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The Palisades Newsletter

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Seasons Greetings

Palisades Welcomes New Neighbors

On November 6, a large group of ebullient people in their Sunday best joined together to dedicate a new home on Oak Tree Road with a short ceremony. Not every home is so honored, but this house is special, in that none of its eight adult residents has ever had a home of his own before. Marion, Wilda, John, Joe, Keith, Evan, Doug and Forrest, all severely afflicted with Cerebral Palsy, have moved to Palisades from the Letchworth Village Development Center with the greatest happiness, leaving behind their life at a large, impersonal institution for a home in the hamlet of Palisades, with its own back terrace under the trees. During the dedication ceremony, the house was officially named the John W. Cumming Home, in honor of a former Executive Director of Jawonio, now retired.

Visitors were impressed by the pleasant surroundings. The kitchen and dining room allow for family style meals, and there is a spacious living room with comfortable furniture, a TV and stereo, and a large picture window with decorations hung in many of the panes. The residents go outdoors in their wheelchairs when the weather is good and so far they have visited the post office and the library. For longer expeditions, such as

to go shopping, they make use of vans. Just going out for a walk is a novel experience for them since they have spent the greater part of their lives in large, understaffed institutions where nobody had the time to take them out of doors. Elaine Pellegrino, the House Manager, described how intensely the residents experienced the feeling of rain on their faces and how when raking up the leaves in the front yard led to a leaf fight, and they were not only laughing, but throwing leaves at each other.

Indoors, there are varied activities planned by Ruth Monayhan, who is in charge of the activity programs. They have made bookmarks, decorative wreaths with silk flowers, puppets, and arrangements of fall leaves ironed between sheets of wax paper. On several occasions there have been special events including a Mexican Fiesta and Harvest Day. Most of the residents prefer listening to music over television, but the staff tries to get everyone to watch the news, to keep them informed about the world that they live in. Several were discussing the upcoming elections in early November and indicating their preferences.

The most important features of the Cumming

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...Welcome Neighbors!

Home are probably not physical, however. What really matters to the eight people who live there is the sense of belonging they get from each other and from their relationship with the staff who looks after them, including Elaine Pellegrino, Director, Sue Tuttle, House Manager, and five or six other staffers, including Richette and Melanie. The kindness and security of their surroundings have made a tremendous difference in their lives.

Frank and Michele Zanghi's son Joseph, who is 29, has spent all of his childhood and adult life at Harriman and Letchworth Village, and according to his father, the road to the Cumming House has been long and difficult. Now he can go home once a week for dinner with his parents and his two brothers and sister, and his life has taken a dramatic turn for the better. He had never spoken a single word before in his life, but said his first words here. One of the house staff also described how Joseph laughed out loud for the first

time during one of his father's recent visits, causing his father to declare with grateful emotion that "I will take that moment with me to the grave!"

In addition to the staff and managers from Jawonio, the dedication brought together parents of the residents and some neighbors from Palisades including Ann Welsh, the Postmaster, and the Rev. Laurie Ferguson of the Palisades Presbyterian Church. Also attending were a number of Orangetown and Rockland County officials who have played an important role in helping to make it possible for the Cumming Home to be brought into existence, among them our local town board representative, Eileen Larkin. Several other residents with Cerebral Palsy from the Jawonio Center on Little Tor Road came for the dedication ceremony to share in the moment, and also in anticipation of the opening of their new home in Chestnut Ridge. All of the staff emphasized that visitors are welcome and volunteers who would like to come talk to or entertain the residents of the house should get in touch with Sue Tuttle or Ruth Monayhan at 359-3937.

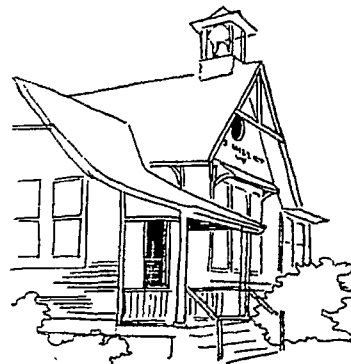
Greta Nettleton

Palisades Community Center

Undergoing Major Renovation

Good News—the Palisades Community Center is undergoing nearly a complete renovation. The exterior white paint has been touched-up, and the porches and exterior doors have been repainted. Inside, the walls and woodwork have been repainted and new wallpaper is being applied in the kitchen, bathrooms and hallway. The kitchen has a new wooden floor and a new stove and refrigerator have been purchased. Soon we will have new cabinets and counters in the kitchen, carpet in the small office, new curtains on the windows, revarnished floors, and a new roof on the rear of the building. When you get a chance, come and see the results, you will not recognize the New Old Center!

Our painter is Salvatore Livia of Riverdale, N.J. (201) 664-0044, who painted the exterior of the building 4 years ago. Our wallpapers were purchased from Palisadian Eileen Larkin 359-6785 who operates Towne and Country Wallcoverings of Norwood, N.J. Tom Lorentz 365-2413 of



Blauvelt installed the new floor in the kitchen and life-long Palisadian Wayne Garrison 365-0838 will be doing the carpentry and roofing.

The renovations are being performed in order to serve you better. The Center belongs to the people of Palisades and receives no support whatsoever from the Town, County, State or Federal Governments. Please send your charitable contributions to the PCC at P.O. Box 222 Palisades, NY.

If you would like to use the Center, please contact Caroline Tapley at 359-3533, during business hours, except Monday.

John Converse



VIEW FROM OAK TREE ROAD

PALISADES FREE LIBRARY

BUILDING ON THE FUTURE

When the Palisades Free Library moved to its present location in 1953, it marked the continuation of a tradition that started in 1891 when Ms. Lydia Lawrence first opened the doors of the library at the Watson House. In its first 62 years of service, the library had only known migration. From its first home at the Watson House, it moved next to the Lawrence House and finally to the Old School before coming to its current home in the Jordan House located at the intersection of Oak Tree and Closter Roads.

