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Holiday Appeal

The holiday season has arrived once again! How time seems to be flying. It seems like only yesterday we were having barbecues and running off to swim lessons. What happened to September...October...November? And now, the big rush is on to prepare for a wonderful holiday season with our friends and families.

There are many families for whom the holidays are not as joyous. Because of circumstances beyond their control, many parents are not able to provide the kind of holiday that most of us are accustomed to. For this reason, 10964 organized the "Share the Spirit" holiday appeal last December. This appeal was initiated in order to provide holiday gifts and grocery certificates for a needy family in Rockland County. The overwhelming support we received from families in Palisades last holiday season was phenomenal! Your generosity and enthusiasm in 1990 made the holidays more festive for many families.

In the glow of last year's success, we are renewing the appeal this year and are expanding our efforts to include two families. The first is the same family that we collected for last year. This family is truly an inspiration. The mother, who has been taking care of her own four children plus four of her sister's children (on her own) is now adopting her sister's children. The oldest son, who is severely epileptic, will not be able to undergo surgery (as mentioned in the article last year) because of complications which make it extremely risky. The other 7 children are all doing well and remember a wonderful Christmas a year ago. These children, ranging in age from 9 to 17 will be most appreciative of any small present they may receive, possibly including sneakers, clothes, bedspreads, toys, dolls and walkmans.

The second family is also extremely needy and worthy of any donations. The "head of the household" in this case is a 58-year-old woman who has taken in over 100 foster children in the past, including high risk and high need babies. The children she is now caring for include a 12-year-old boy, 5-year-old girl, 3-year-old boy and a 4-year-old boy whom she calls her "miracle baby" because at one point he was only given a 2% chance to live as he suffers from liver cancer. At the present he is doing very well and the future looks positive.

We would like to be able to give each of the children in these two families one toy and one item of clothing. The toys that the second family may like could be things like Barbie dolls, trucks, a walkman, a bicycle and more. The sizes range from size 4 up to size 44 (for a large 12 year old boy).

We believe that these families are very special and deserving. The parents do not have the means to purchase anything for Christmas, let alone the numerous gifts many of us provide for our families. When you purchase a present or send a check you can be assured that this donation is going to a specific person, to a real child who will be smiling on Christmas because of your good will.

If you would like to purchase a toy or article of clothing for one of the 12 children, contact Judy Zehentner at 365-0521. She is coordinating that effort. All gifts must be delivered to Judy, Lori DiGiacomo or Gina Vermandel by Monday, December 16.

If your schedule does not allow time for extra shopping, please send a check to 10964 indicating that this is for the Holiday Appeal. Thank you for all of your help. If everyone does just a little bit, we can help make this a better holiday season for some terrific kids.

- Judy Zehentner

AS PALISADES GOES, SO GOES ORANGETOWN

The voters of Orangetown showed a rare disposition to follow the lead of Palisades in the 1991 election, giving whopping victory margins to all three Democratic candidates for Town Board and the Republican candidate for County Sheriff.

As in his first run for the supervisorship in 1989, former Palisadean Roger Pellegrini swamped his Republican opponent better than 2-1 in the Palisades election districts (12 and 50). Pellegrini received 376 votes (68%) to Councilman Connie O'Sullivan's 177 (32%).

Councilman Niel O'Sullivan led the Democratic ticket here with 384 votes (70.6%). His running mate, Tappan dentist and former Pearl River School Board president, Dr. Edward Fisher, was close behind with 355 votes (65.5%). Allan Ryff, last year's loser to Niel O'Sullivan by some 23 votes townwide, outpolled his fellow Republican, incumbent Councilman Thomas Swift, 195 (35.8%) to 153 (28.2%). The Democrats did almost as well townwide: Pellegrini 58.3%, O'Sullivan 62.2%, Fisher 57.2%.

While both incumbent County Legislators, Democrat Edward Clark and Republican Frank Fornario, were reelected, Palisades supported both Democratic candidates. Clark polled 349 votes (65.2%), and his running mate, Ronald Hansen, 312 (58.3%). Fornario reaped 228 votes in Palisades (42.6%) to former Supervisor Colello's 166 (31%). James Leman, who secured the Conservative Party nomination in place of Colello, received 16 votes (3%).

No Republican candidate who has carried Palisades has failed to carry Orangetown for at least 25 years, and the rule held firm in the 1991 contest for Sheriff. James Kralik garnered 262 votes - 219 on the Republican line, 24 on the Conservative and 19 on the Liberal. Democrat Stephen Scurti got 239 votes, while 20 votes went to Right to Life candidate Mary Walker and 6 to Law & Order candidate Joseph Dawson. Kralik's county-wide margin exceeded 14,000 out of a total vote of approximately 58,000.

Losing Palisades by only one vote was an equally good augury for Patricia Haugh, who trailed Democrat Jerry O'Brien 267 to 268 but won a fourth term as Town Clerk with a thumping 56.6% of the townwide vote. Even a 232 to 289 loss in Palisades did not stop Paul Phinney from winning reelection as Town Justice over Democrat George Scrocco with 56% of the vote.

The entire state took its cue from Palisades in approving two constitutional amendments - a 50% increase in the bond guaranteeing capacity for the Job Development Authority (238 yes, 169 no) and allowing tolls and commercial development on the state barge canal (220 yes, 174 no). But our hamlet's disapproval of a land swap in the Adirondack Forest Preserve (221 no, 184 yes) was unable to prevent statewide passage by approximately 51-49%. The referendum to allow the County Legislature a few extra days to act on the annual county budget was approved both in Palisades and countywide.

