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JANUARY 1991

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,
January 16, 1991
8:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Episcopal
Church Hall
Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street
Valley Stream

Program

MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II

Stanley Dombrowski

We are pleased to have as our guest speaker this evening, Mr. Stanley Dombrowski, a fellow resident of Valley Stream. A soldier in WWII, Mr. Dombrowski carried a professional camera with him throughout the War. This enabled him to take photographs of General Eisenhower and other WWII personalities. Mr. Dombrowski remembers what camera he used for each one and the circumstances under which they were taken. His collection should be most interesting to see, and how well this program ties in with Al Mayernik's current series on experiences of Valley Streamers during the War.

And, we thank Jean West, Agnes George and Helen Dowdeswell for volunteering to supply and serve the refreshments this evening.

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Again, we have the sad task of reporting the death of charter member, Anthony Strifolino, Jr. on November 24th. Tony had been an engineer and drafter for the Village of Valley Stream for 17 years. He was the treasurer of the Museum Finance Committee and was most supportive and enthusiastic about that project. He was a fine man, respected by all who knew and worked with him. Our sincerest sympathy to his wife, Rosemary, and their family.

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BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...

Congratulations to Al Mayernik on the nice article about him in the November 16th issue of *Newsday*.

Jim Boerckel, recovering nicely from a recent illness, which, fortunately, did not require surgery, wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards and telephone calls. He and Audrey deeply appreciate the concern expressed by all.

At the November meeting, Bert Keller emphasized our serious need for a Program Coordinator. Much of the success of the Society has been due to the quality of our programs, thanks to Audrey and Jim Boerckel. With them now living in New Jersey, we need someone to coordinate program ideas, which lately have been submitted by the members of the Board of Trustees. Please give this serious consideration and rest assured you will have the support and cooperation of the Board.

There will not be a Museum Ball this year, but, it is hoped that some sort of activity will be held on the Restoration grounds in the Spring.

PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION UPDATE...

Ted Libath (at the November meeting) reported that the electrical work has been completed on the first floor. Carpentry work is ongoing. Eight original shutters will be installed on the first floor; aluminum shutters will be installed on the upper floor until replicas of the originals are available. Mr. Gordon Fairchild of East Islip has given us an antique desk and chair, a table, a four-poster bed and a cast iron stove, all of which were in the house when he and his family lived there. There were bells in the bedrooms of the house, each of which had a different sound, enabling maids to know where to go when they were rung. Ted has cleaned, restored and mounted them on a board, so that future visitors to the house can have the fun of ringing them. The new fence will be painted in the Spring. The house was bedecked with lovely holiday decorations. It's moving right along!

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BITS OF HISTORY, MOSTLY LONG ISLAND

By Al Mayernik

VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II, Part XIII

Valley Stream Casualties of War: Killed, Wounded, Missing in Action

During 1943, the list of casualties of Valley Streamers was reported in the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald:

April 29, 1943. Private Gordon Cole is a prisoner of the Italians! That message of unutterable relief was delivered by Rev. Thomas Kelly, assistant pastor of the Holy Name of Mary R.C. Church, to the family of the soldier who had been reported as missing last month. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cole, parents, at 198 West Merrick Road, received the glad tidings. The message was sent from the Vatican. Private Cole had been in the Army since September 13, 1941.... He is believed to have been with the first group of Allied soldiers to land in the North African invasion....

July 15, 1943. Lieutenant Edward (Punter) Snyder, well-known in the Village and a former columnist for the Mail-Herald, is expected home on a sick leave from a hospital somewhere in the south, following a serious accident in his plane on May 1st. From the meager details obtained by this newspaper, it is revealed that Lieutenant Snyder and his squadron were detailed to fly a formation over Churchill Downs during the races. On the take-off, something happened to the plane he was piloting and a crash followed, which sent Snyder to a hospital where he has been confined since. His case was placed on the critical list for several weeks.... The flyer's right leg suffered the greatest injury...but it is expected to heal satisfactorily. Three other men in the same plane escaped injury....

August 12, 1943. Second Lieutenant Owen H. Salvage, 22, pilot with a bomber squadron, has been declared missing in action, the War Department notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. William Salvage of 69 Bismarck Avenue, Valley Stream, Tuesday night. The telegram...said he has been on duty in New Guinea in the Southwest Pacific.... Lieutenant Salvage left this country from California about July 1 and was piloting a B-25 Mitchell Bomber.... The flyer is a graduate of Valley Stream Central High School....

