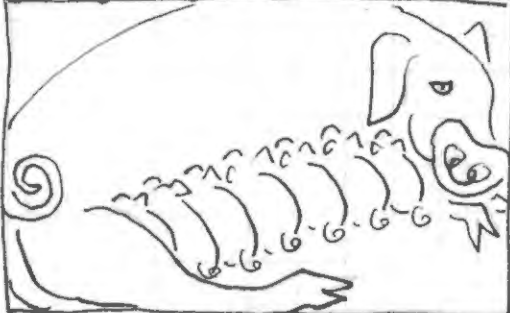
Spfld: The Editor of the ENL apologizes to Ms. G.P. Jackson for being very tactless in issue #2, and hopes she will be forgiven. The acronym was meant to have a double entendre concerning the abundant milk supply Jackson was providing to Cressida, two articles, a bout which appear in the "initial" issue. J.D. Jackson has the highest regard for both pigs and G.P.'s & did not intend an insult. If it is ever necessary to refer to such matters again, the Ed. plans to use S.O.S. (sort of spouse) which has the added advantage of being non sexist.

Due to the news outlet front page, which arrived after the above article was typeset, the problem is now moot.

MS HAMPSHIRE OFFENDED

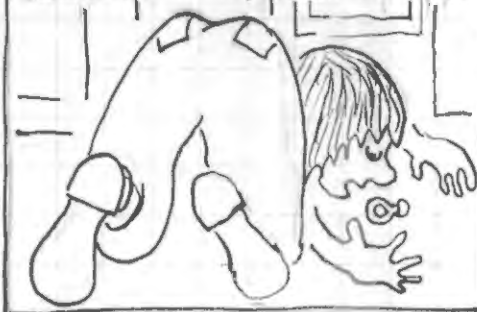
Colley Rd., Beloit: Ms. Porcine Hampshire, brood sow on the Walsh pig farm adjacent to the home of Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Dougan on Colley Rd, Beloit on hearing of Gilliam P. Jackson's offence, is offended that G.P. Jackson is offended. "The sow is one of God's noblest creatures," she stated huffily to the Ed. of the E.N.M.L. "I am nursing 14 piglets right now, eleven last year, fifteen the year before. I feel G.P. Jackson owes me and all my sisters an apology." She added that she bears no ill will toward the Jackson-Broteu piglet. "After all, that little gilt is too young to share her mother's prejudices." Ms. Hampshire stated equably. She also noted that from her picture, Cressida Broteu would fit right in with her own brood. "Can't tell 'em apart," she says. "Especially snoots."

MS HAMPSHIRE AT E.N.M.L. INTERVIEW



Hearing of ring riddle, Ms. Hampshire suggests Jackson-Broteu wear theirs while she wears hers. "I've never lost my ring yet," she says.

JACKSON MAKING ASTOUNDING FIND



RING RIDDLE CONFOUNDS

Reno: Matching rings purchased in Santa Barbara days were planned for use at the Silver Queen wedding. G.P. Jackson reports. "But Skip had outgrown his & could only wear it on his little finger. And mine would only fit my little finger too, on account of the pregnancy. It was too large for my pinkie but too small for my ring finger. Nonetheless I was wearing it - and it disappeared off my finger, a few days before the wedding! I immediately upon notice of my loss began to search for it. I never did find it - but within 10 minutes of searching, I found ANOTHER ring, on our front stoop, where it could have come from I don't know, we had neither of us had any Crockerjack lately. It seemed to be gold, with a big stone and a lacy setting. I tried it on, and it fit my little finger. I figured Somebody Up There Means this Ceremony to Be," Jackson commented, "and so I wore it. We both put rings on little fingers." "Ed," J.P. at Silver Queen, pronounced pinkie bonding just as binding, as he joined Jackson & Broteu into husband and wife.

SLUGS POISONED

Reno: A coffee cup left down by the Garden of G. P. Jackson and A. Broteu for several days was found to be full of drowned slugs when recovered. The cup was very slimy.

Spfld: Several large (4") slugs have been visiting Muffie's water dish during recent drought. They come at night, cross the porch w/ silver trails, & lie around the edges of the dish and partially in. In the morning they are gone. Since these cream & brown slugs have no problem getting in & out of the dish, it is logically assumed by E. Jackson, logic student at Dartmouth College, that the Nevada slugs have been poisoned by the kind of coffee Jackson/Broteu brew up.

Oregon: Nelson Eddy, author, A. B. Gail, created Bali rumpus duck & R.C. Dougan duck population, are in deep mourning for the death of the Reno slugs. They really don't taste right unless alive. "quacks" (Humphry Bogart) "we do not think a caffeine martiniase would improve them."

"IS IT IMPORTANT?" ASKS ELAINE BROTEN

Reno: When asked to babysit Cressida Ingrid Broteu October 9, 1982, the baby's grand mother, Elaine Broteu of 50 Moore Lane, Reno 89509, responded that she and the baby's grandfather, Arthur Broteu, had to go up to Eagle Lake that day to close the family cabin before it froze up. "There's already been a dip to 20 degrees," she said, "Is it important to go to Virginia City? Can't you go another time?" Gilliam P. Jackson, mother of Cressida Broteu, responded that that was O.K., they could take the baby with them, & could no doubt find someone to hold her for the short time it would take them to get married. Ms. Elaine Broteu promptly changed her plans about Eagle Lake, and babysat Cressida. On the return from V. City of the happy couple, she treated them to a late luncheon at The Peppermill. Arthur Broteu travelled to Eagle Lake & closed the cottage alone.

NOTE: Damaris Jackson, please send Quilt price list to E.N.M.L., + one to Elaine Broteu of above address. (for Halloween)

NOTE: Ellie, Uncle Craig suggests you go, in a paper bag, which you then fight your way out of. Or, find a bushel basket, cut out the bottom, wear the basket, & you're "going to Hell in a basket." E.N.M.L. Ed. suggests you cut the bottom off the sack in your room, & go as a bag of Hybrid Seed Corn - Dougan's. "There are plenty more bags at home," she says. "You'll be unique - and corny."

PRESENT BOUNCES BACK

Beavercreek, Ore: Barbara Dougan recently completed a quilt for Cressida Broteu, decorated with a large strawberry in the center of it. The package, sent to the Reno address, was returned. Ms. Dougan readdressed it, sent it off, and this time the package was delivered to the return address. Ms. Dougan plans to try again. Dr. Craig Dougan says, "If they'd told me about the V.C. wedding I'd have flown down to be there. Then I could also have delivered the package in person." The Dougans trust that Cressida has enough bedding to last till the quilt arrives.

NOTE: WILL THE JACKSON-BROTEUS PLEASE SEND A LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED and/or APPRECIATED SO THAT THE E.N.M.L. READERSHIP MAY BE GUIDED IN SELECTION OF WEDDING GIFTS.

MOTHER MOVED

Spfld: Ms. J.D. Jackson, new Mother-in-law of A. Skip Broteu, was touched that he wore her birthday gift sweater at his wedding garb. "It was almost as if I'd been there," she said, wiping away a tear. "I am happy to have Skip as my son-in-law. I am also delighted to have the Senior Broteus as in-laws. I am grateful to Skip & Gilliam for making an honest Mother-in-law of me." She finished in her statement to the E.N.M.L.