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WELCOME BACK 10964

The carefree days of summer are over and we look forward to another successful year of bringing the news and special events of the Palisades community to you "via" your special newsletter 10964.

The editors and staff are eager to receive your news and views and look forward to creating an even better publication this year than last.

A MEMORIAL

Palisades lost one of its most distinguished and colorful residents August 9 when Margaret Parton Hussey, correspondent in India and Japan for the New York *Herald Tribune*, died at her home in Snedens Landing after a long illness. The veteran newspaperwoman and author, who was 66 years old, was the widow of Comdr. Alfred Rodman Hussey (U.S.N., ret.).

A memorial service has been planned for Sunday, September 13 at 2 p.m. in the Rockland County Quaker Meeting House, 60 Leber Road, Blauvelt. In lieu of flowers, friends may send contributions to the Palisades Free Library Lem Britter Fund.

At a time when women correspondents were a rarity, Margaret Parton, as she was known professionally, was filing stories from remote Hunza in Central Asia, from Gandhi's funeral cortege and from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo during the Occupation. In her 12 years as a correspondent, reporter and book reviewer for the *Herald Tribune*, she covered perceptively a wide range of assignments, from politics to human drama, from U.S. military government in Japan to the celebrated murder trial of Dr. Sam Sheppard in Ohio and the formation of the United Nations in San Francisco. Her Asian beat included two years in Japan and five years in India, Burma, Ceylon, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

A forceful personality who didn't hesitate to express her opinions, she was less than enthusiastic about the current agitation on behalf of women's rights. She was rather proud of having made her way in a field that did not easily yield its male dominance. She was proud, too, that her mother, Mary Field Parton, had escaped a Victorian upbringing to become a radical labor reporter. Her father, Lemuel F. Parton, was a well-known San Francisco newspaperman and columnist.

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10964, along with the many friends and neighbors of Laura Ebmeyer, wish to offer sympathy and condolences to Laura on the passing, this summer, of her husband Edward. Ed, a resident of Palisades for many years, was familiar to us all. He will be missed.

PALISADES COMMUNITY CENTER

APPEAL FOR THE PALISADES COMMUNITY CENTER

A new paint job on the Outside, grounds and shrubs trimmed, a new driveway, curtains on all the windows, fresh coat of paint on the inside and perhaps sanded floors -- these are goals for your community center beginning in October. We recently replaced the stairs and railings on the west side of the building. The other two stair cases (rear and east side entrance) must be either replaced or repaired as soon as possible. We are looking into the cost of converting one of these entrances for the use of handicapped persons. We would like to see the building continue to be used for community activities, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and family gatherings and other uses which bring in revenue which help to offset the costs for insurance, heating, maintenance, etc. Obviously, the building is in need of a lot of tender loving care.

It was built in the 1860's and served as a school until the late 1950's. We are looking into having our building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building is structurally sound. We are making a special appeal to all members of the community to become part of this restoration which we estimate to be about \$4,000 to \$5,000. We need approximately \$3,000 to start in October. Individual memberships for the calendar year (January thru December) cost \$5.00 and family memberships cost \$10.00. We are asking members and non-members of the community center to respond generously to this appeal. On September 26th, we will hold a flea market as a fund raiser. We need volunteers.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

CALENDAR

Sept 8	Palisades Free Library winter hours begin
13	Palisades Church Sunday worship services begin again (11 am)
26	Fall Plant and Bulb Sale (Palisades Free Library, 10 am - 2 pm)
26	Rummage Sale (Palisades Community Center)

(A Memorial)

Margaret left her beloved *Herald Tribune* in 1955 to take a job as associate editor of the *Ladies Home Journal* in Philadelphia. During her seven years there her byline frequently appeared on feature stories in the magazine's series, "How America Lives."

She was the author of three books:

JOURNEY THROUGH A LIGHTED ROOM, a memoir; *THE LEAF AND THE FLAME*, a distillation of her life in India as a journalist, wife and mother, and *LAUGHTER ON THE HILL: A San Francisco Reminiscence*. She was also co-author with Dr. Paul Dudley White of his autobiography, *MY LIFE IN MEDICINE*.

Mrs. Hussey, who graduated with honors from Swarthmore College in 1937, was also a contributor to various publications, including *Mademoiselle*, *Look*, *The Reporter*, *Saturday Review*, *McCall's*, *Woman's Day*, *Reader's Digest*, and the *New York Times*. She was recognized for her outstanding work by a Pulitzer Prize nomination and by the New York Newspaper Woman's Club, the Woman's Press Club of New York City, the English-Speaking Union and the New York Newspaper Guild. In addition, she won a Benjamin Franklin Magazine Citation and the Sidney Hillman Foundation award.

Mrs. Hussey was a member of P.E.N., Overseas Press Club of America, Phi Beta Kappa, Sierra Club, Society of Friends and the Silurians. She also was a trustee of the Palisades Free Library.

In 1955, while assigned to India, Margaret Parton married Eric Britter, correspondent of *The Times* of London, from whom she was divorced. Their only child, Lem Britter, died of Leukemia when he was 17 years old.

Mrs. Hussey died in the 200-year-old farmhouse purchased by her parents in the 1920's from Mary Tonetti. Many a lively intellectual discussion has gone on under the grape arbor there overlooking a two-acre meadow. Among the visitors to the Parton home have been such figures as Carl Sandburg and Burl Ives.

