Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

Gem Of The Month -Truce is better than friction.

I want to start the New Year off right by offering an apology to anyone who was offended by the definitions of women (at various ages) in the December Mirror. D.A.M.

Wassail for All Ages

2 qts. grape juice, 1 qt. apple juice, 1 pt. lemonade 1/4 cup honey, 2 sticks cinnamon, 3 or 4 whole cloves. Mix all ingredients in a kettle and heat to boiling. Cut 1 lemon into 1/4" slices and float on top of hot punch just before serving. Makes about 14 cups.

A cold is both affirmative and negative. Sometimes the "eyes" have it, other times the "nose".

Yesterday hills and fields were gray And boughs were bare and brown, But all last night silently, silently, Snow came down.

All night long over the fields,
Quiet and soft and slow
With a footprint, steadily, steadily
Walked in the snow.

Now at dawn there is nothing but snow Nothing but whiteness now, Except the flame of a cardinal's wing On feathery bough.

(by Nancy Byrd Turner)

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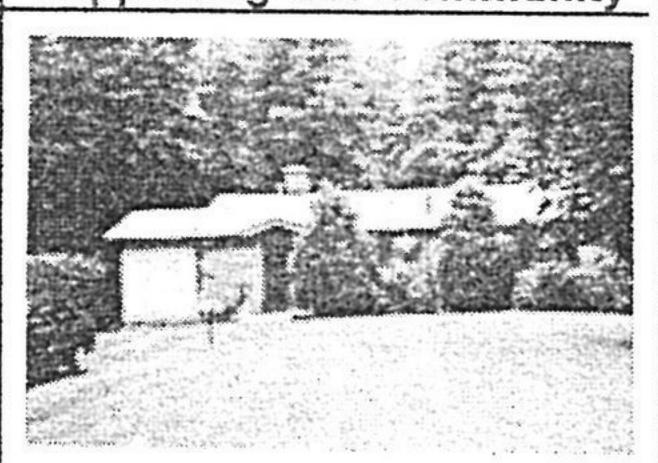
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