August 12, 1943. Corporal John J. Kerwin, 26, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Kerwin of 23 Avondale Street, has been reported missing in action in a telegram to the parents from the War Department Monday.... Corporal Kerwin was reported on the missing list following an action in Sicily, July 11. He was attached to the Second Armored Division Headquarters Company, and had been in the service almost three years, being among the first draftees to leave the Village. Corporal Kerwin is a graduate of Central High School....

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THOUGHTS FOR A NEW YEAR (authors unknown)...

"Don't count your years, make your years count."

"Enjoy your life without comparing it to that of another."

"Don't wait for a crisis to discover what is important in your life."

"Tact is rubbing out another's mistake instead of rubbing it in."

"You are better off not knowing how sausages and laws are made."

"Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even though you wish they were."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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FEBRUARY 1991

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday,
February 19, 1991
8:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Episcopal
Church Hall
Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street
Valley Stream

Program

"WAYSIDE SCHOOL: FROM THEN TO NOW"

Joseph Juliana

Mr. Juliana is the Administrative Director of the Wayside School in Valley Stream. He will brief us on the changes over the years. He will tell of the young women who now reside there, and how the School is now more closely related to Nassau County rather than to New York City.

This should be of special interest to those whose mothers and other family members had done volunteer work there over the many years of its existence.

We thank Charlotte Facompre, Marge Dalton and Agnes Libath for volunteering to supply and serve the refreshments following Mr. Juliana's talk.

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Please note that the February and March meetings will be held on the second Tuesdays due to the Wednesday Lenten services at the Church.

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Al Mayernik has reported that he has 1,500 slides of Valley Stream alone! He is still looking for more information and photographs of the World War II era. Al also needs empty shirt boxes and legal size envelope boxes for storing his slides.

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GOOD ADVICE...

"Treat a child as though he already is the person he's capable of becoming."

--Haim Ginott

PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION UPDATE...

Ted Libath and Ed Fare reported on the progress at the January meeting. The heat has been installed. The electrical work has been completed on the 1st floor, and the 2nd floor is now being worked on. The sprinkler system is on its way. Ed expressed thanks to Boening Florists for supplying the Christmas garland and the wreathes. Mr. Gordon Fairchild, a former resident of the house has visited it and approved of the work being done. He said that the artwork on the 2nd floor had been done by his brother. Ted brought the bells from the house, which he had cleaned and mounted on a board, and demonstrated them for us. (He did a terrific job in restoring them.)

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BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...

Al Mayernik continues to receive the recognition he rightfully deserves for his many slide programs and the collections from which they emanated. He was interviewed by a reporter from Channel 12 and the segment was to be aired sometime during the month of January. Congratulations, Al.

The Society's Executive Board has voted to donate \$2,000 to the Restoration Fund in memory of Anthony Striffolino and David Hochberg.

A list will be compiled of all donations to the Restoration, donations made in memory of deceased, special recognition, and contributions, so that plaques can be placed in the Restoration.

Helen Dowdeswell has interviewed Fay Harrison, Caroline Raeder Young and Dwight Young for the oral tape collection at the Library.

Speaking of the Library, each year the Society donates \$100 for the purchase of books pertaining to Long Island history. Why not ask to see them and learn more about this old island of ours on your next visit to the Library.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE..."My husband and I just figured out the longevity of our marriage. We need one another to finish a sentence."
--Erma Bombeck

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By Al Mayernik

VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II, Part XIV

Valley Stream Casualties of War: Killed, Wounded, Missing in Action (cont'd)

Continuation of the list of war casualties as reported in the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald of 1943:

September 2, 1943. Private First Class Edward Gregory, 34, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Gregory of 275 Valley Stream Boulevard, fought through the Casablanca campaign with General Patton without injury, but was wounded in the continuation of the drive through Sicily. His name is included in a list of 339 United States soldiers wounded in action, released by the War Department. His parents...were informed on August 10. They have since received a V-mail letter, dated August 11, explaining that the injury was slight.... Inducted on May 4, 1941, Gregory was assigned to a tank crew in the Second Armored Division....

September 16, 1943. Harold M. Frederick, seaman first class, U. S. Navy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Frederick, 121 Valley Stream Boulevard, has been officially reported as lost in action in the Solomons. His parents received a letter from Secretary of War Frank Knox, Saturday, dated August 28, stating that hope of his recovery has been abandoned. Seaman Frederick was reported missing August 9, 1942, when the USS Quincy was sunk while in action during the battle of Savo Island in the Solomons. Frederick was born in Valley Stream and attended Central High School, where he played on the football team....

