

ALIEN HAUNTS

Halloween here was an invasion from Mars. Robert and I went to the office party as two invaders; we were Martians complete with antennae, bulbous eyes & warts. The leader there awarded us a bottle of brandy as first prize.

This year the kids were both in black. Chris decided to be Darth Vader & Kathy still fit in her black cat costume of last year.

And again we had lots of pumpkins (about a dozen) to carve as jack-o-lanterns.

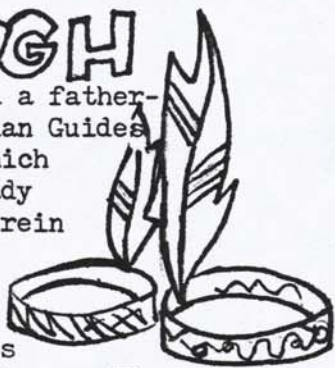


Wheelin dealin

We put our profits from the sale of the Renton house back into real estate in November and purchased another house here in Vallejo. It is a newer home (five years old) with three bedrooms. We were fortunate to get a refrigerator for it from Roberts sister, Dorothy, because she remodeled & bought a brand new one. There wasn't all the painting & repair work involved with this house as the last one.

HOW-UGH

Robert & Chris have joined a father-son activity called Y-Indian Guides (sponsored by the YMCA) which meets twice monthly. Already they have had a picnic wherein they got initiated & a Christmas party which Santa Claus came bringing a special present for Chris & Kathy. Next week there is a roller skating party & come summer there will be special father-son camping trips.



IS EIGHT ENOUGH?

Chris celebrated his eighth birthday November first. His favorite gifts were a Bigwheel from Grandma & Grandpa and a remote controlled van from us.

Now I Know My ABC's, Next TIME...



Kathryn is doing fine in nursery school, really enjoys it; she's learned to recite her alphabet, counts to 39, writes her name & even is beginning to read simple words.

UPSTAIRS, DOWN STAIRS

In November we got some cement work done out in front (part of our entryway project). Robert got the forms up for four steps on Thanksgiving and the cement truck delivered the following Saturday. With all the rain we've been getting those steps are really nice.



Noel Company

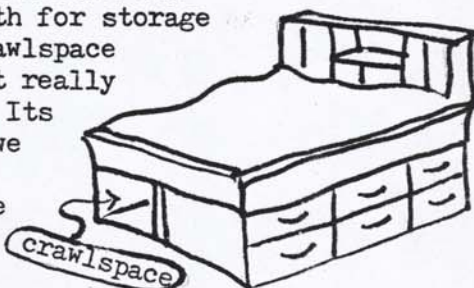
We had a fine Christmas & even enjoyed a visit from Bonnie. She came (w/out her family) on the bus arriving on Christmas Eve. She stayed until the following Friday which wasn't long enuf. She joined us in our celebration of Christmas, got in some shopping at the malls, & treated us to her cooking including fixing us a Pakistanian meal.

Interior Decorations:

Dorothy had some furniture meant for a little girls room she decided to get rid of. So we bought it for Kathy's room, it includes a bureau, nightstand w/ drawers, desk and chair. Its all in antique white with gold trim. I'm moving her present dresser downstairs to put toys in for the family room.

SLOSH SLOSH!

Not only did Kathy get some new furniture but so did Christopher. Last weekend we went to Bedroom Designs and bought him a new waterbed. It has a bookcase headboard and six drawers underneath for storage and a special crawlspace Robert built that really delights Chris. Its a supertwin and we expect it should last him until he gets married (or watever).



UPCOMING:

Nellie is arriving by train this week for a visit.

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A birthday for someone over 29.



HOPE YOU HAD A FINE CHRISTMAS AND THAT YOUR NEW YEAR IS OFF TO A HAPPY START.