Bernard Stanger, unopposed for reelection to the Family Court, received 60.2% of his 488 Palisades votes on the Democratic line, 32.4% on the Republican, 4.7% on the Conservative and 3.9% on the Liberal; the Right to Life Party endorsed no candidate.

In the Supreme Court voting, considered a fairly accurate measure of party affinities, the two Democratic candidates averaged 59.6% of the Palisades vote and the Republicans 30.7%, a division that has remained stable for several years. However, a relatively heavy switch took place between two other parties. For the first time, more Palisades votes were cast on the RTL line than on the Conservative for Republican candidates endorsed by both. The RTL share leapt from 3.9% (1987) to 6.2% and the Conservative plummeted from 5.7% to 3.6%.

All of the above numbers for Palisades exclude absentee ballots, and all figures other than those for Palisades are preliminary.

-Andrew E. Norman

TRUCK COUNT UPDATE

This is an update on the traffic situation on Route 9W and Oak Tree Road since our letter in the October issue of 10964.

In response to our request to Assemblyman Sam Coleman, the New York State Police have agreed to conduct some joint operations on 9W with the Orangetown Police. These will involve safety checks (brakes, etc.), stopping speeders, and monitoring violations of the 10-ton limit. At the time of this writing, these operations have not yet begun as the scale used for weighing the trucks is in use elsewhere by the State Police. In the meantime, both the State and Town Police are separately checking trucks on 9W without the scale.

We also asked Assemblyman Coleman to request the NY State Department of Transportation to make an official truck count on 9W to provide more meaningful data than that provided by our count made in June of this year. In response, the DOT made a survey in October of all vehicles travelling along 9W in Palisades. We obtained a copy of the survey and turned it over to Detective Sergeant Harold Johnson of the Orangetown Police. We discussed it with him on November 7th and are here providing highlights of the data produced by the survey.

A total of 9,357 vehicles were counted. Most of these were passenger cars, trucks under 10 tons, and buses, but there were 252 trucks weighing 10 tons or more (compared to 140 which we counted in our survey in June of this year). Peak hours for total vehicle count were 9 am and 6 pm, reflecting commuter travel, but heavy truck traffic was spread out fairly evenly around the clock. The foregoing figures are 24-hour figures produced by averaging the numbers developed over a 48-hour period (two weekdays). It is difficult to determine the significance of this data, but it is

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GROWING UP IN PALISADES

1916-1935

by John Garrison
as told to Milbry Polk

I can't think of a better place for a boy to grow up than Palisades. I was born in 1916 in the Garrison house - now called the Finck house - next door to the Palisades Presbyterian Church. When I was born, my father was the postmaster in Palisades. He was born here, too, and so was my grandfather and my great-grandfather and my great-great-grandfather. Our family Bible says we've been in Palisades since the 1700's.

My grandfather was a painter. He painted the stripes on the Pullman Coaches. He also marbelized mantelpieces. My father was an assessor of Orangetown for 12 years. He was also the Postmaster at the Country Store from before the War until 1922. He sold ice cream there for 7 cents a cone. In 1934 he became a fisherman. He fished the Hudson until 1950, then he went to California to visit my sister. He died there and he was buried in Palisades.

Here is what I remember from my childhood: I had two brothers, one younger and one older. We used to go into Fox's woods, next to the cow fields behind the church, to go camping. We also camped below the waterfall where they laid the bed for the railroad they never finished. We put bottles of Sattleys soda which we bought at Simmons' store - where Ernie Quick lives today - in the crevices of the rocks. They would keep cool there for two days.

From the end of July until the beginning of September was crab season. We'd call Hen Boss, the butcher in Sparkill, and when he came through Palisades to deliver other orders, he'd drop off 10 cents worth of bait every morning during the season. With the 10 cents worth of bait we could crab two tides. We used fishing logs, 40-50 feet long, which we cut in the woods and hauled down to the river in a cart. We hung our nets between the logs to catch the crabs.

We'd peddle the crabs as far as Rockleigh, carrying them in a burlap bag on our backs up the hill - that was the hardest part. We also caught shad and bass with poles. Father sold his fish to the Fulton Fish Market in New York City. They would come and pick it up at the Landing. It didn't pay to send the shad, so we just gave them away.

The Ferry ran only in summer. Captain Hill was the pilot of the ferry, which was known as the Cat Boat. My brother or I would row the passengers out to the boat over the mud flats. It went over to Dobbs Ferry in the morning and came back in the evening. Usually there were 6-8 passengers. Captain Hill lived in the Boat House, which no longer exists.

My friends all came from across 9W. Very few people lived in the Landing in the winter at that time. Not until after the War did people begin staying all year in the Landing.

In the winter we would sleigh ride and ice skate. We would sleigh down from Agnew's (Lamont) past Claggets Gate (entrance leading to the Green barn), on down the hill to the

Landing. I'd make a bonfire at Claggets Gate, and the best riders would go up to start at Lamont. You were a sissy if you started at the gate. Girls hitched aride on the back of the sleighs. The most daring riders would go all the way down to the river. We'd stick out our toes to stop. There were a few accidents, a few broken bones by Brearly's corner (Judy Tompkin's house), but I never broke anything.