October 23, 1943. Private John Longone, who was born in Brooklyn 34 years ago, but who came to Valley Stream to make his home with his aunt when three years of age, died at Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado on Thursday, October 21st, after an illness of about two weeks. He had been in the Army Air Corps, located at Kearns Field, Kearns, Utah since March of this year. His wife, Emmanuela, was notified of his serious illness and hastened to him, and remained with him until death occurred. The remains were shipped to Valley Stream, arriving there Sunday morning....

November 4, 1943. Lieutenant (j.g.) Edward K. Pearsall, 21, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward L. Pearsall of 89 North Cottage Street, has been reported missing following action on October 11 in the Southwest Pacific area. Lieutenant Pearsall is a graduate of Central High School and attended Hofstra College, where he took up aviation under the CAA Program. He...was made an ensign in November 1941...going to the Southwest Pacific area. He received a citation for a rescue in that area....[Ed. Note: In Part VII of this series, it was noted that Ensign Pearsall had dived into the water fully clothed to save the life of an enlisted man.]

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MARCH 1991

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday,
March 19, 1991
8:00 PM
Holy Trinity Episcopal
Church Hall
Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street
Valley Stream

Program

"QUILTING ON LONG ISLAND"

Phyllis A. Tepper

"Quilting has never gone out of existence...it's universal," according to Phyllis A. Tepper, our guest speaker for this evening. A native Long Islander and Valley Stream resident, Mrs. Tepper is Registrar, Folk Art Institute, Museum of Folk Art, New York City. Her current projects include organizing and administering The New York Quilt Project, a program of the Museum; co-author of text of a book to be published in Spring of 1992; preparing to curate exhibits of quilts to open at the Museum in June 1992.

To quote from The New York Quilt Project brochure, "Only recently appreciated as an art form, quilts are now becoming subjects of scholarship, as well; they are recognized for what they tell us about family life, social history, local lore and customs, and even politics, religion and economics."

Highly qualified, Mrs. Tepper will provide us with a fascinating slide/talk on a subject in which 14,000,000 are actively involved--quilting, selling, preserving, researching, etc. (And not women alone; many men have made quilts, including New York tailors, who used scraps of left-over materials from the garment industry.)

Don't miss out on this program--and bring along some friends, too.

Our refreshments following the talk will be provided and served by Marge Chvatal, Monica Kerner, Evelyn McQuade, Adele Melillo, Lil Weaver and Elinore Weis--and we do thank them.

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BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...

Al Mayernik is still looking for additional newspaper clippings and pictures of World War II. This year is the 50th anniversary of that war and he would like to present a program marking this occasion.

At the last meeting, Claire McMahon announced two trips that might be of interest to members: An all-day seminar on March 23, "Roots VII: Ellis Island, The Immigrant Experience and Its Resources". This is presented by The Huntington Historical Society and would be of special interest to those of Italian, German and Irish ancestry. The second is a tour of New York Harbor on Saturday, April 20th, presented by The Steamship Historical Society of America, Inc., Long Island Chapter, narrated by Village resident, Frank Duffy. A hot buffet lunch is included in this four-hour cruise of the real, working New York Waterfront, as well as the usual tourist sites. (Complete information and costs will be available at the March meeting.)

Eileen Brennan has ordered a new supply of the ever-popular Long Island towels for our Country Store.

We wish member Jane Sutter a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION UPDATE...

The house has been thoroughly cleaned and vacuumed. As soon as the sprinkler system is completed the plumber will install the domestic water. Kitchen and bathroom pipes have been put in. When all the pipes are in, the insulation will be installed, and then the walls can be finished. The flooring of the second floor will be started soon. The little building in the back (the gas station formerly located on Corona Avenue) has been cleaned and will be used for storage. Ted Libath made another trip to the Fairchild home on Eastern Long Island to pick up a table and dresser that the family has donated to the Restoration.

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IRISH TOAST...

You're not as young as you used to be,
But, you're not as old as you're going to be,
So watch it!

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BITS OF HISTORY, MOSTLY LONG ISLAND

By Al Mayernik

VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II, PART XV Coxswain Clarence H. Sutphin, Coast Guard

In the January 27, 1944 issue of the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald appeared a reprint of an article from the January issue of YANK, the service newspaper with millions of circulation. It was about the activities of Clarence H. Sutphin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sutphin of 114 Cochran Place. YANK relates:

During the 24-hour period following the landing near Scoglitti (Italy), Cox'n Clarence H. Sutphin, BM2/c of Valley Stream, Long Island, N. Y., made 25 trips from ship to beach, taking troops and supplies in and returning with wounded and prisoners.

