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### FIRST EVENT OF SPRING SEASON

Circle April 11, 1981 on your calendar for the upcoming 10964 Goods and Services Auction. Time is 8 pm with previewing starting at 7 pm. Place is the home of Andy and Helen Norman, Ludlow Lane.

The Committee reports that many items and services have already been received and everyone has been working diligently to make it a perfect evening. Have you made your contribution yet? If not, put your "thinking cap" on and give one of our committee members a call with your special donation.

They will be happy to receive your call and make arrangements for pick-up or offer suggestions as to what constitutes a bonified auction item. You may have something you are not aware of. Do you have a special talent or know a unique dance you could teach, or Great-grandmother's secret recipe to offer for bid? Perhaps you have a lovely painting or piece of sculpture that someone would love to own.

Lets make this a huge success for the future of 10964 as well as a "fun" evening with all your neighbors. Committee members are: Marlene Barba (6636), Joan Bracken (1765), Sylvia Devan (3656), Chris De Carlo (2324), Joan Hooker (5399), Karen Jerreries (1146), Marguerita Jellinek (7697), Eileen Larkin (6589), Jan Stark (1842).

### TRUCK ACCIDENT

Another truck accident occurred on March 4, 1981 at about 10:02 am. A van type of truck traveling west on Oak Tree Road lost its brakes and turned over onto the Nelson property. The trucking company's name is Granston Trucking, 182-21 150th Drive, Jamaica, New York. The truck was carrying parts to Volvo which is in the Rockleigh Industrial Park. If

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*Mildred Rippey, Palisades' own octogenarian has agreed to allow her manuscript GROWING UP IN PALISADES, to be part of a new book ROCKLAND COUNTY THEN AND NOW by David R. Beisel, Ph.D., Assoc. Professor of Social Sciences in R.C. College. We are proud to publish the first installment of her remeniscences in this issue.*

So much has been said and written about our local history. Some have done extensive research on the subject and we are very fortunate in this respect. My contribution is very simple -- the story of a little girl who grew up in Palisades around the turn of the century. I go very far back in time, and thoughts of the future must be given up to clear the way for thoughts of the past. I do not dwell in the past but I do have a store of precious memories of how life was in that long ago time.

The ancestors of the Post (Poost) family, my family, were Hollanders. There is no factual account of the emigration of the Posts to this country but it was probably between 1700 and 1730. The indomitable spirit of freedom caused many persecuted and distressed families of Europe to come to the shores of this western continent. Here they built a civilization founded on mercy and truth. We find the name Abraham Post of Orangetown (Colony of New York) as one of the signers of the General Association in 1775 at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. (This Association grew out of a meeting at the '76 House in Tappan, at that time, in 1775). Every man was called on to declare his allegiance to the cause of liberty or to be reckoned among the enemies of his country. Abraham's oldest son was named Jacob, his eldest son was Abraham, and so it went until it came to my great-grandfather who was Abraham, born in 1813, died 1872.

My great-grandfather had eight children, six boys and two girls. He was a fruit

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### CALENDAR

- April 1 Calligraphy Workshop (Palisades Free Library)
- 3-4 Play Oliver Twist (Middle School, 8 pm)
- 5 Palisades Soccer plays Teaneck Roots (TZE, 12:30 pm)
- 8 Calligraphy Workshop (Library)
- 9 Senior Citizens (Community Center, Oak Tree Rd., 2 pm)
- 11 10964 Goods & Services Auction (Home of Andy and Helen Norman, Ludlow Lane, Palisades, 7 pm Preview, 8 pm Auction)
- 12 Palisades Soccer plays Wyckoff Wolves (TZE 10 am)
- 12 Palisades Soccer plays Paterson Rudy (TZE 12:30 pm)
- 12 Rockland Camerata (Christ Church, Sparkill, 4 pm)
- 15 Egg decorating (Palisades Free Library, 4-5:30 pm)
- 19 Palisades Soccer plays Paterson El Salvador (TZE, 10 am)
- 22 Film (Palisades Library, 1:30 pm)
- 23 Senior Citizens (Community Center, Oak Tree Rd., 2 pm)
- 26 Palisades Soccer plays Woodcliffe Lake (Away, 10 am)
- 26 Palisades Soccer plays Paterson U.D.S. (TZE, 1 pm)
- 29 DeCoupage (Palisades Free Library, 4-5:30 pm)

PALISADES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Art Show and auction will be held at Palisades Church Saturday, May 2, 1981, 10-4 pm featuring works of Rockland Artists and Craftspeople. This event is planned to help support the costs of the Church restoration and beautification. The show and sale will be an opportunity to see and obtain unusually attractive bargains.

