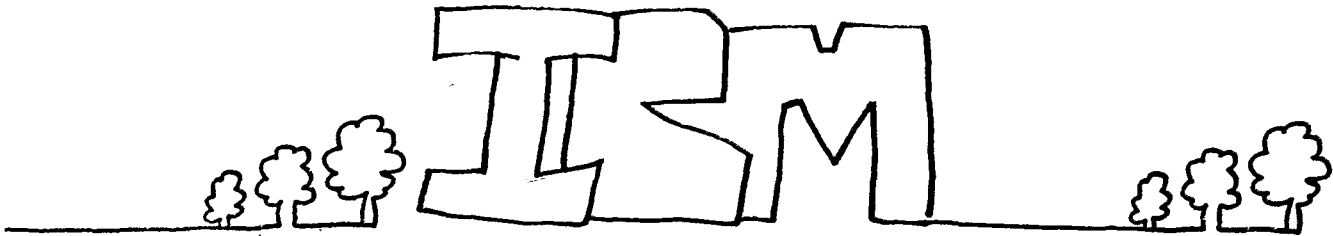

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CUSTOMER EXECUTIVE EDUCATION CENTER

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Opening Date: END of 1988.

Occupying 106 acres, this center will offer classes to executives of companies interested in automating their data, according to Susan Dennis, Information Representative of IBM's Real Estate Division. The center will educate a CEO, for example, on the various computer systems available to suit his or her company's needs. 175 instructors and administrators will staff the center's educational operation.

The executives will live at the center, in the "hospitality wing," and this section will be run much like a hotel. There will be 205 residential rooms with baths, and a dining room or cafeteria will service both guests and IBM employees. A maintenance crew of 175 will operate the physical plant itself, i.e., janitorial and housekeeping services, electrical and plumbing equipment, and gardening and landscaping work.

IBM has several such centers throughout the country, but they are going to be closed and centralized into the one Palisades facility.

Palisades was chosen because of its proximity to IBM's headquarters in Westchester. An urban site was not necessary nor preferred; IBM wants the Palisades facility to feel more like a

"retreat," with all the conveniences and requirements of the executives satisfied within the one center.

Because the center will not be operational until probably December of 1988, Ms. Dennis could not supply specifics about which companies might be sending their executives to the center, or the names and titles of IBM executives who will actually administer the on-site program. These types of details will be furnished towards the middle of next year.

When I brought up the subject of helicopters being used to transport visitors in and out of Palisades, Ms. Dennis said she was unaware of any such use on a "regular" basis. On occasion a helicopter might certainly be called for, but by no means was it a normal part of IBM operations. In order to acquire helicopter access approval of any sort, Ms. Dennis explained, a minimum estimate of weekly trips had to be entered on the application; it did not mean, however, that IBM intended to use helicopters as a normal business practice.

LESLIE HAYES

CONNIE LATTES

When the wild ghost story written by the younger Jane Lattes and her friend, Deanna Eckem appeared in the last 10964, I thought what a lark it would be to get permission and reprint it in the bulletin of The Mystery Writers of America. The image that came instantly to mind was of Connie chortling over the idea. Then the world turned upside down and Connie is gone. But, oh, the images he left behind to those of us who loved him. To know him was to love him. Or perhaps more to the point, to know him was to know love.

It is not hard to believe that his passion for open cars came of their bringing him into closer touch with earth and sky, and people. I see him looking round on a very early morning or a late afternoon with a nod and a smile that says how good a day it is. Then with near the speed of flight, he takes to the road intent upon whatever dire need awaits him at the hospital. I see him at the Memorial Day flag-raising with Jane and the children and I know from what he says afterwards that his deep sense of history has been nourished by the reverential words spoken there and the simple ceremony.

Connie condescended to no one and elevated everyone with whom he associated. He suffered his own dark night of the soul some years ago with his severe back problem. He fought his way through it. But at a low moment Harry came upon him beating his fists on the ground, lying face down in the Triangle. He might have fallen, and out of the pain he said: "What am I if I can't do what I'm supposed to do?"

