



# PANORAMA

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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January, 1974

NEXT  
MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 16th  
8 p.m.

HENDRICKSON PARK  
ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING

"Great Conflagrations in Valley Stream" is an appropriate title for the program to be presented by Mr. Charles Jagde, one of Valley Stream's long-time residents and fire-fighters who has amassed some interesting film footage of disastrous fires which have occurred over the years at various Village locations. Be sure to join your co-members at this interesting evening. Hospitality Hour as Usual.

### REAR WINDOW

Another good attendance was rolled up for John Trunk's movie presentation of Valley Stream in the '30s and '40s at the November 28th meeting. John, a Village "old-timer", could not have realized at the time of taking how useful his films would be some 40 years later or that the members of a society yet unborn would so enjoy seeing the results of his efforts in putting the local sites and landmarks on film as they were then. Many thanks, John!

Preceding the film program, Business items of the evening revealed:

\*\*\*A treasury now quite healthy, with a balance of over \$900.

\*\*\*memberships now number over 500; the special holiday gift subscriptions valid to March 1, 1975, were quite popular.

\*\*\*Hildred Zulch turned over \$45, proceeds from sales of Long Island map towels and notepaper. (A quilted and framed towel was exhibited by Sandy Javurek to demonstrate the decorative potential of the towels.)

\*\*\*Hospitality Committee's treasury is growing by leaps and bounds - now over \$25. Reason: the hostesses have not

been charging for the delicious goodies they make - and other members have been equally kind in their willingness to donate cakes and cookies. Again, some hearty thanks are due!

\*\*\*Nominating Committee members to be - Ted Libath, Mabel Ackerly, and Sandy Javurek, and the proposed slate of 1974 officers is to be presented at the January 16th meeting.

\*\*\*Mayor Ward's request for a representative group of Historical Society members to work along with the Village 50th Anniversary Committee has resulted in the appointment of the following: Bert Keller, Ted Libath, Mabel Ackerly, Emma Bitowski, Howard Ruehl.

\*\*\*A framed oil/photo of late Mayor Waldinger is available through Mrs. Ralph Goetze for outright purchase. Society voted to purchase the painting and place it in Waldinger Library on a temporary basis to be viewed by all Library visitors.

\*\*\*The matter of acquiring the Fairchild House as a museum site is now a legal one which the Village Board is pursuing. It would be well if our members followed the progress carefully by attending Village Board meetings (the next one being January 14th and hopefully you will read of this in time).

#### MEMBERS, NOTE...

We'd like to hear from our members who may have films and other memorabilia of old Valley Stream to share with us, perhaps with a program in mind for the coming year. Send a note to PANORAMA to let us know.

#### MUSEUM COMMITTEE

is very happy to learn of several donations of historical items expected to be made to our Society when space and safekeeping can be assured. This may take some time but the interest shown is very encouraging.

#### MAIL BAG

Received a brochure from Huntington Historical Society relating to the historical sites they are publicizing. These are -

##### Conklin House, 2 High Street

A farmhouse occupied by David Conklin in the late 1700s, situated in peach and apple orchards, and enjoyed by his growing family until 1911. House and land was inherited by David from his great-grandfather, Timothy, who had received it from ancestors from Salem Massachusetts, who were glass workers. David's granddaughter, Ella S. Conklin, bequeathed it to the Huntington Historical Society in 1911. It is open 1-4 pm Tuesday-Friday; 2-5 pm Sundays.

##### Fowell House Barn, Park Avenue

One of the largest and finest barns of its type on Long Island, it originally stood on Rogers Farm in Lloyd Harbor, and was most probably built about 1970. Moving and restoring the Barn at its present site was an emergent project for the Huntington Historical Society and is today used to house the Society's growing tool collection and is popular for seminars and social functions. Open for tours by appointment (427-3981)

##### Wagell House, 434 Park Avenue

Oldest village house in Huntington having been built in 1654, with a larger portion being added in 1750. Hours: 2-6 pm, Sundays, and by appointment.

##### Admission to cash-house:

Adults 50c; children under 14 25c.

Our gasoline crisis may preclude an immediate sightseeing trip to these houses, but, perhaps you'll be in the area for other purposes and can make the trip extra pleasant with one of these tours.)

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#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

requests that all members renew their membership before the final date of March 1, 1974 (and as already stated in Rear Window the gift memberships expire on March 1, 1975 - not 1974 as the for stated). The Committee will accept renewals at the meeting on January 16th. Gift memberships are still available, also.

**SIGN UP EARLY** - and insure your receipt of PANORAMA without interruption, even if you are not always able to attend the meetings.

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#### LIBRARY EXHIBIT

Howard Ruehl, who is also Village Historian as well as our own Treasurer, has prepared a newspaper exhibit which may be seen at Waldinger Library. On view are copies of several old-time Valley Stream newspapers, the mastheads of which will evoke memories of all kinds to some Villagers and amazement from some newer residents.

Included in the display are copies of NEW YORK TIMES with timely news of the day, such as Sinking of the Titanic and Lindbergh's flight.

Put a stop at the Library on your list of things to do next week. The exhibit will be continued for the entire month of January.

V. S. H. S. PANORAMA  
c/o 61 Beekley Street  
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11581



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VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Volume 1, No. 8

February 1974

NEXT  
MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 20th  
8 p.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF OUR SAVIOUR  
Dubois Avenue and  
Rockaway Ave.

The "Shell Game" as played by Emma Bitowski, our Museum Chairman, appropriately titles our program for this meeting. Emma will show portions of her unique collection of shells (gathered on many shores) not the least of which originated on Long Island. Be sure to come out for this evening. Election of 1974 officers and directors will precede the program.

#### REAR WINDOW

A special meeting, called before the regular meeting on January 16th resulted in an amendment passed to permit elections of officers and directors to occur at the "specified dates set for such". This amendment passed without objection and notice is hereby given that such balloting for the 1974 officers and directors will take place at the next meeting on February 20th.

In the regular session which followed the foregoing ...

\*\*\*The slate of officers and directors presented by the Nominating Committee is as follows:;

President	James Boerckel
Vice President	Bert Keller
Secretary	Audrey Boerckel
Treasurer	Mildred Zulch
Directors:	Anthony Fiero
	Howard Ruehl
	Lillian Weaver

(Consideration will be given during the coming year to Ted Libath's suggestion of staggered terms of office for the Directors - and re-titling of Directors as "Trustees".)