All types of arts and craft works are welcomed -- prints, oils, acrylics, water colors, silk screen, ceramics, costume jewelry, macrame, calligraphy, etc. Please call any of the following committee members to arrange for pick-up: Jack Algert 359-1196; Robert A. Burcaw 359-1399; Pamela Fremont 358-8440; Fred Griffing 353-0619; Marie Heinemann 359-2725; Karen Jefferies 359-1146; Phillip Murphy 359-2009; Carol Neil 358-6391; Ernest Quick 359-2692; Jennifer Shapiro 359-5660.

CONCERT

The ROCKLAND CAMERATA, a group of 30 singers from all parts of Rockland County, directed by Dr. Wm. Reese of Piermont, will perform in concert with orchestra on Sunday April 12 at 4:00 pm at Christ Church in Sparkill. Music of composers Pergolesi, Hammerschmidt, Thomas, Zimmerman, Kreiger, Baextehude and Pepping, will be performed. This is a real treat for those who like vocal music at its best. Palisades residents performing are: Sopranos, Sue Freil, Irene Frederick; Alto, Barbara McIntyre; Basses, Shawn Frederick and Jack Hoffmeister.

The program is open to the public free, but a donation to help cover expenses will be appreciated.

I. FREDERICKS

(Mildred Rippey)

farmer in 1854 and had many acres in Palisades. His prime crops were apples and strawberries. (I had one of the pint strawberry baskets with his initials A.P. lettered on it.)

During the strawberry season from early June to July 4, as many as 8,000,000 basketsful of strawberries from my great-grandfather's farm and other farms in Rockland and Orange Counties were shipped down the river to New York City every night but Saturday and Sunday. Abraham took his produce down the hill in a wagon to Sneden's Landing and drove out on the 150 foot pier in the Hudson where it was loaded on small boats and taken out to the channel to be put on large boats and shipped to New York City. Sometimes people made the trip on those boats. This happy arrangement continued until the Erie Railroad came through in 1859. Then the pier was no longer used. Abraham's beautiful strawberries and apples were shipped to the city by rail freight.

When each of Abraham's eight children married, they were given an acre or two of land on which to build a house. Two of great-grandfather's children were builders. In 1865, my great-uncle, Henry, built the house in which I live. Six of the children built their houses all in a row (Oak Tree Road). The other two chose different spots on great-grandfather's acreage. When I was a little girl, seven years old, my father, Andrew Post, bought Uncle Henry's house in 1908 for \$900.00.

My life followed an even pattern -- school which was two doors away and also built by my great uncle, Henry, Sunday School at both churches, Presbyterian in the A.M. and Methodist-Episcopal in the afternoon. (I read somewhere that 100 children attended Sunday School.) We had picnics in the summer, sleigh rides and hay rides in the winter, weekly trips to the library -- all the things that children did in those lovely peaceful days in quiet little towns. The library was a good one, organized at the turn of the century by a rich woman who loved books and wanted us to love them too. She started with a nucleus of 200 books set up in one of the houses she owned by the river. When in 1891 the library moved up the hill to the Big House, it became a

community center where we held plays and exhibits and looked at stereoptican slides and watched prestidigitators (magicians). On Twelfth Night we ate ice cream made in molds and tasty iced cakes.

I was happy to be allowed to go to the library in the early evening and stay until closing time, 9 o'clock. I helped the dear librarian close up and we walked down the road together in the soft warm dark with her lantern casting a small path before us. There were no street lights, no paved roads, no cars, just us and the crickets.

In those long ago days the seasons seemed more sharply defined -- three months of spring, three of summer, three of fall and three of winter. We had ice skating all winter. There was a huge pond just below our back field. I could put on my skates at home and walk down to it. The young boys built bonfires around the edge of the pond but they didn't warm me. Very soon I would run home. More than skating I believe I enjoyed the sleigh-riding parties and sledding down the hills on bob sleds.

Then spring would arrive at its appointed time around March 21st. The air became balmy, the mud gooey, and the birds came back to Palisades. This was known as the "mud season." Cars (when they finally came on the scene) got stuck in the mud on spring Sundays on the so-called "Boulevard" (now 9-W) and my uncle and cousins pulled them out with their great team of horses and block and tackle. We all watched and as the cars drove off we shouted, "Get a horse." Playing marbles was the thing in the spring, also snap the whip and Redrover, and to our great joy we shed our heavy winter clothes such as long drawers and serge sailor suits.

