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"Birds of a feather flock together."

FULL NESTS AT XMAS

AND GRAM AND GRAMP MANAGE TO TOUCH MOST BASES. STORY, P. 2

BREAK A LEG, MS. SANTA

"I DON'T NEED TO TAKE YOUR ARM," BARBARA'S FAMOUS LAST WORDS. STORY, P. 3

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CRESSIDA CONQUERS MID-ILL

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CABOOSE VAMOOSSES

SCARY SPFLD LANDMARK BURNT AND TOTED AWAY. STORY, ISSUE # 11

(AND THIS WAS WRITTEN BEFORE JAN 20! AND ITS NOW FEB 25)

TOO MUCH NEWS! WAILES ENNL ED

Spfld. The Ed. of the ENNL is overwhelmed at the amount of news accumulated since the last issue. She will just have to plow in and do the best she can. Some news will be missed completely, and some slighted. Your writeups of news are welcomed.



PRINT SIZE CRITICIZED

Spfld. A far-west reader of the ENNL has reported difficulty in reading much of the print of this publication. The reasons of course have been to cram in the most news at the least expense. The Ed. realizes that a format with white spaces and more readable print, as on this page, is much nicer. What does the general readership think?

Spfld. It was expected that Cressida Broten would learn to crawl while in Illinois, since she'd been up on her hands and feet with rump in air for some time before her arrival. She did not learn to crawl but did learn to lift one leg, thus balancing on 2 hands and one foot, in a sort of arabesque. Ms. Muffet and Cousin Coeur D'Or, however, believe this stance is due to their coaching.

SOME CHRISTMAS! ALL AGREE (EXCEPT MAYBE TOM SCHMIDT.)

Bebit, Madison, Spfld, Cleveland, Oregon. From all over, the nests filled! Peter, Betsy, Jonnie & Matt were at Grampa Karl & Grama Jo's, in Madison. So were Jeremy's and Wendy Baylor. Ditto Katie and Richard Yde and Sanja and Joshua. Ditto Dan and Jule Schmidt and Karl Andrew, known as K.A. And, Great-Grampa RAD & Great-Grama WWD spent Christmas day with them all, enjoying present opening and one of Jan's gourmet meals. Only Tom Schmidt was all a-lonesome in Butte, doing his job. Sob.

CRAFTY DAMARIS GOES "ARTSY"

Although quilting is traditionally called a craft, D. Jackson, 28, has decided to push into the art world. Having found that she can eke a living from the creative quilts she is presently designing, she now longs to make complex and experimental designs beyond her means. (#, that is.) Joining the art world includes going to meetings and shows, subscribing to "art" publications, getting professional slides made, meeting lots of people, becoming an associate member of WARM gallery, (Women's Art Register of Mn.), etc. This activity will hopefully lead to getting grants, being in more posh shows, and will forward/forefront the good name of quilts as a "medium" for art in this century.

Pat & Hewie came to Beloit before Xmas and moved on to Stephanie and Jodie in Cleveland. (cont)

Ranch hand charged in bizarre death

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (UPI) — A ranch hand has been charged with murder in the death of a man reportedly shot and then roasted for two days on an outdoor barbecue so his corpse would be destroyed.

Sheriff's investigators said Thursday they filed first-degree murder charges against Lewis Price III, 23, after recovering what was left of the man identified only as "Jim."

Deputies learned of the bizarre slaying from the accused's girlfriend, Gina Favio, 24, who said Price shot and killed Jim because he was afraid of him.

Miss Favio said she helped load the body into a sleeping bag and then into the outdoor barbecue pit, where it roasted for two days on the remote Ogilvie Ranch. She said ashes were then put in a wheelbarrow and dumped in a stream.

The larger pieces of the victim's body and clothing that would not burn in the barbecue pit — including teeth, bone joints, metal shoelace tips and eyelets and zippers — were reduced to powder with an acetelyne torch, she said.

OTHER THAN THAT, UNCLE LEWIE, HOW WAS THE ROAST?

Anyone wishing to aid Ms. Jackson in her cause could order a \$40.- wall-hanging promo. quilt to be delivered in 3 - 6 months (after being "shown.") Design unknown. (Quilt orders from Flyer are also happily filled.) All quilts are signed + dated, e.g., Damaris 82

Thought you'd like to know Dept. Cost of Harvard education rises \$1,000 a year

OVERHEARD DURING THE HOLIDAYS ~

Ron Dougan, after coming down the back stairs at 816 N 5th, Spfld: "Why don't you save time and put in a greased pole?"

Gillian Jackson, after Cressida tried a zweibach and discarded it. "If it doesn't have a nipple on it, it's not food."

Ron Dougan, coming out of the Alice in Wonderland bathroom with shaving cream on his face: "Where's the mushroom I nibble to get me down to that mirror?"