\*\*\*January balance was reported as \$785.24; membership now numbers 514.

\*\*\*Sales of towels handled by Mildred Zulch and Valley Bank netted an additional \$70.50 for January.

\*\*\*Membership Chairman Helen Dowdeswell seeks additional committee members to assist in the 1974 drive - goal 1000 members!! (See item by Helen elsewhere in this issue.)

\*\*\*Jim Boerckel, as acting Program Chairman in Miriam Burg's absence due to other commitments, invited program ideas. The resources of our Villagers have scarcely been tapped and our members represent a great variety of endeavors - not all historical, but definitely interesting!!

\*\*\*Hospital Fund, like Topsy, just "grew" to \$31,25. (This insures a really great Installation Night in March.)

\*\*\*Herb Swain and Charlie Jagde of the official Valley Stream Fire Dept. family presented a spectacular program of some of the big fires in our Village which carried to all an unmistakable and vividly important message to all.

\*\*\*A rising vote of thanks was extended to Howard Ruehl and Ted Libath for their commendable donation of the Mayor Waldinger oil/photo to the

Society. In a fitting ceremony at Village Hall on January 14th, the attractive portrait was presented by these two members to Mayor Ward for placing in Waldinger Library on loan indefinitely.

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A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP

Our Society can only grow and improve in its commitment to preserve our community's history if all of its present members remain loyal and dedicated, and if they assist in recruiting new members. Our present membership, which now numbers over 500, can be increased to 1,000 if each one of you re-joins and recruits one more member, or requests a gift membership. A form accompanies this newsletter to assist in attaining this goal. H. Dowdeswell

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"When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package."

--John Ruskin

NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR 1974 MEMBERSHIP .....

To: VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
123 South Central Avenue  
Valley Stream, New York 11580

1974 Membership Form  
Membership valid to  
March 1, 1975

I have marked my category below. Please send my ( ) NEW ( ) RENEWAL membership card addressed to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) INDIVIDUAL (up to age 55, not a student) \$3.00
- ( ) STUDENT (school or college undergraduate - valid concurrently with school year) 1.50
- ( ) SENIOR (over age 55) 1.50
- ( ) ASSOCIATE (inactive; no voting privilege) 1.50
- ( ) CONTRIBUTING 5.00
- ( ) ORGANIZATIONAL (clubs, business organizations, etc.) 15.00
- ( ) SUSTAINING (tax-exempt gift) 50.00
- ( ) LIFE (tax-exempt gift) 100.00

Use this box for gift memberships -

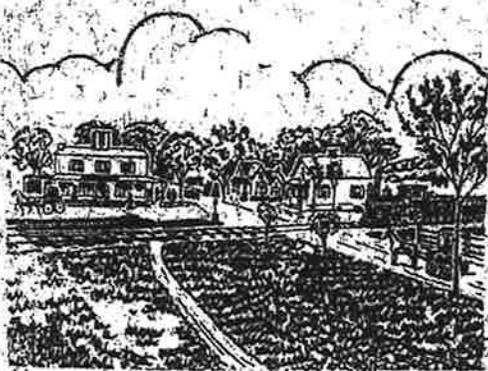
( ) Also, I would like to enter a 1974 gift membership for:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

The gift card should be signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check to the order of VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY for a total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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March 1974

NEXT  
MEETING

TUESDAY  
MARCH 26, 1974  
8:15 p.m.

V. S.  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
130 S. Central Ave.  
Valley Stream

Installation of 1974 officers AND  
a special musical program presented by  
the popular Keynoters (see "About the Keynoters"  
on reverse side.)

This evening commemorates the completion of the Society's first official year of organization - - we look forward to a good attendance! Please come out and bring a prospective member with you. A festive Hospitality Hour will follow the program.

## BEAR WINDOW

Close to 70 members attended the February 20th meeting at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour to witness the election of 1974 officers and directors and to enjoy Emma Bitowski's fantastic presentation of sea shells and related collectors' specialties, complete with narration.

\*\* Other business of the evening revealed via Treasurer Ruehl that our treasury now stands very close to \$1,000, and our 1974 membership (new and renewed), as advised by Membership Chairman Helen Dowdeswell, is already nearing the 100 mark (our year begins on March 1, 1974). The goal is 1,000 members for 1974. 1973 closed with slightly over 500.

\*\* Mildred Zulch's report that the supply of Long Island Map towels is depleted has indicated a need to reorder.

\*\* Howard Ruehl was empowered to purchase a carousel slide projector for use by the Society in view of the projected programs and appearances of a traveling unit of members which it is expected will be presenting historical material at local schools and organizations. Three such engagements are already booked for tentative dates.

\*\* The election resulted in the following:

1974 Officers -  
President, James Boerckel  
Vice President, Bert Keller  
Secretary, Audrey Boerckel  
Treasurer, Mildred Zulch  
1974 Directors -  
Anthony Fiero  
Howard Ruehl  
Lillian Weaver

\*\* An audit of the financial records was requested and authorized.

\*\* Consideration will be given to participation by the Society in the Village Memorial Day parade

\*\* Mention was made of the contribution to the Society's Memorial Fund by Mrs. Mabel Ackerly in fond memory of the late Dr. S. Huyler Elder who was a charter member of the Society.

Before closing the business meeting, President Fiero summed up the past year of Society activity and his own hopes for the year ahead. He also expressed thanks to his co-workers for their assistance in the difficult first year of organization.

LAST ISSUE OF PANORAMA ? ?

We hope this will not be the last one you receive. If you have already paid your dues for 1974 you will continue to have the opportunity to read of our doings and plans in each monthly issue of our informative newsletter. *If your dues have not been received by the time of the March meeting we will conclude that you do not wish to renew your membership and you will no longer receive PANORAMA.*

If you have enjoyed our news and have been attending our meetings (and even if you want to support our endeavors without being present) we urge you to renew your membership without delay. Help us keep the 531 members now on our rolls and to add new members this year.

As of March 1, the Membership Committee is happy to note the following special memberships:

Organizational - Valley Bank of New York, Valley Stream Chamber of Commerce, Valley Stream Lions Club  
Contributing - Mrs. Agnes M. George, Mrs. Ralph Goetze, Mrs. Louise Schwartz, Mr. Richard Thompson, Mr. Herman N. Zimmering.  
Life Member - Mrs. Miriam Burg remains on the record as our only one.