"Sut" has "fooled around with boats as long as I remember" and joined the Coast Guard in November 1941. The following summer he volunteered for landing boat training because he was "tired of surf boats."

He had what he calls "a little misunderstanding between me and the Army" one night in Sicily when a colonel put 36 Italian prisoners aboard "Sut's" boat for transportation to the ship.

"I thought the colonel had sent guards along," he said, "and the colonel must have thought I had guards with me. Anyhow, the three of us in the crew were there with no guns--salt water had jammed the boat's machine guns--and all those prisoners. Every time they looked at me, I'd click the bolt of one of the guns and make like it was ready to fire."

The prisoners were delivered and "Sut" received a commendation and was promoted one grade to his present rank for his part in the landing operation.

During the Fedala (French Morocco) landing, "Sut," whose boat was blasted on the beach by 75mm shells, made a deal with a French fisherman named Jacques, and with him, ran the Frenchman's fishing smack between ship and shore until loading was completed several days later.

"My high school French was good enough for Jacques," he said. "He was so eager, he tired me out keeping up, and when we finally left, he wanted to join the Coast Guard and come along with us."

"Sut's" officers suggested he go to the Coast Guard version of Officers' Candidate School, but he found that he will have to wait until November, when he will be 21.

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WORTH REPEATING...How often we intend one thing and it turns into another! The wrong book comes home from the library and opens a whole new field of interest. I know of a student in college who wandered into the wrong classroom and became so interested in the subject being discussed there that he pursued it and made it his career. I need scarcely add that, being so absentminded, he became a famous professor. It should take the edge off disappointment to remember that half the things that go wrong surprise us by turning out all right. --Robert Hillyer

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"Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death."

--Earl Wilson

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APRIL 1991

N E X T M E E T I N G

Wednesday,
April 17, 1991
8:00 PM
Holy Trinity Episcopal
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Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street
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Program

H O B B Y N I G H T

It's been over two years since we last had one of our always-enjoyable "show and tell" programs. It's so interesting to learn of the many hobbies pursued by members over their lifetimes through travel, etc., in addition to those developed in recent years. As this program is still in the planning stage, all persons interested in participating are asked to call Evelyn McQuade (791-2574) as soon as possible. Please try to make it a point to attend this meeting and see first hand the pleasure their hobbies bring to these members.

The refreshments following the program will be donated and served by Lillian Weaver, Florence Gunther, and Chris Van Buskirk. (Thank you, ladies!)

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FUTURE MEETINGS ...

- May 15 - Another popular slide show by Frank Duffy--this time on the beautiful state of Alaska. Preceding Frank's program, we will have the election of officers and trustees.
- June 19 - Installation of Officers and Trustees
Chinese Auction
Strawberry Festival

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GOOD ADVICE...

"Don't hurry, don't worry, and don't forget to smell the flowers."

- T. Rice

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BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...

Mrs. Phyllis A. Tepper provided us with a most interesting program on the history of quilts and quilting at our last meeting. We were pleased that so many quilters from Valley Stream and nearby towns were in attendance.

Helen Dowdeswell announced that Bert Keller recorded an oral history tape from written notes of an interview of Anthony Groenewold, long-time resident, done shortly before his death a few years ago. (What would we ever do without Bert!)

Eileen Brennan reported that she has a supply of lovely new towels (with floral, western and Victorian motifs), as well as the Long Island map towels. (She was certainly right--they are lovely, and sales were brisk!)

President Tony Melillo advised that we have been invited to participate in the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 27th. We are to gather at Wheeler Avenue School at 9:00 AM; the parade begins at 9:30. We are asked to wear our Society shirts, and the Parade Committee has asked all marchers to also wear yellow ribbons in honor of the servicemen and women.

Annual dues will be increased from \$5 to \$7, effective in June.

PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION UPDATE...

Ted Libath said that they are awaiting the installation of the 4" pipe and then the domestic water can be installed. He is in the process of installing the hardware on the locks and doors.

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KIDS, KIDS, KIDS...

When our children crawled, they picked up everything they saw and put it into their mouths. When they stood up and began to walk, they never again saw anything worth picking up.

Kids have found that staying home cures diseases that haven't been discovered yet.