PLANT RELAXING AFTER RACE

Spfld. The Rita Bresnahan Commerative Christmas Cactus barely made the holidays this year. She managed a bud shortly after Dec. 25, but did not finally produce a bloom till Jan 6, the 12th day of Christmas. Another arrived on the 8th. Plants the plant ruefully, "My best time was three seasons ago when I produced 8 blooms by the 24th. I plan to go into serious training earlier next year, as this year's finish was too close for comfort." The cactus last year also produced several blooms on Easter, a surprise to all. Commented J. Ellie Jackson, 816 resident at the time, "Either her metabolism is all out of whack, or she is a very religious cactus."



SLUG LEAVES HIBERNATION

Spfld. Due to the mild winter, where long spates of time have seemed like spring, a local slug left its bed and paid a visit to the porch dish of Ms. Muffet Jackson. The slug made it back safely to the compost pile before the next frost.

HEADLINE NEWS * OTHER NEWS THAT HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED WILL BE COVERED IN ISSUE * 11

CHRISTMAS DOINS, CONT.

The Ed. is not sure whether Jackie Jo and hee got to Cleaveland or stayed in Philadelphia. Ellie Jackson arrived from Dartmouth via Miami into Spfld on Dec. 20. Damaris & Sunny Mudge showed up shortly thereafter. Grandma & Graupe Dougan came for New Years, along with Skip Broken; Gillian & Cressida arrived Dec. 27. Megan was a daily visitor at 816 to pay attention to her niece and the two dogs and Mighty Mouse, as well as to the rest of the family. Craig's family gathered in Oregon, the ed. is not sure who if anyone was missing. (David? Lisa?) These are but some of the comings & goings this Christmas. To reconstruct all the joys and incidents is something the Ed. needs help with.

YULE FOOL BREAKS LIMB



HAPPY PAIR ON WAY TO MISHAP

happiness, Santa said, "take my arm," and Ms Santa replied "I don't need your arm!" A moment later she stepped in a gopher hole and fell, breaking her leg. A further irony of the situation was that just before Santa entered for his big Ho-Ho-Ho performance for the little Coopers, Ms Santa had cheered him on with the traditional, "Break a leg!"

GOOD NEWS * BAD NEWS

Ore: The bad news is that Barb Dougan suffered a compound triple fracture to her ankle and leg. She will be in a cast 2-3 months, and on crutches beyond that. The good news is it's the first time she's been in the hospital that she didn't come home with a baby.

BIRTHDAYS OMITTED OR FORTHCOMING

- Megan Jackson: Feb 2
- Jo Dougan: March 6
- Gillian Jackson: March 23
- Dana Wood: April 8
- Karl Andrew Schmidt: A. 29

NEWS BRIEFS

Reno. Gillian Jackson reports that she has gotten together several times with Mac Kullberg's god daughter and baby.

Spfld. Vermont wildflowers hung on the Jackson tree, the pressed gift of Chad & Eva Walsh.

Hander. On Jan 15 Ellie Jackson swam the 500 in 6:19. Her former best time was 6:33. The feat occurred in a meet w/ Penn State. Dartmouth won the meet.

Bebit. Judge Arthur huelke, beloved by all of us, died in December, age 66, a week after he had an autographing party for his new book. He is keenly missed by us all and by the chess club. He has a place in the "Me Best Thought" chapter in JDJ's Small book, and a whole chapter in Round Barn.

AT XMAS MIDNITE MESS

Beaver Creek, Or., exclusive to ENN:

On Christmas night, Santa delivered toys to the Gary Cooper family across the street and through the woods, with Ms Santa accompanying. Due to the Nutri-System diet, both had to add pillows to their costume, a ruse not necessary a year ago. The toys were in a Dougan hybrid seed corn bag slung over Santa's shoulder. On the return from their mission of

happiness, Santa said, "take my arm," and Ms Santa replied "I don't need your arm!" A moment later she stepped in a gopher hole and fell, breaking her leg. A further irony of the situation was that just before Santa entered for his big Ho-Ho-Ho performance for the little Coopers, Ms Santa had cheered him on with the traditional, "Break a leg!"

WHEEL CHAIR PEELS RUBBER

Ore. Celebrity treatment at Kaiser Hospital was embarrassing to MD Craig Dougan's wife Barbara. At her arrival she sped past the waiting hordes to immediate ex rays, was served coffee, and was on way home in an hr, with surgery scheduled for Tues.

"I've worked hard for this," said Dr. Dougan. "Enjoy it!" While on the emergency table Barbara said to the Dr., "Have you had any other fools in tonight with accidents?" The emergency doctor replied gravely, "You're the first, Mrs. Dougan."