We thank these members for their very generous support and hope that their example will inspire others. We thank, also, those of our members who presented friends and relatives with gift memberships in our Society. . . H. Dowdeswell, Chm.

MEMO FROM RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Bob Presbrey, Chairman, requests your assistance in amassing much-needed material about Valley Stream by suggesting to his committee persons and groups who might have records and memories of historical facts, events, things, etc. To this end there is printed below a form for use in forwarding this information. Send to Research Committee, Valley Stream Historical Society, 123 South Central Avenue, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580.

To Whom it May Concern:

I believe the following persons/residents may be of considerable assistance to the Society in providing information/photos and similar material of historical value.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address or Phone Number

Provided by \_\_\_\_\_

ABOUT THE KEYNOTERS

This fine group of musical people named "The Keynoters" originated in 1950, meeting in the home of its Director, Mr. Carl P. Zipperlen. Some six years later the Women's Community Choral joined with the men.

The Keynoters love to sing, and that is what they do . . . as much as possible, in many Homes, churches, and organization programs.

Mr. Charles P. Zipperlen is the Assistant Director, and Miss Allison Schutt is the accompanist.

The Keynoters are pleased to have this opportunity to invite you to sing with them. No voice test is required BUT you must have a real desire to sing. Attendance at rehearsals - every Monday evening at 8:30 is a MUST, however, to insure the success of the performances. Rehearsals are held at the Valley Stream Presbyterian Church, 130 So. Central Avenue.

The Director's telephone number is 599-1833.

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April 1974

NEXT  
MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 17th  
8 p.m.

HENDRICKSON PARK  
ADMINISTRATION BLDG.

Mr. Al Mayeruk will present "Personalities of the Past", a highly interesting and entertaining program with slides and narration which everyone will want to see and hear. The customary Hospitality Hour will follow the program. Put this date on your April calendar as something not to be missed!

#### REAR WINDOW

With a performance by the Keynoters choral group highlighting the evening for some 75 members and guests, the 1974 officers and directors of the Society were installed by Village Trustee William Sypher at the meeting held on March 28th. Preceding this, a brief business session was held which revealed:

\*\*\*a healthy balance of over \$1,000 in the treasury.

\*\*\*a total of 125 members already signed up for 1974, and we are only three weeks into the new Society year.

\*\*\*Valley Bank once again providing much appreciated assistance by turning over another \$27 from Long Island map towel sales, with a request to provide them with a new supply for the convenience of those desiring to purchase the towels while in the vicinity of the Bank.

Mrs. Mabel Ackerly out of whose "head and heart" came the idea for our Society was introduced and presented with a corsage. After the installation ceremony, new President Jim Boerckel presented outgoing President Anthony Fiero with a plaque commemorating his service to the Society as its first President.

The Hospitality Hour which followed featured a variety of goodies and beverages, all amply provided for by "Coffee Cup" (our conspicuously-placed super size cup and saucer into which benevolent members and guests drop coins to defray expenses).

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#### STREET NAME ORIGINS

President Boerckel has announced a drive to learn how the streets in our Village received their names. If you know how any street came to bear its name and can tell us about it, please come to our meetings and do so. Or, if you cannot be with us on a specific meeting night, write to PANORAMA and the story will be printed in the next following issue.

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#### MAIL BAG

William "Buddy" Kesel writes from Madison, Conn. where he is enjoying retirement, ". . . have many splendid memories of this fine community (V.S.) and what it gave me. . . would enjoy revisiting Valley Stream . . . at a time coincident with one of your future meetings so that I might attend. . . We'll be writing to Bud, you can be sure!

BETTER LATE THAN.....

If you have friends who are lamenting the fact that they did not receive PANORAMA this month, be sure to remind them that only members are entitled to the newsletter. BUT, they may still join for 1974 year and be sure to get the May edition. Membership Chair Couple, Dwight and Carolyn Young, 825-5470.

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GREGORY MUSEUM

Long Island's Earth Science Center is located in Hicksville on Heitz Place; has outstanding displays in the field of mineralogy, geology, entomology and historical artifacts of the Long Island area. PANORAMA has not received the details of tours but a telephone call, if you're interested, might provide the necessary information - 516 822-7505.

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ON THE HORIZON

We have just completed arrangements for the guest speaker at our May 15th meeting (place as yet undecided) - - none other than J. Henry Vielbig (Central High circa "you name it", whether it be as student or teacher!) Henry has a repertoire of assorted facts and memories that defies description. So, make a note on your calendar not to miss this meeting!

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WE NEED YOU!!!

The 1974 staff of officers and directors is in need of many committee workers. Are you one of them? We use the word "work" loosely; actually most of the work involved is fun for interested persons. When you attend our April meeting, speak to Jim Boerckel about the area you'd like to cover.

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ANOTHER POSSIBLE DREAM?

We've set our sights on a 1974 total membership of 1,000. We think it's possible, if everyone helps!

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GREEN-EYE TER?

We might be just a little envious of the Village of Roslyn - according to a recent news item, its Main Street has been designated a national historic property by reason of the fact that its buildings date between the years 1690 and 1885.

Can any of our Society members and friends provide historical data about buildings and sites in our own Village which may not already have been given to Howie Ruehl, Society Director and Village Historian? If so, write to him at 123 South Central Avenue. The 50th Anniversary brochure which he has prepared for the 1975 celebration of the Village incorporation is nearing completion.

ALL OF WHICH LEADS US TO -

An announcement of interest to all members: Our Society has been designated the official organization to plan for the 50th Anniversary. Bert Keller, our Vice President, is Chairman of the Steering Committee consisting of Mabel Ackerly, Howie Ruehl, Ted Libath, Emma Bitowski, Lottie Christmann and Lillian Weaver. The purpose is to promote, proclaim and produce a Village-wide celebration to commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime event. PANORAMA will keep you informed of the Committee's plans. The Village Board of Trustees has indicated wholehearted support in the entire endeavor.

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May 1974

NEXT  
MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
MAY 15, 1974  
8 p.m.

HENDRICKSON PARK  
ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING

Whether you're an old-time Valley Streamer who attended Central High way back when - or if you just moved into our Village last week - you will not want to miss the very historically interesting program on the Panama Canal which will be presented by Mr. Henry Vielbig (see Program Notes on reverse side to learn more about Henry). Our usual Hospitality Hour featuring home-baked goodies will follow the program.