Not *who* am I. Connie didn't have that problem. He was quietly, magnificently, cheerfully himself. We are not going to know his like again. We can only know how blest we were to have so big, however brief, a life among us.

Dorothy Davis

THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE IN NEED

A number of social service efforts would benefit from the support and involvement of Palisades residents. The Presbyterian Church has some on-going support projects, most of which the community can also help directly.

FOOD

1. On the Saturday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 21), members of the church will collect food donations outside the Nyack Grand Union. We have been doing this for a number of years and encourage shoppers to buy something extra for the Rockland Food Cupboard's "Food Bank." The Church would welcome volunteers and other support.

2. We also collect foodstuffs on a monthly basis for the Rockland Emergency Food Cupboard (353-1114). The office is at 205 Main Street, Nyack, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. week days. The Cupboard, which serves primarily families in crisis, is a project of the Rockland Community Action Council, a coalition of churches, civic groups, and concerned individuals.

3. The Broadway Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen was started with the help of volunteers from Union Seminary and other institutions on the upper west side of Manhattan. Our church has assisted with funds and food for the past three years. The Soup Kitchen serves meals to a number of the homeless on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Meals are served in three shifts: 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are encouraged to come in around 10:00 a.m. to help set things up. The church is located at 601 W. 114th Street, on Broadway. You can call 212-864-6100 for more information.

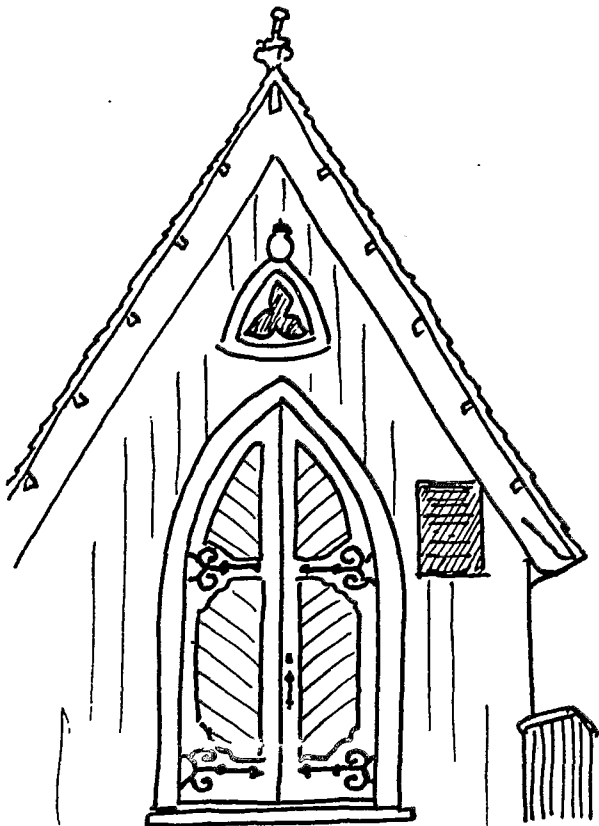
CLOTHING AND SHELTER

1. The church also collects clothing for the homeless in conjunction with Dobbs Ferry Presbyterian Church. The clothes are delivered to one of the shelters in Manhattan. Please call the church if you have clothing to donate or want to volunteer as a driver. How much we can accept depends on when the next run will be.

2. Volunteers to help staff church and synagogue based shelters can call the Coalition for the Homeless at 212-460-8110.

3. Men's clothing is also collected by the Bowery Men's Shelter (212-674-3456). Women's clothing is collected by Women in Need (212-719-5031). Please call them for times.

