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MONDALE, LOCAL INCUMBENTS, LEVY, COLMAN CARRY PALISADES. 4 OF 5 PROPOSALS APPROVED HERE

Incumbents of both parties swept the 1984 election in Palisades--with one notable exception. Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro carried Districts 12 and 50, combined, by 370 votes (54%) to 311 for the incumbents.

As in the rest of Rockland County, the leading vote-getter was Sheriff Thomas Goldrick, who collected 433 votes (68%) to 191 for Kerry Fortes, Republican, and 9 for Michael Walker, Right to Life. County Judge Harry Edelstein (D-L) defeated Town Attorney Morton Lieb (R-C), 353 to 265 (57% - 43%). Congressman Benjamin Gilman (R) received 328 votes (51.5%) to 296 (46.5%) for Bruce Levine (D-L) and 13 (2%) for Robert deMaggio (RTL). Incumbent Supreme Court Justice John Marbach (R-C-RTL) ran second here to Yonkers City Judge Robert Cacace (D-C), 282 to 353, but two seats were at stake. David S. Ritter (R-RTL) trailed with 261 votes.

Family Court Judge William Nelson, an interim appointee, was the only candidate other than Mondale and Judge Cacace to carry Palisades but lose the election. He led here with 299 Democratic votes against 287 for Town Judge George Bergerman (R-C), the winner, and 44 for Lorna Bernard (L).

In the State Senate race, Eugene Levy (R-C), the long-time Assemblyman, carried Palisades by 329 to 285 over Mayor Joseph Savarese (D-L) of Suffern, with Richard Bruno garnering 15 votes to lead the RTL slate locally. For the Assembly seat, Ramapo Legislator Sam Colman (D-L) overwhelmed Al Broderick (R) of Blauvelt, 365 to 247.

On the County propositions, Palisades agreed with the county, only more so on County Executive, 267 to 172, as against a 50.5% countywide margin. While both legislative reapportionment proposals lost by similar wide margins countywide, the single-member district plan carried Palisades by 323 to 169. The at-large plan lost, 161 to 242.

Both state amendments passed handily in Palisades as elsewhere: 3-year terms

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MY VIEW FROM THE DESK

Part II
by Mildred Post Rippey

Elizabeth Shepley Sergeant, whom we all remember best for her splendid biography of her friend Willa Cather, lived in Palisades for several years. She haunted the library, staying beyond closing time so she could phone her nephew, Roger Angell, and get a ride home. It did not matter to her that I was obliged to stay with her. The funny part of it was that I didn't mind at all. She was a very interesting, cultured (somewhat snobbish) lady. Shortly after my mother's death, Miss Sergeant, who had to leave the house she was renting, approached my father and asked if he would rent her a room or two. Father phoned me and said with great glee that Miss Sergeant wanted to live with him!

I have mentioned Roger Angell of the NEW YORKER. He and his family were part of our town for several years. When Roger was on the library board, we had annual book fairs at which our local authors displayed and autographed their books, together with those of other current authors. One special year at our fair we had Carson McCullers, Hortense Calisher, Thomas Berger, Dorothy Davis, Edgar Snow, Marianne Moore (with her famous tricorne hat and worrying about her errata), and others. Among our local authors were Bentz Plagemann, Cushman Haagensen, Geddes Smith, Roger Angell, Dick Salmon, Marya Zaturenska, Horace Gregory, Elsie Sergeant, Howard Walden, Bill Katzenbach, Margaret Parton, Goesta Wolin, and Catherine Plagemann. It was on this occasion that Bill Katzenbach brought Charles Addams to the fair. Addams had just written his Monster Rally. He came in late, "three sheets to the wind." A long line of people was waiting for him to autograph their books. He sat on a stool in front of a lectern near the desk and got to work. One old lady, who had been patiently waiting, said politely: "Mr. Addams, you look like everyone else." He scowled, furrowed his brow, and retorted: "But, Madam, I have green scales underneath."

