

**BOOK CORNER**

BY  
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**Chariots of the Gods?** by Erich Von Daniken. 1970. Pp. 57. G. P. Putnam's Sons, N. Y.

Did fiery chariots descend from the heavens? Was God an astronaut? Certain things cannot be made up, states Erich Von Daniken in his timely book, *Chariots of the Gods?*, and he would not be ransacking our prehistory for space travelers and heavenly aircraft if accounts of such apparitions appeared in only two or three ancient books. But when nearly all the texts of the primitive peoples all over the globe tell the same story, he decides it is time to enter the new world of the improbable with an open mind.

The author further asserts that asking questions about our past does not mean that he is religious. In fact, he is convinced that when the last question has been given a genuine and convincing answer, something, which he calls *God* for

want of a better name, will remain for eternity.

So, *Chariots of the Gods?* does not contradict the Bible; actually, it confirms it. For instance, the account of the Great Flood is inscribed on Stone tablets in several languages. Ancient legends parallel many stories found in the Bible, such as the story of the birth of Moses. One does not have to reject Biblical history in order to believe the other.

The author declares he is only seeking the truth amid a vast array of unexplained mysteries and oddities. He begs us to take off our blinkers and join the search. Finally he dreams of a Utopian archaeological year during which archaeologists, physicists, chemists, geologists, metallurgists, and other branches of these sciences will concentrate their efforts on one single question: Did our forefathers receive visits from outer space?

**Clubs Adopt Worthy Projects**

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are winners," said Mrs. Briggs in a speech which noted club participation in countless community services. She also stated that "The greatest area of interest and action continues to be in the department of home life and community affairs, with emphasis on health and welfare of our youth and senior citizens."

The District II Woman's Clubs have worked hard and have raised thousands of dollars for scholarships, equipment for hospitals and nursing homes. In recent years, the Girls Haven project was introduced and adopted as a state project by the Federated Woman's Clubs, which raised \$75,000 to build a home in January 1974. The Woman's Clubs have helped in Child Comprehensive Development Centers, Juvenile Centers, and Mental Retardation Clinics.

Auxiliaries have been sponsored in old and new hospitals and classes have been organized by the Woman's Clubs to educate the public on kidney diseases.

Among the numerous community services performed by clubwomen was the collection and recycling of 27 tons of paper and glass. The Clubs entered a "Beauty for Business" Contest, thereby encouraging businessmen to improve their building facades, and the clubs had 100% enrollment in the Community Improvement Project in 1973.

Lastly, over 350 children were clothed from all the District II clubs.

Looking forward to the future, the District II, Federated Woman's Clubs planned full participation in North Carolina's Bicentennial observance. The emphasis by clubwomen, as the Bicentennial draws near, will be on "Heritage, Celebration of the Event, and Horizons". The Clubs' part for heritage is to find, restore, and preserve relics and reminders of the past; the event will be celebrated in both statewide and local observances and projects; and club horizons will be fixed on discussing and determining what the contributions will be from this era toward the heritage of our children and grandchildren.

Two of the District II Clubs have celebrated important birthdays recently. The Wo-

man's Club of Asheville observed its 75th year since its inception, and the Community Club of Asheville is 50 years old. According to Mrs. Briggs, the Burnsville Woman's Club will be 50 years old in 1975.

The history of North Carolina Federated Woman's Clubs has been one of tremendous accomplishments through shared work and experiences. A committee was named at the Fine Arts Festival to start work with their communities in the project-- "To Tell What's Good About America"--a project which typifies the constructive outlook and optimism which prevails among the clubwomen. Certainly one thing that is "Good About America" is the Federation of Woman's Clubs, District II, North Carolina.



Photo By Brian Westveer  
**Mrs. Francis Muratori Shows Prize-Winning Rug**

The Burnsville Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses announces a free Bible lecture every Sunday morning, 9:30 a.m., at their Kingdom Hall on old Burnsville Hwy. (by WKYK) by a qualified minister of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society.

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**Hunter Safety Program Now Available**

Recently the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission assumed the role of administering a Hunter Safety program in North Carolina. A great many states now require this same course before a hunting license is issued, but as of now this is not a requirement in this State.

For many years the Commission has been presenting Hunter Safety programs on a limited basis, but as of January 1972 a special group of officers was assigned to administer this program by licensing Wildlife Commission personnel and qualified volunteers who could teach Hunter Safety to young people and adults. Although the course is not mandatory in this State, it is being offered by the Commission and graduation certificates that are issued are honored in all other states where this program is mandatory.

In trying to place qualified instructors in every area of the state so that everyone will have the benefit of receiving this worthwhile course of instruction, Wildlife Resources Commission announces the appointment

of Mr. Ben L. Deyton, Route 2, Green Mountain, N.C., and Mr. Billy Marven Sparks, Route 1, Spruce Pine, as qualified Hunter Safety instructors after having completed an instructor's training school and demonstrating the qualifications necessary to instruct others in the art of

Hunter and Firearms Safety. Mr. Deyton and Mr. Sparks will be available to assist in the planning or presentation of Hunter Safety programs in this area as a service to the public and to further promote safe gun handling practices to everyone.

**Scholarship To Be Offered**

A \$500.00 College Scholarship will be presented to a high school graduate of the 18-county area of Western North Carolina by the Horticultural Crops Commission of the Western North Carolina Development Association, according to Don Austin of Asheville, the commission chairman.

The grant will be \$500.00 for the 1974-75 school year. Scholarship donors are Asheville Floral Company, Hyman Young Greenhouses and Maiers Greenhouses, all of Asheville.

Purpose of the scholarship, which will be awarded on the basis of need, interest, scholastic

record, leadership and citizenship, is to encourage young people from WNC to enter the professional field of horticulture and to provide financial assistance to them in getting started in college. The recipient must pursue the four-year course leading to a degree in horticulture in a college or university with an approved horticulture curriculum.

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