Chris Iosso
Laurie Ferguson



SUMMARY OF SERVICES HELPING THE NEEDY

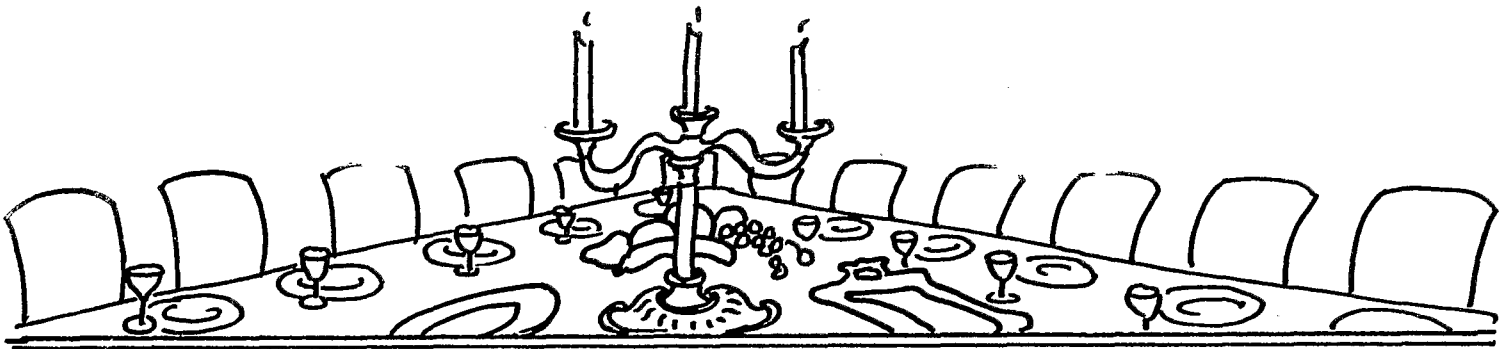
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THANKSGIVING IN CANADA

When I was approached to write about Thanksgiving in Canada I felt I had little to say, but in comparing my experiences in both countries I became aware of several differences.

Thanksgiving in North America was first celebrated in what is now the Canadian province of Newfoundland. Sir John Frobisher initiated the celebration after the first British immigrants to settle in the New World landed there safely.

The holiday is celebrated on the second Monday in October in concert with an authentic harvest celebration. Families gather together and the traditional turkey dinner is served. The trees have already changed colour and a natural decoration of red and gold provides a visual feast. Special religious services are held and places of worship are decorated with fruits of the harvest.

My most memorable Thanksgiving was not one isolated day but several days which I spent with my mother on my aunt's farm as a young child during the harvest season. All the neighbouring farmers came early each morning to help my uncle bring in the harvest, while the women spent each day cooking and baking enormous amounts of food, which was served each night on long tables set out on the front lawn. I truly was in awe of this ritual, which was repeated in each of the neighbouring farms until the harvest was safely stored. The warmth and friendship displayed during this time of mutual need made a lasting impression upon me, one which I think of fondly today.