## REAR WINDOW

About 50 persons attended this first meeting of the Society's official second year. They were treated to a good program of slides depicting many historical events and personalities of earlier years. The entire presentation proved to be a fun evening for all since Mr. Al Mayernik who prepared the program kept the members on their toes with his quiz-queries. All in all, the members rated good scores with their correct answers, but, of course, many of us "were there" when all the events took place. Preceding the program, the business of the meeting produced this data:

\*\*\*Treasurer Mildred Zulch proudly announced a balance of over \$1,100.

\*\*\*Equally proud, Dwight Young, Membership Chairman, reported 227 members already signed up for the new 1974-5 year. The membership drive for May will concentrate on getting our original charter members as yet not re-signed up to continue their membership by renewing promptly, and of course, to continue to recruit new members. The gift membership idea has been reported as quite successful and it frequently fills the bill for the giftee "who has everything" BUT a Society membership.

\*\*\*Research Chairman Bob Prebrey has been compiling a list of persons referred to him as being very knowledgeable of facts and events of old Valley Stream. The general plan of Research is to be able to

prepare slides (for easy projection) of many old photos, news items, and the like which may be in the possession of residents. This procedure will insure the return of the valuables to the owners while still providing a good file for the Society. Not overlooked is the fact that while reproducing the old photos, Research will be busy recording on film many of today's doings which are, of course, tomorrow's history.

\*\*\*Margaret Wellington reported on a contribution to the Memorial Fund in memory of Dr. S. Huyler Elder, given by Dr. M. Soltis (whom some of you will know as Margaret Luca).

\*\*\*President Jim Boerckel plans a meeting of Committee Chairmen early in May - and a full list of Committee composition will be released as soon as possible. There are vacancies to be filled in several committees: "Library" needs a chairman who will undertake to supervise the collecting of historical printed matter; "Hospitality" seeks Co-Chairmen (2 people who will alternate and/or coordinate the duties of serving refreshments at meetings) since this regular activity is an enjoyable aspect of our get-togethers. PANORAMA Editor would appreciate an assistant who would ready the newsletter for mailing (i.e. affix pre-typed address labels and stamps; and mailing). Fund-raising Co-Chairmen would like to know where members' interests lie in the matter of adding

money to our treasury - means of some profitable activity (a new line of "nostalgic" notepaper will soon be introduced - and there has been talk of a fund-raising dinner which would be open to the public) - for any of these items call President Jim or Secretary Audrey at 561-7138.

\*\*\*The Society is about to purchase its own coffee urn . . . it will be well-used.

\*\*\*Since the Society plans extensive participation in the Memorial Day Parade of 1975 (the year of the Village 50th Anniversary of incorporation) it was decided to forego this activity for 1974.

\*\*\*Mrs. Mabel Ackerly who has such vast information on yesterday's Valley Stream was invited to speak briefly, as she will monthly under the title of "Mabel's Mini Memoirs" on some aspect of life in the old days. At this meeting she presented very interesting data on some of the old shops and stores which served the Villagers. At Ed Bitowski's suggestion these comments henceforth will be taped for the Society files.

#### STREET NAME ORIGINS

In response to our request for information on how our Village streets came by their names, Alberta Bergmann provided a number of origins, a few of which we are listing below. More will be mentioned in future issues and - we welcome any other street data our members and friends are able to provide.

Stephen Place - after the grandson of Mr. Weisbarth, the man who built the Central Homes development.

Miller Place - after Charles Miller; Village Building Inspector at the time.

Albert Road - after Albert Langlotz, Village Plumbing Inspector.

Pflug Place - after family by that name, owners of Hay, Grain & Grocery Store on Central Avenue just north of Merrick Road.

Hendrickson Avenue, Fletcher Avenue, Raisig Street, Buscher Avenue, and Hoffman Street - after the respective families who owned large parcels of land in the areas of these present street locations.

#### TRAVELING PROGRAM UNIT

On May 17th a traveling unit of our Society, consisting of Mrs. Ackerly, Howard Ruehl, Helen Dowdeswell and Lillian Weaver, will present the story of the Society's founding, a slide show of old Valley Stream sites, and some reminiscences of Mrs. Ackerly at a meeting of Grace U. M. Church Guild. Several local organizations have expressed interest in the programs we are able to present, and we are happy at all times to do so, time permitting. Howard Ruehl who has coordinated these programs

can be reached at VA 5-4200, or at VA 5-58.

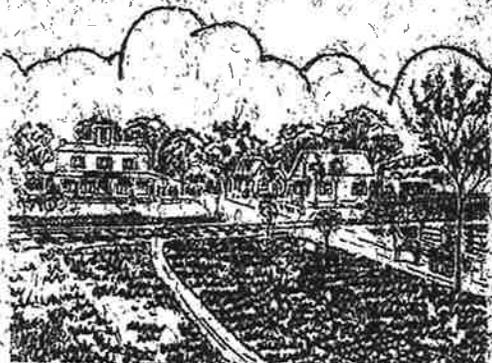
#### PROGRAM NOTES

Mr. Henry Vielbig, who will give a most interesting talk on the Panama Canal at our May 15th meeting, has such a variety of interests he could probably fill programs for many months. He has chosen the Panama Canal for the May meeting because of the current interest in it. Henry (also called Joe) deserves a few words of introduction since he's a real streamer - first a student, then a teacher, and now a sentimental Society member! He arrived in town in 1924, graduated from Central (which took place for him in Wheeler Avenue School auditorium), went on to Alfred U. and subsequently taught at Central, moving on to South High about 1955 - subjects Social Studies and Economics. He is now retired and enjoying, among other things, pleasant memories of his busy life.

#### FASHION SHOW MEMO

Last month our Society assisted Mrs. Ackerly in presenting a show of gowns from 1976 to today, some of which were owned by the Society. Several Society members served as models. Others on the committee were Jo Harper, Narrator; Lois Ward, Pianist; Emma Bitowski, Museum Chairman; and Lillian Weaver, a Director.

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June 1974

NEXT  
MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 19th  
8 p.m.