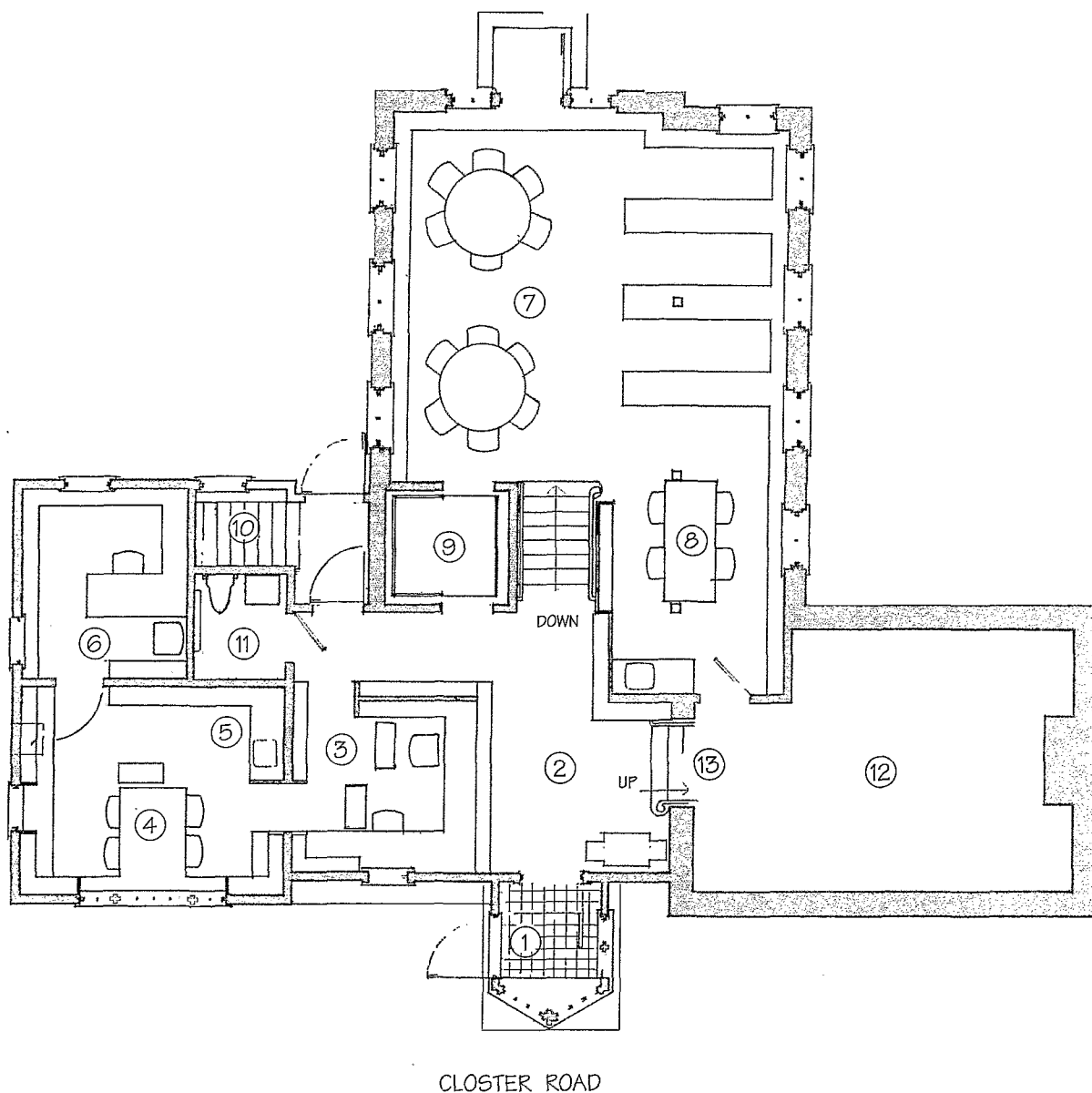
For 103 years the library has been challenged to overcome the architectural limitations imposed by operating in converted homes. In spite of these challenges, the library, which is now one of the oldest in Rockland County, has succeeded in providing consistently creative and imaginative

programs that have met the educational, informational, and recreational needs of generations of children and adult patrons.

Today, with the population of the community at an all time high and the library bursting its seams, the Board of Trustees is proud to announce the start of the building expansion program. All necessary approvals have been received and construction will begin early in 1995.

The architectural firm of Michael Esmay & Associates has created a plan that increases the library's total square footage from 1795 square feet to 3580 square feet. This plan also preserves and enhances the historic character of the original building. Every effort has been made to ensure that the newly expanded library is as pleasing to the eye as it is functional for its purpose.

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FIRST LEVEL

AS YOU WALK INTO THE NEWLY EXPANDED LIBRARY THROUGH ITS ENTRY ON CLOSTER ROAD (1), YOU IMMEDIATELY PASS THROUGH A VESTIBULE INTO AN OPEN COMMON AREA (2). THE VESTIBULE AREA ITSELF WILL FEATURE A COAT RACK FOR STORAGE.

