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*This is the last of a three-part installment of Mildred Rippey's manuscript GROWING UP IN PALISADES. It also includes her sensitive poem A CHILD REMEMBERS, composed by her about her witnessing of the 1909 re-enactment of Henry Hudson's voyage up the Hudson on it's 300th Anniversary.*

When I was 8 years old in 1909, the 300th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery of our beautiful river was celebrated. Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steamboat, was included in this celebration, although he came long after Henry Hudson. I was taken out on the cliffs to see the replicas of the Henry Hudson and the Clermont ply their way up the river. We brought our lunch and asked the lady who owned the house out on the cliff if we could sit on her lawn. It was a fine day with a cloudless sky, the two boats coming up the sparkling river festooned with blue and gold bunting. I have never forgotten how I felt. Many years later I wrote a verse about that day. My friend Mary Ellen Chase of the "White Gate" says, "...for all of us as children possess an instinctive capacity for wonder, for quick surprise... which redeems mere events in the beginning of our lives and actually decides the wealth or poverty of our later thoughts and therefore, the nature of ourselves."

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I loved my little two-room schoolhouse. I lived so close to it that I could start off when the last bell rang and get there on time. I won prizes for perfect attendance and for never being late, much to the chagrin of my schoolmates who said, "But Mildred lives right on top of the school!" In retrospect my first school day was hilarious but at the time I was near to tears. My mother took me to school that morning and left before I had been assigned a seat. We had what was called "assembly"; marching around the room, singing, saluting the flag and then being seated for prayer, two in a seat. When assembly was over the teacher, an old man (by my standards), told me to sit

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## TRUCK BAN

In 1978 the N.Y. Department of Transportation issued a regulation banning heavy trucks (10 tons or over) from Routes 9W and 340 in Orangetown because of the danger such large trucks pose to residents in the area of these two roads, which are essentially residential in character. Trucks making deliveries or pick-ups in the towns along these roads were exempted from the ban.

In 1979 the Department of Transportation modified the ban to allow heavy trucks making deliveries or pick-ups anywhere in Orangetown to use these two residential roads.

Because of our concern over the continuing onslaught of speeding heavy trucks in the area, despite the ban, a group of Palisades residents conducted a heavy truck count at the intersection of 9W and Oak Tree Rd. on May 1, 1981 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. During that period, the group counted 202 heavy trucks on 9W. This included 18 wheel tractor-trailer rigs, 14 wheel tractor-trailer rigs, flatbed trucks, tanker trucks, container trucks and dump trucks. Because of the speed at which the trucks were travelling and the fact that the majority were unmarked, we were unable to record all the names. Some of the names we did record were: Acme Fast Freight, G.K. Technologies, Global Sysco, Vank Waste (Albany, N.Y.), F&P Carting (Secaucus, N.J.), Texaco, CIT, Built-Rite Juvenile Products, Kimberly-Clark, Sunshine Biscuits, Sea-Land

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## PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

Get summer off to an exciting start with an entire week of activities scheduled for children from June 22 through 26. See calendar below to sign up for the unusual and varied programs offered this year.

Our summer reading game (Sail Away With Books) will be held again this year. Register from June 22 through July 2 (10 am - 1 pm). Flier with details available at library desk.

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## CALENDAR

June	1-22	Registration for Rockland Center for the Arts adult and team workshop
	3	SCHOOL BOARD AND BUDGET VOTE (Tappan Zee Elementary School, Rte. 9W, Piermont, 1-10 pm)
	15	Palisades Library summer hours begin
22-Jul	2:	Registration for library Reading Game (Palisades Free Library, 10 am-1 pm)
22-26		Storytime for pre-school children (Palisades Free Library, 10-10:30 am)
22		Tie Dye/Batik. 6 years and up (Palisades Free Library, 10:30-12 noon)
23		Films: "Prince & the Pauper," "Kontiki," and "Kid and Catspaw", 97 mins. (Palisades Free Library, 10:30 am)
24		Nature walk (if weather permits)(meet Palisades Free Library)
24		Charcoal rubbings (Palisades Free Library, 10:30-12 noon)
25		Films: "Cinderella," "Magic Well," and "A Lad and a Lamp," 105 mins. (Palisades Free Library, 10:30 am)
26		Stamp Printing (Palisades Free Library, 10:30-12 noon)

(Library)

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

Monday/Thursday 10 am-1 pm and 5 pm-9 pm.  
Friday 10 am-1 pm.  
(Effective June 15 through Sept. 14).  
Library closed July 3rd for Independence Day.

For your summer leisure, the library has many interesting new books on photography, nature, travel (Lem Britter Memorial Collection), gardening, cooking and crafts.

LIBRARY NOTES

PLANT SALE - A beautiful spring day, a very large turnout, and a fantastic display of color combined to produce a 'record' financial result for our local library.

Josephine Cole and Diane Langmuir, Co-chairpersons for the event, express their thanks to the many local residents who helped in planning the sale -- assisting at the tables, the raffle, and a special thanks to those who prepared items for the food tables.

