

Witch Watch

by GUNDELLA

Do names reflect, or govern, person?

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other word would smell as sweet." — Wm. Shakespeare
Romeo and Juliet

Upon her initiation into The Craft, a witch chooses for herself a new name, usually one associated with witchcraft or mythology.

My own name "Gundella" was chosen from an old German fairy tale. A name is a very special thing. When someone asks, "Who are you?" you answer with your name.

It is a part of you, a description of you, your identification.

Parents often go to great lengths to choose exactly the right name for their offspring. Others choose names which are crude jokes and cause their children no end of suffering.

I once knew a girl whose last name was Suer (pronounced sewer). Her parents had done her a great injustice by naming her "Storm." Can you imagine going through childhood with a name like "Storm Suer"?

ONE OF MY former students was named "O. Golly Richards." I asked Mrs. Richards what the "O" stood for and she said that it stood for nothing at all. She had named her son O. Golly because that was the first thing her husband had said when he saw him.

Even such common names as David and John seem to have an effect on those who bear them.

Is it just a coincidence that every Barbara I have ever known has been a sweet generous person with a well-rounded figure, and that each of them could be described best with the word "cute"? I have also noticed that of the seven Barbaras I have known well, four have had a slight speech impediment.

Do all Marions tend to be aggressive, domineering women with a bent for teaching school?

Is it true that most girls named Nancy tend to marry young, whereas those named Vera marry later in life, if at all?

I have never known a brunette named Debbie.

Is there something about the newborn child that causes the parent to tack on a particular name, or does the name affect the development of the child's personality?

NAMES THAT ARE stylish during one period of time are often unheard of in another. During the early 1900s it was the "in" thing to name girls after flowers or jewels. Rubies, Violets, Irises, Roses, and Opals were definitely in style in my mother's day.

Dems seek new way to choose delegates

The Michigan Democratic Party will hold a public hearing Saturday, May 12 on proposed rules for selection of Michigan's delegation to the 1980 National Democratic Convention.

The rules, proposed by the state party's committee on rules and political reform, offer alternate methods of selecting delegates to the presidential nominating convention next year.

One plan is for use in the event that the state primary is modified to conform to national party rules. The alternate plan will be used if Michigan Democrats are required to return to the caucus system of selecting delegates.

Morley Winograd, state party chairman, said any Democrat may testify at the hearing, which will begin at 1 p.m. at the May 12 meeting of the State Central Committee in Adrian, at the Leanswe County UAW Labor Building, 1360 W. Beecher.

Winograd requested that testimony be submitted to the committee in written form. Immediately after the hearing, State Central will convene and adopt a plan to be submitted to the

Democratic National Committee for approval.

Under reform rules adopted by the Democratic National Committee last year, delegates chosen as a result of "open" primaries, such as Michigan's, will not be seated. If the Michigan Legislature and Gov. William Milliken have not acted by Oct. 1 to amend the state primary, the Democratic Party will implement a caucus system for delegate selection. The minimum amendment necessary would require primary voters to indicate their party preference on the day of the primary election.

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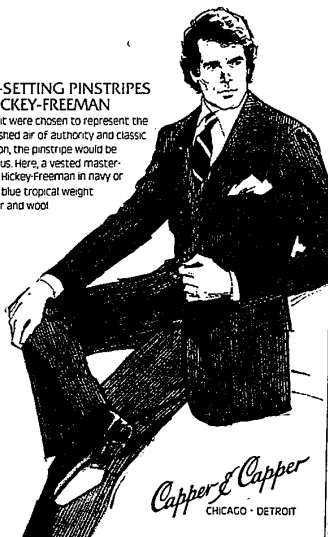


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