ONCE INSIDE THE COMMON AREA, YOU WILL SEE THAT THE CIRCULATION DESK (3) IS ON YOUR IMMEDIATE LEFT. BEHIND THIS AREA IS

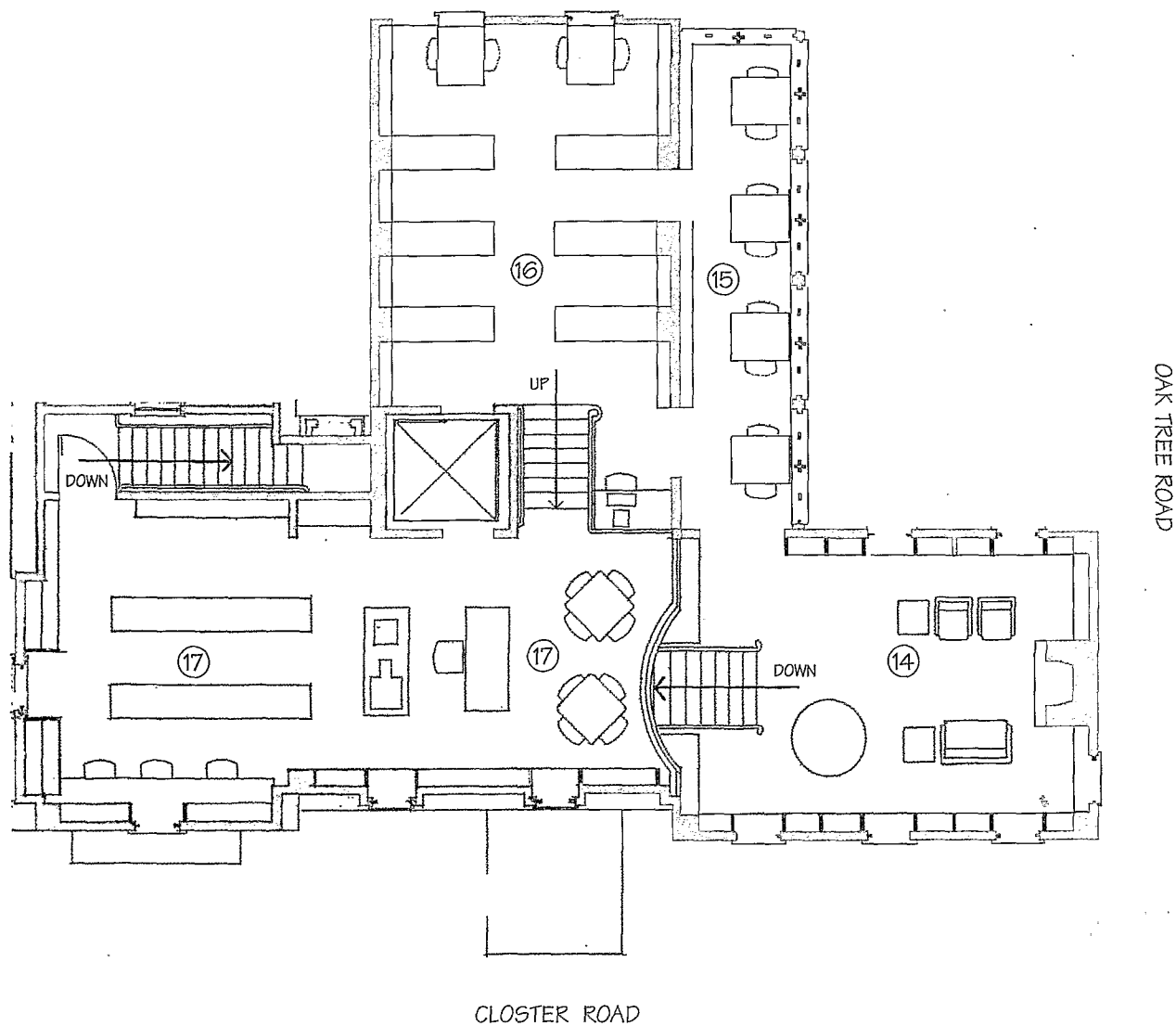
THE NEW TECHNICAL SERVICES STATION (4), STAFF KITCHENETTE (5), LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION (6).

DIRECTLY AHEAD OF THE OPEN COMMON AREA IS A FLIGHT OF STAIRS LEADING DOWN TO A SPACIOUS CHILDREN'S LIBRARY (7) AND YOUNG ADULT AREA (8).

ALSO ON THIS LEVEL IS A HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE ELEVATOR (9),

SERVICE ENTRY AND EMERGENCY STAIRWAY (10), AS WELL AS AN ENLARGED PUBLIC LAVATORY (11). THE EXISTING BASEMENT REMAINS IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION (12).

TO THE RIGHT OF THE COMMON AREA IS A FLIGHT OF STAIRS (13) LEADING UP TO THE SECOND LEVEL.



SECOND LEVEL

AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRWAY LEADING UP FROM THE FIRST FLOOR COMMON AREA, YOU ENTER THE ENLARGED ADULT BROWSING, INFORMAL READING, AND FICTION COLLECTION AREA (14) CENTERED AROUND THE EXISTING FIREPLACE. TO THE LEFT OF THE STAIRWAY IS A HALL THAT LEADS TO THE ADULT READING AREA (15) AND THE ADULT NON-FICTION COLLECTION (16). FROM THIS AREA, A FINAL

FLIGHT OF STAIRS LEADS YOU TO THE MEZZANINE REFERENCE AREA (17). THIS ATTRACTIVE SPACE FEATURES THE PERIODICAL COLLECTION AS WELL AS A BALCONY THAT OVERLOOKS THE INFORMAL READING AREA.

A FEELING OF OPENNESS AND LIGHTNESS PERMEATES THE ENTIRE SECOND LEVEL OF THE LIBRARY. WINDOWS ARE SPACED GENER-

OUSLY THROUGHOUT THE FLOOR TO ENSURE MAXIMUM NATURAL LIGHT. THE FIREPLACE IN THE ADULT INFORMAL READING AREA WILL ADD A COMFORTABLE TOUCH TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE FALL AND WINTER MONTHS.



VIEW FROM CLOSTER ROAD

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When the program is completed, this new library will, for the first time in its history, be able to meet the needs of a growing community. It will:

- ♣ Preserve in its entirety the original historic farmhouse section of the library that dates back to 1865;
- ♣ Enlarge the Children's Area by 405 feet to allow for the incorporation of study tables, chairs, computers, and additional books and reference materials;
- ♣ Provide much needed new space for story time, lectures; and art exhibitions;
- ♣ Create a new Reading Area for adults;
- ♣ Centralize all technical services and administration in one common area;
- ♣ Include a new state-of-the-art cooling and heating system that will ensure a year-round temperate environment for study, research, or reading enjoyment.
- ♣ Increase overall seating capacity from 4 to 40 seats.

In addition, the library will provide complete access for the physically challenged, a discretely expanded parking lot that will allow for easy entry to and exit from the library and complete landscaping to ensure that the expanded facility blends harmoniously with the surrounding area. In short, this new library will finally be at home, at last, designed to function as a complete library able to meet the needs of all its patrons.

