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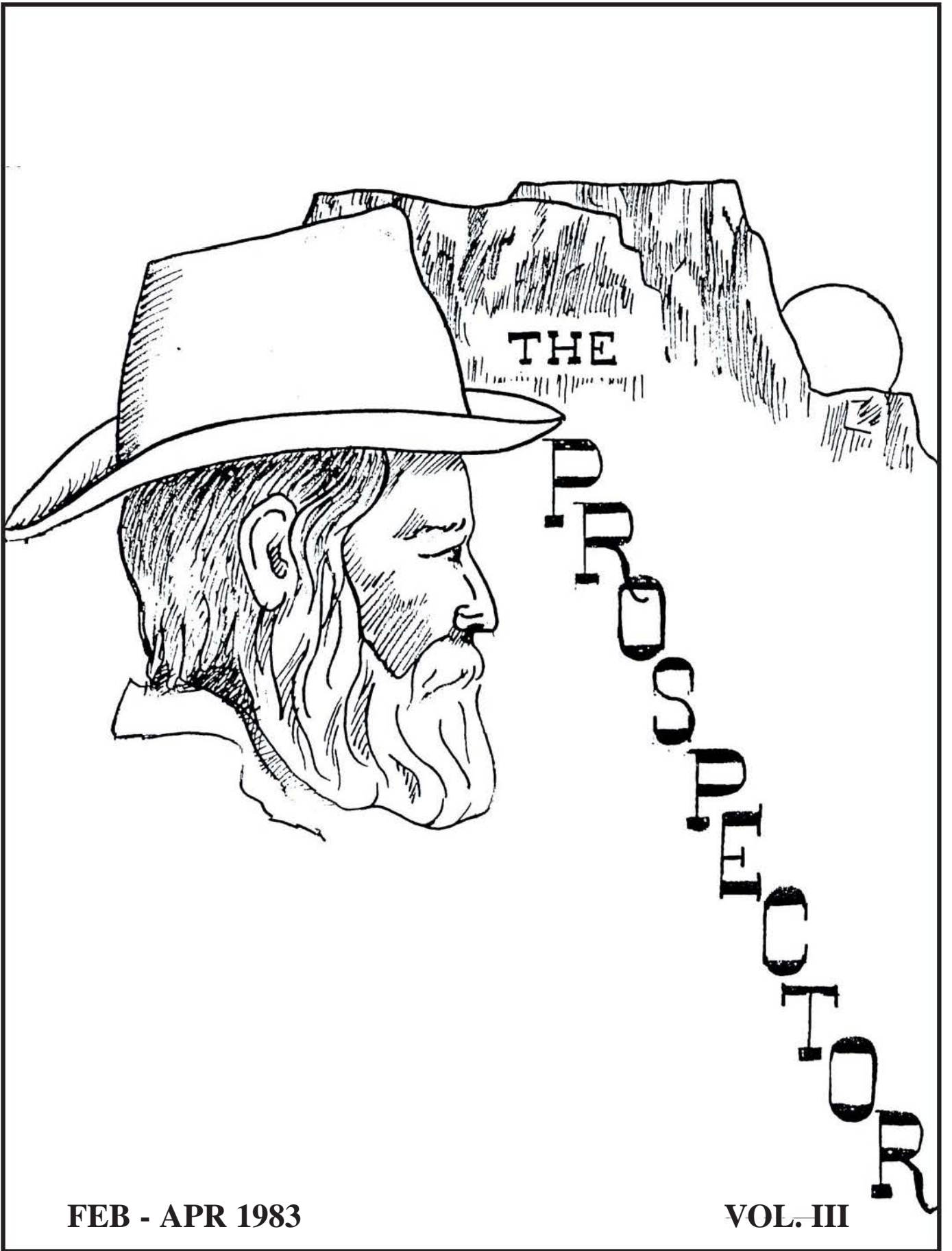
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The Society is now in its' 7th year and we are 20 members strong. We are reprinting our Quarterly as of February 1983. Our regular meetings are the second Tuesday of each month; at 7:30 p.m., at the Crestwood Elementary School, 1300 Pauline Way, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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We need to nominate a new Secretary as Osa Billstrom is unable to complete her term of office. We would like this nomination made at the February meeting. We also need a Correspondence Secretary. If anyone would like to fill the job please let your President know.

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#### SHARING IS CARING

Your help is needed to insure the growth and well-being of our Prospector. Records in family Bibles, journals, correspondence and any other genealogical information that you may have are meant to be shared. PLEASE take the time to copy the information that you have and send it to the PROSPECTOR. Please state who has possession of the original record and copy it exactaly as it is written (mistakes and all). The data that you share with others may be the crack in the "stone wall" that we all (Unfortunately) encounter at one time or other.

