The Madison County Historical Society, located in Oneida, New York, has announced the dedication of its Traditional Craft Archive, a depository for the extensive collection of field material being gathered by the Society in its New York State Craft Documentation Project. As well as slides, movies, video-tapes, and tape recordings from current field work, the Archive will include books, articles, and related MSS, standard works on state history and culture, and the photograph collection of Director David Goff. We note with interest that material in the Archive is available for study by anyone interested. Write: Mr. David Goff, Director, Madison County Historical Society, 435 Main Street, Oneida, New York 13421.

Lydia Fish has asked Folklore Forum to request versions of the "Hippie Baby-sitter" legend. Basically, this story involves a baby-sitter who has taken drugs on the job. When the parents call up during the night to check on things, the baby-sitter assures them that all is well: "I just put the turkey in the oven." The parents are puzzled and return home to check for themselves. They find their baby in the oven. Any of our readers who know of this story or similar versions can send them to Lydia Fish, Department of English, State University College, 1300 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo, New York 14222.

The Folklore Forum mentioned in last issue's Notes that perhaps the JFK legend was about to die out. We had found a report that JFK had finally died on an island off the coast of Greece after a long and macabre convalescence. This claim was made in August. However, on October 31, 1971 the Herald-Telephone of Bloomington, Indiana carried an item in a "gossip" column relating to the legend. One J.J.H. of Hazleton, Pennsylvania wrote in to ask if the stories about JFK still being alive on Scorpios Island were true. The answer man proceeded then to spike this "absurd rumor." But what is interesting is that the new cycle of the JFK legend, which developed in August and purported to prove that JFK had died, has not been able to gain acceptance. The folk will not let their hero die.

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Mirrors are turned to the wall at the time of or on the occasion of:

a) death  
b) birth  
c) marriage  
d) illness requiring one to stay in bed  
e) Richard Dorson  
f) love

-- From a Folklore exam given by Duncan Emrich, American University