The entire library is deeply indebted to the members of the community and the government agencies who have, together, contributed \$304,000.00 toward this expansion effort. We also thank those members of the community who still plan to make a contribution. It is important to remember that our goal is \$400,000.00. As a result, our fund raising campaign will remain in effect until the total goal is realized. When the expansion program is completed, the library will acknowledge and memorialize all those members of the community who so generously supported this effort.

The Riddle of Glozel



In October my husband Sam and I made our way down a slippery incline on an isolated French farm to reach the site where a prehistoric tomb was discovered in 1924 by Emile Fradin, then 17, as he ploughed the field in which we stood. We climbed back up the hill and visited a small museum which contains 3000 artifacts found on the farm. Emile, now 88, celebrated the fact that people from as far away as the United States were interested in seeing the site of Glozel, named after the village where the Fradin farm is located. Although the site has been surrounded by controversy since it was first discovered, human and reindeer bones found there have been carbon dated to 17,000 years B.C. Yet the name Glozel is still missing from most surveys of prehistory. The site originally presented too many problems for the theories current at the time, which postulated that civilization had come from the east to western Europe. No one could accept the idea that early man in France was making pottery and using written symbols before the pyramids were built.

Our trip to France was the result of a chance meeting forty years ago with an interesting temporary resident of Palisades. Harry Soderman, who had recently retired as head of Interpol, planned to spend a year in Palisades writing the story of his adventurous life. He showed us some artifacts from the French archaeological site of Glozel, just south of Vichy, which he had recently received. One was a lifelike engraving on bone of a reindeer, with a few alphabet-like signs inscribed below the animal. The artifacts had been sent to him by Dr. Morlet, the amateur archaeologist who had done most of the excavating after Emile Fradin's original discovery in 1924, in the hope that Soderman could persuade some American scientist to date them by the new technique of carbon 14.

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Finds from the site included stone and bone tools and weapons resembling those used by the men who painted the cave at Lascaux, pendants decorated with mysterious symbols and with superb pictures of animals, and unique clay vessels and clay tablets bearing the same inscribed symbols. The authenticity of the site has been hotly debated since the 1920's in the courts and in scientific journals in France, and has been investigated by two international commissions. One, in 1927, pronounced Glozel a fraud; the other, on which Harry Soderman had served in 1928 as the representative of the Police Laboratory in Lyon, had no doubts about its authenticity. Dr. Morlet,

who had met Harry Soderman in 1928, had been trying for 30 years to have the site recognized as real and important. Just before we met Soderman, in 1954, Morlet had asked for his help in dating material from Glozel.

Sam and I were both fascinated with the story and with the artifacts, especially since at the time I was a graduate student in anthropology at Columbia. Sam asked Dr. Lawrence Kulp at

Lamont about the possibility of carbon dating and Dr. Morlet sent us copies of three books he had written about the site. Unfortunately Dr. Kulp's advisory board, perhaps influenced by Glozel's controversial history, gave the site low priority and the artifacts were eventually sent back to France without having been dated. We heard nothing more, and eventually we forgot about Glozel.

In the summer of 1993 I happened on a recent book by Marija Gimbutas describing the Neolithic age in Europe and found descriptions of signs like those at Glozel. Reminded of the story, I reread Dr. Morlet's books and then wrote to the museum at Vichy asking for information about the site. I was surprised to receive a

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Exploring Planet Earth

Lamont Open House 1994

On October 15, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory opened its doors as it does every year in the Fall and invited the interested public in to view its work. The day was gorgeous and many people turned out for the event. It was awe inspiring. Fourteen white tents were set up to explain the varieties of science conducted at the Observatory. Computers, models, charts, maps, graphs, hands-on experiments and machines explained earthquakes, marine biology, the geology of Rockland County, ocean drilling, climate and evolution, tree ring dating, Antarctic oceanography and other fascinating subjects. In addition, a number of the buildings were opened and exhibits were displayed allowing visitors to look through an electron microscope, learn about rocks or computer mapping, and watch the sea floor in motion, among other things. Those without small children in tow could attend lectures on a host of subjects including volcanoes, earthquakes, dinosaurs and El Nino. It was wonderful to see so many children and young people engrossed in what they were learning through the displays.

We are grateful we have such a fascinating institute in our midst. Thank you to the staff at Lamont-Doherty for opening your doors to us. Hopefully those who missed it this year will be able to share in next year's display of science magic up on the hill.

Milbry Polk

Children's Reviews

The ooze made me welcome and the volcano was weird. The people were nice. I loved the tents that were filled with stuff that you could learn from. It was all about the earth. I watched a girl who was counting the rings on a tree and then she showed me 318 rings. I went over to a man who was telling us about the way our skulls transformed over the years. It was a really cool day.

Elizabeth Polk-Bauman, age 8

I saw lots of tents and stuff underneath. I saw this thing that was very strange. People were around it. It was a gun that shot in the water. It

made a loud water bubble sound. I saw a man in a tub. He sunk in goo. It was baking soda and water. It was really yucky. I liked the science fair and I want to go again. You can learn a lot about the earth. I saw a volcano too and got my face painted with a rainbow and the earth.


Bree Polk-Bauman, age 6

I really enjoyed the science day. I especially liked making my own earthquakes by jumping hard on the ground and making a volcano out of clay. The fair was great because I love science. I wondered how they got those ancient skull bones to the fair.

Amelia Kidd, age 5 1/2

See Me

by Ruth Monayhan



When you see me,
Don't stop and stare,
Just because I travel
In a wheeled chair.
At first glance I seem
Different from you.
But take a second look
Before your judgment is through.
Our hearts and minds
Are very much the same
And just like you, I have a name.
I have friends and family,
Dreams and wishes too,
Things I want to have happen—
Same as you.
So next time you see me
Out in my chair,
Don't look right through me
As though I wasn't there.
Stop and say
"Hi! How are you today?"
You might be surprised
At what I say to you.
And I know you'd find out
One thing that's true.
We're more alike than different
Me and you.