When the snow on the road melted, we'd go skating at the Post's ice pond - between the Martin and the Man house on Closter Road. It was a good-sized pond - 100x40 feet. Of course we built a bonfire there, too. There was always plenty of dried wood.

The roads were never plowed then. There were only three cars in the Landing. I remember the Stutz Bearcat owned by Jack Ratcliff and the Dusenbergs Touring Car owned by Mr. Hyde who was married to Lydia Tonetti. He built many of the houses on Woods Road. In the winter we would shovel snow for the celebrities. Most of the people in the Landing were friends of Mrs. Tonetti's - sculptors and artists. The first theatrical people were Sally Bates and Katherine Cornell. In the twenties, Clara Bow and Rex Bell lived in the Log Cabin where Sandy McAllistar is now. Lilly Havermeyer lived in the Ding Dong house.

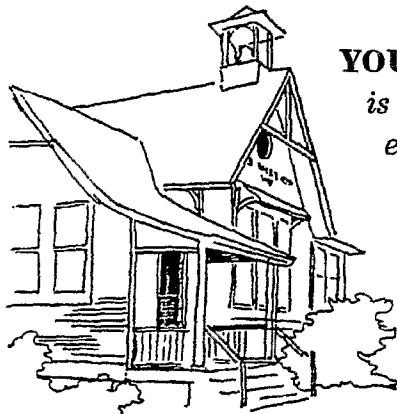
We went to the Presbyterian Church. It had a small congregation. On Saturdays in the winter we got 10 cents to help George Moore start up the wood and coal fire so that it would be warm for Sunday. We also got 10 cents an hour to rub all the pews with lemon oil. In the Spring we had the Strawberry Festival at the Church. They had them at Yonderhill, too, when it was a Methodist Church.

I went to the Palisades Grammar School, which is now the Community Center. There were 8 in my graduating class in 1931. The school had 2 rooms. Each room had one teacher who taught four grades. Billy Knudson was in my class. He lives across the street from me now, on Closter Road. We walked to school together. From up the hill came the Scharpfs, 3 boys and a girl, then Adele Dow, Harry Sisco, and Gussy and Joe Herring. We walked past the ball park, which is now called the Triangle. You can still see some of the wooden posts that went around it.

On the west end of the ball park was August Dumpkin's Blacksmith Shop. To and from school we'd stop and watch him work, shoeing horses and making wrought iron implements. After there were no more horses he abandoned it. In 1928 or 29, Ellen Spear, later married to Mr. Calhoun, head of the Palisades Interstate Parkway Commission, opened a tea room in that building with Mrs. Eckerson. One day we got out of school early because Ramsey MacDonald, the Prime Minister of England, was coming to the Tea House and we were allowed to go and see him.

We went to Tappan Zee High School in Piermont. We rode there in the "ice wagon", a converted ice truck that Halstead

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YOUR COMMUNITY CENTER
*is available every evening and
 every weekend. Reservations
 are best made a week in
 advance by calling Diana
 Green at 359-8137.*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

The annual **Halloween Party** which took place on October 26th (see photos - center spread) was a charming and very successful event, due mainly to the efforts of Board member Kim Miller. Special thanks are also extended to all who gave their time to pitch in and help out.

Holiday Bazaar: The big upcoming event at the Center is the Holiday Bazaar which is taking place on Saturday, December 14th from 11:00-4:00. There will be crafts and baked goods for sale, as well as some hot foods at lunch time. Santa Claus will be making a welcome appearance from 12:00-2:00 and has agreed to pose for photos with all who care to sit on his lap. If parents are interested in having their children photographed with Santa they should bring them at that time. Finished photos will be available at the end of the day (4:00). The closing festivities of the day will include lighting the big pine tree in front of the Center accompanied by caroling and hot chocolate. Please come and share your Christmas spirit!

New Classes at the Center: Julie Breer is teaching an art class for children ages 6-9 which meets on Saturdays

from 10:30-12:30. Past projects have included papier-mache banks, Indian villages, mobiles and puppets. There will also be some holiday craft workshops for ages 9 - 15 going on during weekends in December.

Julie has also hinted at starting a teen theatre group. If you would like to encourage her or if you need more information, contact her at 359-0581.

John Drechsler is giving individualized drawing instruction to adults and mature teens on Sunday afternoons. For further information, contact John at 446-2707.

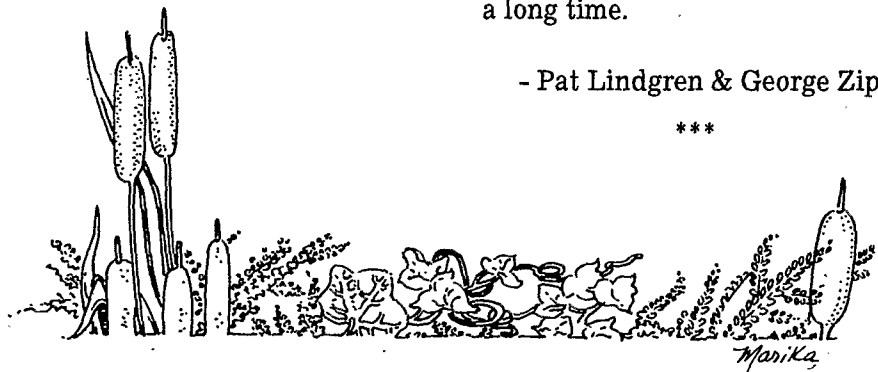
Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting will take place in mid-January. Refreshments will be served and your attendance is much needed in order to elect members of the Board of Directors. Anyone interested in possibly becoming a member of the Board should certainly attend.

