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A TRIBUTE TO CONSTANCE PRICE

I have been asked to write a few words about Connie Price, my friend for many years. I was older than Connie, but our paths crossed all through our lives. We grew up in Palisades, attended the same elementary school, the same Sunday School, the same library, and read the same books. When Connie was a young girl, she went to school in Canada and on her vacations made a point of visiting my invalid sister and telling her interesting tales of her school life. My sister enjoyed this and always looked forward to seeing her.

Connie loved children and had seven of her own. (Her daughter, Janet, beat her by one!) Once she told me that after coping with them all day, she would go to bed early and read French political journals for a change of pace. She was an avid reader, an intellectual, and instilled much of her wisdom into the minds of her own boys and girls. She loved them dearly but also respected their personhood.

Later in her life, Connie, with the help of her daughter, was surrogate mother to the Palisades children, including my granddaughter, Susu Imady. By this time she had become "Minama," little mama, to everybody, especially the young. My granddaughter was part of her household for the first two years of her life and with Minama's tender, loving care survived the measles and other childhood diseases and problems (such as learning to brush her teeth).

Minama made beautiful soup (she had a name for it which I can't recall) and all sorts of healthful and delicious foods for her brood which they ate with gusto. One day, to her surprise, Minama found only leftovers in the fridge! She picked them up and said, "this must go," and "this must go," and "This must go." The children said, "Minama, what are we having for supper?" Minama said, "mustgoes."

Minama and Dinny became an institution in Palisades--unique and precious. Both were deeply involved in humankind, especially the young kind. Jackie and Jos-

sie Drechsler and my granddaughter Susu, and many more I am sure, will always remember Minama and Dinny with love.

Connie could make everything grow--flowers, and cats, and dogs, and children. Her garden was a joy, and her terrarium was equally beautiful. Her cats were like no other cats in the world, with strange and wonderful names; and her children, real and surrogate, thrived and flourished.

When Connie and I were much younger, we were desk librarians in the Palisades Library. This we enjoyed immensely and grieved when our day in the sun came to an end. Just recently Connie wanted to read Huckleberry Finn; and Bea Agnew, our librarian, brought the book to her. I am sure she had read it many times; but because it had become a controversial book, I imagine she wanted to review it.

When I heard that Minama was terminally ill, my daughters Elaine and Jo and I went to see her. This was just a week before she died. She looked very frail, but her mind was as keen as ever. I sensed that she was dying, although she gave no sign of self-pity nor rancor. She was sitting in the kitchen with one of the special cats in her lap and another on the table beside her, waiting for her sons Roger and Stephen.

We talked quietly for almost an hour, recalling some of the funny, happy experiences in our lives and touching on some of the sad ones, too. Dinny and Jo and Elaine added their stories to the conversation, and then Roger and Stephen arrived with their families.

I am so glad we had this last time together. Now I think of this remarkable woman who chose to die as she had lived, in her own home, in her own fashion--no heroics--with her children and her friends around her. And I know we all thank God for the life and love of Connie Price--dear Minama. Alleluia! Amen!

Mildred Post Rippey
April 24, 1985

PALISADES COMMUNITY CENTER

At our April 29th annual meeting, Nina Vilonen and Glynn Fredericks were elected to the Board and John Converse was reelected. We will miss Irene Fredericks who chose not to stay on the board. She has been a board member over the years since the Center came into being, and we owe her a lot for helping to keep the building going all that time.

At this meeting we discussed ways to raise money for our restoration plans and came up with three plans. The first will be a flea market planned for Sat., June 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nina Vilonen will chair this event and is looking for help. Her phone number is 359-4580, and she would like to be called on Tuesdays and Fridays. Table space will cost \$15. The Center will have its own table and welcomes donations to it. We would prefer not to accept clothing. Donations of items that are saleable can be brought to the Center on Thurs., June 6th, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. If this time is not convenient, please call Nina to make arrangements to leave items at the center. We also plan to sell food and baked items. If you can donate hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, or beer, please call. We will have a "Bag of Books" for \$2 inside the Center. Please bring books to the Center; they can be left inside the Center. This fund raiser is very important to us as our membership drive has not brought in the money we had expected. Please join us in this fund raiser--we need your support. Call one of the Board members if you are willing to help that day or can donate food to our food tables.

Another fund raiser will be a 50's dance early October if we can get the Palisades elementary school and enough people to help. Then perhaps a car wash can be planned for the fall. The monies raised will be put towards restoring the inside of the building. The lighting must be changed, and the floor needs to be sanded and protected with a sealer.