● Palisades Bulletin Board ●

If you wish to place news or announcements in the Palisades Bulletin Board, write to 10964 Newsletter at P.O. Box 201 or call any staff member. Deadline for the February issue is January 10.

Another member of the graduating class of 2007 is **Mitchel Bergson** who began kindergarten this fall at the Inge Lake School where he likes best drawing pictures and playing games with his friends. Mitchel, his sister Brianne (a 6th grader at the South Orangetown Middle School), his brother Alex (a 2nd grader at the W. O. Schaefer School), and parents Stefany and Simon, reside on Century Road.

Keith and Lisa Connolly moved to Lauren Road in August. Keith is an area sales manager for Sprint, and Lisa is an internal auditor for American International Group. They have a husky named Dakota, and two cats, Jake and Misty. Both Keith and Lisa are Rockland County natives.

Dee and Larry Costello, their four children, and their 3-year-old English short-haired pointer, Princess, moved to Lauren Road at the end of April. Larry is an architect, and Dee is a financial officer at a private high school. Their oldest son, Anthony, is an architect as well. The Costellos have two college seniors—Larry Jr. at New York Institute of Technology, and Donna an accounting student at Iona College. Son Jimmy is a senior at Tappan Zee High School.

Wayne Garrison, Palisadian, married Tracy Sullivan of Valley Cottage on October 30, at the Palisades Presbyterian Church. Wayne is a contractor and has his own company, Garrison Construction, which is currently building the addition to the Palisades Presbyterian Church. Tracy is a manager at Bloomingdales in Hackensack. After a honeymoon in Tahiti they will be residing in Palisades.

Joe and Deirdra Green moved into their new house on Lauren Road in the beginning of last summer. They both came from the county where their families still live. Joe works in law enforcement and Deirdra is a Benefits Administrator. They appreciate the easy commute to New York City where their jobs are located. In their leisure time they like traveling and spending time at the seashore. Joe is also very fond of golfing.

A young Palisadian man is looking for a steady TENNIS partner on either Saturdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., or Sundays around noon or early afternoon. Please call Mariano at (914) 398-0507.

Diana Green is teaching Italian at the Tappan Zee Elementary after school Enrichment Program. This is in addition to teaching Italian, drama and puppetry at the River School in Nyack.

In October, **Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory** repaired and blacktopped Ludlow Lane, the back road which leads from their buildings down to Washington Spring Road and was used for delivery and local traffic. The project was initiated by Palisades resident Dick Sears and acted upon by Dr. John Mutter, Interim Director of Lamont. In addition, Lamont has closed its gates leading into Ludlow and will open them only on an emergency basis.

Sylvia March had a near disaster when part of her pottery studio burned last month. Luckily she sustained little damage to her pots. She is back in business and has space in her classes for anyone young or old to learn the art of pottery. Call her at 359-3767 if you are interested.

Linda Rini, registered nurse with years of experience, is looking for a home nursing position. You can reach her through Sylvia March or at 368-1558.

In mid-summer **Dennis and Maribell Suarez** moved from Sparkill to their first new house on Lauren Road. Dennis has lived in the county for the most part of his life, and Maribell moved to the area from the city around 6 years ago. Dennis is employed in law enforcement, and Maribell works in banking. In his free time Dennis likes to take care of his pet fishes and ride his motorcycle. Maribell's pastimes are crafts and fashion.

Nina Thayer, daughter of Reg and Dossi Thayer, and Michael McDonald were married on October 22. The wedding took place on the Piermont Pier and the reception was held at the Thayers house in Palisades. Nina wore a 100 year old vintage dress. Mike is an executive with Jaguar Cars, Inc. They will live in Piermont and Warwick, N.Y.

South Orangetown School News

Teaching About Religion

Religion in the schools? Or, teaching about religious differences as part of education? Only a very short time ago, merely mentioning that students were learning about religion was so politically charged that each year school administrators were faced with the "December dilemma" of whether to permit the popular symbols of Christmas and Hanukkah — trees, creches and menorahs — on school grounds. This picture is changing, however, as the South Orangetown Central School District has embarked on a program for raising awareness of, and respect for, religious and cultural differences between people.

The school district recognizes that South Orangetown is increasingly becoming a community with great diversity of cultures and religions. The evolving South Orangetown school district initiative promotes the idea that such diversity can be a positive force in everyone's lives, and strives to make familiar that which is different. In so doing, stereotypes may be broken or even prevented, and greater tolerance and respect for others enhanced through understanding. According to Dr. JoAnn Shaheen, Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, the objective of the program is to acquaint children with the different religions practiced within their community, and to convey the idea that religion is important in some people's lives.

Enter any public school in South Orangetown — from Tappan Zee Elementary School to Tappan Zee High School — and you will find evidence of these efforts. In each, display cases or display areas contain objects and symbols related to the holidays of any of six major religions, along with a narrative which describes these items and their significance to those who may practice the religion. For this academic year, the religions highlighted include Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Sikh. The school's principal introduces each new display with a special message to the students, pointing out the holiday and providing greetings to those children whose

families celebrate it. All displays and messages are developmentally appropriate for the school. Examples of displays include prayer shawls and yarmulkes from Jewish observances, and elephants and goddesses important to the Hindu religion.

As many as a third of these changing displays involve non-religious civics lessons. For instance, a display on the Golden Rule emphasized values of graciousness, peace and kindness. The Salem Witch trials were also highlighted in another display. Input into the program is provided from many sources, including site-based teams, the "We the People" committee of certified staff, and representatives of various religions and the community on the Religion, Respect and Diversity Committee. The Board of Education is currently reviewing tentative guidelines for teaching about religion in the schools. As of now, the program is still developing its approach. When you visit children in one of the schools, look for one of the displays and see what you can learn.