In the spring, as regular as clockwork, the gypsies came to Palisades. They camped below Oak Tree Hill and each day went through the town looking for handouts of money and food. They read palms and told fortunes if anyone was brave enough to let them come close. They were, generally speaking, a thieving lot and stole anything from jewelry to horses if they could get away with it. They saved most of their really good thefts until they were ready to move on. Sometimes they were caught but not often. To be continued...

PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

## April Events for Children

Calligraphy Workshop: Wednesdays, Apr. 1, 8. Ages 8 and up. Please bring clipboard for your convenience. Materials fee \$2.00.

Egg Decorating: Wednesday, April 15, 4-5:30 pm. All ages. Please bring your own eggs.

Film showing: April 22, 1:30 pm. All ages. Red Balloon, 34 min. Cream of the Beatles, 17 min. Gulliver's Travels, 77 min.

Decoupage: April 29. All ages. 4-5:30 pm.

Along with a long list of best sellers and notable books for 1980, some of the recent acquisitions you will find on the library shelves are: *Uneasy Victorian: Thackeray the Man* by A. Monsarrat; *Fin de Siecle Vienna* by Carl Schorske; *American Architecture, Westchester County, N.Y.*, *Corridors of Time* by Ron Redfern; *Personal Impressions* by Leah Berlin; *Nathaniel Hawthorne in His Times* by James Mellow; *Maida Heatter's Book of Great Chocolate Desserts*; *Alice James* by Jean Strouse.

Yes, the library also has the latest "Thomas Register of American Manufacturers".

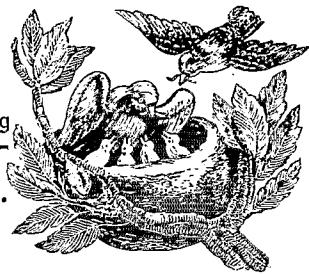
National Library Week will be celebrated with a L.A.R.C. (Library Association of Rockland County) Library Exhibit and display at the Nanuet Mall -- April 8 - 13.

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Spring is Here

Plan now to get your plants, seeds, and garden supplies at the annual spring plant sale, sponsored by the Palisades Free Library on Sat. May 9, 1981. A raffle, a table of locally prepared baked goods, a used book sale, grilled hamburgers, franks and other refreshments make the local event a fun thing!

We always need more volunteer help -- so call the library now to offer your talents or make a favorite dish for the food table.



## (Trucks)

you have the time, please send a letter to Volvo and the trucking company asking them to comply with the 5 ton trucking limit on Oak Tree Road. A copy of this issue will be sent to both companies asking them to comply and also asking them to respond to our request. We intend to publish the names of any trucking companies who abuse this law. If you see trucks abusing this law, please send us their names and if possible their destination, and we will publish this in future issues. Perhaps more pressure from the residents of Palisades will result in compliance with this regulation.

The driver was given a summons and admitted to Nyack Hospital.

Thank you all for your remembrances and contributions to 10964. We especially want to express our thanks to the following people who sent their checks this month: Robert & Gloria Bertolotti, Marie & Arthur J. Firestone, Percy & Grace Hill, Harry & Elizabeth Moody, Jr., Palisades Presbyterian Church, Isabel & Kenneth Pepper, Mildred L. Rippey, and Molly Mason Samett.

Please keep those wonderful notes and checks coming in. We do so appreciate them both and we'll do our best to make 10964 as good as possible.

PALISADES SENIOR CITIZENS

The Palisades Senior Citizens have many interesting programs and projects in the offering. In the near future we are planning a musical concert. This will be a one person performance, but the artist is excellent and should turn out to be most delightful. A lot of us are opera buffs. We appreciate classical music, and popular music is always enjoyable. As a matter of fact usually when we have someone play on the ivories we all join in singing the oldies, but still goodies. We are planning our rummage sale for Sat., May 16, 1981. The hours haven't been decided as yet, but we will keep you informed. We hope that you will be kind enough to save any of your things in good condition for our sale. We can accept clothing, bric-a-brac, small furniture, jewelry, art work, childrens toys, etc.

We all mourn the death of Jean Whitney. We will miss her and our sincere deepest sympathy is extended to her family. Some of our members are slowly but surely recovering from the severe winter weather and the Bug virus that was going around. With the coming of the nice weather we should once again have full house at our meetings. Don't be bashful, come to one of our meetings. We may be able to provide whatever it is that you are looking for. You know the welcome mat is out on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, except July and August and November and December. Hope to see you at one of our meetings.

