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ODE TO THE HUDSON

by Dr. George Arthur Smith
[Grandfather of Reginald K.
Thayer, Jr.]

O thou grand historic river
With what pride we gaze on thee,
'Neath the mountain loved by Irving
Flowing onward to the sea.
Past the Palisades imposing
Onward, onward in thy might
Sparkling in the dazzling sunshine
Coursing onward through the night.

O what secrets in thy bosom
What enchantment in thy name,
Shades of dear old Rip Van Winkle
And his all compelling dame.
What a wealth of beauty round thee
Not of Feudal castles old.
But of nature's charming splendor
And thy legends manifold.

Roses bloom so soon to wither
Cheeks aglow ere long grow pale,
But thou flowest on forever
Ever onward through the vale.
Hail thy name, O Henry Hudson!
May thy slumber peaceful be
As thy grand majestic river
Courses onward to the sea.

[My maternal grandfather wrote this poem in the 1930's, I believe, when he was a resident of Yonkers, N.Y. At that time he was principal of both Public School No. 2 and the Yonkers Evening High School. It appeared in the thirties in the Dobbs Ferry Register. I thought 10964 might be interested, since Palisades is another river community.]

PALISADES CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Condos: The officers of the PCA were scheduled to meet with the attorneys for the builder on Jan. 20 for an "examination before trial." However, due to the Martin Luther King holiday, this meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Article 78 suit filed to overturn Supervisor Colello's decision on our petition: This hearing has been postponed until Feb. 25th.



Truck Busters: Irene Frederick will chair a committee to monitor the trucks that still use Oak Tree Road between 9W and Rte. 340. Please call her if you can give 2 hours of your time. At last the N.Y. State Dept. of Transportation has put up the "No Thru Trucks" sign on 9W at the corner of Washington Spring Rd. and Oak Tree Rd. on the north bound side of 9W.

IBM: Final approval of IBM's plans was given at a recent Town Planning Board meeting. Approximately 7 acres of dirt will be removed from this site so we can
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expect lots of truck activity on our roads. An entrance for "staff only" will be allowed on Route 340. Use of the helicopter will be limited to a specified number of trips per year during certain daytime hours. The police department will be advised in advance when IBM will be providing helicopter service.

Our fund-raising membership drive was successful and we thank all of you who gave so generously and also sent notes telling us to keep up the good work. If you have not yet become a member, please consider doing so today. We need and hope to have your support. Our main objective is to keep Palisades the unique community it is.

EILEEN LARKIN

BASEBALL LEAGUE ORGANIZES

Anyone who missed the February registration dates for the Palisades-Sparkill Baseball League can sign up on Wednesday, March 12, from 8-10 p.m. at the John M. Perry American Legion Post on Route 340 between Palisades and Sparkill. The co-ed league is open to girls and boys from kindergarten through eighth grade. First-time players are welcome. Registration fee is \$25; \$10 for each additional child in the same family to a maximum of \$45. In addition, \$10 for chance books to be sold by each participating youngster will be collected in advance. The season runs from April 19 to June 22.

League President Kevin Driscoll noted that a record 180 youngsters played in 1985. "We expect another record-breaking year in 1986," he said. In fact, there may be a large enough registration to allow four divisions (last year there

there were three). In that case, the league will be looking for an additional field. Currently, all games are played on the field in front of the Perry American Legion Post.

The Pal-Spa League is one of the few all co-ed hardball leagues in Rockland County. "Official" Little League relegates girls to segregated softball teams. Pal-Spa is an independent community organization not affiliated with any other organization. Today all teams are integrated, and says Driscoll, "It works very, very well." Fellow Pal-Spa Director Manuel Labor noted, "In years past, we had all-boy teams and all-girl teams. One year an all-girl team walked off with the league championship and that ended any question anybody ever had about allowing girls to play baseball with boys." Labor also pointed out that recent studies have shown that girls who play competitively with boys grow up to be more successful in the business world.

Kindergarten and first grade youngsters hit a rubber ball off a tee. Second grade children have a hard ball pitched slowly by an adult. As the youngsters get older, they play competitive hardball. Fun, sportsmanship and instruction are stressed along with competition. The Pal-Spa group does not put up with parents who razz players, coaches or umpires. All participating adults are volunteers, and all participating youngsters (who make it to practice) are assured of playing at least half of every game.

JIM FARLEY

Donations were received this month from William F. Drago, Charles and Hiroko Felton, Marjorie Goldstein and Anne Gugler. Thank you!

RE: PALISADES LIBRARY ANNUAL
MEETING

Against all odds -- i.e., rain, cold, and the Chicago Bears -- the Palisades Library held its annual meeting Sunday, January 26. The turnout wasn't SRO as in other years, but all chairs, stairs and nooks were filled to capacity. Fifty-five people were greeted by President Maggie Gundlach; and Treasurer Roger Jellinek introduced the afternoon's guest speaker, Dr. David Simpson, a seismologist and geophysicist from Lamont. His topic: "Earthquakes: the Expected and the Unexpected."