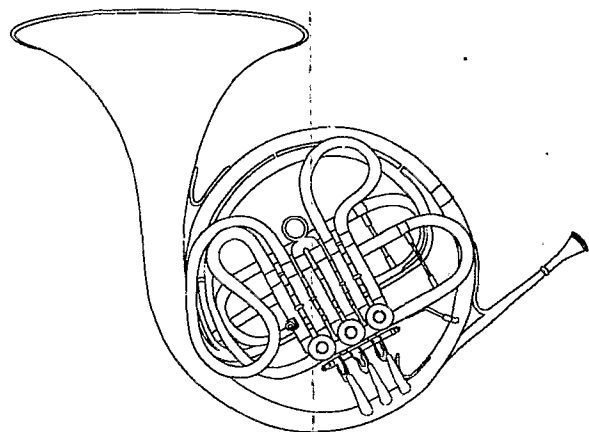
Ellen Chayet Kidd

Winter Concerts

December 13, 8 p.m., at South Orangetown Middle School; Principal, Emmanuel Kostakis, 365-4251.

December 14, 8 p.m., at Tappan Zee High School; Principal, Lynn Trager, 365-5501.

January 25, 8 p.m., at Cottage Lane School; Principal, Robert Hendrickson, 365-4230.





CHILDREN'S PAGE



Amelia Kidd

Winter is the time when children discover a whole new series of delights. There are holidays which bring together entire extended families, and children bask in the glow of attention from all their loved ones at once. The snow comes, bringing all of its charming possibilities — sledding, building snowmen and women, sudden unexpected days off from school, making angels and catching snowflakes on your tongue. Although for us “grown-ups” the snow often seems to force us inside against our will, it could also be taken as a welcome opportunity to slow down, catch our breath and cuddle up with those we love. Therefore, during this winter season to come with all the hurry and hassle, try to see the events through a child's eyes and indulge some memories from long ago of what it was all like when it was all new to you.

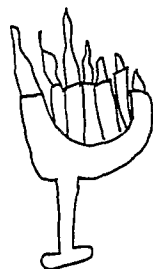
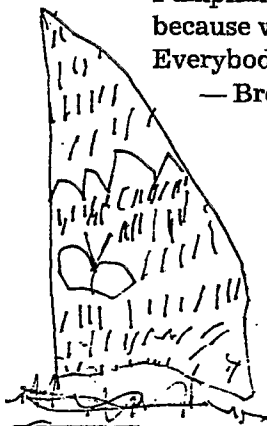
Here are a few words and pictures from our children which I hope will jar your memory.

— Diana Green



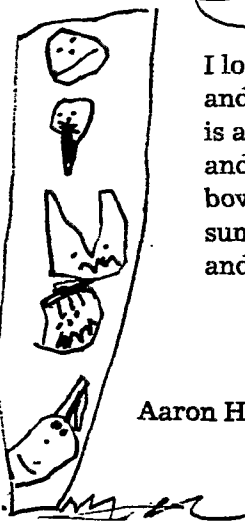
Yellow, Red sometimes Orange leaves
most of the time they are red
because they are so beautiful.
Pumpkin, pumpkin they are everywhere
because we are so special and they are too.
Everybody loves them and I do too.

— Bree Polk-Bauman, age 6



the puffy white clouds
coming down as snowflakes
and melting on my tongue

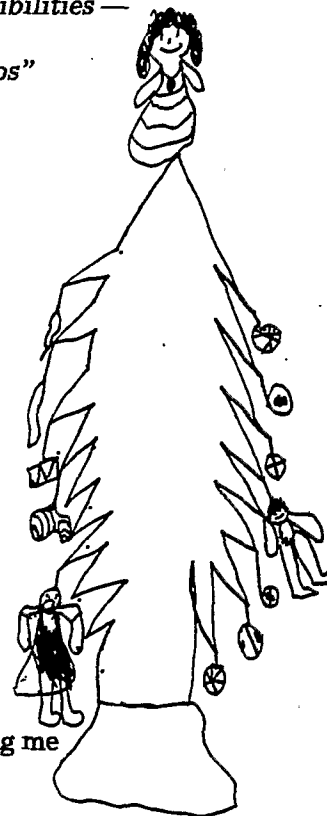
— Paula DeCrescenzo, age 6



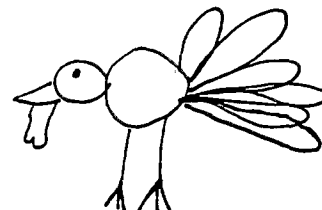
Aaron Hahn

I look out the window
and all I see
is a breeze carrying leaves passing me
and meadows filled with grass
bowed before the wind
summer is but a memory
and fall has just begun.

— Elisabeth Polk-Bauman, age 8



Savannah Green



My favorite thing is the happy turkey time because we go down to see [my grandmother] in North Carolina. I love Christmas because you know why we celebrate Christmas time? Because Santa brings us presents and we give presents to God.

— Savannah Green, age 5



Paula DeCrescenzo

I'm looking forward to going sleigh riding
and building a snowman.

— Paula DeCrescenzo, age 6



Dreaming in Palisades

So, you decided to make this move. You leave Manhattan, a quiet place in Texas, or another country, and you land in Palisades. You might have researched the area and found it attractive for your own particular reason, or you might have ended up here by a pure chance. The fact is that you are here, and now you begin to add your own colors, tones and hues to the picture of Palisades.

But before you are even aware of your own personal impact on the landscape of this hamlet which is becoming your home town, you are busy juggling one thousand and one ideas while establishing your own home site. Should it be a Dorian Blue or a Morning Mist tile for your master bathroom? Can you really confront an extra expense for a half-moon window for your daughter's bedroom to make it more according to her dreams? And what about your hardwood floors: are you going to stick to a natural look or do you think you would be happier going for their white-washed version? It matters to you at this point of your moving out—moving in process. And it's not a sin. It's not a self-indulgent endeavor, because after all, you are a person who highly appreciates aesthetics (which is a part

of the reason why you landed in this beautiful hamlet). You are just trying to be truthful to yourself and to Palisades, and offer this place a part of who you really are. You hope that many other houses in Palisades, ideally all of them, are born out of dreams. Someone else's dreams. You hope that they are equally truthful representations of their owners, like you believe your house is becoming. And you want to start finding out these other people's dreams.

