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Committee for the Palisades School

Last year a special committee was appointed by the School Board to study school building utilization. Group members toured the various schools and, among other things, queried principals about the number of students that could be comfortably taught within that particular facility.

In 1976 Dr. Holland, principal of the Tappan Zee Elementary School, said: 432.

At a March 9, 1977 meeting, Dr. Holland said the building would hold 501.

Bridge, a publication mailed to taxpayers in the school district on March 25, 1977, stated the school administration's position that the building capacity is: 600.

The Committee for the Palisades School then called Mr. Dumond of the Educational Planning Facilities Board, State Department of Education, Albany, who stated the school could hold 432.

From 432 to 501, 600 and again 432? Buildings do not grow! The building has eighteen classrooms, plus a music room, art room, and the library. The presently accepted twenty-four students/teacher/room ratio indicates that the school can educate 432 children (18x24). This figure calls for the present learning disabilities room to become a classroom, with these children meeting in a corner.

The Committee for the Palisades School is presently *carefully* checking enrollment statistics to 1) ascertain if there is in fact appropriate space within the Tappan Zee Elementary for the projected enrollment, and 2) whether the projected enrollment figures are more accurate than the conflicting numbers above concerning school capacity.

The Committee for the Palisades School hopes other communities are checking their figures as well.

The Candidates

It is School Board election time again. The two candidates running against the incumbents are John Kriz and Sylvia Baumel. Our friend and neighbor John Kriz—with four children in the school system—has devoted himself to the cause of quality education in the South Orangetown Central School District. Sylvia Baumel of Orangeburg, active in the PTA Council and informed about state educational legislation, is known by Palisades people to be intelligent and dedicated to the needs of our children.

Vote. If your voice counts any-

where, it is in small, local elections. See PTA column for registration dates if you are not a registered voter.

This year's election is important to the residents of the school district due to the possible consolidation, as well as the power held in the hands of our School Board. For example, it is within their control to bus a Palisades kindergartener to a school located in Blauvelt. (The Board promises not to this year, but is not sure about 1978.) Our BOCES children (a special program for those with emotional and maturity problems and minimal brain dysfunction) could be bussed outside our district if the Board feels space is unavailable within our own schools.

It is essential to elect clear-thinking, idealistic yet practical individuals to the two seats. Do your share; vote.

Palisades Historical Committee

Our publication *The Story of the Ferry* was a success; all copies were sold. We hope Palisades amateur historians enjoyed their copy. We continue to consider projects aimed at disseminating Palisades historical and memorabilia to residents. We hope to announce our next activity in the May 10964.

Palisades PTA

The PTA board members attended meetings concerning the Tappan Zee Elementary School's functioning next year and no satisfactory answers to the following questions were forthcoming.

- 1) possibility of busing to other areas—effect of a new ruling which says that the Board of Education may place a child in any school in the district whether it is near his home or not
- 2) relocating BOCES elementary children into the middle school with older children
- 3) possible elimination of learning resources room
- 4) safety factors concerning small children traveling on 9W (state law allows them to stand)
- 5) actual numbers of children per classroom and per teacher. (There is indeed a 24 student/1 teacher ratio. In actuality however there can be, for example, 240 children in a school with ten teachers. This satisfies the ratio requirement. But one teacher can have 35 and another 15 due to a smaller

kindergarten class perhaps. In fact the legal ratio relates to an *overall building* set-up. That is, as long as that school containing the 240 students has ten teachers, the actual classroom size is at the discretion of the administrators. The PTA is concerned that the climate for learning will be destroyed as class sizes increase. The children lost daily 40-60 minutes learning time this fall; now are they going to lost space which will affect educational programs?)

We hope to report in the next newsletter that our questions have been answered.

Palisades residents may register to vote in the School Board election on
April 23, 9am to 1pm
April 27, 4pm to 9pm
April 29, 4pm to 9pm
at the Tappan Elementary School, Washington Street in Tappan. If you are registered to vote in political elections, you are automatically registered to vote in a School Board election. Election Day is May 4th at the Tappan School. School Board members are elected for a three year term.

Cheers for Mrs. Murphy for imaginative teaching at the Palisades School. She took the first graders on a 'trip' to Washington, D.C. They gathered pictures of the city, made suitcases, cut out play-dollars and change and drew up tickets which were placed in United Airlines folders. The rest was left to their imaginations. Everyone loved the jaunt; children who never traveled on a plane were particularly thrilled. It is refreshing to see evidence of other than 'cookbook' teaching.

TZHS...play on

On April 25th there will be a concert at the Tappan Zee High School featuring performances by the Stage Band, Concert Orchestra, Madrigals, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and Brass Quintet. Curtain 8:00pm. Admission free.