DANCE - The Palisades Library Dance, usually held in June, has now been scheduled for Saturday, October 17th. The Committee, headed by Jean Levesque and Lillian Langseth, is making a special effort to arrange for the dance to be held within Palisades. Watch for future announcements with more details.

LETTER TO PALISADES

The officers and men of the John Paulding Engine Company (Sparkill-Palisades Fire District) would like to thank the residents of Palisades for their overwhelming response during our recent fund drive. The contributions that have been received so far will go toward the every day operation of your fire department. It is our wish to serve you in the future as we have for the past 75 years.

WILLIAM SULLIVAN,  
SECRETARY  
PALISADES

BURGLARY FOLLOW-UP

Van taken from driveway of home on Washington Spring Road. A residence on 9W was burglarized for the third time.

PALISADES CHURCH ART AUCTION

Despite gloomy weather, the Palisades Church Art Auction on Saturday, May 2nd was a financial success. A group of lucky people acquired many fine works of art by local craftspersons. Oil paintings, water colors, serigraphs, photos, ceramics, basketry and enameled art sold for exceptional prices and netted the Church more than \$2,500 to be used for painting and refurbishing of the Church structure.

The Committee extends sincere thanks to the many artists who contributed works and the art enthusiasts who supported this fund raising event.

(Truck Ban) ... (name on trailers towed by tractors bearing the name V.P.A. Trucking), Kramer Chemicals, J.M. Marc Transportation, Tober (Rhode Is.), National Freight and Borden.

We cannot say with certainty that all 202 of these heavy trucks were in violation of the ban. That can only be determined if the police stop them. We are planning to ask the Orangetown Police Dept. to step up it's enforcement of the ban.

During the 12-hour truck count the Orangetown Police were in evidence most of the time. We saw them stop several passenger cars but we did not see them stop any of the heavy trucks.

Twelve of the 202 heavy trucks on 9W turned onto Oak Tree Rd., or turned from Oak Tree Rd. onto 9W. The truck weight limit on Oak Tree Rd. is 5 tons. We also counted 25 trucks over 5 tons (but under 10 tons) on Oak Tree Rd.

Copies of this article are being sent to Orangetown Police Chief Wm. Crable, Orangetown Supervisor Joseph Colello, N.Y. State Dept. of Transportation Commissioner Wm. Hennessy and N.Y. State Senator Linda Winikow.

DOSSI THAYER  
WEST HUDSON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOC.

*ED. NOTE: In a recent letter to Orangetown residents, State Senator Linda Winikow states that she will continue to fight with the help of our petitions and letters for the integrity of the ban. Senator Winikow wrote and passed the original legislation causing the ban to be imposed, and firmly believes that "the actions of the trucking firms fall into the category of scare tactics and harassment."*

(Mildred Rippey)

up front until he found a seat for me. I sat where I was told, under some geranium plants that were on a shelf above me. They had recently been watered and the water poured down on me. I didn't complain nor move an inch. I was quite wet when I was finally given a seat. After a while we had recess and, hoping school was over, I ran home. My mother hugged me and sent me back in dry clothes. After I graduated from the 8th grade I had to walk a mile or so to take the train to high school. There they did not welcome boys and girls from out of town and made life miserable for us. I suffered and hated to wake up in the morning and face the day because I knew I had to go to school. We all marched from the basement to our classrooms every day, and since I was a poor marcher even to good music, I was constantly pulled (yanked) out of line and made to march up by myself. I stood on the landing beside the teacher until everyone had marched upstairs. Then I did my marching. It makes me sweat to think of it even now. However, there was one compensation, I had four years of Latin with an excellent teacher.

World War I started when I was in high school. It didn't seem to upset our quiet routine - at least not at first. When we became involved and "our" boys went overseas it brought it closer to home. I said a sad farewell to one young man who never came back. He worked for a

florist in Palisades and before he left he brought me some forget-me-nots which he helped me plant and he took me for a ride in my grandfather's surrey. I watered my forget-me-nots with my tears when I heard he had been killed in action. Soon we were making bandages, doing Red Cross stints and selling Liberty Bonds. My parents and grandparents too were staunch Democrats and of course I was also. Mama adored President Wilson - I even thought she looked like him! She used to say that he had "been here before". We were broken-hearted when his League of Nations failed and he came home to die. I took part in a torchlight parade to reelect him when he was running for President for the second time. We drove all over the county with teams of horses carrying great poles with kerosene lights on them.

The war ended with two armistice days - a premature one and a real one. We were more excited the first time when we were dismissed from school and joined a big parade shouting and singing all the war songs.

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So I lived through my peaceful adolescence, my stormy middle-essence, and now I am well into my exciting obsolescence. As Bernard Baruch has said, "I will never be old. To me old age is always fifteen years older than I am.

SO BE IT

"A CHILD REMEMBERS"  
Hudson-Fulton Exposition 1909

Out on the cliffs in the deep, dark wood  
There's a hole in the ground where a castle stood,  
And the weeds grow lush, and the trees grow tall,  
And no one ever comes there at all.