With the innocently egocentric stage of your moving in process behind you, you are ready to discover how people's dreams in Palisades are different from the ones of those, let's say in Mariton, New Jersey, or Lyme, Connecticut, which you happen to know through your very close friends, or even of those in your own country, if you come from abroad.

You'll probably quickly find out that our needs are universal. Our wants are what make us special, distinctive and particular, together with our perceptions or convictions of what our needs and wants are and the lay-out of this intangible frontier which separates them. But this is a philosophical question that has always been attached to the human condition. From now on, your personal struggle to find your own answers to this question will take place in Palisades, within the Palisadian reality, and as such will contribute towards the unique experience of the people in this community. We can only hope that the answers that you'll be coming up with will benefit us all.

Beata Bartolome

...GLOZEL

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friendly letter from a French historian, Robert Liris. He wrote that he was the president of *Les Amis de Glozel*, would be in New York in June, and was one of the authors of an art book on the Glozel engravings which would be published in France this December. Cristina Biaggi, who also has a background in archaeology and is interested in prehistoric Europe, Sam and I met Robert Liris in New York last June and learned that the site had finally been authenticated in the 1970's by Scandinavian and Scottish scientists who used carbon 14 and thermoluminescence to date bone and pottery. Robert persuaded us to visit Glozel as part of our coming trip to France.

It was tremendously exciting to meet Emile Fradin, whose life was irrevocably changed by the accidental discovery he made that morning in 1924, and to see the artifacts we had read about in the small museum next to his house. The beautiful rolling hills and hidden valleys of the Montagne Bourbonnais, where Glozel is located, are evocative of the site's mysterious vanished culture. Both Emile and Robert Liris entertained us with true French hospitality: champagne, pastis, and several wonderful meals prepared by Robert's wife Pierrette. We arrived home determined to become part of the effort to make Glozel and its lost world recognized and acknowledged by the scientific community. We are thinking of starting an American branch of the Friends of Glozel. Interested? Give us a call at 359-4338.

Alice Gerard

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Voters

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Winners

A high turnout of 685 Palisades voters swam against the tide on November 8, giving local majorities to only two Republicans, Congressman Benjamin Gilman (330 votes, 54.5%) and State Senator Joseph Holland (344, 56%). The leading vote-getters were Senator Daniel P. Moynihan with 410 votes (62.4%) and Assemblyman Sam Colman with 380 (62.3%), followed closely by Comptroller H. Carl McCall with 376 (59.7%).

The sixth winner to carry Districts 12 and 50 combined was John DiBlasi, whose endorsement by the Conservative Party made him the only Democrat to win one of three contested seats on the State Supreme Court. Governor Mario Cuomo carried Palisades with 362 votes (17 of them on the Liberal line) to 306 for the winner, George Pataki (253 Republican, 41 Conservative, 12 "Tax Cut Now"). Four years ago, 102 fewer voters cast 343 ballots for Cuomo, 115 for Republican Pierre Rinfret and 90 for Conservative Herbert London. Thus while Cuomo's vote was up by 19, the Republican-Conservative combined vote shot up by 101 and Cuomo's percentage plummeted almost 10%, from 62.6 to 52.8.

In the race for the Town Board seat of the late Niel O'Sullivan, Democrat John Devlin carried Palisades by 359

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Art News



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to 261 for Gerald Walsh, who had been appointed to the post by the Town Board in August. Walsh received 212 Republican votes, 31 Conservative and 18 Right to Life. Four years ago, O'Sullivan carried Palisades by 352 to 213, and that 139 margin gave him a Town-wide victory by about 30 votes. Devlin's 98 Palisades margin left him almost 2,000 short — 7,269 to 9,258. While Devlin's Town-wide total was less than 200 lower than O'Sullivan's, Walsh's was almost 1,800 higher than Alan Ryff's 1994 vote.

The Supreme Court vote in Palisades, the traditional measure of basic party allegiance, showed little change from four years ago — 56.25% Democratic, 35.7% Republican, 8% Conservative in 1994; 57.1, 30.4, 7.75 in 1990. The one RTL candidate received 4.7% in 1990; there were no RTL endorsements this year, but Herbert London received 17 RTL votes for Comptroller and Gerald Walsh 18 for Councilman, compared to a typical RTL vote of 21 in 1990's substantially lower turnout.

Andrew E. Norman

Palisades Presbyterian Church

Calendar

December

- 18 9 a.m. Quiet Service
11 a.m. Children's Pageant
- 24 5 p.m. Christmas Eve White Gift Offering
11 p.m. Christmas Eve Traditional Service
- 31 6 p.m. Communion Service

January

- 1 11 a.m. One service only



Talent Show: Encore '95

Remember the fabulous and entertaining show, "Raise The Roof and Bring Down The House" back in May, 1986? The community response was terrific, and the proceeds helped to pay for the new roof. Well, get ready for "The Parish House Follies" coming in May. The proceeds this time will go toward paying for the new classroom addition to the Parish house.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. If you can sing, dance, juggle, lip sync, play an instrument, do a comedy skit, read a poem, etc., we want to hear from you. Help is also needed backstage with scenery, lights, video, etc. Please call Cass Ludington at 398-2621 or Karen Jefferies at 359-1146 and sign up today.

Remembering

Jean Armour Cooke Twitchell

Supportive and active in national environmental and wild-life associations, museums of fine arts, and the New York Botanical Gardens, Mrs. Twitchell was also dedicated to local groups such as the Preservation Coalition for Tappan Zee and Scenic Hudson. For many years she worked with the Tappan Zee Thrift Shop and served as its liaison with the Palisades Free Library.

Born in Paterson, N. J., Mrs. Twitchell and her husband Arthur moved to Palisades where he died in 1981. She is survived by her sister Sarah Murphy of Yarmouthport, Mass. and her niece Sally Cunningham of Sperryville, Va. A memorial service honoring her was attended by many friends and neighbors at the Palisades Presbyterian Church on November 12. Contributions in her name can be made to Scenic Hudson, Inc.