Folks also came to cast their votes for three new members for the Library's Board of Trustees. As Ray Bernick and Jan Stark have finished their terms and Bob Burcaw is moving to Nyack, replacements were needed, and there were six enthusiastic candidates: Jane Lattes, Yolanda Man, Barbara Algert, Lynn Seidler, Andy McIntyre, and me. And although I promised free trips to Hawaii, toaster ovens, mink coats, and even a game ball autographed by the Refrigerator himself if I was elected, I wasn't. But Andy, Lynn and Barbara were and a hearty congratulations and good luck to you winners.

Dr. Simpson, a specialist in USSR and Egyptian geophysics, was very informative; his talk was fascinating and at times alarming. We learned that earthquakes almost can be counted on to occur at reservoir sites, and the larger the reservoir, the more potent and dangerous the earthquake. When Simpson stated that Egypt's Aswan Dam, the world's largest, held enough to cover New York State with five feet of water, cries of astonishment arose from the audience. His slide

presentation very effectively supported his lecture. We especially were impressed with the picture of the vegetable rows in a farmer's field out of alignment -- but perfectly so -- on the San Andreas Fault just after the big California earthquake.

I think it is just great that a small community like ours can raise 6 interested committed candidates to serve its library; that so many Palisadians show up each year for the annual meeting in support of the library -- and more importantly, to show their support of the importance of the library to our community and to our lives. And if I'm elected next year, caviar for everyone! On the house! Although scraping it off from there might prove a little tricky.... A forklift perhaps... maybe individual ladders? I'll have to think this through a little more carefully... hmm

LESLIE PRICE HAYES

PEOPLE IN PALISADES

CAROL ANNE KNUDSON graduated cum laude in August '85 from Southampton College, Long Island University. Her major was Marine Science. Carol is employed by LMS Engineers of Pearl River, where she works on environmental studies.

MILLIE TRACHTENBURG graduated cum laude in May '85 from C.W. Post College, Long Island University, where she majored in Communications. She is now employed as copywriter by radio station WRKL in New City.

NANCY HALL

SAFE CHILDREN - #2

One of the most frequent questions I am asked is, "What do I say to my own children about the pictures of missing children that we see daily?" The answer needs to take into account your child's curiosity about missing children and his/her own need to feel secure.

When children ask about missing children, they are really asking two questions. The first is, "What happened to that child?" The second, generally unspoken question is, "Could that happen to me?"

In answering the first question, we need to say what we know. Most of the time that is very little, and an appropriate answer might be something like, "I don't really know. His/her parents don't know where s/he is and this picture will help them find him/her."

The second question is rarely asked directly but should be addressed as an extension of the answer to the first question. For example, "I wouldn't want anything like that to happen to you, that's why we talk about the safety rules. What would you do if...." The goal is to leave children feeling that they could handle whatever needed to be done in the "What if...." situation you have posed.

Ultimately children learn personal safety one example at a time. Through discussion of their questions you can build concrete safety skills, self-confidence and positive self-image. Over time, your children can express their concern for missing children and for their own safety in ways that allow them to contribute to solving the problem without feeling vulnerable and insecure.

Balancing the needs of missing children with the needs of all

children is essential to insure a generation of children who feel safe, who make smart choices and who will be safer as a result of the commitment we all bring to education without fear.

SHERRYLL KERNS KRAIZER

[Ms. Kraizer is a nationally recognized authority in child safety, author of The Safe Child Book and Director of Health Education Systems, Inc. This is the second of three articles she has written for 10964.]

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The performing arts are alive and well at the South Orangetown Middle School and that is the way principal Larry Glickman likes it. After the fall production of "Bye Bye Birdie," Jean Brock, Director of the Theatre Arts Program, scheduled auditions for three separate one-act productions which were performed the evenings of Feb. 6 and 7 for the public as well as before the students in the schools.

The Middle School is one of ten schools in the metropolitan area participating in the Children's Shakespeare Festival sponsored by SUNY Purchase. Under Jean Brock's supervision, 30 fifth and sixth graders were chosen to perform in an abbreviated 30 minute version of "MacBeth." The culminating activity will see all ten schools performing at Purchase on April 10th.

Two Tappan Zee High School students from Palisades will make their debuts this year as assistant directors. Ilena Elevitch is assisting Mrs. Brock who is directing an eighth grade group in a one act play, "Cinderella Wore Combat Boots." Fiona Lawrence will assist Eden Lee Jellinek, director of the seventh grade melodrama,

"Left in the Wicker Basket, or, Right Under the Old Boarding House Steps." Ilena and Fiona are under a special year-long contract for the performing arts between the Middle School and the High School. As part of that program, they are also working with the Drama Club, a group of fifteen girls from grades five and six who are studying scenes from plays. Both girls are being exposed to all phases of theater and will be heavily involved in the SOMS community production.