- Erma Bombeck

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VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II, PART XVI

During 1944, the front pages of the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald were dominated by stories of the War.

February 5, 1944 issue: From "somewhere" in Algiers, a letter has been received by Mrs. John Fatscher of 68 South Cottage Street, written by a French refugee boy, aged 14. The Army censor, in his official capacity, deleted the address of the youngster and, therefore, the boy is anxiously awaiting an answer and Mrs. Fatscher is deprived of the opportunity of writing due to the absence of the address.

The missive, neatly written, explains, "I am friend of your son Bob. My name is Rolane Despains. I am fourteen years old. I am French and live in (censored) lately. I have known your son two months after his coming in (censored)--when he has gone in Tunisia he promise to write to me but he had not plenty of time to write. But unlucky he gone again for Casablanca. Bob when he was at (censored) he was a brother to me. I love him very much and my parents too. My address is (censored)."

Pvt. Robert Fatscher has seen service in many campaigns since his arrival overseas about 20 months ago. He is with the 16th Engineers of the Fifth Army and is well known in the Village.

February 17, 1944 issue: A recruiting campaign through the showing of motion pictures of wartime activities of the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve, was conducted last Thursday night and last night at the Franklin Avenue School, Valley Stream. Commander Marsden B. Candler of Flotilla 1301 supervised the exhibit.

Men of all ages, including those with limited physical disabilities are eligible for the service.... The service requires only one day a week, permitting members to continue their businesses and home life. Experience is not necessary, training is free and regulation uniforms are provided by the government....

February 17, 1944 issue: The third Army-Navy College Qualifying Test for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College V-12 which will be given throughout the country on Wednesday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m., will be administered at the Valley Stream Central High School, Paul T. Wohlsen, principal, announced today.

A leaflet of general information which contains an admission-identification form may be obtained at the school guidance department. This form, properly filled out, will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21 inclusive who are high school graduates or who will be graduated by July 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to E. J. Kurfess, assistant principal....

The Army Specialized Training Program is aimed to meet the Army's need for specialists and technicians in certain critical fields of study.... Academic work is at the college level at government expense.

The Navy College Program also enables students to continue academic training at government expense. Successful completion...may, following further officer training, lead to a commission in the Navy.

(To be continued)

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BOOKS

Consider what you have in the smallest chosen library. A company of the wisest and wittiest men that could be picked out of all civil countries, in a thousand years, have set in best order the results of their learning and wisdom. The men themselves were hid and inaccessible, solitary, impatient of interruption, fenced by etiquette; but the thought which they did not uncover to their bosom friend is here written out in transparent words to us, the strangers of another age.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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MAY 1991

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,
 May 15, 1991
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 Holy Trinity Episcopal
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Program

ALASKA: THE INSIDE PASSAGE

Frank Duffy

Another sure-to-be spectacular program by Moran Towing Public Relations Director, Frank Duffy. Those of us who have seen the other programs Frank has done for us can readily attest to the magnificent slide collections he has, and this evening's presentation on the beautiful state of Alaska is sure to be no exception. And, Frank's accompanying commentary certainly adds to the enjoyment. Don't miss this one!
 We thank Dorothy Smith, Frances Holz and Dorothea Massa for offering to bring and serve the refreshments following the program.

BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...

Congratulations to VSHS President Tony and Adele Melillo on the birth in March of their first grandchild--Alyssa Melillo. Her happy parents are members Frank and Jean Melillo.

Please use form below for renewing your membership.

Memorial Day Parade - May 27. Gather 9:00, Wheeler Ave. School. If weather too rainy, 10 blasts of fire horn at 8:45 will indicate cancellation; ceremony inside at 10:00.

Bert Keller paid a nice tribute to Fred Finkenstadt, who passed away last month. The name Finkenstadt is part of Valley Stream history, and Fred himself grew up in town and was the Village Tax Assessor for many years. Our sympathy to his wife Marge and their family.

Claire McMahon, representing this year's Nominating Committee of Helen Dowdeswell, Helen Zang and herself, presented the following slate at the April meeting: President, Marjorie Chvatal, Vice President, Kevin Egan, Recording Secretary, Ruth Anholzer, Treasurer, George Donley, Sr., Corresponding Secretary, Margaret Dalton; 3-Year Trustees: Barbara Ehlinger, Eileen Brennan; 2-Year Trustees: Edwin Fare, Alphonse Mayernik, Helen Zang; 1-Year Trustees: Helen Dowdeswell, Walter Harrod, Claire McMahon, Anthony Melillo, Dorothy Smith. The election will take place at the May meeting and nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Ted Libath announced at the April meeting that The Paint House (corner Rockaway Avenue and Merrick Road) will be donating the paint and wallpaper that will be needed for the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration.