We'd like to welcome the Palisades Schoolhouse to Palisades! We're so glad to have them in our Community Center - bringing it to life again.

Getting to know Craig Werner and Mindy Mandel Werner and all of their staff has been a real pleasure as well as a life-saver for parents like us who need to work. Pete is on his bike at 8:00am, ready to zoom down the street for a second breakfast at school (I'm afraid he likes Craig's breakfasts better than mine). The school is not only incredibly convenient, but we feel good knowing that he's right down the street having a wonderful time with his friends. Our home is filled with his paintings, sculptures, rubbings, tie-dyed T-shirts and good memories. He tells us about class trips to pick apples followed by the making of apple sauce and apple pies! After Halloween, they even cooked their pumpkins and made another delicious pie.

I encourage everyone to take a minute to stop in and visit them. There's always something fun going on. In short, we're not only welcoming them, we're thanking them for coming to Palisades and hope that they'll stay a long time.

- Pat Lindgren & George Zipparo



PALISADES ARTISTS EXHIBIT AT THE ROCKLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Cristina Biaggi, Norman Galinsky and Grace Knowlton will be showing their work as part of the Rockland Center for the Arts' Annual exhibition of prominent artists who currently live or work in Rockland County. The exhibit, titled, *Off the Wall*, is one in a series of annual exhibitions entitled the Rockland Connection. According to curator, Ned Harris, this year's exhibit was put together around the idea that "the barriers between the disciplines of painting, sculpture and craft have long since fallen". The exhibit features two- and three-dimensional wall-hung constructions, freestanding sculptures, and outdoor artwork made from such unexpected materials as silk, rope, glass and mirror. The exhibit opens with a public reception on Sunday, Dec. 8th at 1 p.m. and continues through Jan. 19. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. The Center welcomes adult and school groups for gallery tours by reservation. The Center also invites visual artists who are new to Rockland County to submit slides and a resume for possible inclusion in planned future exhibits which will introduce new talent.

Other December Events

Also on Sunday, Dec. 8, the Center will open a new Photo Space Gallery featuring the work of New City resident, Ned Harris. The exhibit opens at 1 p.m. and continues through Jan. 26.

On Friday, Dec. 20, there will be a special holiday concert at the Center featuring Christmas and Hanukkah music of the Renaissance and Baroque periods performed on authentic period instruments by Callope, a Renaissance band. A reception follows the concert. For further information about this concert, which is part of the Arts Chamber Music Series, and about the Center's Jazz Series, call 358-0877.

THORPE INTERMEDIA GALLERY CLOSES

"The decision to close the gallery was not an easy one," according to Gerd Stern, president of the Intermedia Foundation, the parent organization of the gallery. "With the hard work and professional insight of its founders and co-directors, Adele Myers and David Weinrib, Thorpe Intermedia Gallery has been a ferment of creative activity." He added, "The only realization that justifies such a decision is the extraordinarily successful 15 years of service to the arts, artists and the broader community. The Foundation is grateful to have parented that process."

From the time of its founding in 1976, Thorpe Gallery, housed at the Dominican Convent in Sparkill, presented a variety of exhibitions and artists-in-residence. Several of the gallery's exhibitions traveled to other museums in New York State and in New York City. One of these, *Personal Touch*, is currently on tour throughout Rockland County.

As a nonprofit organization, Thorpe Gallery's programs were funded by private donations and by public monies received from federal, state and county governments. The current fiscal crisis has caused drastic governmental budget cuts, forcing many arts organizations to discontinue or severely curtail their service to the general public.

Sister Adele Myers expressed great sadness at the closing of the gallery. But, she added, "I believe that the spirit of the gallery will continue to exist in the hearts and minds of all who were a part of it." That spirit, she explained, is "a love and respect for art and for those who create it."

Both Adele Myers and David Weinrib will continue to be actively involved as artists in the cultural life of Rockland County. The Intermedia Foundation, which was founded in 1968, will maintain other programs and projects in the cultural arena.



MUSICAL HOUSES

Sometimes it seems as if many of us in Palisades are on a nonstop carousel of musical houses. With the desirability of the area and the limited number of homes available, I suppose this little game is inevitable.

We at 10964 thought that it would be a good idea to update the community on who is where. It may be confusing, but here goes!

John and Rosemary Jennings and their three daughters have moved into the John Poppen house on Lawrence Lane. John Poppen is living in Chicago.

Sandy Tabatznik and Mark Cohen have purchased the Jane Burdick home on Lawrence Lane.

Matt and Lindsey Lonberg have purchased the home of Mrs. Cushman Haagensen and the late Dr. Haagensen on Woods Road and will be moving in after some changes have been made.

Steven and Courtney Ross have bought the Jellinek house off Washington Spring Road.

Anne Bedel Smith and her husband Gordon are back in their own home on Washington Spring Road after a time spent living in Europe. For years the Starks rented this house followed by Lou Tharp and Jim Bumgardner who are now renting the charming house at the corner of

Washington Spring Road and Ludlow Lane.

Anna Hammond and Jeremy Paul and their two small children are renting "The Colton House" off Route 9W.

Bill Miller is renting "Rive Gauche" home of Nick and Cassandra Ludington while they are living in Cyprus.

The most recent occupant of the "Captain John House" on Washington Spring Road is Richard Tanner.