GRACE U. M. CHURCH  
EDUCATIONAL BLDG.  
W. Lincoln and  
S. Franklin Aves.  
Valley Stream

**OLD-TIME NIGHT** . . . . .  
a triple treat for members who make a special effort to attend (wearing, if possible, some OLD TIME article of clothing). Emma Hitowski, our Museum Director, has prepared a delightful show of OLD-TIME fashions which will be modeled "live" by some of our members. Also, President Jim Boenckel invites you herewith to bring with you OLD TIME items of memorabilia to share with us as an impromptu display occasion before and after the formal meeting and program. AND, Hospitality Committee has promised a good OLD TIME treat for the Coffee Hour (guess what!)

## REAR WINDOW

J. Henry Vialbig, looking as young or younger than some of his former students who were on hand, presented a great slide show on the Panama Canal. (Sitting as we were in the Park Administration Building, with the Lake visible through the windows, we could almost believe we were actually on Henry's cruise ship making the trip through the Locks.) No one could have left this meeting without feeling some desire to take a close personal look at the Panama Canal. Thanks, Joe Henry.

The business of the evening indicated some busy committee work:

Dwight Young reported 242 paid memberships to date.

Helen and Ed Moore introduced a new fund-raising item of "Nostalgic Notes" - and word was received that a large number of Long Island Map towels had been placed in the Valley Bank Green Acres office where they are expected to sell "like hot Long Island Map towels." (This item has been responsible for almost half of our present treasury funds.)

Bert Keller reported in absentia that our Society has been given permission to meet occasionally in Temple Gates of Zion rooms. Our plan of moving around the Village for our meetings offers a measure of convenience to at least some of our members at some time.

The Society is planning a contest for our three senior high school students to design an emblem for Society use. The prize will be \$50 cash. Details will be publicized at a later date.

Anthony Piero reported that our provisional charter has been approved by the State of New York and he is following through on the next steps involving tax-exempt and bulk-mailing privileges. It is expected that by fall, a Charter Night will occur and charter members will receive certificates.

Howard Kuehl spoke briefly of the pleasant reception he has been given when promoting our traveling program of Village slides. To date he has visited 4th and 5th grades at Wm. L. Buck School, Wheeler Avenue School 50th Anniversary, Women's Interfaith Council of Valley Stream, Village Officials

Assn. of Nassau County, Grace Methodist Church Guild, Men's Club of Lutheran Church of Our Saviour.

Margaret Wellington, also reporting in absentia, listed 4 new memorials received from Ethel Grevert Buccold in memory of - Mrs. & Mrs. George Grevert, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Starr, Mr. & Mrs. August Beaver, and Mr. Harry Singell.

During the coffee hour which followed the program, Mr. Leo O'Connell, 90 on May 29th, and Mrs. Mabel Ackerly, 85 on May 12th, were feted with a candle-lighted birthday cake donated by Mrs. Laura Lindner.

President Jim announced the donation by Lottie Christmann, Parliamentarian, of a ledger book in which all donations of memorabilia will be properly recorded after they have been acknowledged to the donors.

Meetings will not be held during July and August. Watch for September's PANORAMA for news of our first fall meeting.

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MORE STREET NAME ORIGINS

Herewith several more of the names submitted by Alberta Bergmann:

Gibson Boulevard - after William Gibson who developed the area which bears his name.

Shine Place - after Helen Shine of a Gibson Corporation staff.

Waldinger Street - after the popular Mayor Henry C. Waldinger.

Todd Road - after Village Trustee Tod.

Edgeworth Street - after Edgeworth Smith, sales agent for Gibson Corp.

Fritchle Place, Raibig Place, Adler Place, Roedel Avenue - after the respective families who owned large tracts of land in the general areas of the present street locations.

Let's hear about more street names. Send to PANORAMA, or telephone any of the officers.

Jim/Audrey Boerckel, 561-7138  
Bert Keller, 825-9089  
Mildred Zulch, 825-4199

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HONORING A 200TH BIRTHDAY

A news item of recent date suggests the appropriateness of planting a tree, shrub, bush, etc., as your own personal gift to our country on its 200th birthday in 1976.

Think about it - nice idea, isn't it?

GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meyer of our Village have graciously donated a 30-cup coffee urn for use by our Hospitality Committee, and Sandy Javurek has reported the acquisition of a trunk for storing our precious gowns and other clothing. Many thanks.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

While the list of chairmen and committee personnel is not yet completed, we list below those chairmen who will be happy to learn of your interest in their particular area of Society activity:

- Research - Bob Presbrey, LO 1-8889
- Fund-Raising - Helen and Ed Moore, 825-4322
- Membership - Caroline and Dwight Young, 825-5470
- Museum - Emma Bitowski, 825-4002
- Publicity - Sandy Javurek, 825-0174
- Newsletter - Lillian Weaver, 791-5030
- Parliamentarian - Lottie Christmann, 825-0979
- Public Relations - Anthony Fiero, LO 1-2090

Program is temporarily being handled by President Jim Boerckel, assisted by the entire Executive Board, and Hospitality is also being temporarily handled by Audrey Boerckel.



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Mr. R. Presbrey  
159 New York Ave.  
Valley Stream, NY 11580



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September 1974

NEXT  
MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1974  
8 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
Brooklyn Ave. at 7th St.  
Valley Stream

This meeting will offer "something different" to history buffs. MR. HENRY ANHOLZER, who is a member of Early Flyers Club, will speak on Long Island Aviation, touching on his vast recollections of the excitement of flying 'way back!

(Refreshments, as usual)

## REAR WINDOW

Although much time has elapsed since the June 19th meeting, the success of the Old-Time Fashion Show must not go unheralded. Emma Bitowski, our Museum Director, assisted by Jo Harper as Narrator, and many members and friends, produced a memorable live display of authentic fashions of the early 1900s, and some pre-dating those years, on the stage of Grace Church before a sizable audience of interested members. During the evening those present were able to examine and learn about various old-time items exhibited by historically-minded owners. AND, as a finale, generous portions of that old-time favorite refreshment -- strawberries and ice cream -- were served by a superb hospitality crew headed by Edna Carey and daughter, Caroline.

The business end of the meeting revealed the following happy news:

\*\*\*1974 membership applications are coming in rapidly, it is almost difficult to keep up with the count. Gift memberships are still popular and available.

