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MILDRED RIPPEY: "IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN"

Each year a day is set aside to honor Rockland County women whose achievements have enriched the lives of their families, friends, colleagues and communities. This year on April 24, at their 3rd annual "In Celebration of Women" ceremony, the Rockland County Women's Network and Rockland Community College, chose Mildred Post Rippey to receive their Personal Achievement award. Mildred was selected not only for her deep sense of personal fulfillment, and initiative, but also because of the inspiration she has shown to others. Her continual pursuit of knowledge and involvement in life will be acknowledged in June when she receives an Associate degree in the Arts from Rockland Community College.

In the past two years, twenty-five women have received awards in the Arts, Business and Industry, Communications, Education, Personal Achievement, Religion and Public and Community Service. In 1980, Fay Ellison, former Pastor of the Palisades Presbyterian Church was honored for her work in Religion.

Mildred, our congratulations, love and best wishes for the future.

BARBARA HOVSEPIAN

HORACE GREGORY, POET, CRITIC, ESSAYIST AND BIOGRAPHER

Horace Gregory, 83, died this spring in Shelburne Falls, Mass. only a few months after his wife, Marya Zaturenska. Until recently, Horace and Marya Gregory lived on Closter Road in Palisades and were special friends of the Palisades Library.

Mr. Gregory, a member of the National Academy-Institute of Arts and Letters, received the Bollingen Prize in 1965, regarded as the highest honor in American poetry. His wife, who wrote under the name Marya Zaturenska won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1938.

When Mr. Gregory's collected essays, "Spirit of Time and Place," appeared in 1973, Edgar Johnson, the Dickens biographer, said that "Mr. Gregory is not one of those scholar-critics who write only for other scholar-critics. He is a scholar without pedantry, who concentrates not on exhibitionism but illumination."

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PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

NOW: A PET COMMODORE COMPUTER AT THE LIBRARY.

This computer will be on loan to the library during May and June. Come and learn computer language. Educational games for young people will be available.

LEARN HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN from Stan & Fran Dworkin at the Greenbush School Auditorium, Greenbush Rd., Orangeburg, N.Y. on Monday, May 17, 8 PM. Sponsored by the 4 South-orangetown Libraries: Blauvelt, Orangeburg, Palisades, Tappan. (Cont. pg. 2)

MEMORIAL DAY IN PALISADES

Monday, May 31, is the date for the Memorial Services to be held at the Liberty Pole on Rte. 9W in Palisades. This years ceremony promises to be as exciting as those in past years. There should be band music, fire engines, legionnaires, an auxilliary group, organizations, fire men marching and a gun salute plus a speaker who will address us for the occasion. This is a day when we should all honor those who gave their lives for our country. We would not be enjoying and exercising our freedom if it were not for those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for all of us.

The line of march will start at Swan St. at 9 AM and progress to the Flag pole from there.

THE PALISADES NEW YORK
FLAG POLE COMMITTEE

PALISADES NEW YORK SENIOR CITIZENS

are meeting as usual in the usual place, the Palisades Community Center. Our meeting days are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month except for July and August (no meetings). Would you like to hear fine music? We have a selection of tapes that can be enjoyed, we show fine films. Last meeting we all enjoyed a film on Helen Hayes. It ran for 90 pleasant and interesting minutes and was well received by all who viewed it. Helen Hayes herself is a Senior Citizen, has made many contributions of all kinds for her peers. We have had films on travel and it is so pleasant.

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CALENDAR

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| May | 5 | School Budget Vote (Sparkill/Palisades Fire House, Rte. 340, Sparkill, 1 - 10 PM) |
| | 16 | Library Seminar -- Edmund Battersby (at the Battersby's, Woods Road, Snedens Landing, 4 - 5:30 PM) |
| | 17 | Stan & Fran Dworkin (Greenbush School, Greenbush Rd., Orangeburg, 8 PM) |
| | 31 | Memorial Day Services (Liberty Pole, Rte. 9W, 9 AM) |
- Don't forget! PANCAKE BREAKFAST (8-10:30 A.M.) at Palisades Church.

PALISADES LIBRARY SEMINAR

The final Library Seminar of the season will be held not at the Library but at the home of Edmund Battersby, on Woods Road, off Washington Spring Road in Snedens Landing on Sunday, May 16, 4-5:30 PM. Rain date: May 23.