And, members Jane and Bob Sutter donated \$1,037 to the Restoration and it will be used for the installation of new shutters, which Ted has named, "Sutter's Shutters!" What a lovely gesture on the part of the Sutters and The Paint House.

Thanks to Marge Chvatal, Henry Krooss, Ted Libath, Gabe and May Parrish and Howard Clinchy for sharing their wonderful hobbies with us last month.



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BITS OF HISTORY, MOSTLY LONG ISLAND

By Al Mayernik

VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II, PART XVII

This story appeared in the January 6, 1944 issue of the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald:

Munda Field, New Georgia Island - (Delayed)

"Experience" insists Captain Harold F. Brown, member of a Marine dive-bomber unit which recently completed its tour of duty in the South Pacific, "can make up for a lack of almost anything else." His wife, Mrs. Helen Brown, lives at 102 Pilgrim Place, Valley Stream.

"Now take the last time we bombed Munda Airfield just before our ground troops captured the field.... More than two hundred planes hit the field that day. By the time my outfit began to dive, the entire field was hidden in smoke and dust. Judging from the height of a nearby hill, I could tell the overcast was at least sixty feet thick. We couldn't see our targets. But I'm confident that our bombs weren't more than five feet off. Why? Because every man knew Munda by heart. He had bombed it nearly a dozen times--

"Experience helps in other ways, too," the 24-year old...pilot continued. "When we first came out here, we never strafed as we dived. Except for test firing, our machine guns might go weeks without being used. Then we learned two things: one, that strafing in the dive helps you line up on the target by watching the tracers; and, two, that it upsets the Japanese gunners and makes their fire just a bit more inaccurate."

In forty combat missions, including 22 actual strikes, Captain Brown had learned to look upon Japanese anti-aircraft fire with just a bit of scorn. "My plane has been shot up five times, but never seriously.... Even at Munda, where they had so much 'A A' that they laid a cone of fire over the field, they didn't do us much harm. Of course, they got lucky once in a while. A couple of fellows have been forced to make water landings. But we completed our tour of duty without losing a single man in combat!"...

Captain Brown has attacked every Japanese airfield in the Solomon Islands. He has attacked the Japanese shipping bases and seaplane anchorages at Faisi and Poporang in the Shortland Islands and at Rekata Bay on Santa Isabel Island. And he has been on numerous troop-support missions against the Japanese at Rairoko Harbor and Enogai Inlet on New Georgia Island....

During his 150 hours...over enemy territory, Captain Brown has seen only one Zero - and...he isn't sure, that the plane he saw was a Zero! His nearest escape was from a bomb dropped by another (plane) in his own unit.

Captain Brown was graduated from the Pratt Institute of Technology, Brooklyn, N. Y. in 1940.... He immediately enlisted for naval aviation training....

(To be continued)

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WORTH REPEATING...There is a time in everyman's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself, for better or for worse, as his portion; that, though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given him to till. --Emerson

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VOLUME XVIII, No. 9

JUNE 1991

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,
 June 19, 1991
 8:00 PM

Williams Hall
 (Holy Trinity Episcopal Church)
 7th Street (off Brooklyn Avenue)
 Valley Stream

ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION and STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Following a short business meeting, the new officers and trustees elected at last month's meeting will be installed by Mayor George Donley, Jr. This ceremony will be followed by our ever-popular Chinese Auction. We welcome all donations for the auction--knick-knacks, of all kinds, jewelry, games, stationery, plants, wrapped mystery gifts, comic items, etc., anything that will add to the enjoyment of the evening. The Committee will be setting up the tables on the morning of the 19th, after 10:30, for a couple of hours, and it would be very helpful if these items could be brought in at that time. Otherwise, they can be brought in that evening, but no later than 7:55. It would also help if everyone could try to arrive a bit earlier tonight so that we can get the meeting started as close to 8:00 as possible.

Admission will be \$3.00 per person, and this includes an envelope containing 100 chances for the items on the Auction, as well as for the delicious refreshments. Additional envelopes can be purchased for \$1.00 each.

Finger cakes to be served with the ice cream and strawberries will be supplied by Kay Keely, Grace Donley, Carol McKenna and Evelyn McQuade, and we do thank them.

BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...