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The Partons, Lemuel and Mary and their daughter, Margaret, were also library patrons. Lemuel wrote a column for the old SUN, called "Whose News Today." Mary was Mary Field Parton, an author in her own right. Margaret Parton (Hussey), until her recent death, was a trustee of the library and secretary of the Historical Society. At one time she was a reporter for the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE and was in India at the time of Gandhi's death.

Lem Britter, the young son of Margaret Parton, was shy and withdrawn--his mother's shadow. Photography was his forte. Just when he was coming into his own, learning to play tennis, finding a girl he liked, smiling and joining in conversations, he was stricken with leukemia. He lived only six weeks and died courageously. Later we had an exhibit of his beautiful photographs, and books were given to the library in his memory.

Two very special people who lived in Palisades were Marya Zaturenska and her husband Horace Gregory. Marya was a lyric poet, whose poems were spiritual and mystical, though sometimes she herself was brusque and cold. She visited the library several times through the week, making comments *sotto voce* as she picked up the books from the table. She never left without giving me something to think about. Marya had much to worry her. On many occasions I tried to relieve her of some of her typing, usually on Monday mornings. One particular Monday I knocked on her door, and no one answered. After several knocks I heard Horace calling, "Marya, I think Mildred is here." Suddenly, the door opened. Marya glared at me and said, "What! You here again?" I was surprised and shocked, but I loved her just the same. I knew she was a great lady and a great poet. She won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1938. Horace was imprisoned in a frail body, but his spirit soared. His was a brilliant mind, and one listened and learned from him.

As I write, I have a flashback to a very tender, touching incident in which Horace was involved. He was a member of the National Academy-Institute of Arts and Letters and in 1965 received the Bollingen Prize--the highest honor in American poetry. We were about to give him an accolade in the library, placing a wreath on his brow as he sat in his wheelchair.

Teddy Ritter, the Gregory's very young neighbor whom they dearly loved, was to place the wreath when the time came to do so. Teddy was a beautiful little boy, and he wanted to do a good placement. Horace's head shook most of the time; and when Teddy was about to place the wreath, Horace's head jerked and the wreath fell. This happened twice! Finally, in desperation, Teddy scaled the wreath toward Horace's head; and it landed and stayed there at a rakish angle. Horace looked like Bacchus and loved it. We all sighed with relief and clapped for joy.

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SEARCH FOR NEW FEATURE IDEAS

[We are pleased to announce that Leslie Hayes has joined the staff of 10964. The following are several ideas she has thought of for future issues.]

We are beginning new regular features for this paper which we think you will enjoy. Your participation is essential, however, to insure their success. Any ideas or contributions along these lines should be sent to Leslie Hayes, 6 Century Road, Palisades, or call 359-7392.

Feature #1: Palisades Kids

We've got some interesting kids doing interesting things. Let us know about them. Any kids commuting? What is it like for you kids? Kids in college? Where are you, and do you or your parents have any anecdotes to share? Any kids with some major accomplishment--an award, a starring role, an athletic prize? A Nobel Prize? We'll take smaller achievements and miracles, too. Parents are allowed to brag, and so are neighbors and friends. We hope to hear from kids themselves who are doing exciting things.

Feature #2: Community Lesson-Givers

There are talented residents out there who give all sorts of lessons we don't know about. If you know of someone or if you are that someone, we will spread the word. French lessons, cooking, piano, voice, carpentry, sculpture, tennis, hair setting, accounting--we know you're out there!

Feature #3: Family Tips, Anecdotes, Superstitions

Especially those handed down from generation to generation! Please share with us your Great Aunt Tillie's secret potato recipe or your Granny Hanna's tried-and-true test of whether or not it's going to rain, what side of the bed to sleep on, what it means if you fold your napkin this way or that way, how to remove stains...well, you get the idea. We think this can be a lovely and amusing feature for our paper if you are willing to share some of your family legacy with us.