\*\*\*L. I. map towel sales are still going on and we have had many enthusiastic purchasers for our new line of Nostalgic Notes. (Your Editor recently priced the L. I. map towels at a popular beach

shop and learned that the cost there is \$3.50. Wouldn't you rather buy them from the Society at the still low price of \$1.50? Very possibly we will increase the price to \$2.00 in 1975.)

\*\*\*Revisions in our Constitution and Bylaws are underway and notice is hereby given that these will be voted upon at our September meeting. Tony Fiero, our legal advisor, has already made application for our mailing privileges and tax-exempt status. The use of bulk mail privilege will greatly reduce the cost of mailing PANORAMA.

\*\*\*Walter Kreig, former member of Waldinger Library Board, announced that a sum of money (originating from the now extinct Valley Stream Museum) is being held by the Library and will be turned over to the Society when proof of official chartering is submitted.

\*\*\*President Jim urged full support by all Society members in the tremendous task which our 50th Anniversary Steering Committee faces. He suggests that this Village-wide celebration will be the means of even greater interest in our growing Society than we have already enjoyed and that a good slogan for us to consider might be "Come alive

in '75 to survive!"

\*\*\*A suggestion by Madeline Kappauf to write to former members about our Anniversary plans and activities was well-received.

\*\*\*Mrs. Mabel Ackerly, our diligent founder, reported on the Jamboree festivities held at Franklin General Hospital.

\*\*\*Charter members of our Society will definitely receive visible proof of such interest at a special program planned for some time soon. PANORAMA will keep you informed.

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#### MORE STREET NAME ORIGINS

Winnie Luthy, daughter of Leo O'Connell and long-time Valley Stream resident, informed us that Miriam and Catherine Streets are named for the daughters of Augustus Abrams, a local farmer. Catherine's son, Ted Davison, is known to many members. She still resides in our Village, on Garden Street. The Abrams farmhouse tract is now part of the grounds of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour.

According to Howie Rueshl, Village Historian, local old-timers insist that many of the streets in Gibson were named for the liquor bottles which were unearthed when the land was developed in the early 1920s. This does seem likely in view of the names "Carstairs", "Gordon", "Haig", "Wilson" and "Dubonnet" - - or perhaps it was only a whim of Mr. Gibson??

The earlier Gibson development in Cochran Place area made good use of alphabetizing. . . Drew, Eton, Filbert, Garden. . . Avondale, Berkley, Cambridge, Derby, Elmwood, Fairfield. The original Rockaway Parkway section also sports good alphabetical sequence: Argyle, Beverly, Chester, Dover, Euclid, Fenimore - as does the Broadway area of West End - Ash, Beech, Cedar, Dean, Elm, Fir, Gold. One can wonder why we never got beyond "F" or "G" in these sequences, and why we never had a Market or a Walnut Street, as so many thousands of American towns and cities do.

The original Chanin development in Green Acres (part of the old Curtis airfield) evokes thoughts of woodland glens - Ash, Catalpa, Damson, Elderberry, Firethorne, Hawthorne, Columbine, Birch (there's another Birch Lane in Gibson, too).

What can you tell our members about our Village street names? Be sure to send your data to PANORAMA so that it can be printed in our next issue.

#### HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

For the September meeting, the Cake-Bakers are:

Claire McMahon  
Joan Renehan  
Peg Keller

Hostesses for the evening will be:

Ethel Ermler  
Albino Musicoff  
Madeline Kappauf

Thanks to these volunteers. Are there any for meetings to follow? Audrey Boerckel who is filling in as Hospitality Chairman will be glad to learn of your willingness. Speak to her at meeting, or call her at 561-7138.

#### SPECIAL INTEREST CORNER??

We would like to have monthly listings of the kind of hobbies and interests our members have. Please inform any of our officers or chairmen at meeting to let them know what your special "thing" is. This data will be very useful to us for planning future programs since we want to provide "something for everyone".

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NEXT  
MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 16, 1974  
8 P.M.

TEMPLE GATES OF ZION  
322 N. Corda Avenue  
Valley Stream

Mr. Ray Chambers of East Williston, who is Executive Director of the CAMBERWELL COLLECTION, will present an illustrated talk on "Early Long Island Main Streets." The sites cover the period from 1870 to 1940. Mr. Chambers is a representative of the New York Telephone Company which sponsors his program as a public service. Some 75 slides will be shown and an especially interesting evening is predicted. Be sure to attend. Hospitality Hour will follow the program, as usual.

## REAR WINDOW

The meeting of September 18th at Trinity Episcopal Church Hall saw 75 members in attendance for the program presented by Mr. Henry Anholzer of the Early Flyers Club. His very complete accounting in words and pictures gave everyone an opportunity to learn about early aviation, especially on Long Island. Hospitality Committee completed the evening with its usual array of tasty goodies baked this time by Claire McMahon, Joan Renshan and Peg Keller, and served by Ethel Ermler, Albino Musicoff, and Madeline Kappauf.

The business portion of the meeting turned up these items:

\*\*\*Our bank balance now shows a healthy balance of over \$1,200. Mildred Zulch announced that a considerable sum had been received within the past few weeks as result of L. I. map towel sales at the Central Avenue office of Valley Bank.

\*\*\*Dwight Young reported 320 paid members in all categories. Also, a list of Charter Members has been prepared by his Membership Committee for use in awarding special recognition to these members at some future date.

\*\*\*Research for suitable museum items and other memorabilia continues under direction of Bob Presbrey.

\*\*\*Anthony Fiero presented motions, clarifying and amending our Constitution and Bylaws to conform with the charter we have been granted by New York State. These were unanimously accepted.

\*\*\*Plans for a "field Trip" to Old Bethpage Village via bus on October 26th were revealed by Dick Totten, who estimated the cost for the six-hour outing to be about \$5.00 per person. A survey of member interest will be made.

\*\*\*The 50th Anniversary celebration of Valley Stream's incorporation is being sponsored by our Society with V.P. Bert Keller as Anniversary Chairman. He explained a number of suggestions received by his steering committee (all of whom are Society members) and urged all Valley Streamers to become involved in this fine tribute to our fine Village. From time to time meetings of Village-wide participation by clubs, organizations, churches, businesses, etc.

will be held at Village Hall. (Below is an application which may be used to signify your interest in becoming part of the group to develop the celebration.) Only one event has been definitely planned for at this writing - and by reason of its name and date - the 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Dinner is scheduled for March 5, 1975, the day, 50 years ago, on which Valley Stream was officially incorporated. Details of all events will be announced as soon as the separate committees have made their plans.