Calendar of Events

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| April 23 | Community Center's Rummage Sale & Flea Market, 9 to 1 |
| April 24 | Canby Singers Concert, late afternoon at Church |
| April 25 | Concert, Tappan Zee High School, 8pm |
| April 26 | Church's A&P 5% Shopping Day |
| April 29 | Teen Nite, PCC |
| May 7 | Library Spring Plant Sale 9 to 1 |

Palisades Community Center

Come to the Rummage Sale and Flea Market on April 23rd from 9:00 to 1:00 at the Community Center! If you have items to donate, leave them at the Community Center or call co-chairpeople Edith Ryan (359-3215) or Laura Ebmeyer (359-2399). If you have rummage you wish picked up, please call Edith. Flea Market tables are available at \$5.00/table. We're in need of volunteers. Call Laura or Edith if you want to help.

The Community Center thanks the community-at-large for their support of the Wine, Cheese and Art Afternoon. The proceeds—\$400—shall pay for the roof repair and other needed improvements. Prizes raffled at the Wine, Cheese and Art Afternoon were donated by John Cobb's '76 House, Jerry Silverman, Raintree Restaurant, George Walter's Piermont Liquors and Bill Eberle who provided the delicious cheeses. Thank you.

Teen Nite at PCC is April 29th. Rock music will be created by a live band. Admission is \$2.50. For information call Sally LoGerfo (359-8623). The PCC Board is committed to providing activities for all citizens of Palisades. Teen Nite is the first of several evenings especially directed toward young adults.

PCC is in need of a new stove and refrigerator; the appliances presently in the building are in poor condition. Please call Sally LoGerfo if you are disposing of either item. Donations of this sort are tax-deductible.

Watch for a new exterior-look on the building. Hope and Peter Schwartz are donating paint and organizing labor forces. Want to help? Call the Schwartzes.

Oak Tree Playgroup

Open to children aged 2 through 5, the Playgroup is comprised of families whose children attend on a regular, yet flexible schedule. We are in the Community Center every day; please come in and chat with a teacher concerning our program.

Little League

The Palisades-Sparkill Little League Program is open to all residents who reach age 8 by August 1st, 1977, or will be under 16 by August 1st, 1977. There are three divisions—Junior (7½-10½), Senior (10½-13½), and Babe Ruth (12½-15½).

Our program is designed to provide the kids with a chance to have fun playing baseball—it is *not* a pressure league. Every player plays in every game—the teams are balanced.

Each player receives an official baseball uniform, cap, socks, etc., everything except glove and shoes. The fee is only \$5 for the season. If you wish to sign up, call John Cobb, 359-8042, or Don Bracken, 359-1765.

From the Editor's* Desk

The following is a letter received by 10964:

Gentlemen,

With great interest I have read your community newsletter. My old age, 95 years, hinders me to help in your wonderful work. So at least I am sending you a check. . .

Max Baer
Palisades Gardens

Thank you Mr. Baer, and all contributors to 10964. For a week, your newsletter was actually 'in the black.' Once again, we must ask you to join Mr. Baer and your neighbors listed below and send checks to Box 201.

Our March supporters: The V. Sinclairs, The H. Kelloggs, Ernest Pollatsochek, Ruth Fischel, Gail Hyde, The E. Fishmans, The A. Normans and the Community Center.

TAPPANTOWN CHEMISTS—our neighborhood drug center delivers any of their products, not only RXs. GIANNA PLUMBING & HEATING—Frank (who donated services last fall in connection with keeping our school open) cares about your plumbing needs. Fast, reasonable, cheerful. 358-7982.

NORWOOD HARDWARE—on 303, rents tools for practically nothing. An honest, friendly, old-fashioned merchant.

TAPPAN MOBIL—corner of Oak Tree and 303. Cars repaired at Tappan's Mobil are repaired.

CRAFT TELEVISION—Tape recorders, stereos and kitchen appliances are available at prices competitive with discount centers. When they malfunction, Craft is here to complain to, and repair.

R. H. WALTERS PRINTING—459 Livingston Street, Norwood is printing this newsletter for three months without charging. A nice concern to do business with.

As you shop, please indicate your appreciation for their support of 10964.

* Incidentally we do not have one. Would you like to serve your community by assuming this prestigious position? Each organization writes its own copy; the job is minimal but someone must be in charge. For information please call McCoy (359-4744).

Classified

Use 10964's free ad service; your ad must be either delivered to Johanna Lo or mailed to 10964, Box 201, no later than May 1st. Please include last name and telephone.

WANTED: Used bricks, cobblestones. McCoy 359-4744.

WANTED: House to rent, \$400 max. for Palisades couple. Griffing 359-4035.

FOR SALE: Dodge Charger engine 383-4 speed, \$1900. Murray 359-5577

WANTED: Any kind of employment May 29/July 1. Babysitting, mother-help., dog walking, house sitting, etc. Available days and/or evenings. High school junior. McCoy 359-4744.

LESSONS: Pottery classes for adults and children. For information call Sylvia March 359-3767

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