Irene Blanchard and her three children are renting the Carlotta Petrina house on Washington Spring Road.

John and Martha Goodman are in Grace Knowlton's cottage on Ludlow Lane.

Louis and Marika Hahn have bought Marshall Karp's home on Oak Tree Road.

The Horace Thayer home on Oak Tree Road has been bought by Tom and Mahdu O'Connell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernanda Camargo have bought the Marion Streech home on Closter Road. The Camargos have one child.

The Mark Morrisises sold to Joanne and Tuvia Barak and their

two children after buying Brenda Shepard's home on Washington Spring Road.

Diana Adams and D. Nelson purchased the home on Closter road belonging to Michael Currier.

Maryann and Lou Sahadi on Lawrence Lane sold to Stephen McGowan and Octavio Ciano.

Todd Fenton, a former Palisadian, has purchased a house on Indian Hill Lane.

Donna and David Tookmanian have sold their house to Matthew and Grace Cardillo.

Thomas and Margkutly Puthenmadahill purchased the Alexandrian house on White Oak Road.

We know that this doesn't cover everyone. Some information was unavailable to us. If you are new to the community and we missed you, please drop us a line at 10964. We want to welcome all of our new Palisadians!

-David Sanders

...TRUCK COUNT

clear that there is a lot of traffic on 9W, including more than 250 heavy trucks every 24 hours. In considering this, it should be remembered that the 10-ton limit does not apply to trucks making pickups or deliveries in Orangetown.

On November 7th, we again discussed with Detective Sergeant Johnson the traffic situation on Oak Tree Road with regard to both speeders and truck violations. He said that, in accordance with the request we made on July 22nd, police surveillance has been increased on Oak Tree Road, particularly during school hours. He stated that whereas they used to put a police car on Swan Street they have more recently been stationing it by the Community Center.

We will continue to monitor the 9W/Oak Tree Road traffic situation and report further in the next issue.

-Dossie & Reg Thayer

A Scrap Heap By Any Other Name

When I was a child growing up on a farm, there was no such thing as garbage pick-up, no air pollution, no plastic, and not much in the way of packaging. Waste disposal was easy. Everything that would burn was put in an old brick incinerator and a match put to it every now and then. Bones and meat scraps were given to the dogs. Cans, bottles and broken dishes were buried. Everything else - garden debris and kitchen waste - was thrown onto a pile near the cow-shed where the cows could pick through it for the good stuff while the rest would quietly (but not fragrantly) rot, leaving thick, black, rich muck that plants loved.

We didn't call this by the active verb "composting" - it was simply "the scrap heap", a passive object that all of us hated when we were children and became old enough to make the long, cold walk from the house to dump the day's leavings.

In the country everyone had a scrap heap. In the suburbs they aren't popular since they neither look nor smell good and are not appreciated by the downwind neighbors. Composting being not only politically correct but also clearly necessary for global survival, we're fortunate that someone has come up with a clean and painless method for doing it.

The Green Cone is a new system for disposing of kitchen waste. It consists of a green plastic cone about 44" high that can be installed right near the house. It will digest all kitchen scraps - even meat, chicken bones, grease, and coffee filters - without any effort on your part. The Green Cone traps solar heat and thus acts as a greenhouse to break down the materials. There's no turning or aerating involved, and the manufacturers claim that, for a family of four, it only needs to be emptied once every two years and that all you will have when you empty it is a compact small mass of dry residue.

For information or to order: Solar Cone Inc., P.O. Box 67, Seward, IL 61077-0067. (815) 247-8454.

-Anne Brooke

HELP NEEDED FOR CREATIVE PROJECT

Anna Hammond, a Palisades resident, along with another New York artist, have just completed a city-funded mural project in the South Bronx aimed at getting previously homeless youths now living in subsidized housing involved in a community project. Anna and her colleague are now organizing a more comprehensive program that will involve the extended community in painting two eight-story murals and in planting a community garden. Along with Aquinas Housing, which has donated the wall and garden spaces, they will establish a creative working space for the diverse community.

Financial and material donations are needed to implement this project. To make donations, or for further information, contact Anna at 365-3035.

Media Watch

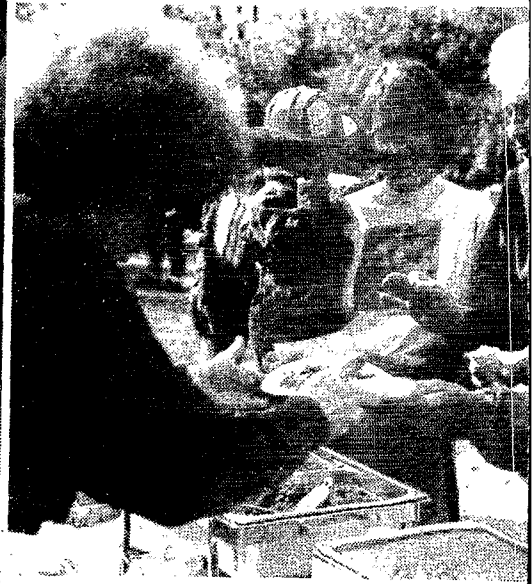
Palisades Academy Award and Emmy winning filmmaker, Julian Krainin, has recently completed production of an hour-long documentary entitled: The Quiz Show Scandal. This film will appear nationally on PBS on Monday evening, January 6, 1992 as part of THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE series.