Joan Bracken

INFORMATION ON THE PIERMONT PIER PROJECT

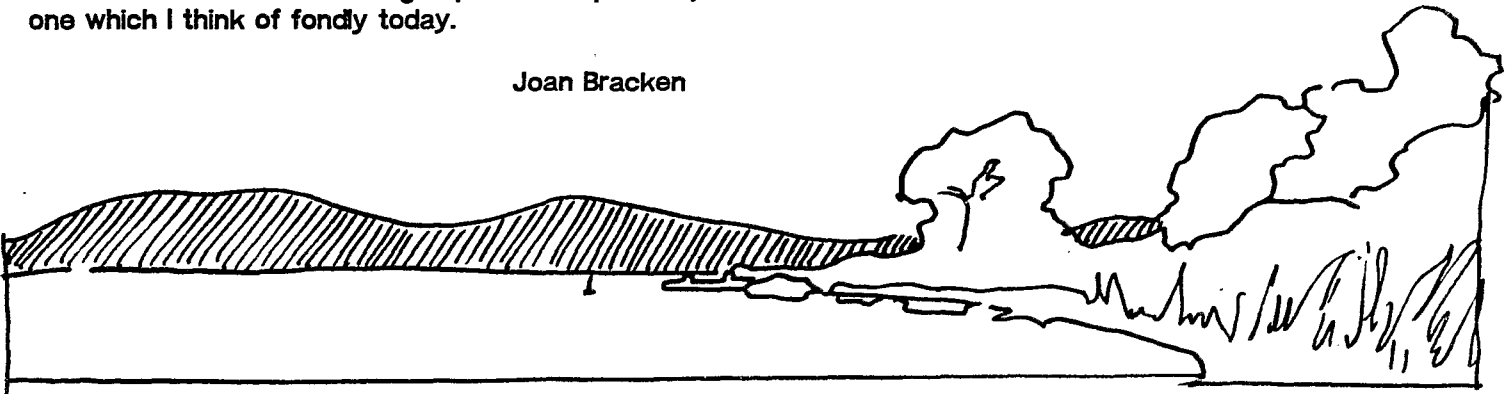
The Village Board of Piermont set dates for the review process for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the pier project. Most of the review workshops took place in October; however, two remain:

Nov. 17, 8:00 pm: Public Hearing on the DEIS
Jan. 2, '88: Final Environmental Impact Statement

The Workshops are being conducted by the Village Board with input from representatives of the Village's Board and representatives of Carlyle Piermont Corporation. The workshop meetings are open to the public. Only written comments and questions from the public that are submitted one week prior to the meeting will be discussed. Additional November workshops have not yet been scheduled.

Comments and questions raised at the November 17 public hearing will be incorporated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

[10964 received the above information from the Piermont Newsletter, and we thought Palisades might be eager to learn of events taking place in our neighboring river community to the north.]



**THE BLUE ROCK SCHOOL SHARES
A SPECIAL GIFT WITH US**

10964 received this letter addressed to our announcements editor, Joan Bracken, from the new Blue Rock School, accompanied by a poem by Mildred Rippey. We thought it would be wonderful to share the letter and the poetry with our readers.

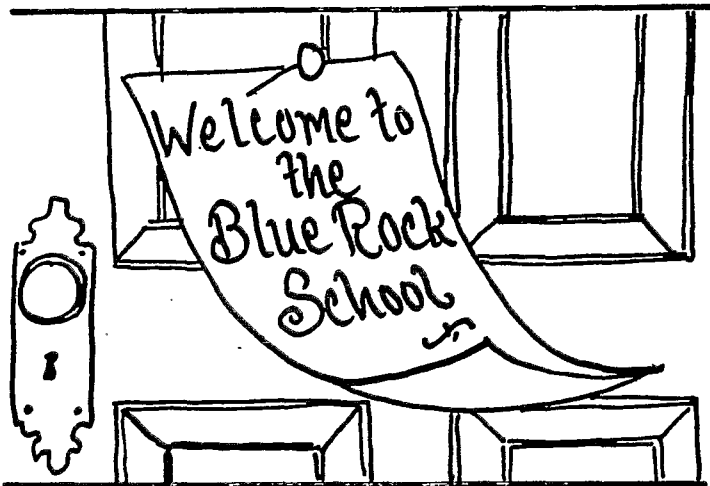
Dear Ms. Bracken:

On the first day of classes at the Blue Rock School, a letter was pinned to the door. I have enclosed a copy of the letter and would like to know if it could be published in the November issue of 10964.

The letter was written by Mildred Post Rippey, a long-time resident in the community. We asked Mrs. Rippey how she would feel if you printed her letter. She thought it would be very nice. She added that she graduated from college at 82 and is now a great grandmother of three.

Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,
Kristina Leeb-Lundberg
Director



WELCOME! BLUE ROCK SCHOOL!

I heard our school bell
ring today
And my eyes were full
of tears
When I thought of the
little next-door girl
Who, all through the years,
Responded to its merry
sound,
Grabbed her books and ran
Saying softly to herself,
"Beat me if you can!"