Illustrating his points at the piano, Edmund Battersby will discuss how a professional classical piano recital is conceived and how it is planned. He will describe the evolution of the program, its crises, problems and resolutions and changes during the long weeks and months of practice. He will describe the experience of the recital itself, and its emotional and intellectual aftermath.

32, and originally from Detroit, Edmund Battersby trained at the Julliard School in New York, and has given major recitals in the United States (Alice Tully Hall, et al.), Great Britain, and Africa, and has made a number of recordings. He has lived with his wife Lucy and daughter Justine in Palisades since 1979.

Since space will be quite limited (on the terrace, weather permitting), please reserve your place in good time at the Library.

The next Seminars will be in September or October.

(Senior Citizens)

to sit and travel to different countries without having to rush to the airport or boat. You can do it in all kinds of weather also. Our refreshments get better and better. Our group is growing. All Seniors are welcome to join us any Thursday we meet and spend a pleasant 2 hours (from 2 to 4 PM) with your neighbors. If anyone is willing to share talent, experience or knowledge with us please call 359-2399. Don't be bashful -- we know you're out there. After this exceptionally severe winter we are all looking forward to spring and all it's glorious beauty.

LAURA E. EBMEYER
PRESIDENT

(Library)

The library has most of the books on the best sellers list... look for them on the McNaughton shelf. Among the more recent acquisitions are Waugh, E. "Brideshead Revisited", Furnas, J.C. "Fanny Kemble", Lamont, C. "Yes, to Life", Bettelheim, B. "On Learning to Read", Bellow, S. "Dean's December", Winston, R. "Thomas Mann, the Making of an Artist". Also, the latest Standard & Poor's Register, Standard Directory of Advertisers, Thomas Register, Writer's Market, LMP. Many new books have been added to the general collection and to the children and YA shelves.

The library receives 43 Periodicals. Architectural Digest, Communication Arts, Harper's, Money, MS, New Yorker, etc. and Cobblestone, Cricket, Ranger Rick (for young people) are some of the magazines available for circulation.

BEATRICE AGNEW
LIBRARIAN

A MONUMENT FOR MOLLIE

IN
MEMORY
OF
MARY SNEDEN
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
JANUARY 31 AD 1810
AGED 101 YEARS
18 DAYS

LORD OF OUR DAYS, WHOSE HAND HATH SET
NEW TIME UPON OUR SCORE
THEE MAY WE PRAISE FOR ALL OUR TIME
WHEN TIME SHALL BE NO MORE

This epitaph appeared on the original gravestone of Mary (Mollie) Sneden. It disintegrated many years ago. However, the Historical Committee of the Palisades Free Library had a 1903 photograph of the stone. As the picture did not clearly show the words of the inscription, the Committee searched old records. The exact words were finally found by Helene Stansbury in a Dutch Reformed Church hymnal.

For a decade it has been proposed that the Sneden gravestone be replaced. The members of the Historical Committee have just erected a new stone at the head of Mollie's grave in the Palisades Cemetery. It is made of pink granite and should last for another two centuries.

The historical record is not entirely clear as to whether, during the Revolution, Mollie provided food and other necessities to the Patriots, the Tories, or to both. But before, during, and after the Revolution she was unquestionably this community's best known citizen. She died in 1810, but stories about her and her redoubtable career as the ferry woman continue to intrigue us. She lived at the foot of the hill for over a century, rowed the ferry across the river, had two daughters and seven sons, was suspected of Redcoat sympathies, and was, according to legend, able to bring down 100 passenger pigeons with one shot. She is but one of the many interesting men, women, and children buried in the Palisades Cemetery which is a valuable heritage to be appreciated by this community.

Anyone wishing to help pay the cost of the new monument may send contributions to the Historical Committee, Palisades Free Library, Palisades, New York, 10964.

After the nine o'clock ceremonies at the Flagpole on Memorial Day, May 31, there will be a gathering at Mollie's new tombstone. Members of the Historical Committee will also be glad to point out the grave of Captain Jonathan Lawrence, Jr., a Revolutionary soldier; those of the veterans of other wars; the oldest stone; that of Nicholas Gesner, whose diaries tell us about life here in the nineteenth century; and W.S. Gilman, Jr., who enthusiastically collected all kinds of information about Palisades and its families from the 17th century on, and gave it to the Library, where it can be read today.

