

What Is the Snow Moon?

Mrs. Matthew Phur, Route 2, Old Charlotte Road, raises a question and relates a strange experience.

She wants an explanation of the Snow Moon, which was the Full Moon Feb. 28 at 9:12 p.m.

"What is the Snow Moon?" she asks. "Is it folklore, Indian lore or is there some meaning?"

"On this night I went to the back porch to bring in the seed beds when I saw this strange light. It seemed like a floodlight nearby. I called my husband and asked him what it could be.

"He said it couldn't be a fire. It was the wrong color for a fire and there was no smoke, no flickering.

"It was 6:15 p.m. and we watched it a little longer. Finally, it had risen enough to tell it was the moon. It was the most eerie sight I have ever seen. We were awed. It was like an omen of some kind.

"I had the strangest sensation I've ever had. I thought of your column and reread it. There it was, Monday at 9:12 p.m., the Full Snow Moon.

"I've tried to find some mention of it in the dictionary, encyclopedia and other books, but to no avail. I called several people, some elderly, and not one of them had ever heard of the Snow Moon. I don't ever want to experience that sensation again.

"Would appreciate some explanation of this particular moon."

Like you, ma'am, I have searched all in vain for some explanation of these names. My guess is that it's related to Indianlore. But it's only a guess.

The Full Moon this month, the 29th, is called the Full Worm Moon. The April 28 Full Moon is called the Pink Moon, and so on. I am trying to find an explanation of these names and if I do I'll pass it along right here.

Stuffin' Stuff

Any freak, even if it's a dumbbrute, might be interesting but pitiful.

Like the two-headed, two-tailed white face Hereford calf pictured here which was born



recently on the farm of Floyd Mathis, Route 6, Waynesboro. The calf, it's reported, lived 12 hours.

In the picture showing the calf is Aaron Hooper, Route 2, Leona, a licensed taxidermist who is stuffing the calf for the owner.

"It's the darndest thing I ever worked on," says Hooper.

According to Hooper, the calf in addition to its two perfectly formed heads had two backbones, two tails and a double esophagus emptying into one stomach.

Hooper holds a diploma from a taxidermy school in Omaha from which he first took a correspondence course. Then he went to Omaha and enrolled for the course, not telling them he had taken their correspondence course.

"They told me," he says, "they'd never had anyone to learn the trade so fast!"

That was 30 years ago — Hooper is 68 — and like he says, this is the outdoin'ist job he's ever tackled.

A nice note from Mrs. Ray Browning, 110 Bellevue Road:

"We are new in Nashville and think it is interesting and very beautiful. We are intrigued by and curious about many things here.

"One of the things we are curious about is whether there was really a Granny White for whom Granny White Pike is named. If so, can you tell us about her?"

I can provide a dab of information, ma'am,

and thank you for your kind comment about this column.

There was a Granny White whose real name was Lucinda. She operated a tavern on this road about five miles from downtown Nashville around 1829.

You can find more detailed information on Granny White in Hugh Walker's book, "Tennessee Tales," which is available at all the bookstores in town or perhaps in the library.

Now to Mrs. Terry Neeley and many, many others who have inquired about gourd seed, here are several sources where you can get them by simply sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request.

• The young fellow in the picture is Mike Henry, Route 1, Quebec, Tenn. 38579 with one of the big bushel gourds he grew last summer. It mea-



sures 58 inches around and is 18 inches high. And he has some dipper gourd seed, too.

• Millbrey Eakin, Route 2, Shelbyville 37160, has some birdhouse gourd seeds and he'll send four seeds from these and throw in some dipper gourd seed.

• Mrs. Icie A. Waggoner, 315 Antioch Road, 37211, has seeds from a variety of gourds, pumpkin, flat birdhouse, long birdhouse, and some others she'll be glad to share.

• Now here's an unusual one. Frank Green, Route 1, Springfield 37174, has seeds of nest egg gourds.

These neighborly partyliners will fill requests, in the order received, so long as their seeds last. Send no money, just a stamped envelope.

If there are more requests than there are seeds to go around, we hope these people will turn their muffled requests over to this department. We'll make every effort to see that everybody who wants to plant some gourds gets a few seeds to start with. ★★★

OLD TIMER'S ALMANAC

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The absent-minded preacher has sure been taking a ribbing this past week since he had dinner at Gousin Nud's house. Euphemia, Nud's woman, asked the Reverend if he would care for some corn and he passed his glass instead of his plate. ★ ★ ★

New (dark) Moon Wednesday — 5:33 a.m. Tomorrow and Tuesday best fishing signs. ★ ★ ★

Tomorrow is anniversary (1462) of the first printing of the Bible. ★ ★ ★

Wednesday is Andrew Jackson Day, and Friday, in 1892, Tennessee had a record snowfall. ★ ★ ★

The typical American supermarket stocks about 3,500 items, but 33 per cent are non-foods, ranging from hair spray to rawhide bones for dogs. ★ ★ ★

PUZZER: A man has a 24-ounce bottle of liniment he wants to separate into three equal parts. He has only three empty bottles. One holds 12 ounces, another 11 ounces and the third five ounces. How can he do it? ★★★

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