Feature #4: Lessons in a Minute

Here we want to focus on teaching one special thing very quickly and simply. If you have a quick cure for some ailment, a special way to prepare a crepe, a handy tip on flower-arranging, the solution to a particular car problem, tennis or golf or hiking or swimming tips, information on a certain kind of insurance--any brief tip or lesson, we'd love to hear from you.

Feature #5: Hidden Talents

There are folks in our hamlet who hide their lights--mild-mannered Clark Kents who have extraordinary talents unknown to us. For example, did you know that Dr. Eric Rose, a highly-respected surgeon living on Century Road, is also an accomplished jazz pianist and his father is a band leader? This type of info, with some detail, would be fun to share with others in our community. It's always nice to know nice things about our neighbors.

So there you have it. These can be amusing new features, so please take your time, look them over, re-read, etc.; and if an idea comes to mind, jot it down on paper and send it on over to me. Let's all see if we can make a success of these new columns, and advanced thanks for your participation!

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING from the staff of 10964

POTTERY SHOW AND SALE

Jane Herold, a recently returned resident of Palisades, is living at Grace Knowlton's on Ludlow Lane, where she has reopened the pottery. Jane will be having an exhibition and sale at the pottery--the black-domed building at the top of Ludlow Lane--on Dec. 2nd from 1 to 5 p.m., and all day on Dec. 3rd. Jane adds that all who would like to come are warmly invited.

DRAWING CONTEST FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

10964 is sponsoring a drawing contest for local children, ages 7 through 10.

Subject: Christmas, Hanukkah, or winter scene.

Size: 8½ x 11

Type: Original, on white paper. Use black pencil, crayons, magic markers, or something similar.

Identify: Print your name, age, and address in lower right corner.

Do not fold. Take your drawing to the post office by Friday, Nov. 30th. All entries are to be displayed at the post office.

Judging will be done by a panel of artists from Palisades, and the winning drawing will be published in next month's 10964.

SENIOR CITIZENS

The Palisades Seniors wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving. Sharing is the meaning of this holiday going back to the days of the pilgrims. Make this an old-fashioned Thanksgiving by sharing.

SHOW OF PAINTINGS

John McAvoy is pleased to announce that recent paintings by Jocelyn (Drechsler) DeCrescenzo will be on display at the Turning Point Restaurant from Nov. 24th through Dec. 15th.

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Book Discussion Group: Sponsored by the Orangetown Hamlet Libraries will meet at the Tappan Library on Dec. 3rd the Tappan Library on Monday, Dec. 3rd, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Please register at the library.

Christmas Program: For children of all ages. Jean Maljean, the Magic Magician, Dec. 27th, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Greenbush School Auditorium. Please register at the library.

New Books:

- Cheever "Home Before Dark"
- Doctorow "Lives of the Poets"
- Geneen "Managing"
- Hayes "Our Best Years"
- Heller "God Knows"
- Leakey "Disclosing the Past"
- Lurie "Foreign Affairs"
- Puzo "The Sicilian"
- Tobias "Money Angles"
- Tolkien "Book of Lost Tales, Part II"

POST OFFICE NOTES

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* PLEASE MAIL EARLY!!

* The Palisades Post Office has a large and varied selection of philatelic items suitable for Christmas or Hanukkah gifts. These attractive, inexpensive items are great for gifts for all ages. Stamp collecting is one of the oldest hobbies in the world and enables youngsters to learn U.S. history while adults can enjoy it as stamp trivia.

* The Postmistress announced that Santa Claus telephoned last week from the North Pole and has taken a post office box in Palisades until Dec. 19th. Any child who writes to Santa by that date will receive a personal message from him. Be sure to include your full name, age, and address.

ROCKLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

* The Manhattan String Quartet will return to the Rockland Center for the Arts on Friday, Nov. 16th, at 8:30 p.m. The program will be Quartet in B minor, Opus 18, No. 6 by Beethoven, Quartet No. 6 by Shostakovich, and Quintet in G major, Opus 111 by Brahms. Tickets for the performance are \$6.50 general admission and \$5.50 for Center members, students, and senior citizens. Reservations are suggested.

* Calligraphy and folk art combine in a special one-day workshop with scribe Ursula Seuss at the Center on Nov. 18th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee for the workshop is \$25, and pre-registration by phone is a must.

* The Center's 19th Craft Invitational will be held at the Emerson Gallery Dec. 1st and 2nd from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All items will be for sale.

* The extremely elegant style of calligraphy known as Copperplate will be the subject of two one-day workshops at the Center on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, and Sunday, Dec. 9th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. These workshops will be taught by calligrapher Janet Mayone. Cost will be \$25 per session, and pre-registration by phone is necessary.

* An Olde Tyme Toys and Games Exhibit will open at the Center on Saturday, Dec. 8th, with Geoffrey Giraffe on hand at the opening reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Antique trains and locomotives, a century of dolls, and a miniature kitchen are just a few of the playthings assembled to delight children of all ages. Exhibit will continue through Dec. 22nd, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

* Mime Time will present an original holiday mimetale entitled "The Night After" replete with mime, masks, storytelling, magic, music, and puppets at the Center on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at 3 p.m. Tickets for the performance, featuring Jessica Bonvissuto and Sara D'Amico, are \$6 general admission, \$5 for Center members and students, and \$4 for children. Reservations are suggested.

* Poet Susan Katz will give a reading of her work at the Center on Tuesday, Dec. 11th, at 8:30 p.m. Although general admission for the reading is \$2, there is no charge for Center members, students, or senior citizens.

* A musical solstice celebration with The Western Wind will take place at the Center on Friday, Dec. 14th, at 8:30 p.m. A very different Tappan Zee Concert Series offering, The Western Wind's holiday concert centers around music for voices, bells, and country fiddle. The program includes Medieval, Renaissance, and early Christmas music, Hanukkah songs, and music celebrating the return of light. Tickets are \$6.50 general admission and \$5.50 for members, students, and senior citizens.

* Dedicated to performances for children, the Kaleidoscope Dancers will perform at the Center on Sunday, Dec. 15th, at 3 p.m. Children will be encouraged to sing, chant, and at various times to join with the dancers on stage. Tickets are \$6 general admission, \$5 for members and senior citizens, and \$4 for children. Reservations are suggested.

* The acclaimed marionette theatre Das Puppenspiel will perform at the Center on Saturday, Dec. 15th at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 general admission, \$5 for members and senior citizens, and \$4 for children. Reservations are suggested.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL THE CENTER AT 358-0877.

THORPE INTERMEDIA GALLERY

A new exhibit, Architecture/Sculpture-Sculpture/Architecture, opened at the Thorpe Intermedia Gallery, Rte. 340, Sparkill, on Nov. 4th and will continue through Dec. 2nd. The exhibition is open to the public Thursdays through Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m., or by appointment. Admission is free.

Donations were received this month from Anne Gugler, Reg and Dossie Thayer, Tappan Travel, and Sally Savage. Thanks!

TAPPAN ZEE PLAYHOUSE

Remember the Tappan Zee Playhouse? What a pleasant way to spend a summer evening--good plays, good actors. Have you wondered what is happening? Will we ever go there again?

For newer residents, a little background of the Playhouse will help you understand its appeal. The Tappan Zee Playhouse was the first summer stock theater on the east coast, opening in 1931. It had been used previously for silent movies and vaudeville. Helen Hayes, Jack Benny, Milton Berle, June Havoc, and Burgess Meredith are among those who have performed there. It is even rumored that Edgar Bergen first introduced Charlie McCarthy to audiences at the Playhouse. Franklin Roosevelt and Horace Greeley spoke there.