But she was first in the
schoolhouse door
Before the bell stopped
ringing
And she sat beside a
great big boy
And they all started
singing.

They marched around
the great big room
And then sat down
to pray.
And all felt very glad
inside
That they were
there that day.

The girl's a gray-haired
lady now.
She can't march nor sing,
But how it touches her old
heart
To hear that school bell
ring!!

Mildred Post Rippey

**ATTENTION PALISADES VOTERS:
PRE-ELECTION NEWS AND PRIMARY RESULTS**
by Andrew E. Norman

Several hundred Palisades and Sparkill residents owe their continued voting eligibility to the Rockland County Board of Elections. The board sends a "Do Not Forward" postcard in August to each registered voter; if a card is returned undelivered, the board starts the process of purging the voter from the registration roll. This year hundreds of postcards were returned by two of Rockland County's 28 post offices. Investigation revealed that postal officials in Tomkins Cove and Palisades had decided that delivering a card bearing the voter's correct street address but lacking the RD or PO Box number would constitute "forwarding," and returned all such cards to New City!

The election board's decision to cancel all purges in the affected districts allowed 90 Democrats and 69 Republicans to vote in the September 8 primary without having to apply and wait for court orders restoring them to the rolls.

Palisadians voting on Tuesday, November 3, between 6AM and 9PM will see many new names and faces on the ballot and at the polls. Since Palisades and Sparkill are hamlets with no legal boundaries, the northern line of Election District 12 had to be moved from the Palisades School to Van Terrace and Lake Drive to conform to new census regulations.

In the Democratic primary for COUNTY JUDGE, the local vote was 51 for Harry Waitzman and 39 for William A. Kelly. Kelly was the winner both county-wide (6,479 to 2,646) and in Orangetown (1,011 to 316). In November, Kelly, also the Liberal Party nominee, will face Clarkstown Town Judge William F. Wray, nominated by the Republican and Conservative Parties, and Right-to-Life candidate Harold Grune, the Stony Point Town Judge.

In the Republican primary for SUPERVISOR, incumbent Joseph V. Colello carried Palisades 52 to 17 and the town as a whole by 1,337 to 852 over Councilman Charles A. McLiverty. McLiverty will be on the November ballot as the "Town Party" candidate; Thomas W. Herman, the Democratic line; and Colello, Republican, Conservative and Right-to-Life.

Only four Palisades Republican voters wrote in the GOP nominee for SHERIFF: Kerry A. Fortes. Fortes will be running against incumbent Thomas Goldrick of Blauvelt, a Democrat who was also nominated by the Conservative Party. The Right-to-Life candidate for Sheriff is Mary A. Walker. In Orangetown as a whole, Goldrick received 105 Republican write-in votes to Fortes's 91, but Fortes carried the county by 320 to 190.

The November ballot offers an unusually populous contest for the six STATE SUPREME COURT seats in the judicial district that includes Rockland, Westchester, Putnam, Orange, and Dutchess counties. The only Rocklanders on the ballot are incumbent Theodore A. Kelly of Orangeburg and George M. Bergerman, a county judge who is the nominee of the Republican and Conservative parties. Kelly, James Cowhey, Nicholas Colbella, Thomas A. Facelle and Peter P. Rosato will appear on the Republican, Conservative, and Right-to-Life lines. The Democratic candidates are Donald M. Silverman, Donna M. Mills, A. Robert Giordano, J. Emmet Murphy, John Carey and Abraham Reingold.

Edward J. Clark (D) of Pearl River is seeking a third term and Frank Fornario (R-C-RTL) of Blauvelt a second in the COUNTY LEGISLATURE. The challengers are Albert J. Broderick (R-C-RTL) of Orangeburg and Eric Kleiner (D) of Pearl River.