Laura E. Ebmeyer  
President

"HELPFUL TIPS"

If you should ever be audited by I.R.S., you would need receipts and special information at your fingertips. Do you know what to keep and what to throw away? There is a helpful booklet #552 available free from your nearest I.R.S. office or call 352-8900 and ask for "Record Keeping Requirements -- a list of tax publications." Take advantage of offer and be prepared.

If you have a helpful tip or suggestion on food, health, home, garden or a general topic that you'd care to share with your neighbors, please send it to Marilyn Solimine, 10964, P.O. Box 201, Palisades.

## THE ROCKLAND PROJECT SCHOOL - AN ALTERNATIVE

The Project School, located in Rockland Lake State Park, was started twelve years ago by four South Orangetown public school teachers, three of whom were Palisades residents. These three, Norman and Joyce Baron, and Alice Gerard, are still with the school, teaching and running it as co-directors. Part time people -- a Lamont scientist, an Alexander therapist and an artist -- and parents are also part of the school environment. Over the years a number of children from Palisades have attended the school.

This year the school has thirty-five students between the ages of five and thirteen. Classes are scheduled all day long. Among those offered are biology, reading, Spanish, script, piano, band, math (at all levels), Medieval history, creative writing, sports, and ceramics. The school is ungraded, which means that students are able to be in any class where they can keep up with the work done. Some classes make agreements to attend daily and do homework. Others are less formal.

Some children are busy all day in classes. Others spend two or three hours a day in class and choose to be free the rest of the time. Activities -- right now maple sugaring, hatching chick eggs, working on a play -- go on during the day, not as scheduled classes but as independent activities overseen by teachers. The younger children have their own area, with blocks, a playhouse, dress-ups and guinea pigs as a setting for their play. Older students are often busy in the shop -- two doll houses are being built -- or in the office, practicing the piano.

Children come to the school for many different reasons. Some parents trust their children to make choices about what they will learn, and want them in a school where that is possible. Other children arrive because they don't fit the public school norm. Gifted children are able to learn much faster than the public schools will allow them to. Many children have individual learning problems, need patient, skilled teaching in small classes or individually. Sometimes they're outside playing kickball, or building dams in the rain.

It's hard to contain all of this activity inside a philosophy. The school was started in 1969 as an idealistic experiment to give children freedom, partially based on the English school "Summerhill." However, it has evolved into a place uniquely itself, where students experience learning in disciplined, structured ways as well as in creative explorations of many kinds.

ALICE GERARD

## COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Congratulations to our new board officers: Eileen Larkin, V.P., and Estelle Sollish, Sec'y., and a thank you to outgoing Pres. Judy Englander, and Treasurer Reginald Thayer for their dedicated and untiring efforts. They will continue on the board as active members.

Community response to the membership letter was most enthusiastic. Those who have not yet responded please do so. Your support is vital.

Proposed plans for teenage activities will need money and materials. Any pin ball machines looking for a new home? Ping pong table? This type of equipment is sorely needed. We are still exploring the possibilities of a Friday movie night. A youth board is also being formed to help organize a future Dance-a-Thon.

Game Night: will reopen in April, Wed. 8-10.

Exercise Night: continues Wed. 7-8.

Proposed Dance-a-Thon: May.

Pre-school - Adult dance classes, Sept.

Our sincerest thanks to the Town of Orangetown for their much needed gift of window shades for the Center. They will be very much appreciated. Please support your Community Center.

E. SOLLISH

### BURGLARY FOLLOW-UP

Resident of Oak Tree Road was robbed the end of February. Family was away at the time of burglary. Please call the police dept. (359-3700) if you see anything in your area that appears suspicious. The police will respond and investigate.

### HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to Lou Frederick. The National Academy of Television Arts and Science has awarded him his third Emmy for his work at the 1980 Winter Olympics at Lake Placid.

The Middle School students, under the direction of Jean Brock, will present the play, Oliver Twist on April 3rd and 4th at 8 pm. We are very proud of Rob Vickerman of Route 340 who will perform the title role of "Oliver."

# 10964 GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION

Enjoy an evening of entertainment and painless fund raising for 10964. Make us an offer we can't refuse on a private U.N. tour & lunch, jewelry, travel case, swimming party & lunch for 4, china, 5 Tae Kwon Do karate lessons, paperweight, Lancôme makeover, electric fryer, physician's house call, Mexican dinner for 6, violin lesson, catamaran sail on the Hudson, framed photograph, baked fresh fruit dessert, Norwegian sweater, picnic lunch & lakeside hike for 4, Rosenthal vase, books, photographic portrait, lasagna dinner for 4, children's swimming lessons, painting, weekend of baby sitting for 3, print, day's sail on the 'Thistle', camera, 2 hours yard work, antique appraisal, Italian lesson, Chinese dinner for 6, wine, pottery, and numerous 'Yes, I want to do/donate something but haven't decided what yet.' Call 359-7144 and confirm now!