The story of the television quiz show scandal of the late 1950's is a cautionary tale about how more than 50 million viewers were deceived, and how shame and fear led 100 well-educated, respected, middle-class citizens to perjure themselves. In a way, it was one of the greatest scandals ever because it completely duped tens of millions of Americans who, in the privacy of their living rooms, believed and trusted virtually everything they had witnessed. Public Broadcasting commissioned the documentary because it believes that it is an important story whose significance goes far beyond the high-stakes fun and games it depicts.

A new book entitled: Camp Shanks and Shanks Village: A Scrapbook, by Scott E. Webber, has just been published by the Historical Society of Rockland County. The book is the product of more than 20 years of research based on records in the National Archives, interviews with participants, and the memoirs of many who were there. Containing more than 250 photographs, cartoons, and other illustrations, it documents the role of Rockland County in World War II as well as the post-war years when some 4,000 veterans and their families settled in Shanks to begin their lives in a world they had fought to make possible.

Leslie Price (Hayes) is tickling the ivories and singing up a storm again at Rockland's newest Restaurant/Bistro on the water in Piermont, "The Mooring". Her local fans are delighted that Leslie has found a nearby boite to do her thing. "The Mooring" is owned by Sneden's Landing residents, Anthony & Nina Macagna. Congratulations and good luck to you all!

PLANT SALE



Clockwise from top L:

* Antonio Estadella applauds the efforts of the chili chefs.

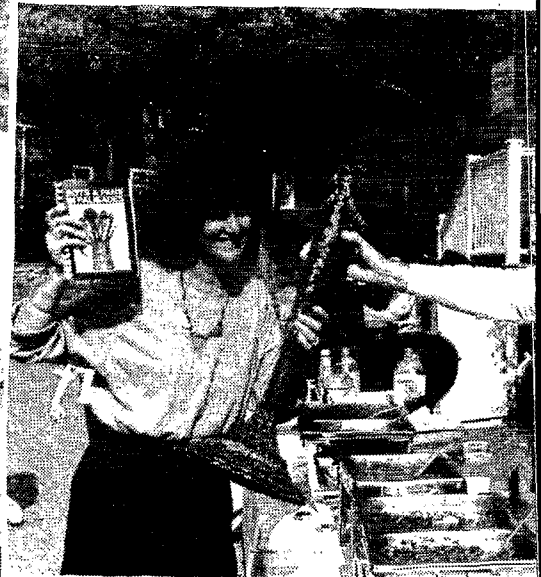
* A crowd of lucky kids gets a ride on a fire engine.

* Pat Lindgren and Pete, and George Zipparo accept heaping plates of chili from Debbie Sears.

* Anne Brooke accepts her prize for the winning chili recipe from Bill Walther.

* Nina Prusinowski helps Spencer make a book selection while his mom, Jackie Martin, looks on.

* Burger chefs David Green and Phil Bauman serve up delicacies to a hungry crowd headed up by John Ewig.



HALLOWEEN

PARTY



Clockwise from top R:

* Aidan sports his prize-winning costume of court jester.

* A family of piggies joins the parade.

* David Seeger relates the haunting tale of Dr.Kropsky to a giggling group which includes his son, Max.

* Isaac and Alex are coached by Jeremy Paul in the art of throwing pies at "ghouls".

* Bree and Savannah enjoy some treats.



otos by Diana Green

LIBRARY NEWS

Winner Bares All

The winner of the Palisades Free Library First-and-Hopefully-Last Annual Chili Cook-Off, when asked to share his/her winning recipe, was at first reluctant to do so. We assumed this was the normal reluctance of the master chef to reveal secrets known only to him/her.

When pressed, however, the winner finally agreed, on conditions of strict anonymity, to allow us to print the winning recipe. When you read it you will see that his/her reluctance was entirely justified, and anonymity a necessity for someone who has so willfully insulted the discerning Palisadean palate.

Winning Recipe (although it is with great hesitation that we call it that):

* Go to your local grocery store and buy a packet of chili mix.

* Follow the directions on the packet.

* Don't add beans.

(He/she did add, when asked to go into a little more detail, that one should really only use very good and lean meat, but that these were lean years; that Wick Fowler's Three Alarm Chili was undoubtedly the best but unfortunately not available at the nearest store, which only had Old El Paso; and that, being a native of hotter climes, he/she always doubled the amount of chili quoted except in the case of the afore mentioned Wick Fowler's Three Alarm, in which case doubling to Six Alarm was definitely not advised.)

New Non-Fiction

Breslin	<i>Damon Runyon</i>
Emmerling	<i>American Country Classics</i>
Friday	<i>Women On Top</i>
Friedlander	<i>Nudes</i>
Grafton	<i>The Sisters</i>
Humphry	<i>Final Decision</i>
Lane	<i>Plausible Denial</i>
Massie	<i>Dreadnought</i>
Michener	<i>World is My Home</i>
Updike	<i>Odd Jobs</i>
Westbrook	<i>John Dewey and American Democracy</i>

New Fiction

Amis	<i>Time's Arrow</i>
Atwood	<i>Wilderness Tips</i>
Auchincloss	<i>False Gods</i>
Carter	<i>Education of Little Tree</i>
Davies	<i>Murther and Walking Spirits</i>
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Miller	<i>Crazy Cock</i>
Miller	<i>Letters From a Lost Generation</i>
Puig	<i>Tropical Night Falling</i>

For The Very Young

Most of the books on the latest Reading Rainbow list are on the library's shelves. Do come and enjoy this excellent selection.

