

(Suggested in "The Five Orange Pips")

A Corresponding Society of The Baker Street Irregulars

.... Our very special kudos go

to Mike Bryan, PPoff, who put on a superb Sherlock 12th Night Reflections

Holmes program at the Manatee Central Library, Saturday, January 16th. Over 70 attended, including Caroline Everett, and Jane Blasingame with her magnificent miniatures. The highlight was a unique cake, decorated with all the S'ian accouterments - almost

too wonderful to devour... however. We intend to have Mike provide another for our forthcoming Spring Gathering..... John Fought hosted a Diogenes Club meeting Nov. 29th, but this Recorder has received no details as to what transpired....We tip our deerstalker to Bill Ward for solving the 2nd Mystery at "Sherlock's", thus earning his pipe on the rack. I must say he needed the help of Joan Wood and several martinis,

(the Recorder forgot his glasses and was no help whatsoever), but all ended in triumph.....Marsha

Pollak, PPofFer, braved the frigid northern climes to attend the ASH, et al, functions in NYC. This Recorder was detained at the last minute and was unable to make the BSI affair. However, the Recorder, and his "bride", Joan (now a granny:) had a joyous visit to London for $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks, visiting many Sherlockian (excuse me - in England they say Holmesian) haunts - the Recorder dutifully wore his deerstalker at all times. We dined, in Holmesian fashion, a Simpson's-in-the-Strand, and made Joe Curley at Non-Resident PPoffer: ... Tom Dandrew noted that Albany's SUNY's football -7 helmets(see at right) are adorned with "the footprint of a gigantic hound". We have also dicovered that one of the top high school basketball players of the nation is Memphis Westwood's 6'7" Baskerville Holmes now I ask you - could you ask for anything more?....

.... Kevin John conducted a nifty S'ian survey. You may get the results by sending him a SASE......PPofFer Mike Carroll reports that WUSF(FM) of Tampa, has been airing a whole series of SH adventures, including SIGN & FEAR.... Several new Scions have come to the Recorder's attention: "The Baker Street Chroniclers" (1555 St.Denis St., Florrisant, MO 63033), and Bob Hahn's "The Central Press Syndicate" (Box 442, Sheboygan, Wisc. 53081). Both have super-good publications....We do hope that all

Resident Members of the PPofF, and other who can make it, will plan to arrange their calendars so as to make the Spring Gathering VII.

PPofFer Mike Bryan

It's quite elementary.... HOLMES BEACH IS the

7th (Lucky) ANNUAL GATHERING of the P.P.of F. at HQ -HOLMES Beach. Saturday, April 24th. Details forthcoming:



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(* - With all due respect to "Honest Abe" this date is of Holmesian note as the 135th birthday of sibling Mycroft Holmes.

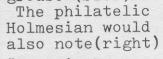


or "Stamping Around with Sherlock Holmes"

Peter Blau reminds us that the "Wildlife Habitat" (see left) includes a badger, grizzly bear and a ruffed grouse. "Keep clear of the badger, for he bites"(SIGN); "The clumsy grizzly bear lumbers through the dark ravines"(STUD); and



"I have oysters and a brace of grouse" (STUD). The philatelic





"The big-horn - for so it is called - was acting, probably, as a guardian" (STUD).

Several years back, when 1st Class postage was only 6¢, an issue (lower right) recalled: "one of those great herds of bison which graze upon the prairie land was approaching him" (STUD).

If you discover stamps with special Sherlockian meaning, please pass them on to this Recorder. Thanx.



From Mrs. Hudson's Kitchen

(Readers are requested to submit their Sherlockian recipes for this column.



SCOTTISH COFFEE CAKE (Submitted by one of our Non-Resident members, this recipe reminds us of the favorite of Scotsman, Inspector Mac-Donald (VALL).

> 2 cups flour 2 cups brown sugar teaspoon salt cup butter teaspoon baking soda egg, well beaten cup sour cream cup chopped nuts

Grease an 8-inch-square-pan. Combine flour, brown sugar and salt. Cut in butter until like bread crumbs. Spread 22 cups of this in the bottom of the greased pan. Blend baking soda with the remainder. bine egg with sour cream; add to dry ingredients and stir until just blended. Spoon over crumb mixture in pan; sprinkle nuts on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-60 minutes Cool completely before cutting.