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#### MEETING SCHEDULE

Feb. 8      Workshop at L.D.S. Library  
Mar. 8      Speaker-Harry Burt  
Apr. 8      Speaker-Joe Doucette

THE BIRTH OF A FAMILY NEWSLETTER

By Joe Doucette

While on vacation in Nova Scotia in 1973, Joe and Mick Doucette took a sightseeing bus tour of Halifax. Among the points of interest visited and described were the sewage disposal plant and the Provincial Archives. Out of curiosity, they visited there after the tour (the Archives, that is) to inquire about any possible information re Doucette ancestors. There, they were introduced to Bona Arsenault's "Historie et Genealogie des Acadiens" which cited French families who colonized Nova Scotia in 1632, and lists their descendants thru the end of the 1700's. When Joe retired in 1979, he planned a 1980 visit to Petil-Rocher, N.B., Can. (his mother and grandparent's birthplace) to try to trace his ancestors back to Germain Doucet, born in France in 1595 and an original Acadian colonist. With initial assistance from a Petil-Rocher amateur genealogist, lots of luck and plenty of hours of research, in less than a year, Joe was able to trace 3 of his grandparents back to Germain Doucet and to numerous other French Acadians--plus an Indian or two and a stray Irishman!

In 1981, to celebrate his mother's 90th birthday, Joe organized an informal 100 person family picnic in the park next to the rest home in Tomohawk, Wisconsin, where his mother lives. At the picnic, Joe presented his genealogical findings to the group. Everyone enjoyed the gathering so much that a more formal family reunion was planned for 1982. And, surprise!--Joe was named family historian! For the 1982 reunion, Joe, using his grandparents as a starting point, contacted living relatives for information and constructed charts of his grandparents descendants to supplement the ancestor charts already developed. Again, Joe made a genealogical presentation, complete with exhibits, this time to over 300 relatives, and again, the affair was declared a success. Another reunion committee was selected and a reunion targeted for 1985.

In order to help maintain interest in a continuing family organization and to provide members with historical and current family information, Joe has now originated a quarterly family newsletter titled "Doucet Doings". With the first edition on its way out in the mail, what the longevity of "Doucet Doings" will be anyone's guess. Joe says that it all depends upon Doucette family contrubutions, both in the form of news items-- and a little cash to help defray production and mailing costs!

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QUOTES AND INFORMATION

From "THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES"

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"DID YOU KNOW THAT?"

By: Dr. Carl Weatherby

More Americans trace their ancestry to Germany than to any other country. A census study shows 29 percent of people surveyed are at least partly of German descent.

Irish are the second largest group, at 24 percent, English, 22 percent, are third. Eleven percent say they're just plain American.

The 20 most common surnames in the U.S. are:

ANDERSON, BROWN, CLARK, DAVIS, HARRIS, JACKSON, JOHNSON, JONES, LEWIS, MARTIN, MILLER, MOORE, SMITH, TAYLOR, THOMAS, WALKER, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILSON.

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QUERIES

Policy: Annual membership dues of the CCNGS are \$7.50 per year,

which includes a subscription to the PROSPECTOR. Non-members may purchase copies of the PROSPECTOR for \$1.50 per issue.

DOWIES, McQUIRE, NEESE, O'QUINN:

William Jefferson DOWIES, alias McQUIRE, b. 1877, La.; father, John Wesley DOWIES; mother, Isabelle O'QUINN, d. 1885, La. William left La., age 16; in Az. 1912. He worked as a cowhand. Marr. Bertha Ada NEESE, in Az. Left Az 1919 went-where?  
Shirley Jaquess AYO, 1400 Pyramid Dr., Las Vegas, Nv. 89108

JAQUESS, MOORE, SMALLWOOD:

Nathaniel Charles JAQUESS, b. 16 Dec 1889, Huntsville, Madison, Al.; m. 19 Dec 1915, Oma Jean MOORE, b. 20 Feb 1892, Whitehall, Coryell, Tx.; resided Gatesville, Coryell, Tx. Need info. on Nathaniel's par., John and Sueann SMALLWOOD JAQUESS.  
Shirley Jaquess AYO, 1400 Pyramid Dr., Las Vegas, Nv. 89108

GOFORTH, WELCH:

Robert WELCH, b. Eng., d. 1857, Ohio; m. Elizabeth GOFORTH, 1812; son William GOFORTH, b. 1813, Eng.  
Catherine Allan MARSHALL, 1741 Ferrell St., Las Vegas, Nv. 89106

BROWN, EPLEY, WARD:

William EPLEY, m. Martha BROWN, b. Hancock Co., Mo. Ch: Edward, b. Mullin, Tx.; Lela; Mary Elizabeth m. Joseph Jackson WARD, lived Mo., Al., Tx., N.M. and Az.  
Catherine Allan MARSHALL, 1741 Ferrell St., Las Vegas, Nv. 89106

CHILDERS, HORTON, STAMPER, WHITE:

Monroe Rufus WHITE, d. 1853/6, Ark.; m. Elizabeth STAMPER, b. 30 Jul 1823, d. 3 May 1916, Wolfe Co., Ky. Ch: Thomas, b. 10 Jul 1844, m. ca. 1866, Martha Jane CHILDERS; Sarah J., b. 19 Apr 1846, m. 9 Jan 1866 William J. CHILDERS; Amelia, b. 22 May 1849; William E., b. 9 Feb 1853/6, m. Nancy J. HORTON. Need info on ancestors of Monroe and on descendants of his ch.  
Linda Robinson Mc EWEN, 1112 Nassau Dr., Las Vegas, Nv. 89108