Holiday Craft Program with Martha Bosch - Wed. Dec. 11th, 4:15.

December Schedule

Closed Tues. 24th, Wed. 25th
and Tues. 31st

January Schedule

Closed Wed. 1st
Annual Meeting - Sunday
Jan. 26th

AN APPEAL

The Palisades Free Library Centennial Capital Campaign will draw to a close on December 31, 1991.

The list below will clearly outline our goals:

1. Retain the architectural character of the original building and as much of that building as possible, so that the new Library appears to be the mature stage of an earlier infancy. The benefits of the new should be experienced within, not without.
2. Incorporate a central administrative and information/computer center to act as the HUB of this Library.
3. Construct a larger children's section designed for flexibility (additional books, critically needed study tables and chairs, computers, space for story time and art displays).
4. Design a bright reading area where people may browse and relax. When

needed, the room will easily adapt for seminars and meetings.

5. Improve access for the handicapped.

6. Install a modern heating/cooling system. This will both preserve the collection and be sufficiently economical so that, despite an increase in footage, we will have only a minimal increase in utility cost. Install adequate sanitary facilities.

7. Increase collection shelving.

The value of an expanded Library will certainly be far reaching. It will stimulate our interest, stir our imagination, and satisfy our curiosity.

To those community members who have made donations, we extend our sincere thanks once again. We urge all those who have not made donations to consider doing so at this time. It is critical that we all step forward and make the necessary sacrifices that will insure that the Library expansion plans become a reality. EVERY donation will have an impact on our success. We hope to hear from each of you.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Services for December

On Sunday, December 15, there will be an Advent Vesper Service at 5:30 followed by dinner. Cash donations are suggested to help finance this event.

On Sunday, December 22, there will be no 9 a.m. service as all are encouraged to come and enjoy the Annual Children's Pageant at the 11 a.m. service.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, there will be services at 5:30 and 11 p.m.. The 5:30 service is for families and will include the story of the Gift of the Magi. The 11 p.m. service will be the traditional lessons and carols.

On Sunday, December 29, there will be no 9 a.m. service.



PEOPLE WHO DO:



As a special thanks to all of our advertisers who have supported 10964 over the past year, this section is devoted to highlighting some of the items and services available from them this holiday season.

In the next issue, this section will feature people who do any kind of renovations or home fix-up work. If you would like to be included, please drop us a note in P.O. Box 201.



To make organization easier we have listed items in order of prices. We must also note that this is an incomplete list since we were unable to reach everyone, but we hope that you'll patronize our advertisers whenever possible. Say you saw the ad in 10964!

* On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, **Viva Villa** is offering all you can eat for \$7.95.

* Exquisite handmade silk accessories, flowers and headbands for up to \$25 are available at **Abercorn Place, Ltd.**

* Get your holiday paperwhites in a variety of bowls and baskets for up to \$25 from **E & F Florist and Garden Shop.**

* You'll find Russ-Berre stuffed toys and trolls from \$3 - \$15 and all of your holiday cards and wrappings at **Storino Pharmacy.**

* From **Bittersweet Pastries** come chocolate truffle cakes in 4 flavors for \$16. They are also available in gift tins (\$18) or boxed and sent nationwide (\$28).



* Custom wine gift baskets are available at **Piermont Wines** for up to \$25.

* From **Table Set** come two unique possibilities: a kit with everything you need to start 30 Douglas fir trees



(\$15), and vivid woodblock-printed table linens - napkins, placemats and cloths (\$25 - \$50).

* Regional books are available at **Pickwick Bookstore**, including Camp Shanks and Shanks Village: A Scrapbook, by Scott Webber, Palisades and Sneden's Landing, by Alice Haagenzen, and Hudson Valley Trails and Trails, by Patricia Clyne.

* You'll find a great selection of framed art prints (\$44 & up) and decorative mirrors (\$10 - \$250) in all sizes at **Deco Depot.**

* Stop in to see a wide selection of jolly handcrafted Santas in porcelain, handcarved wood, and cloth (\$10 - \$200) at the **Blue Onion.**

* Look for books and birdhouses under \$50 at **Whispering Pines.**

* **Gary's Finish Carpentry** makes solid cedar raised-panel planter boxes, 16" x 16" (sized to hold a 2-gallon liner) for \$50. These can also be custom-made to your specifications.

* **Karen Houghton Interiors** features one-of-a-kind Christmas stockings which are made in the shop from exquisite fabrics and trimmings.

* Unusual gifts for the health conscious can be found at **Born of Earth**, including cruelty-free cosmetics, new age books and tapes, bulk cheese and spices, incense, gourmet coffee and herbal remedies.

* A good selection of ride-on toys and old-fashioned rocking horses priced under \$150 is available from **Buttercup & Friends.**



* **All Car Auto** offers a wide selection of automotive and power tools. How about an All Car gift certificate for someone on your shopping list? From \$5 - \$5,000,000!

* Splurge on yourself at holiday time! Arrange your winter wonderland in Switzerland through **Travel Horizons.** Fly Swiss Air, 6 nights in Montreux, breakfast and tax included - \$867 per person.

* If post-holiday plans include a big move, look for a sybaritic retreat in Sneden's Landing. It's a new 5,800 sq. ft. French-inspired manor house on 2 landscaped private acres. \$1,450,000. Contact **David Sanders at Skjerdings Brokers.**

* **Molly Mason Samett Associates, Inc.** sends "holiday greetings from Our House to Your House".

