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## WEST HUDSON ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOC.

In a recent conversation with Sgt. Johnson of the Orangetown Police Dept. on the status of our request for a reduced speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on Oak Tree and Closter Roads, we were told it is questionable whether it is legal to go below the Town's 30 mph limit unless a school zone is involved, which is no longer the case here. Sgt. Johnson said the Town Attorney wants to check the legality of such a change before it can go to the Town Board for approval.

In the meantime Sgt. Johnson informed us additional signs posting the existing 30 mph limit will be erected at various locations along Oak Tree and Closter Roads; if the limit is reduced the signs will then be changed to show the new speed limit.

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## THE PALISADES ASSOCIATION

In 1980 the Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals granted Nicolet Scientific Corporation a zoning variance and special permit for the construction of a factory in an area zoned for Office/Laboratory use on 9-W in Palisades opposite the Palisades Interstate Park.

The Palisades Association felt that the variance and special permit had been improperly granted and would adversely affect property values and the character of the area. It would also increase traffic congestion and noise and would very likely be the forerunner of a 70 acre industrial area extending from 9-W to Rte. 340.

Therefore, the Palisades Association retained attorney J. Martin Cornell to challenge the Board's action.

In a brief filed with N.Y. State Supreme Court Judge Theodore A. Kelly in November, 1980, Mr. Cornell pointed out that while the Board has power to issue special permits and variances it can do so only if evidence has been presented that certain standards will be maintained, that the proposed use of the

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## PALISADES COMMUNITY CENTER

The annual meeting of members of the Palisades Community Center will be held on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Community Center. The agenda will include the election of directors, the election of a nominating committee to prepare a slate to be voted on at the 1983 annual meeting, voting on proposed new by-laws, a progress report on our building restoration project, and other matters which the members might wish to discuss.

A notice of the meeting has been mailed to all persons who were members as of the date of the mailing, along with copies of the proposed new by-laws and ballots. The ballots may be mailed in or voted in person at the meeting.

In keeping with past practices, persons who were not members at the time of the mailing, and therefore did not receive the mailing, may vote at the meeting or by mail, after paying their dues (thereby becoming members) at any time prior to the meeting. Currently the dues are \$5 per person or \$10 per family (\$3 per person for senior citizens).

In recent issues of 10964, we have reported on our building restoration fund. We are pleased to report that this has

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## PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

OPEN HOUSE & ANNUAL MEETING at the Palisades Free Library, Sunday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Guest Speaker: Ernest Quick, local author, expert on antiques and collectibles. Refreshments will be served. Copies of the Annual Report will be available and a ballot box will be at the desk for the election of two Trustees.

Residents of Palisades, eighteen and over, are eligible to vote. (Voting hours 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.).

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THE 3RD PALISADES LIBRARY SEMINAR on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 3:30 p.m. will be led by Dr. Barry Raleigh, the new Director at Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory. Dr. Raleigh, previously with the United States Geological Survey at Menlo Park, Calif., and a distinguished scientist specializing in earthquake research, will discuss the current frontiers

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## CALENDAR

Jan. 17	Library Seminar - Barry Raleigh (Palisades Free Library, 3:30 p.m.)
24	Annual Meeting, Palisades Community Center (Center, 2 p.m.)
31	Open House and Annual Meeting (Palisades Free Library, 2-4 p.m.)

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premises will not adversely affect the character of the area or property values in the area, and that there would be no impairment of public health, safety, morals, convenience, comfort, prosperity and general welfare. The brief also noted that the granting of the special permit was "illegal, capricious, arbitrary and an abuse of power," and that the granting of the variance was "illegal, arbitrary and capricious."

In May, 1981, Judge Kelly's decision annulled the special permit and variance, noting that the required evidence that the factory would not adversely affect the area had not been submitted by the applicant.

In 1973 in a similar situation regarding a proposed chain factory on the same property, Mr. Cornell also successfully challenged a special permit which had been improperly granted. Once again factory use in an area zoned for Office/Laboratory has been fore-stalled.

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Jan. 10-30 a members' exhibit will be held at the Rockland Center for the Arts. Each member is invited to contribute one piece. Also at the center, in the Heaton Gallery, is an exhibition by members of the photography department. Classes on all levels are offered in photography, and the recently completed darkroom facility will be available at a modest fee to Rockland County photographers. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. except Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

The center's series of chamber music concerts continues with a program by the Tappan Zee Chamber players, Jan. 8, at 8:30 p.m. Call 358-0877 for further information.

Last month Claudette Lynch helped to produce a light sculpture illumination of the White House by light sculptor, Joe Strand for a series of photographs by Dudley Gray.

LYNNE AUBREY SEIDLER

Joan Konner announces the engagement of her daughter, Rosemary, to Robert Steinbaum, an attorney. Rosemary, daughter also of Jack Konner of Ridgefield, Conn., is head of the English Department at St. Edward's School, Vero Beach, Florida. Mr. Steinbaum is an assistant U.S. Attorney in New Jersey. A spring wedding is planned.

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of the Earth Sciences and Lamont-Doherty's very special role in exploring them.

Many of us in Palisades do not realize that the Lamont-Doherty Observatory is an extraordinary institution, renowned for its contributions to what has in effect been a scientific revolution -- the theory of plate tectonics and continental drift, a theory that has radically changed the way we think about our environment and our natural resources, energy not least among them.

The second seminar, on Dec. 14, was led by Joan Konner, who discussed the role of a producer in news and documentary television. She drew on her own work as producer, editor and writer to illustrate her themes, showing tapes of three of her shows: an eye-opening and frightening NBC documentary on nuclear waste, a polished essay by Bill Moyers for his Channel 13 Journal that dramatized the discontents and organization of the Moral Majority as a political force early on in the last Presidential campaign; and a charming and memorable interview she produced (Bill Moyers again) with the spirited and witty Dame Rebecca West. The tapes were specially edited for the Seminar.

The Seminar was given a certain poignance by the fact that many Palisades residents have never had the opportunity to see these programs, and by the cable company's present rate of progress, it seems they never will. Joan Konner and Al Perimutter have taken the lead in trying to persuade the company to service Palisades fully, and they would appreciate any help or suggestions.

On Feb. 21, Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Kellogg will discuss their recent visit to China. Dr. Kellogg, Professor of engineering at Columbia University, was a guest of the Chinese Government.

Because space is limited for these programs, please make a reservation at the Library in good time.

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(the two most important items in the pro-  
ject) and considerably less than we need  
for the balance of the restoration project  
(principally interior refurbishing).

In behalf of our board and our community  
I express thanks to those who have contri-  
buted to this important project and I ask  
that those who have not contributed con-  
sider doing so. We believe you will be  
pleased with the results.

REG THAYER, PRESIDENT

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