Over the years, the physical plant deteriorated--no heat, no insulation, leaks, and winter damage all contributed to its failing condition. A fire in 1975 did extensive damage, and the repairs were so inadequate that the theater had to close in 1977.

In 1980, a non-profit, volunteer organization, Playhouse Preservation Association, Inc., under the leadership of Jeff Adams, bought the building and set out to restore the Playhouse to its former glory. Through fundraising events, contributions, and membership drives, the Association has been able to meet its mortgage payments and operating costs. Renovation expenses have been kept down by the generous efforts of volunteer plumbers, carpenters, electricians, and handymen, as well as donations of essential materials.

Their work has not been in vain. The Tappan Zee Playhouse was declared a New York State Landmark and is recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Association received a grant from the New York State Council for the Arts; and, hopefully, it may get a bank loan to help start on the most important and expensive project--a new roof.

This does not mean the financial worries are over; they are not. Expenses continue, and fundraising events are ongoing. The Association has sponsored a summer season at the Nyack High School, running the gamut from classical theater to Off-Broadway. Its next production will be a musical version of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 14th, 15th, and 16th at 8 p.m., also at the high school. The tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children.

Yearly membership is \$10; life membership is \$500. You can have your name on a placque on one of the front-row chairs from the Helen Hayes Theater (donated by Miss Hayes) for \$500. You can also buy one of the old chairs saved from the Playhouse for \$100.

If you are handy with tools, like to paint and plaster, are ready to put hammer to nail, the Association would love to hear from you. Call 358-6333 or write the association at 21 Marion, Nyack, NY 10960.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Palisades' own special flutist, Jackie Drechsler, will appear at Carnegie Recital Hall on Nov. 23rd at 8 p.m.

Miss Drechsler has studied privately with Tom Nyfenger who now teaches at Yale University; Bonnie Lichter from Julliard; Paige Brooke of the Philharmonic; and Harold Bennett, retired first flutist of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. She is presently the second flutist for the Rockland Suburban Symphony Orchestra. Jackie also gives private flute and recorder lessons. As you can see, her credentials are quite good.

But what led her to Carnegie Recital Hall? Well, she has worked with Ron Levy, pianist, and Linda Sherman, soprano, over the past several years. By profession a bank manager, Mr. Levy is a pianist and composer by avocation. When Ron was with United Jersey Bank in Northvale, he, Jackie, and Linda gave Christmas concerts there. Linda Sherman has performed at Town Hall; she and Ron performed at the Carnegie Recital Hall in 1982, introducing an original musical work by Mr. Levy, "Song Cycle of Poems" by Yeats.

These three capable artists decided it was time to combine their talents, so last year they reserved the Recital Hall for Nov. 23rd. About six months ago, John Anthony, baritone, agreed to be their guest artist. Mr. Anthony, currently director of the King Singers, appeared in the original production of "Porgy and Bess" as well as in several of its touring companies. He performed at Kennedy Center in Leonard Bernstein's "Mass."

With this quartet of talented people, it should prove to be an exciting evening. The Program will include two original pieces by Mr. Levy: "When In Disgrace," a Shakespearean sonnet, and "On Hearing a Symphony" by Edna St. Vincent Milay. There will also

be selections from Poulenc, Mozart, Handel, Copeland, and Gershwin.

If you are interested in attending Jackie's concert, you can call her at 359-3112 for tickets, but hurry while they last.

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Dorothy Salisbury Davis and Harry Davis have lived in Palisades for 23 years. She is one of America's foremost mystery writers and past President of Mystery Writers of America. Harry is a well-known character actor, having appeared in many films and on the stage throughout his acting career which began in the 1930's. He works closely with Lee Strasberg's Actors Studio now under the leadership of Ellen Burstyn.