* **Margaret Tayler Anderson**, independant realtor for over 30 years, sends good wishes for happy holidays to all of the readers of 10964.

The last 3 companies do not offer specific items for sale, but we have included a description of their services:

* **Pati-O-Pool**, owned by Bill Ryan, offers landscape planting and clean-up as well as interior painting and basic carpentry.



* **Personalized Lawn Care**, owned by Richard Rasmussen, is a complete lawn care maintenance company which is also equipped to do land clearing, back hoe, organic lawn maintenance and diagnosis of lawn problems.

* **Abbey Roofing & Contracting**, owned by Mark Hovsepian, provides roofing, siding (wood, cedar or vinyl), exterior housepainting and gutter cleaning. Free estimates.



GOLF COURSE FOLLOW-UP

...GARRISON

The wheels of justice are grinding on, albeit slowly, with regard to the Building and Zoning Code Violations at the golf driving range on Route 9W. A Criminal Summons and Complaint were served in September requiring the owner, C&L Golf, Inc., to appear in Orangetown Justice Court in October. This triggered off a series of legal proceedings. At the time of this writing the outcome is unknown. There are several possibilities, one being a trial in court. Maneuvers by C&L Golf to delay the proceedings are anticipated. I am following this very closely with my attorney, the Town Attorney and the Orangetown Building Department, and will report further on the matter in the next issue of 10964. In the meantime, it appears that the prospect of a massive two-story structure is a dead issue.

- Reg Thayer

Letter to the Staff:

Editor's Note: This letter struck me as a wonderfully positive example of how new eyes view our unique community.

Diana Green

Dear Staff and All,

I have just seen the Newsletter for the first time. This year since June I've driven down from Connecticut to begin transformations in a garden in Sneden's Landing. Being a professional gardener, I spend my days with rather ambitious schemes, but my heart is really engaged by gardens done just for the love and loveliness of it, and especially where passers-by can reap the benefit. I happened to drive several times down Oak Tree Road past the Post Office corner with its show of bloom and all, and was struck by the look of personal community commitment. So, here's to the public gardening private folk of Palisades!

Turns out, I've just moved right around the corner from the bright spot in question, to garden full-time in Sneden's Landing. This is another reason to be glad of your Newsletter - 'scuse me, our Newsletter - which shows a lively interest in sustaining the unique character of this place.

So, best wishes for future issues, and yes, I do plan to lend a hand around the corner where even now the roses bloom and Cosmos keeps it up.

Most gratefully,
Jan-Paul Malocsay

Post had. It started out at the Country Store, went down Oak Tree Road to Carteret Road (now 340) and on into Piermont. That was the main road before they put in 9W.

Route 9W was not completed until 1929. Before that it was a mud road which was most often impassable. Mr. Simmons had a station wagon so he could pick up supplies for the store in Nyack or Piermont. Once, someone ordered two cans of caviar and he had to buy a whole case. He still had it 40 years later! After 9W came through everything changed.

Father lost his job in 1935, my senior year in High School. After I graduated from High School I came straight to Yonderhill. The abandoned Methodist Church was purchased by Tippy O'Neill in 1935 and named Yonderhill Antiques. I came walking along one day, after getting off the school bus, and Tippy asked if I'd give him a hand with a piece of furniture. That was the end of my growing up period.

It was a fun childhood. There are just a handful of people left here now from the past. We remember those years. It was a good place to grow up.

Part II - learning the antique business, going into the army, and life in Palisades - to follow in a later issue.



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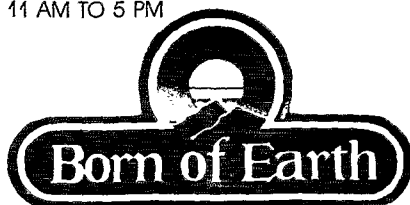


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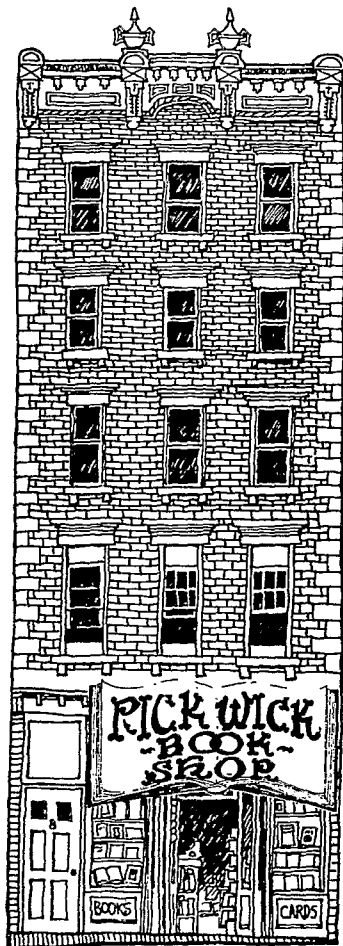
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FAREWELL

To The Eberles

Barbara and Bill Eberle, who have lived in Palisades since 1956, are moving to their farm in upstate NY in mid-December. An article detailing their contributions to our community will appear in the next issue of **10964**.



BIRTHS

We welcome Benjamin Whitstock Seeger who was born on October 17th to David Seeger and Holly Whitstock Seeger. He is the brother of Max and Sam.



Season's
Greetings!