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"A late lark twitters from the quiet skies" -- W. E. Heuley

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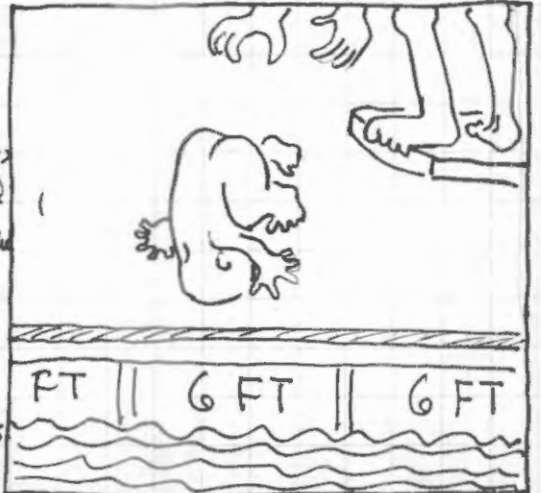
Spfld. Though some had not heard from her for years, friends of Jacqueline Jackson, Editor of the ENNL, expressed cautious appreciation upon receiving a special edition of The Empty Nest Newsletter. Reports from around the world included, "I hope this doesn't mean that she's expecting me to subscribe!" (Oslo); "The print is too little" (Seattle) "She's answering my letters with this?" (Bangor) "What? I'm still considered a friend?" (Long Isl.) as well as more gracious & forgiving comments.

EDITOR CONFESSES PSYCHOLOGICAL SHORTCOMINGS

Spfld. "It's not that I don't always answer letters," the ed. of ENNL confessed recently. "When the pressure gets too great-- as it frequently does-- I don't even open them. Then they get buried in some pile, & sometimes don't surface for years." When queried, JJ agreed that this practice was not only bad for friendships but also for bills & checks. "The bills come again though," she admitted ruefully. "But the checks are often too old to cash." When asked if she is receiving treatment for her communication dysfunction, JJ indicated that the ENNL has been therapy & a partial answer. "At least the kids hear from me, and everybody knows what Grandma & Grandpa are up to now. It still doesn't take the place of a personal letter, though." The ENNL, with a subscription list of 25, goes also to some friends. "I just wish everyone would send in articles, in black ink & column width," the editor finished. "shrdlu."

THOUGHT FOR THE SEASON
Even Ursula LeGuin has
to Christmas shop.

Spfld. SETS CAT ON FIRE: Ms. J Jackson, hastily spiraling around the chilly kitchen, threw on the gas on the wrong burner, and set Mighty Mouse (curled up near the warm pilot light) on fire. Mighty Mouse streaked from the stove. Though only superficially singed, she has kept her distance since.



BEST PHOTO OF VOL I ENNL

This photo, "Reno Aqua babe," was voted the "best picture" of Vol I ENNL. It is of granddaughter Cressida ("Watercress") Breyer, age 9 Mo., at her infant survival class. Upon completing the i.s. curriculum, Ms. Breyer was declared "drown proof."

FAVORITE NEWS ITEMS OF VOL. 1 ENNL

Spfld. Polls of our readership have shown the following items to have been among the more popular in Vol 1 of ENNL:

Beloit: When asked for news, Vera Wardner Dougan reported, "Ron and I are still together."

Beavercreek, Or: Dr. R. Craig Dougan has recently become the owner of an earless goat. The goat has been christened "Vincent Van Gogh" by his proud owner.

Spfld. Ms. Mary Muffet went the night of Sept. 23 without peeing in the kitchen.

Beloit: PRAISES GRANDCHILD. Mrs. Vera Wardner-Dougan, upon hearing that Eispeth Jackson, Freshman at Dartmouth, Hanover, N.H. is taking a philosophy class, "Logic & Argument," remarked, "She'll have no trouble with her philosophy class."

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



Beloit: Limerick Cou-
fest winner, on Grandpa's
prostate operation:
Our worthy progenitor, he
was finding it painful to
pee.
With consummate art
they reamed out his part,
And now it's all piddle-
dee-dee!

VITAL STATISTICS:

Spfld: Jackie Jackson of 816 N. 5th St.

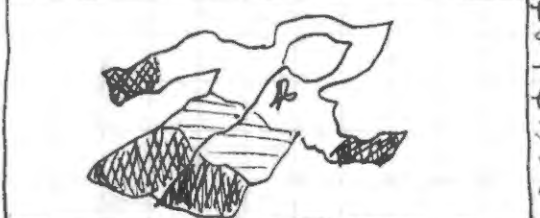
Spfld 62702 (217-528-0943) is now in her 14th year at Sangamon State University, & is at last a full prof! (of Lit.) Classes fall term: Personal Journal; Children, Reading & Censorship; Children, Reading & TV. Coming term: Perceptual Writing; Teaching History thru Children's Lit. Fiction. Next fall: Creative Writing: Stories; Fantasy. Plus regular radio show on writing for kids, "Reading & Writing & Radio," WSSR, Spfld. (Also reruns still going over WHA, U. of Wis.) Vermont cottage: Box 534, Rt. 2, Hinesburg, Vt. 05461 (802-482-2535). Both dwellings large! Both have literary w.c.'s: 816 has an Alice in Wonderland bathroom downstairs & an Earth sea (LeGuin) b.r. upstairs, complete with dragons. The Lake has Blake, Frost, Tennyson, Tolkien, Eliot, Dickinson, etc., in full color. Come visit, and with full bladders!