Harry has added another dimension to his career--television commercials. You may recall that wonderful Pepsi Cola commercial for which he won the Clio Award for Best Actor. Mr. Davis has two other commercials on the air now--one for Ragu Spaghetti Sauce and the other for Coast Federal Savings and Loan (shown only in California, alas). He can also be seen in "Kojak," a two-hour special to be aired in early 1985.

We will have the opportunity to see Harry Davis perform on his own turf when he brings his "One Man Show" to the Palisades Presbyterian Church this January. The play relates Harry's own background in the Jewish ghetto, the people in his life--all told through stories and Yiddish songs. In the works is a part in a new Frank Flannery play to premier at the Hartman Theater in Stamford, Ct. We will keep you posted.

"Lullaby of Murder," Dorothy Davis' third book about Julie Hayes, a feisty, independent New York woman, was published this past spring. The character Julie Hayes, was first introduced to mystery fans in "A Death in the Life" and next appeared in "Scarlet Night." Mrs. Davis is busy working on the fourth book which she describes as the penultimate one in the series. It is tentively titled "The Lost and The Found," and the publication date is set for late 1985.

Meanwhile, "Tales For A Stormy Night," a collection of her short stories written over a period of thirty years and published by Countryman Press, will be out Nov. 20th. Avon publishers will also put out a paperback edition.

If you are a mystery buff and want to participate in a "Mystery Weekend," then

plan on going to the Mohonk Mountain House on Jan. 5th and 6th. Imagine the S.S. Mohonk, 1923, and the murder of a member of Russian royalty. It will be up to you, the guest, to find the murderer. Dorothy Davis will be on hand to assist you. Call the Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, (914-255-1000) for further information.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to John Fenn (Smith Court) who graduated summa cum laude from Lehman University in June.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart: Children's Penny Sale (and party), Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 2 to 5 p.m. in the auditorium. Supervision provided. Call Marie Guiney (359-5834) for information.

Schaeffer Elementary: During November--Lincoln Center Arts Institute visiting dancer, Miranda Hentoss, performs in workshop for all 1st graders (grant sponsored). On Nov. 28th--"Tales of the British Isles and Russia" told by a professional story-teller (PTA sponsored).

South Orangetown Middle School: Shakespeare's "As You Like It," Dec. 7th and 8th, 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Players include Keun-wan Park, Jennifer Lewy, Katie Elevitch, and Clair Jellinek from Palisades. Director, Jean Brock. Winter concert (choral and instrumental), Thursday, Dec. 13th, 8 p.m. in the auditorium. The "Eroica Brass" (brass quintet from Lincoln Center Arts Institute) performs for 5th and 6th grades on Nov. 20th (grant sponsored).

Tappan Zee High School: Homecoming Dance, Nov. 17th, 8:30 p.m. to midnight at Tappan Zee Townhouse. Among the homecoming princesses for 1984 at TZHS are Alex and Romy Hamersky and Vanessa Lo. Donna Picchianti was one of three students recognized for their achievements as senior nursing students at a capping ceremony held by the BOCES-run Rockland County Practical Nursing School. Roger Anderson and only two other students were chosen for the 1984-85 Science Honors Program at Columbia University.

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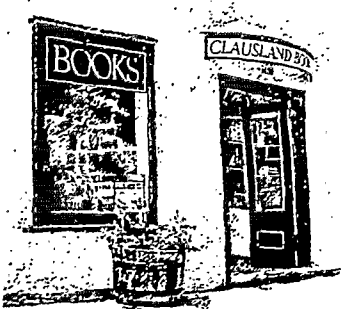
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LOCAL TREES STUDIED

The old trees of Palisades which were measured and photographed so lovingly by Winthrop Sargent Gilman around a hundred years ago have been the objects, with others, of a new study recently by Basia Hammerstein, a "master gardener," of the Cooperative Extension, and Betty Bennett of the Rockland County Conservation Association.