\*\*\*Mabel Ackerly's Mini Memoirs this month produced some photos of people for whom several streets in Valley Stream were named. Mrs. Ackerly also exhibited an original District #24 School March composed in 1908 by a resident of the District, Louis Rullman. Bert Keller obliged at the piano and played the March so all could hear it.

\*\*\*Howard Kuehl, Village Historian, has been presenting his slide-talk to a number of local club groups. He reported also that the souvenir brochure containing many historical pictures of Valley Stream is now in process of printing. The Society will be sole distributor of these booklets which will be sold at a nominal price.

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HOSPITALITY MEMO

Hostesses for the October meeting are Laura Lindner, Ruth Hohwiesner and Peg Keller. They will serve cake baked by Natalie Verruso, Phyllis Gregori and Hermine Tobiasa.

NEW FUND-RAISER

The Society has ordered a supply of 1975 calendar towels in several new and unusual designs. Be sure to see them at the next meeting, . . . and don't miss the line of Nostalgia Notes also for sale.

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Detach and mail this form to: Bert Keller, 198 E. Argyle Street  
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

- ( ) I would like to serve on the following Committee for the Anniversary:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) I would like to serve as a Chairman.
- ( ) I represent the following group: \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) I am unaffiliated.

Suggested Committees:

Dinner	Souvenir
Pageant	Field Day
Parade	Pub. Relations
Founders Day	Finance
Historical Booklet	Cultural
Reunion	Secretarial
Block Party	

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

(Additional forms available at Waldinger Library.)





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November 1974

NEXT  
MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 20, 1974  
8 p.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF OUR SAVIOUR -  
DuBois & Rockaway Aves.  
Valley Stream

Our guest speaker for this evening will be Mr. Clinton Metz, Freeport Historian, who will have some remarkable facts to relate about "George Washington's Spies on Long Island" . . . . who they were, what they did. . . . be sure to attend! Hospitality Hour will follow the program as usual.

## REAR WINDOW

Mr. Ray Chambers, of Gamberwell Collection fame, presented a group of nostalgic slides showing a number of Main Streets of Long Island "as they were." This program, sponsored by the New York Telephone Company, gave many of us a change to recall some areas as they were known to us in younger days, and those who know the streets only as they exist today had a close-up view of "progress", as it is called! In spite of inclement weather our attendance at the beautiful Temple Gates of Zion auditorium boasted some 53 stalwart faithful and interested members who heard the following business reports:

\*\*\*Treasury balance - \$1,364 - and more funds coming in regularly from Valley Bank Central Avenue office where our Long Island map towels are selling rapidly.

\*\*\*Dwight Young, Membership, reported 333 paid members in all categories. His committee is planning a concentrated effort to get all charter members to renew.

\*\*\*Helen Moore announced good sales for towels and notes, plus an experimental dozen calendar towels. Fund-raising activities and possibilities

will be considered more fully at a forthcoming committee meeting.

\*\*\*President Jim Boerckel advised those present of the status of the amended constitution and bylaws, prepared by Anthony Fiero, our legal advisor, and copies will be distributed at the November meeting. Jim also reported on a visitation made recently by our officers to South High School's "Get to Know Your Village" night where they were well-received. In absence of Emma Bitowski Jim also reported that she will be presenting a program at Holy Name of Mary Rosary Society, exhibiting and describing old-time gowns and fashions.

\*\*\*Howard Ruehl, Village Historian, called attention to the Society's display-of-the-month plan for exhibits at Waldinger Library.

\*\*\*Tentative plans for a Covered Dish Supper and Sing-Along Night in January were revealed by Lillian Weaver, and member-interest was solicited. Almost all in attendance expressed approval and a desire to participate.

\*\*\*All interested Village residents and organizations are invited and urged to take part in the 50th Anniversary celebration of the incorporation of Valley Stream in 1925. A call to Bert Keller, Chairman, at 825-9089, is all that is needed.

\*\*\*A Society banner will be ordered as soon as prices and colors can be determined. This item will be extremely necessary in a number of our activities in the coming year, and, hopefully, for many years following.

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REMEMBER OUR GOAL OF LAST YEAR???

1,000 MEMBERS!

Let's aim for it again in our 50th Anniversary celebration year 1975. . . start getting friends and relatives interested now. PANORAMA will bring to them all of the news of the celebration.

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MORE STREET-NAME DATA

Mrs. Mabel Ackerly, our special "old-timer" tells us that Sylvan Place was named by Augustus Abrams because he liked "Sylvan" better than "Grove", its original name, both meaning the same, of course. Foster Brook was named for Abraham Foster, who was the father of well-remembered Doc Foster. Wheeler Avenue was named for the large acreage of the Wheeler Family in that area.

We want to know more about place names in Valley Stream. Send your items to PANORAMA.

50TH ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR BOOKLET

Howard Ruehl, Village Historian, has been hard at work preparing a beautiful brochure of Valley Stream's history, complete with many, many pictures. It is extremely well-written, warm and factual. Everyone will want to have several - to be sure former residents will have this nostalgic souvenir, too. Those of us who have seen the proofs, and the beautiful collage cover which was shown at a recent Anniversary Committee meeting in Village Hall, are very eager to make purchases. PANORAMA will keep you posted on the release date and details of purchasing.

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FOR THE MUSEUM TOURIST

Recently a memorial exhibit in honor of Charles A. Lindberg opened at Nassau County in Eisenhower Park. This tribute to a national hero who pioneered in aviation, and did much of this pioneering in our area, depicts the life of "Lucky Lindy" in selected documents, photos and other memorabilia, covering his exploits as the "Lone Eagle". The Museum is located near Parking Field No. 6 in the Park, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the admission is only 25 cents. Don't miss this historical treat.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ALL ORGANIZATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE NEXT PLANNING MEETING OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN VILLAGE HALL, 123 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE, VALLEY STREAM, ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 8:15 P.M. AND BRING A FRIEND, TOO!

BERT KELLER, Chairman

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NEXT  
MEETING

"SING-ALONG/NITE"

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 15, 1975

6 p.m.  
Covered Dish Supper  
followed by  
program

(see attached memo)

GRACE UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
South Franklin and  
West Lincoln Aves.  
Valley Stream

Following the Supper, this happy program is sure to please all who attend. Our M.C. Bert Keller will tell about the origin of many old-time favorite songs - and we'll all join in the singing of them. Mary Gear and Lois Ward will be on hand for the musical chores. If you can't make the Supper, please come for the Sing-Along!