We are still looking for someone to chair a programs committee. If you have time and would like to arrange programs of interest at the Center, please call me at 6589. The Board members would like to see more programs such as art exhibits, authors, perhaps a speaker on nutrition at the center. It's very important that residents can reel that the Center is a focal point of our Community.

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A special thanks to all the residents who have become members of the Center and to Jean Twitchell for always being so generous to the Center. When you finish reading this issue of 10964 and while our membership drive is fresh in your mind, please sit down and write us out a check. Membership cost is \$5 per person and \$3 for a senior citizen.

We look forward to seeing you on June 8th at our flea market.

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Hudson Valley Painters Subject of Video

The painters of the Hudson Valley School are the subject of independent filmmaker Lee Savage's video-in-progress which will be shown at the Center on Wed., May 22nd, at 8 p.m.

Mr. Savage's video, The Painters and Their Places, is being filmed in conjunction with the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In addition to showing the video, Mr. Savage will discuss the sociological and historical events that led to the deep and fruitful bond between the Hudson River Valley and the artists it produced.

There is a \$5 admission charge.

Paintings Assessed While Lecturer Speaks

Philip Carll, Assoc. Dir. of Adams Davidson Galleries in Washington, D. C., will lecture on the Mindscapes and Landscapes of the Hudson River School while Dr. Ted Cooper, Pres. of Adams Davidson Galleries, provides verbal assessments of both European and American paintings at the Rockland Center for the Arts on Thurs., May 23rd. The lecture begins promptly at 8 p.m. while Expert Opinion Sessions will be conducted from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Mr. Carll, noted scholar of 19th and early 20th century American painters, has been at the forefront of the resurgence of American art on the national consciousness.

President of the Washington Chapter of the American Society of Appraisers in Washington, D. C., Dr. Cooper has been appointed a current member of the IRS Art Advisory Panel by the Secretary of the Treasury. He has provided opinions on the value and authenticity of paintings for major art institutions and private collectors for over twenty years.

There is a \$5 admission charge to the lecture. The cost of each Expert Opinion is \$20. Paintings brought to the session should be at least 50 years old.

Tour of Jasper Francis Cropsey's Home

The Center is sponsoring a private tour of Cropsey's home and studio in Hastings-on-Hudson on Fri., May 31st.

The tour will be conducted by Florence Levins, Curator of the Newington-Cropsey Foundation. The house and studio, which Cropsey designed and built, have re-

mained virtually untouched since his death in 1900.

The cost of this bus trip, which leaves the Center promptly at 9:15 a.m. and returns at 1 p.m., is \$10.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

Rockland County Guidance Center, 83 Main St., Nyack, offers a Career Development Seminar to assist you in defining your career goals and to discover your own potential. Men and women beginning or returning to the working world and those ready for a career change will find this seminar beneficial. The course consists of seven weekly two-hour group sessions to discuss who you are, where you are going, and how to get there.

You begin with orientation and take vocational and personality inventories. The seminar sessions are scheduled to fit in with one's own free time. The Center has an extensive library to research career materials in your areas of vocational choices. The fee is \$46.

For further information, call the Center at 358-9390.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The Palisades Presbyterian Church cordially invites the community to come to their Strawberry Festival on Sat., June 15th, on the manse lawn (across the street from the church), from 4 to 7 p.m. Old fashioned strawberry shortcake will be served.

PALISADES SWIM CLUB

The club begins its 20th season on Sat., May 25th. Nellie Knudson, who was the original founder and first president of the club, has been elected president for this season. The pool manager is George Dymond. The waiting list currently numbers 25 families. For information on joining, call Marie Firestone at 359-0599.

Long known for its excellent swim team, tennis tournaments, adult and teenage special nights, and informal attractive ambience, Nellie says she expects this year to be "better than ever."

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MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

On Mon., May 27th, the Palisades parade will begin at about 9 a.m. from Swan St., proceeding east on Oak Tree Rd., past the post office to the flag pole where the traditional ceremonies will be held. This year's speaker will be Reg Thayer, who was recently interviewed on the "Good Morning America" TV program in connection with his World War II experiences.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in the Palisades Presbyterian Church Hall from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

A parade on Central Ave. in Pearl River at 2 p.m. will celebrate the 300th anniversary of Orangetown. A delegation from Palisades will be there.

On Sun., May 26th, at 9 p.m., a giant fireworks display at the Tappan Zee H. S. field will mark the Orangetown Tricentennial.

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Carol Ann Knudson was named to the Dean's List a Southampton College of Long Island University. Carol, who will be graduating this month, was also elected to Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society.

Wanted: Volunteer Editor for 10964 News-letter to start with Sept. issue (10 issues per year): Will train. Call Maryann at 359-2058, or write to P. O. Box 201.

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