The community production for this year, directed by Mrs. Brock and open to all students in the district as well as to adults who live in the district, is a musical which is scheduled for May 16th, 17th and 18th. It will have an original script and score which is being written by the same team that gave us the smash hit of last year, "Robin Hood" - Nancy Ponder and Dave Kamien. The theme will be Rockland County during the American Revolution. Mrs. Brock predicts another hit.

"More and more students are going out for the performing arts this year," says Mrs. Brock, herself a resident of Palisades until very recently.

Yes, the arts are doing well at the Middle School and, as usual, Palisadians are very much involved.

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LETTER TO THE EDITORS

I would like to thank all the neighbors and friends who responded to my letter on behalf of the building fund for the Palisades Presbyterian Church. Just under \$19,000 has been received. Another \$6,000 is needed to complete the goal of \$25,000. I hope that those who have not yet done so will send a tax-deductible contribution to the Palisades Presbyterian Building Restoration Fund, Palisades, N.Y. 10964, so that there may be 100% participation in our effort to preserve this important building in our community.

ANNE GUGLER

DIRECTOR OF BEMAN GALLERIES HONORED

The Tappantown (NY) Historical Society has honored Lynn S. Beman, Director of Beman Galleries in Nyack, with one of the Society's prestigious Achievement Awards. The award is for Mrs. Beman's discovery, and return to Rockland County, of the mid-19th century De Windt House painting by Cornelius Ver Bryck, "Washington's Headquarters at Tappan, Rockland County, New York."

A photograph of Mrs. Beman and the "lost" painting is on display at the Palisades Library.

To become a member of the Tappantown Historic Society (founded 1965; current membership approximately 600) send \$5 to Box 71, Tappan, N.Y. 10983. The Society promotes the study of local history and publishes a quarterly newsletter and an annual local history magazine.

WRITERS ROUNDTABLE TO FEATURE BIOGRAPHY

The Rockland Center for the Arts is offering a series of lectures/discussions, The Art of Biography, to be held Fridays at 8 p.m.

Feb. 14: Jane Howard, biographer of Margaret Mead.

March 7: Susan Cheever, novelist; daughter of John Cheever

March 21: Roxane Witke, biographer of Mme. Mao Tse-Tung.

April 11: Nora Sayre, former film critic for The N.Y. Times.

May 9: Robert Massie, author of Nicholas and Alexandra, and Peter The Great.

The series is receiving support from the N.Y. State Council on the Arts. Palisadian Roger Jellinek is currently chairman of the Rockland Center for the Arts Literary Program.

A full subscription for the series is \$25 for the general public (\$20 for members, seniors, students). Individual lectures are \$5 (\$4 members). Reservations and advance payment are necessary. Please call 358-0877.

PALISADES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ash Wednesday service will be held Feb. 12th at 8 p.m.

An adult discussion group will begin Sunday, March 2nd and continue through Sunday March 23 from 12:30-2 p.m. Coffee and tea will be served in the parish house.

The topic will be Habits of the Heart, a book by Robert Bellah which deals with interpersonal relationships in today's society. Discussion leaders are Dr. Hae Ahm Kim and Mr. Chris Iosso.

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MEMORIAL contributions to the library for Jack Algert and Connie ("Minama") Price have enabled the library to purchase many additional books. The children's fiction room has been dedicated to "Minama" and a dedicatory plaque has been placed on its wall.

REMEMBER that a children's winter story hour began Sunday Feb. 2nd and will continue for 8 weeks. Times are 3-3:30 p.m. for children 3 and 4 years old and 3:30-4 p.m. for 5 and 6 year olds.

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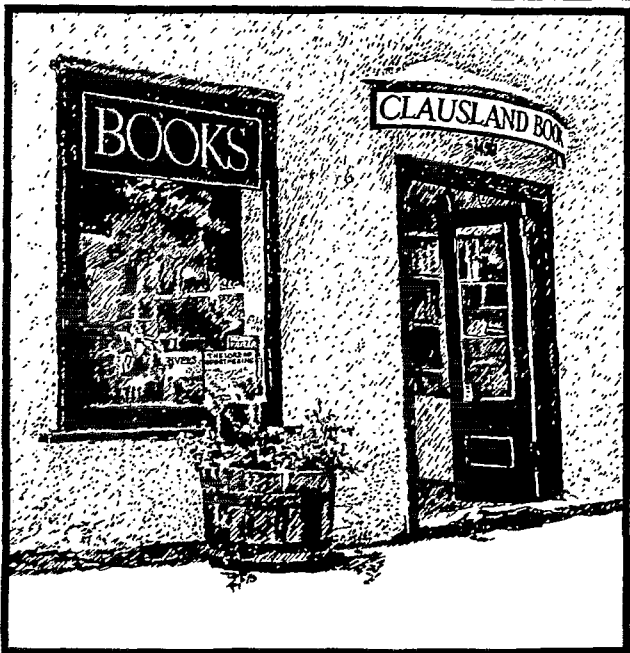
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