Frederick Gordon Smith

A specialist in advanced computer applications, Mr. Smith was born in Chefoo, China, the son of missionary parents, and moved to the United States at age 10. He began his 18 year career at IBM in 1940 becoming an executive in its corporate advertising and public relations department. In 1958, he moved to Sperry Rand International, then Seagate Technology in Britain, retiring in 1990.

Mr. Smith was the first United States delegate to the United Nations Computer Automation Conference in 1978. He lectured at the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., was a guest lecturer at the Stanford Graduate School of Business in the 1980s, and authored the book Marketing in Emerging Countries in 1982.

He is survived by his wife Ann of Palisades; a son Rick of New York; a daughter Sarah Kerr of Dallas; a sister Grace Lewis of Palisades and 14 grandchildren.



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New Books

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Cook	<i>Accessible Risk</i>
Coulter	<i>Nightingale Legacy</i>
Dershowitz	<i>Advocate's Devil</i>
Griffin	<i>Murderers</i>
Lessing	<i>Under My Skin</i>
Llewellyn	<i>Maelstrom</i>
Lord	<i>Forever Barbie</i>
Patterson	<i>Eyes of a Child</i>
Patterson	<i>Kiss the Girls</i>
O'Nan	<i>Snow Angels</i>
Olsen	<i>Charmer</i>
Roth	<i>Diving Rock on the Hudson</i>
Sonnett	<i>Restraint</i>
Trevor	<i>Felicia's Journal</i>
Woods	<i>Imperfect Strangers</i>



Holiday Schedule

The Library will be closed December 24, 25, 26 for the Christmas holiday and on December 31 and New Year's Day.

Grant

Many thanks to Senator Joseph R. Holland who was able to obtain funding for furnishings in our new children's area. The \$5,000 grant is most welcome.

Special Remembrance

The Board of Trustees and the staff of the Palisades Free Library note with great sadness the passing of Jean Twitchell. She was a true friend and patron of the Library. We remember with gratitude her generous contribution to our forthcoming expansion and her many years of volunteer work at the Tappan Zee Thrift Shop.

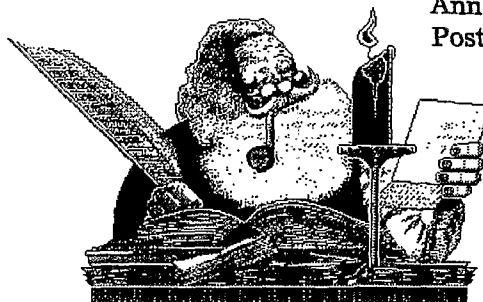
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A Santa Claus mailbox has been in the lobby of the Palisades Post Office since the last week of November. If you haven't been by with your youngsters yet, you might want to plan a visit soon.

In order to facilitate the handling of so much mail during the holiday season, trays are being placed on the counter for red, blue or green envelopes. Mail early in the day so your holiday mail can get on its way as soon as possible.

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Ann Welsh,
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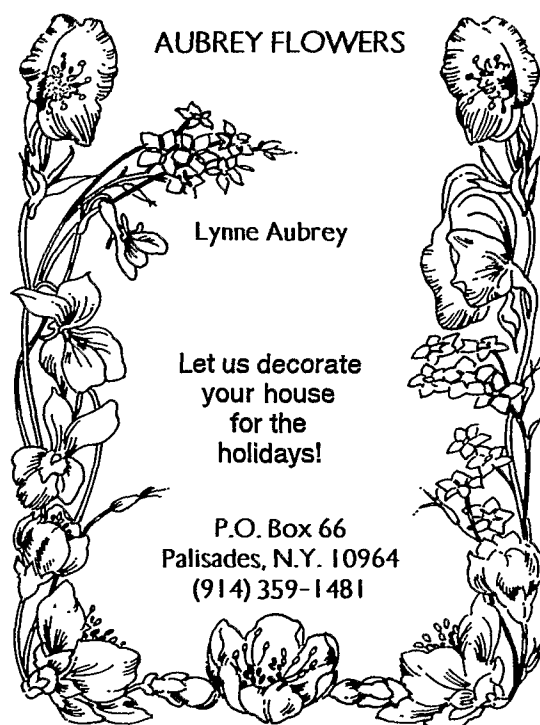
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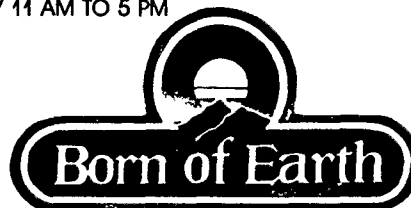
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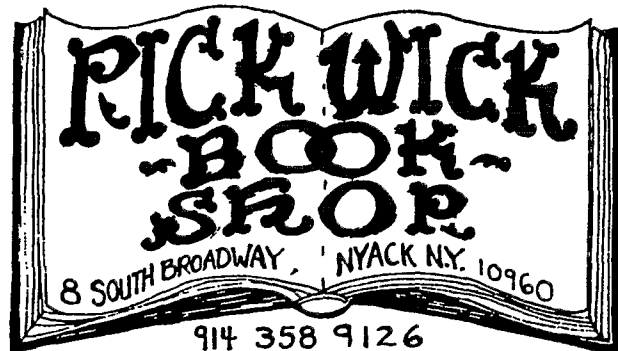
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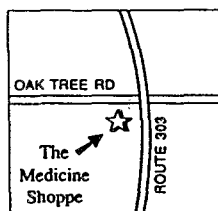
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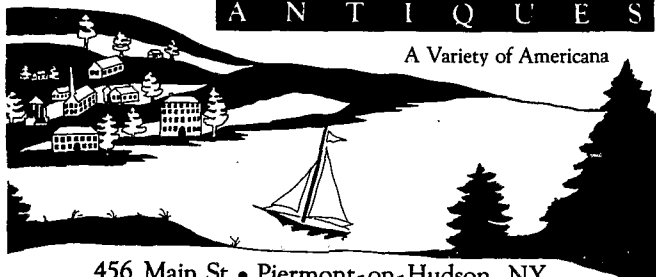
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