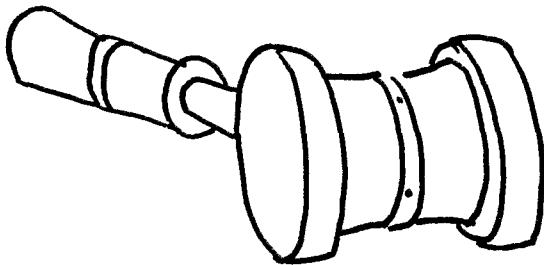
Incumbent Paul B. Phinney III, the Republican and Conservative nominee for TOWN JUDGE, will be opposed only by James A. Moffett (RTL).

The rest of the Orangetown Republican slate has both Conservative and Right-to-Life endorsement: for TOWN CLERK incumbent Patricia Haugh, opposed by Democrat Anne Mirijanjan; for TOWN COUNCIL, Thomas J. Swift of Blauvelt and William F. Griffith, Jr., of Pearl River, opposed by Democrats Grace Radin of Tappan and Roger Pellegrini, now of Piermont but for much of his youth a resident of Palisades. Griffith is the only incumbent candidate for Council. The other seat is being vacated by Republican Stanley Husted of Blauvelt, who succeeded his father in the position nearly 30 years ago.

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The first of two constitutional amendments hidden at the top of the voting machine would eliminate a provision which was held unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court last year. U.S. citizens who served in the armed forces in wartime receive extra credit for civil service. The amendment would give the same credit to persons who did not become citizens until after their service.

Proposal number two will be of great interest to all Palisadians troubled by the shortness and narrowness of certain ski trails in Essex, Warren, Ulster and Delaware Counties. The precise details of how many miles may be added or widened on which five mountains if the amendment is approved are concisely set forth in a small pamphlet that will be available at the polls on election day. Be sure to request one.



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| Nin | A Literate Passion |
| Shilts | And the Band Played On |
| Townsend | Sherwood Anderson |
| Truman | Murder in the CIA |

Craft Programs for Young People

Please mark your calendar and save Thursday, November 19th, and Thursday, December 10th for after school programs.

**NEWS FROM PALISADES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, November 8, at 5:30 pm: Members will gather for a Pot Luck Supper celebrating and gathering information in relation to stewardship.


Saturday, November 21: During the day we will be at the Grand Union in West Nyack for our third annual Food Collection for Rockland County Food Cupboard.

Sunday, November 22: Our celebration of Agape, a simple meal together around family tables in the Parish House of thanksgiving and praise.

Drivers are needed to help from time to time in taking clothes which we have gathered for the homeless into New York to the Prince George Hotel. Anyone wishing to help may contact the church office Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday mornings, 9-12, 359-3147.

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Wednesdays, Nov. 4 and 11, 10-4: A two-session workshop in printmaking will take place, led by award-winning artist Dorothy Cochran of Ridgewood, N. J. The fee for this workshop is \$50, plus a \$12 materials fee.

Saturday, Nov. 14, 8:00 p.m.: Jean Strouse. Awareness of the relationship of the biographer to her subject very much shaped Jean Strouse's approach to her *Alice James: A Biography*, and informs her current very different work in progress, *Pierpont Morgan*. Jean Strouse, lecturer and critic, has been an editor at the *New York Review*, at Pantheon Books, and book critic at *Newsweek*. She has been the recipient of two Guggenheim Fellowships, as well as others from the National Endowment for the Arts, and for the Humanities.

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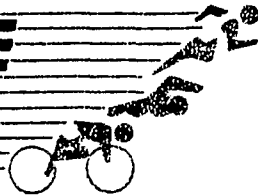
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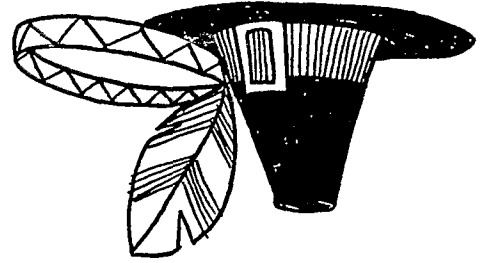
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