We thank the following Memorial Day Parade participants: Ted Libath, John McKenna, the flag bearers, Barbara Ehlinger and Jean West, VSHS banner bearers, and Agnes Libath, Carol McKenna, Marjorie Chvatal, Adele Hagmann, Evelyn McQuade, Eileen Brennan, Helen Dowdeswell, Marion Clinchy, Bob Presbrey, and Henry Krooss. Riding in their respective vintage cars were Agnes George with Sadie Cantone at the wheel, Charlotte and Walter Facompre with Howard Clinchy in the rumble seat, and Hank and Ruth Anholzer. Also on hand was Al Mayernik with his trusty camera, recording the event in addition to photos taken by Henry Krooss. The parade was larger this year, as was the number of spectators along the line of march.

This will be the last PANORAMA for this season; the next issue will go out in September. Happy summer days to all from the VSHS Officers and Trustees.

Please use form below for renewing your membership.



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By Al Mayernik

VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II - Part XVIII

It seemed at the beginning of 1944 that the war against the Axis was hardly begun. The Nazis were still occupying parts of the Soviet Union, France and other European countries, though the Americans had invaded the Italian mainland and the Italian government had surrendered; the German army held Rome; Japan held the Philippines, large areas of the Pacific and the Chinese mainland.

Valley Stream instituted further war bond drives, more young Valley Streamers entered the Services and stories of war deaths and casualties continued to appear in the pages of the Valley Stream Mail & Gibson Herald:

January 6, 1944: Mr. and Mrs. Critchly of 109 Elmwood Street have received word from the War Department of the death in action of their son, Corporal Walter G. Critchly of the Marines. He had been serving for the past two years in the South Pacific.

Corporal Critchly was a graduate of the Morristown, N. J. High School and received his marine training at the Marine Base in San Diego, California, from where he was sent overseas. He is survived by his parents and a sister, Miss Dorothy Critchly.

January 6, 1944: Private George A. Rauh of 201 Cochran Place, who is among the casualties in the Mediterranean area reported by the War Department, suffered shrapnel wounds in both legs on November 13 in action in Italy, according to advices from his sister, Mrs. Anna Wheelwright, of the same address.... The communication also stated he was making normal improvement and was receiving treatment at a hospital, location of which was not revealed.

Private Rauh, who is 32 and single, entered the Service as a draftee about a year ago. He was a guard at Grumman's at the time. He has four brothers and a sister, besides Mrs. Wheelwright.

January 13, 1944: Lieutenant Harry Mazzei, better known to Valley Stream football fans as the "Baby-Tank" tiny quarterback of the Long Island Indians, was buried Monday afternoon, following his sudden death from a cerebral hemorrhage at Fort Sam Houston, January 5....

Lieutenant Mazzei...gained a wide reputation while associated with the Indians here, playing at Firemen's Field.... Verne C. Lewellen, coach of the Indians, credited the "Baby-Tank" with a "great head" for football and admitted he was indeed the sparkplug of the backfield. He was but 5 feet six inches tall and weighed 180 pounds, the shortest man on the squad.

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WORTH REPEATING (From June 1989 Reader's Digest)...

A hardware store in Vashon, Wash., has a blackboard sign headed "Today's Special." For years, the chalked-on message has never been other than "So is tomorrow."

Even a mosquito doesn't get a slap on the back until he starts to work.

A Wisconsin woman has an effective way of dealing with those unsolicited sales pitches one often gets on the telephone. Just as the salesperson gets to the spiel, the woman responds, "Oh, thank heavens!" (Big sigh of relief.) "You want to sell me something. I thought you were another collection agency."

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VOLUME XIX, No. 1

SEPTEMBER 1991

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,
 September 18, 1991
 8:00 PM

Holy Trinity Episcopal
 Church Hall
 Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street
 Valley Stream

Program

THE HEMPSTEAD PLAINS

Carole Neidich-Ryder

We have a wonderful program to start off our new season! Mrs. Carole Neidich-Ryder, Curator of Life Science, Nassau County Department of Recreation and Parks Division of Museum Services, will present a slide/talk on the Hempstead Plains, the only naturally-occurring prairie east of the Allegheny Mountains. It is an area that includes Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, and Mrs. Ryder will tell us of its human and natural history by way of many historic photographs and facts.

It would be nice if everyone would invite a friend, relative, co-worker, neighbor, etc. to come along with you to this meeting. Perhaps they will like what they see and hear and decide to join the Society. A one-year membership will be awarded to one lucky guest. [Refreshments will be supplied by the Executive Board.]