(St.Pete Times - 12/6/81)

Jenrette to make TV acting debut

Rita Jenrette will make her television acting debut on ABC's Fantasy Island. The segment, "Save Sherlock Holmes," stars Peter Lawford as the famous sleuth, Donald O'Connor as Dr. Watson, Mel Ferrer as Holmes' nemesis, Moriarity, and Ron Fly as a security guard who has long yearned to work with Holmes. Ms. Jenrette plays Miss Heavenly, an undercover Scotland Yard operative who ingratiates herself with Moriarty as part of a plan to free Holmes from captivity.





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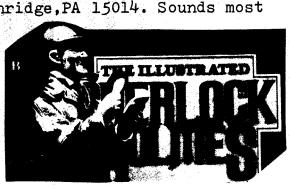
"A singular lot of offers, I must say, Watson."

- * * * "SHERLOCK HOLMES: Rare Book Collector" by Madeleine Stern. 500 numbered & signed copies. \$16.50ppd from Paulette Greene, 140 Princeton Rd., Rockville Ctr, NY 11570.
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Let's take a break... This was Isaac Asimov's tribute to
BSI Comissionaire, Julian Wolff. Dr.A prefaced his limerick, at the BSI Dinner, saying: "There are only two words that rhyme with 'Julian'. One means 'blue', and the other is self-explanatory."

Three large cheers for Comissionaire Julian,
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- * * * Coming. . . Spring of '82 "A Touch of Class", the long-awaited volume of canonical commentary. Illustrated. From: Pondicherry Press, 715 Washington Ave., Wilmette, Ill. 60091.
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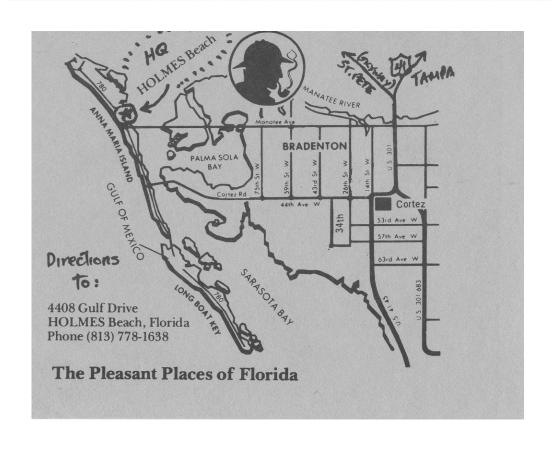
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"A chap named Holmes to apply for the proofing position."

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Was Sheriock Holmes an American? So Christopher Morley wondered in one of his Saturday Review columns in 1934. After a lengthy exegesis of the Holmes corpus, he concluded, "That Holmes was reared in the States, or had some schooling here before going up to Cambridge, seems . . . at least arguable."

Sherlockian scholars still argue about the birthplace of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional detective, but there can be no doubt that Holmes has always occupied a large space in the collective imagination of American readers. Morley's article is reprinted in "Sherlock Holmes in America." edited by Bill Blackbeard (Harry N. Abrams, \$28.50.), a bonanza of the Holmesiana that has appeared during the past century, including Frederic Dorr Steele's illustrations for Collier's (1903-05), turn-of-the-century reviews of William Gillette's play "Sherlock Holmes," Hollywood movie posters, Sherlockian commentary and spoofs by Wolcott Gibbs and other writers, and cartoons and illustrations by such artists as Rube Goldberg, Chester Gould and Gahan Wilson.

Above, left to right: John Alan Maxwell's portrait of Holmes for The Golden Book magazine (1930); O. Soglow's cartoon in a Tydol gasoline ad in the New York Sun (1935); a tobacco advertisement in the Chicago Tribune (1919). — R. A.

'Dr. Watson' Lives On With Vt. Police

Sherlock Holmes, the well-known crime solver, would be proud to know that his companion, Dr. John Watson, is being remembered within the ranks of the Vermont State Police.

Watson is the name selected for the newest member of the bloodhound unit, and a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -year-old Castleton girl has a \$50 savings bond for suggesting the name.

Jennifer Bronson submitted the name at a booth set up at the Vermont State Fair in Rutland. She is the daughter of William and Mary Ann Bronson of South Street Extension.

The dog's handler, Trooper Michael McCarthy of St. Albans, liked Watson best among the 564 names submitted by children, according to Sgt. David M. Rocque, community relations division supervisor.

The 8-week-old puppy was given to the Vermont State Police by New York State Police. The \$50 savings bond was presented by the Vermont Troopers Association.

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