JJ BICYCLES IN ENGLAND

Dorset, London, Cornwall, etc: JJ, with beloved godchild Wendell Hocking, spent three halcyon weeks cycling in England, May 15-June 6 '83. The pair stayed w/ Perkiuses in Dorset, Hocking cousins in Cornwall, Roseblades in Cambridge, Nancy Hocking (another godchild) & husband Ara and small daughter in London. A rich time w/ warm people! Plus good exercise. JJ is rarin' to go again! The 3 major joys of the cycling itself: "sound," "scent," "sight": of "larks," of Hawthorne, of all the flowers in the braubly hedges that flanked the narrow English lanes! Heaven.

FAVORITE NEWS STORIES, CONT:

WINDBREAKER UNEARTHED; HOPE SOARS FOR WOOL PEACOCK



BURIED ON DRESSER 2 YEARS

Spfld: On a recent dig, Ms J.D. Jackson unearthed a red, white & blue windbreaker buried on her dresser for over



DAMARIS ARTZY QUILTZY

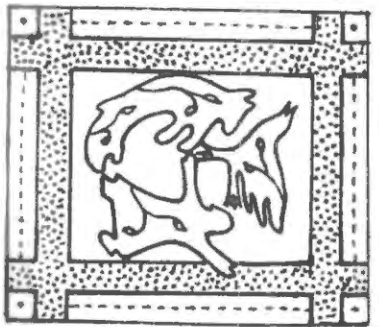
Mpls. Demi (Jackson #1) is fiddler & dancer in far north clime, but is earning a living making quilts. In '83 she ventured into the art world, and has been in 4 gallery shows, including her own one-person show. She's gotten some favorable notice in a St. Paul newspaper! If you are in the market for a unique quilt, you may order one of your own specifications at a reasonable price. Or, consider hand some pot holders for gifts, or quilt note paper. Let Demi Know, or J.J.

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MEGAN SHOW FEB 24th

Champaign Megan Jackson, Sr. in the Art School at the U. of Illinois, will have her Senior 1 person show next month, featuring "A Portrait of Gillian," "Cave Painting #3," "TGLF," "Border and Boreder," "Figure in Snowscape," and others. The show will run two weeks at the McKimly Foundation, and all are welcome. Megan, a Bell operator for the last four years, is now employed by AT&T. She will help you place your ATTIX calls. But if you call on MCI or SPRINT, forget it.



GILLIAN PRODUCES WUNDERKIND

Reno Cressida Ingrid Grey Broten, daughter of Gillian P. Jackson and Arthur "Skip" Broten, is the most remarkable adorable bright & funny little person ever conceived. Popular news story from over a year ago: "DID YOU PLAN SOMETHING SPECIAL?" ASKS ELAINE BROTEN. Reno Elaine Broten, grandmother of Cressida Ingrid Broten, when asked to babysit Oct. 9, responded, "Are & I were planning to go close the cottage at Eagle Lake. Did you plan to do something special in Virginia City? Can't you go another time?" "That's OK," Gillian replied, "We can find someone to hold her while we get married." Mrs. Broten immediately changed her mind & agreed to babysit. Mr. Art Broten closed the cottage at Eagle Lake by himself.

ELLIE JACKSON RETURNS TO DARTMOUTH

Hanover, N.H. After a fall work term, Ellie Jackson has returned to her studies at Dartmouth College, where she is a 2nd term sophomore. While home she earned megabucks as a receptionist at an architectural firm, and as a salesperson at a new shop at the new Vinagar Hill mall. She is glad to be back, & reports, "Those jobs were getting pretty dull." Due to missing training, she will not be on the Varsity Women's Swim Team.

GRANDPARENTS PERK ALONG

Beloit Though Vera Wardner Dougan has lost much of her sight, & P.A.D. broke his knee cap feeding the birds before Xmas & will be in a cast God knows how long, the pair are still perking along & engaging in myriad activities. Both are in their 80's, and holding.

JDJ'S MAGNUM OPUS HALTED

Spfld. The ENNL ed's magnum opus, The Round Barn, over 1000 pages about 1 that remarkable place, the Dougan Farm, has ground to a halt these past 18 mo. because the ed. can't get job & other paperwork under control. She vows 1984 will be different. We shall see.