## REAR WINDOW

For our November 19th meeting, some 60 members turned out to hear Clinton Metz, Freeport Village Historian, tell a number of intriguing stories about George Washington's spy system on Long Island; so vital to the success of the American Revolution. Preceding this historical presentation, the business of the evening revealed:

\*\*\*that our treasury now boasts over \$1,300.

\*\*\*that our total membership is 341. Dwight Young also reported availability of 1975 gift memberships.

\*\*\*that map, towels and note papers continue to sell, bringing in steady revenue. Helen Moore stated that a report on other fund-raising ideas will be presented at the January meeting.

\*\*\*that Edna Carey and daughter, Caroline will co-chair the Hospitality Committee (which leaves the good eating our

Society enjoys in very capable hands). Volunteers for baking and serving are invited to contact the Careys at CU 5-7574. One of the projects they plan to undertake is the preparation of a Society Cookbook to which it is hoped our many members will contribute old family recipes.

\*\*\*that Society presentations by Emma Bitowski at Holy Name of Mary Rosary Society and Howard Ruehl at Grace Church Martha Circle were well received and resulted in donations to our treasury.

\*\*\*that the Village 50th Anniversary Steering Committee chaired by our Vice President Bert Keller is in full operation with special committees and their chairmen busily planning the year's events, beginning with the celebration's kick-off Dinner on March 1st. (See details elsewhere in this issue.)

\*\*\*that Emma Bitowski, our Museum Chairman, seeks donations of distinctively-styled clothing from various

eras, and dolls.

\*\*\*that the baked goodies of the evening were provided by Natalie Verruso and Phyllis Gregori, and served by Eleanor Mayernik and Margaret Larsen.

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#### MORE STREET NAME ORIGINS

From his "1781 House" in Hartland, Vermont, Alonzo Mills recalls his boyhood in Valley Stream and tells us about:

Felton Avenue - named after Joe Felton who ran a general store at the northeast corner of Merrick Road and Central Avenue. He sold out and became the President of Lynbrook National Bank. On his way to work he used to make the rounds of village merchants and pick up their deposits.

Renssen Street - named after developer I. S. Renssen who also built carriages and wagons in Brooklyn. He would drive up and "look us kids over; if we weren't clean, he'd send us home to wash up and he'd wait and see if we passed inspection on return. He'd then throw new dimes in the sand and let us scramble for them. Central Avenue then had a sand shoulder."

Nostrand Avenue - named after the Nostrand Family. (Now renamed McKeon after the local priest.)

All three of the above streets were named by Mr. Renssen who went out of business when autos became popular.

Dutch Broadway - to quote Lon.....  
"While not actually in Valley Stream, it has come a long way - named, I think, because so many German farmers had farms on the dirt road named Broadway as a joke. They were fine people. As a kid I used to go huckleberrying across from Ropers or Gouz. The whole family would take the day off from farming (at Stiek's) and spend the day. I can remember goofing off and lying in a clearing, watching clouds go by and thinking of the future. It was not unusual to return with a couple of bushels of blueberries (and jiggers) albeit tired."

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Boden Avenue - named after Tony Boden who ran the Inn near there, on Merrick Road.

Hudson Street - named by Clarence Phillip who regularly traveled from Valley Stream to his headquarters in Albany (he was State Agent for a group of insurance companies) and thus knew the Hudson River well. Clarence later became a builder and developer in Valley Stream.

Thanks Alonzo....we'll be printing more of your items. Keep us informed on anything of interest you may recall. Our readers will be on the lookout.

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A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS must be extended to Anthony Fiero, our first Society President, our present Chairman of the Executive Board, and, more importantly right now, our tireless legal advisor who has been handling all the documentary procedures involved in obtaining our Charter, our tax-exempt certificate, and protecting our interests in the many matters confronting our growing Society which require a great degree of legal counseling. Hats off to you, Tony!

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The events for 1975's celebration are taking form rapidly as a result of the interest, sincerity, and diligence of the various committees. In spite of this enthusiasm, however, we urge all of our members who can possibly do so to take part in some committee work. Here are the chairmen; call one of them to offer assistance:  
Dinner, Dr. Elaine Brown, 825-1914  
Parade, Frank Acquavella, 825-2272  
Pageant, Michael Stufano, 825-0012  
Reunion, Vera Totten, 825-6068  
Souvenir, Anthony Striffolino, 561-8251  
Youth (elementary), Olga Hopkins at AJB Park, 825-4200  
Youth (teen-ager), Bert Keller, 825-9089  
Founders Day, Richard Brown, 825-2880.  
READ MAILLEADER FOR LATEST NEWS!!

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMO TO MEMBERS

COVERED DISH BUFFET  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1975  
6 p.m.

Please bring a covered dish\* in accordance with the following assignment:

Last names from <u>A to G</u>	Starch-type...hot or cold. (potatoes, beans, noodles, rice, etc.)
Last names from <u>H to O</u>	Vegetable content....hot or cold (salads, casseroles, etc.)
Last names from <u>P to Z</u>	Other - dairy (eggs, cheese, etc) fruit (gelatins included) fish

\*Suggested amount - 8-10 generous portions per bowl or platter.

Note: Do NOT bring meat-content dishes. The Society will provide this portion, as well as rolls, butter, coffee and tea. Following the meal, a basket for a goodwill offering will be passed to defray this expense.

The members of the Executive Board will provide the dessert as their "covered dish".

So that quantities may be adequate, please mail the following form before January 10th to indicate your intention to participate in the Supper. If desired, a telephone call to any of the committee will be satisfactory.

Committee

Lillian Weaver 791-5030  
Edna/Caroline Carey 285-7574  
Audrey Boerckel 561-7138

MEMBERS BRINGING GUESTS WHO ARE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS SHOULD BE SURE TO NOTIFY THE COMMITTEE IN ADVANCE. GUESTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW THE FOOD ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE AS ABOVE.

To: Valley Stream Historical Society  
Supper Committee  
c/o 61 Berkley Street  
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11581

I plan to attend the Society's Covered Dish Buffet on January 15th, and will bring a dish as suggested.

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_