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PALISADES COMMUNITY CENTER

Please plan to join us on June 6th at 10:30 am for a "fun run". Adults and children of all ages are welcome to join in what we hope will be a fun day in Palisades. Early registration will be at the library plant sale and a flyer will also be available showing the route. Refreshments will be sold afterwards and, if the weather is good, perhaps a softball game later in the afternoon. Please join us for a pleasant day.

Our painting did not take place as planned due to the snow and rainy weather. Our painter has "promised" us he will start on Monday, May 3rd, rain or shine. If it rains, he will start inside the building with the kitchen. If the sun shines, he will start the outside. We have completed replacing three staircases which were very deteriorated. Our funds for the restoration are still at \$3000. We need at least \$1500 more to complete our plans. We need your financial help either by becoming members or a contribution. Please help us out if you have not already done so.

Eileen Larkin

The Tappan Zee Playhouse Preservation Association is seeking funds for restoring the Nyack Playhouse. The cost of restoring it is over \$800,000. It was built in 1903. Contributions can be sent to P. O. Box 229.N yack, New York 10960.

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(Gregory)

His last book of poetry, "Another Look," came out in 1976. The critic R. W. Flint described Mr. Gregory as "a Depression poet, not a Villager of the first extraction, who wrote with muted eloquence in the highly civilized lilt of Manhattan-Hibernian Classic." Louis Untermeyer said that Mr. Gregory was under the spell of the Classicists until he saw the tenements of New York.

Mr. Gregory was born and grew up in Milwaukee. At one time he thought of becoming a painter, and studied at the Milwaukee School of Fine Arts for three years. "I decided to switch when I found myself writing poems on canvas," he later said. Mr. Gregory graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1923, and began writing poetry and criticism for the New Masses, New Republic and The Nation.

In addition to eight books of poetry, including "Collected Poems" in 1965, Mr. Gregory was known for his translations of the poems of Catullus and Ovid.

As a biographer, he wrote "The World of James McNeill Whistler" and "Amy Lowell." He also edited "Selected Poems of Robert Browning" and "The Portable Sherwood Anderson."

He began teaching at Sarah Lawrence in 1934 and became professor emeritus in 1960.

Horace and Marya Gregory are survived by a son, Patrick, of Northampton, Mass., a daughter, Joanna Zeigler of Edinburgh, Scotland, and five grandchildren.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Jean Brock (who directed) and all So. Orangetown Middle School students (who sang, danced and brought to life) FINIAN'S RAINBOW on April 23 and 24 to an overflow appreciative audience.

Palisades students who worked so hard and well were: Gregory Olsen (Finian); Stephanie Camileri, Ilena Elevitch, Alexandra Hamersky, Elan Kaplan, Lucy Kriz, Brent McCoy, Jimmy Olson, and Kuan-wan Park.

ROCKLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Rockland Center for the Arts announces registration for its 20th season of the Summer Program for Children (ages 5 through 12), consisting of a full program of arts and athletics taught by professional teachers. It is held in two sessions, June 29th - July 22nd and July 27th - August 19th and meets three days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 AM-4 PM.

Registration forms and additional information on classes may be obtained from the Rockland Center for the Arts, 27 South Greenbush Rd., West Nyack, telephone 358-0877.

REMEMBER THE SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

Wednesday, May 5 from 1 - 10 PM

All Palisades residents vote at Sparkill/Palisades Fire House, Rte. 340, Sparkill.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Due to over indulging before and during the Easter holidays and the resulting excess poundage, there will be no review this month.

In the March review of the Old Stonehouse Inn, I said I preferred my heavy cream to be freshly whipped, not out of a can. I stand corrected by owner, Dennis Kaloostian. He told me they use heavy cream, confectioners sugar, and vanilla, mixed in an automatic high pressure container and served from the same container. My apologies.

KAREN JEFFERIES

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 June issue is May 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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It appears that certain articles have been placed in your newsletter related to sewer taxes and to sewer collection services, furthermore information has been distributed in the area which may not detail all of the items under study. To assist the residents in the area, I am prepared to meet with you at a group meeting to discuss the possibility of sewerage all or parts of the Palisades Area east of 9W. Any resident wishing to discuss the program can contact me at 359-6500. I think that it would be to the residents' advantage to discuss this project prior to our final public hearing which will be held on June 17, at 8:00 P.M. at Town Hall.

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