Snedens Landing was important to Margaret Parton Hussey throughout her life. She returned to live here permanently after the death of Comdr. Hussey in 1964. He had been a member of the Government Section of SCAP in the Occupation of Japan and had made important contributions to the writing of the Japanese constitution. In the new phase that ensued, Margaret Parton not only continued to write but also became a consummate gardener whose flower beds were admired by all who saw them.

Ed. note: The above article was written as a fitting tribute to a very close friend by Marguerite Brown Gundlock of Closter Rd., Palisades, N.Y.

PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

FALL PLANT AND BULB SALE

Saturday September 26th - 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The traditional Fall Plant Sale will be held a bit earlier this year -- to give more time to plant bulbs and fall shrubs.

The Committee, headed by Margaret Kalaydjian and Pat O'Prey, is planning to have a greater variety of bulbs, hanging baskets and shrubs than any past sales. The event takes place on the library grounds; a rain location will be announced at a later date.

The search is on for additional volunteers to help with the bake sale, the used books table, the raffle and to help in setting up the bulb and plant tables and to assist in selling the items. Call Mrs. Kalaydjian (4781), Mrs. O'Prey (7729), or Bob Burcaw (1399) if you want to volunteer your time.

(NOTE: The Palisades Community Center is sponsoring a Rummage Sale on this same date - Saturday Sept. 26th, at the old school house.)

Library Winter Hours will be in effect Sept. 8th, 1981:

Mon./Thurs. - 3 to 9 p.m.
Thursday - 10 to Noon
Friday - 3 to 5 p.m.
Saturday - 2 to 5 p.m.

The library will be closed Monday, Sept. 7th, Labor Day.

The Photo Copier is at your service for only a dime per copy - letter or legal size.

Children's activities will resume in October.

COUPON EXCHANGE: Our coupon exchange has become a popular library service. Why not clip some coupons ~~you won't be using~~ from newspapers and magazines and bring them in. You can exchange them for as many coupons as you can use.

Check our catalogs for VHS Video Cassettes and Cassettes available for home use. Information can be obtained at the circulation desk.

BEATRICE W. AGNEW
LIBRARIAN

Congratulations to two of our Palisades organizations on their plans to share the same date for their first fall event. As both organizations are within walking distance of each other on Oak Tree Rd., it will make it easy to take advantage of both events. Lets hope this is the first in a new trend toward inter-cooperation.

THE EDITORS

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Siberian Iris (light blue or dark blue; bloom mid to late June. Four clumps \$1.00). Dutch Iris (incredible light blue; bloom most of June. Three or four for \$1.00). Day lilies (brilliant orange doubles or lemon yellow, singles; bloom later than most -- mid July into early August. Four or more for \$1.00).

These are choice varieties from our most famous gardener, the late Anna Gilman Hill. Send orders to Andrew Norman, Palisades, with checks payable to Palisades Free Library or Palisades Community Center. Will deliver.

UNCLASSIFIED

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 October issue is September 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).

SPECIALTIES ADS offer special services. CLASSIFIED ADS list items for sale, exchange, jobs wanted, houses for sale or rent, etc. Ads are free for Palisades residents. (Donations requested from businesses). Send yours to 10964, Box 201, Palisades, NY.

CLASSIFIED

TWO PEOPLE from Palisades are interested in joining a car pool to midtown New York, arrive around 8:30 am, leave around 5:30 pm. Please call 359-1625 after 7 pm. WILBER STREECH.

A MUSIC CLASS for pre-schoolers or older is being offered this fall. Emphasis will be on the enjoyment of singing, rhythms, improvisation and a rhythm band. Please contact Josephine Thatcher (6910) for further details. My training is in violin and piano and three years at the Daloroze School of Music in New York.

OAK TREE PLAYGROUP

Oak Tree Playgroup, located in the Old Palisades School, is accepting applications for fall registration. We serve the needs of children age two through kindergarten for social interaction with their peers, creative self-expression, and a gentle introduction to the world of learning.

We are open daily from 9 - 3 and can provide flexible schedules during that time period. For further information call the school (6472).

MARIANNE ARMISTEAD
DIRECTOR
OAK TREE PLAYGROUP

PALISADES CHURCH

After a summer recess, worship services will begin again on Sunday, September 13th at 11 a.m.

PALISADES SPARKILL LITTLE LEAGUE

Junior Division champs were the Yankees coached by Al Semon, Senior Division champs were the Red Sox coached by Conrad Zivic. Tournament winners for the junior division were the girls team the Panthers, coached by Bill Larkin. This is the first time a girls team won a tournament. Senior division tournament winners were the White Sox coached by Joe McKenna.

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During the summer months, two homes on Oak Tree Road and one on Horne Took Road were burglarized. Do not hesitate to call police if you suspect a burglary is in progress: 359-3700.

PALISADES SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The Palisades, New York, Senior Citizens Club will resume meetings on Thursday, Sept. 10, 1981. We meet at the Palisades Community Center on Oak Tree Road from 2 PM to 4 PM. We hope to see all of the members of the club and hopefully some new members at our first meeting. Except for July and August when there are no meetings and one meeting in the months of November and December, we meet from 2 PM to 4 PM every 2nd Thursday of the month.

The meetings are informative and pleasant, we even manage to enjoy ourselves. All it requires to become a member is that you are a resident of South Orangetown, 60 years of age, and do not have dual membership in any other Senior Citizen Club. There are always refreshments and on occasion we splurge and have goodies galore, entertainment, films, speakers, and many other things that give us pleasure. The welcome mat is out, we do not stand on formality, there are no long speeches, we just make friends with our neighbors and enjoy each others company.

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