But, long ago there was a day  
When the castle was beautiful and gay,  
The view from the cliffs was an artist's dream,  
With the river flowing calm and serene.

A little girl with cheeks aglow.  
Watched the boats on the water below.  
She saw Henry Hudson's "Half Moon" that day  
And Fulton's "Clermont" puffing away.

There were the "Half Moon's" blue and gold sails  
That had weathered many historic gales,  
The gallant "Clermont" steaming alongside,  
Its paddle wheel turning with the tide.

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A mist came up from the river soon,  
And it all disappeared like Brigadoon.  
The little girl left the spot in tears,  
And dreamed about it for many years.

She waits - for she knows the boats will return,  
And up the river again they'll churn,  
The castle will spring from the ground, and then  
She'll be a little girl again.

ARTS AND LETTERS

GRACE KNOWLTON is showing a photographic series entitled *WHITE CORNERS* through June 13th at the Aaron Berman Gallery, 50 W. 57th St., New York (212)757-7630. The work of this consistently innovative artist has taken a new direction well worth looking in on.

JACQUELYN DRECHSLER, flutist, has brought together a group of accomplished musicians under the name "Bach's Children Ensembles" who form a variety of vocal and instrumental solos, duos, trios and quartets -- to provide music for all occasions. Jackie, who had the idea and did the organizing for "Bach's Children," will be happy to mail you a brochure or answer any questions if you write to her at Box 555, Palisades, or call 3112.

Congratulations to ROBERT VICKERMAN and NANCY KALAYDJIAN of Palisades, and HALLIE ARNOLD and JOANNA SHAPIRO (former Palisadians) for an outstanding performance in the South Orangetown Junior High School production of *OLIVER*.

JEAN BROCK, who formerly directed the Shakespeare Theatre and now teaches at the Junior High, received a standing ovation as director of *OLIVER* -- her sixth student production.

JOAN KONNER reports that she is finishing up her third year as Executive Producer of Bill Moyer's Journal. The season concludes with some very fine awards for Bill Moyers and the series, among them the Columbia Du Pont Award (1980), an Emmy, and the Peabody Award for *The MX Debate*. The schedule ends in June with an interview with Dame Rebecca West, noted author and critic, and *An Essay on Iran* which reflects upon events in Iran and what we might learn from them.

ANDREA WILLIAMS is looking for artists interested in accompanying her on "woodland drawing walks" to sketch the flora and fauna of early summer. She can be reached at 6235.

ROCKLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS Summer School Program for adults and teens begins classes June 26 and includes instruction in the Visual Arts, Craft Disciplines, Movement courses, and Literary Crafts. Registration is currently underway and continues through June 22, either in person or by mail.

The Center is also offering the 20th session of the Summer Program for Children. Two sessions will be offered in July and August for children from 5 to 12. Very good reports have come back about this

program which combines the creative and performing arts with athletics: it offers teachers of the highest caliber and still leaves some summer days open for the child to discover new experiences on his or her own. The program tries to give the child valid art experiences as well as provide a well rounded schedule of athletic activity. For more information and a full brochure of what is offered call the Center at 358-0877.

LOIS RICH McCOY is anxious to locate couples, for a *Family Circle* article, who were divorced at some point and, years later, remarried. Please call her at 359-4744.

LYNNE AUBREY SEIDLER

HAPPENINGS

Charlie Miras is back home from the hospital and welcoming visitors. Please call 1720.

Congratulations to the following Palisades children who have won Regents College Scholarships this year. The scholarships are effective as of the 1981-82 academic year and carry an award of \$250 a year for up to five years of study in an approved program in New York State.

ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL: Thomas Fenn will attend St. Bonaventure.

ROSARY ACADEMY: Rosemary Albin will attend Albany State.

TAPPAN ZEE HIGH SCHOOL: Karen Hovsepian will attend Cornell; Diane Kalaydjian, Binghamton; Christopher Landriau, Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio (Chris also won a \$100 scholarship from the Morning Music Club); Mark Pawlowski, Rochester Institute of Technology.

Our Lady of Sacred Heart in Tappan (OLSH) is proud of their girls' Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball team and their boys' high school CYO team. The Debs won the county title and the boys won the county title, the upstate championship and then went on to become runners up for the state finals. Jean Guiney of Rte. 340 received the Ed Casey Sportsmanship award.

Born to Karen and Barry Burcaw, a girl, Lauren Morgan, at Louisville, Kentucky, March 30th. Karen is formerly from Bronxville, New York and Barry Burcaw is the son of Lois and Robert Burcaw of Palisades.

SPECIALTIES

*THE BLUE ONION* (a gift shop) - is a pleasant experience -- treat yourself to an unhurried atmosphere, courteousness and gifts in good taste. A special place! 99 Main Street, Tappan, N.Y. ("op" '76 House), 359-0801. Closed Mondays.

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