Their project started a few years ago when Betsy Pugh of the Conservation Association asked the Cooperative Extension to bring up to date a list made by Jack Focht in 1964 of outstanding trees in the county. Before the two volunteers had finished their study, they had consulted tree fanciers, conservationists, and especially, master gardeners all over the county and had described some three hundred trees and photographed many of them. (Master gardeners have taken a special course in gardening and are pledged to volunteer their services in the field wherever they are needed.)

In Palisades, with the help of Gordon Jacoby of Lamont's Tree Ring Laboratory, they found the enormous stump of the white oak on Turkey Ridge which Mr. Gilman had photographed in 1903 and declared to be the largest tree trunk in the neighborhood. They also photographed many of the rare trees Mr. Gilman and his friend Henry Ethingam Lawrence had planted on their estates a hundred-odd years ago, the enormous tulip tree at Lamont, and the still fine white oak in front of the Nicholas Gesner house, which Gesner's wife Gracy was said to have planted in 1772 and which Mr. Gilman photographed a century later.

These, while of particular interest to Palisadians, are only a few of the remarkable tall trees in Rockland County. They found, for instance, in Nyack a white ash bigger than the famous one in front of Tony's Lobster House in Sparkill, which has always been supposed to be one of the largest in the county. The largest tree in Rockland County remains, however, the willow behind the DeWint house in Tappan.

A slide show of many of the trees is being shown to garden clubs and other interested organizations; and the note books, listing and describing all the trees, are available for consultation.

Alice Haagensen

INTRODUCING: THE SEBAGS

Pierre and Aude Sebag joined our community in 1980 when they bought George Tilston's house in HeyHoe Woods. They have a daughter, Clemence, a staunch member of the Oak Tree Playgroup. Pierre and Aude are charming and attractive, each with an interesting background. They are both French, he by way of Tunisia and Paris, she by way of Burgundy.

While still in high school in France, Aude (pronounced "owed") accepted a summer job as an au pair in Ohio in order to learn fluent English. She became interested in nearby Bowling Green University, received a scholarship, and planted roots in America. Aude has an MBA in Marketing and Finance from Fordham and worked in Manhattan as a Foreign Currency Trader for Credit Lyonnais before moving to Palisades.

Pierre, born in Tunisia but raised in Paris, studied economy at Dauphine University, came here for further studies at Harvard, but accepted instead an internship with Westway Corporation, a leading commodities firm. Pierre is a sugar trader. (Not entirely coincidentally, Aude's father owns a sugar factory in Burgundy.) Aude and Pierre met when she, while still in college, came east one summer to intern at Pierre's company. He was her advisor. The rest is histoire!

Married five years, they are members of the Swim Club and are both fine tennis players. Call them--they love to play! They also enjoy movies, concerts, and restaurant-going. Aude has strong opinions on the quality and price of French and Italian cuisine in this country. "It's not normal to pay \$15 for a plate of pasta!" she cries. She highly recommends, however, "for a fantastic Sunday lunch," La Cremaille, about 45 minutes' drive, in Banksville, N. Y. (Robert Meyzen, Proprieteur, 914-234-9647). And although Aude does not consider cooking one of her great talents, she makes a mean cous-cous for Pierre.

The Sebags are expecting their second child at the end of March.

Leslie Price Hayes

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for sheriffs and county clerks, 362 to 125, and bigger bingo prizes, 267 to 174.

As in most places throughout the country, the total vote topped 1980 by a significant margin. Figures for District 50 in 1980 were not available at press time, but District 12 (east of the Parkway) registered a 15.5% increase, from 342 to 395 (in both cases excluding absentee ballots retained in New City). Reagan's share of the District 12 vote increased over 1980 by less than 1%, from 32.75% (114 votes) to 33.67% (132 votes), while Mondale received 241 Democratic votes as against Carter's 194 and 16 Liberal votes as against John Anderson's 34. Gus Hall and Angela Davis won a single vote on the Communist line, and the Free Libertarian candidates got 2 votes in both years.

ANDREW NORMAN

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