April 11th at the Normans on Ludlow Lane  
7pm wine and hor d'oeuvres - 8pm auction  
\$1.00 suggested donation for refreshments

# GOODS & SERVICES AUCTION 10964

CALENDAR EVENTS - ARTS

Saturday, April 4 from 10 am - 5 pm is Heirloom Appraisal Day at the Rockland Center for the Arts, 27 South Greenbush Road, West Nyack. Four antique experts from Christie's, the famed auction house, will provide verbal identification and appraisal of your heirloom for \$5.00 per item. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Rockland Center for the Arts.

Art from the Holocaust will be on exhibition from April 12 through May 3. Andrew Ackerman, curator of the exhibit and Director of Education Programs, Jewish Museum NYC will give two gallery talks at the opening April 12 at 1:30 and 3:00. Dates for films and lectures concurrent with the exhibition will be announced. Call the center 358-0877 for further information and reservations. Gallery hours: Monday thru Saturday 10-4, Sunday 1-4.

American sculptor Hana Geber will give a sculpture workshop at the center beginning Wed. April 1. Fee is \$75 General Public, \$67.50 Center Members, Center Students and Senior Citizens.

Tappan Zee Concert Series announces that Mezzo-Soprano Jan De Gaetani will sing on Friday April 3 at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$5.50 General, \$4.50 Students, Members and Senior Citizens.

Calligraphers of all levels can make an alphabet tree at a workshop on Sunday April 5 from 10 am to 4 pm with Janet Mayone. The fee is \$22 General; \$20 Center Members Students and Senior Citizens. Reservation necessary. 358-0877.

SPECIALTIES

The Blue Onion (a gift shop). There mingled with antiques where they are "put upon" are some truly delightful hand picked accent pieces for every decor. A SPECIAL PLACE, 99 Main Street, Tappan (opp. '76 House) 359-0801. Closed Monday.

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WANTED -- piano in good condition. We'll pay for moving. N. Hall 359-6237.

FOUND -- a watch in the Community Center. Person who lost this item please call Judy Englander at 359-8098.

FOR SALE -- 5 piece traditional cherry bedroom set. Asking \$350. Eberle 359-2915.

PALISADES SOCCER TEAM REPORT

The response to the club's appeal for financial help from the Palisades community has been very, very encouraging. The members of the team thank all of you who donated money and again reiterate our plea to all Palisades residents to aid in supporting your hamlet's only adult-level sports competition.

Tappan Zee Elementary School will be our home field this spring, an excellent facility with good drainage. The Bergen County Amateur Soccer Association has released our spring schedule, which is published below. We urge any and all soccer fans to come out each Sunday and root for Palisades. A splendid time is guaranteed for everyone.

Sunday, Mar. 29, 10 am, Opponent Upper Saddle River, Site: Away; Sunday Mar. 29, 1 pm, Opp. Cresskill United, Home\*; Sunday April 5, 12:30 pm, Teaneck Roots, Home; Sunday April 12, 10 am, Wyckoff Wolves, Home; Sunday April 12, 12:30 pm, Paterson Rudy, Home; Sunday April 19, 10 am, Paterson El Salvador, Home; Sunday April 26, 10 am, Woodcliff Lake, Away; Sunday April 26, 1 pm, Paterson U.D.S., Home; Sunday May 3, 10 am, Paterson Athletic Grau, Away; Sunday May 10, 10 am, Glen Rock, Home; Sunday May 10, 12:30 pm, Closter, Home; Sunday May 17, 10 am, River Vale Eagles, Away.

(\*Tappan Zee Elementary School, located just north of the viaduct on Route 9W in Piermont, New York.)

After the regular season ends, there will be league cup games, and perhaps a small tournament organized by our team. Anyone interested in helping with the team operation and/or helping establish a youth team please contact: Shawn Frederick (3194) or any team member. Thank you. See you at the games.

Palisades, New York Soccer Club, Box 627, Palisades, NY 10964.

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10964 welcomes news items, notices of births, marriages, awards, and any and all accounts of events which are important to you. Please call a staff member with your announcement or drop a note to 10964, Box 201, Palisades, NY. Deadline for May issue is April 10th. (10964 reserves the right to edit material for publication.)

If at any time you do not receive your copy of 10964, call Eileen Larkin (6589).

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