The new fence and "Sutters' shutters" at the Pagan-Fletcher House.



BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...

Welcome back--we hope everyone enjoyed the summer.

Sorry Allan Dowdeswell's name was omitted from the list of participants in the Memorial Day Parade in the June issue of PANORAMA.

Helen Dowdeswell and Adele Hagmann will be resuming their Oral History project after a summer hiatus. They have made over 70 tapes, which are available at the Waldinger Library for those wishing to hear them. They are always interested in interviewing VS residents who would like to share their reminiscences. [This also includes former residents.]

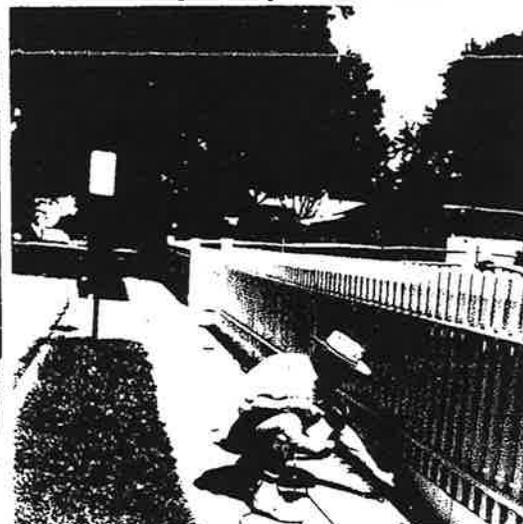
More work was done at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration and we should be getting an update from Ted Libath or Ed Fare at the September meeting.

We were sorry to learn of the passing last month of member Walter (Mickey) Lamond and extend our sympathy to his family.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL...

For those members who have not yet renewed and for prospective members, our dues schedule is as follows:
 Individual.....\$ 7.00
 Student..... 2.00
 Contributing..... 10.00
 Family (4 or more in 1 family).. 15.00
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Ted Libath painting the new fence.



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VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II - Part XIX

ON THE HOME FRONT

The following excerpts are from the pages of the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald:

January 6, 1944: Nassau County Executive J. Russell Sprague took to Albany last week for presentation to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey the critical facts on the coal shortage which has already reached a stage [that] threatens the health of hundreds of families....

Only one or two percent of the homes in [the] area have a full supply of coal; about 20 percent had 50 to 60 percent of their supply at the beginning of the season; during January this 20 percent will run out of coal, leaving dealers with the responsibility of supplying coal to 98 percent of the coal-burning population; dealers need 13,000 tons and unless substantial deliveries are received in the next week or two, there will be a complete breakdown of the supply, resulting in untold suffering.

February 17, 1944: The third Army-Navy College Qualifying Test for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Program V-12, which will be given throughout the country on Wednesday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m., will be administered at the Valley Stream Central High School, Paul T. Wohlsen, principal, announced today.

A leaflet of general information...may be obtained from the school Guidance Department.

...The examination is designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge for the program of college training.... Academic work is at the college level at government expense.

March 9, 1944: Valley Stream girls who have delayed enlisting in the Women's Army Corps because of reluctance to be stationed far from home, were urged by Col. David E. Cain, Camp Upton's Commanding Officer, today, to sign up for service at Camp Upton.

"Any young woman who elects to join the WAC for duty at Camp Upton will be assured that her initial assignment will be Camp Upton after training, unless unforeseen military exigencies prevent," said Col. Cain....

March 16, 1944: Activity among the schools of the Village in the collection of tin cans continues successfully.... The following report was submitted... this week:

Holy Name of Mary Parochial School--6,454 cans; 7th grade was the winner with 1,587 cans....

Franklin Avenue School--6,795 cans; 2nd grade winner with 1,337....

Brooklyn Avenue School--3,437 cans; 5th grade winner with 475....

Wheeler Avenue School--10,017 cans; 5th grade was the winner....

Total cans collected from all of the schools: 26,703 cans.

Wheeler Avenue School was the winner for the month and the pupils of the fifth grade will attend a matinee at the Valley Stream Theatre on the last Saturday of this month.

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VOLUME XIX, No. 2

OCTOBER 1991

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,
October 16, 1991
6:30 p.m.
Holy Trinity Episcopal
Church Hall
Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street
Valley Stream

COVERED DISH SUPPER

The door opens at 6:15 and members and guests are invited to start off the evening with a wine and cheese social. (Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.) Supper will follow at 7:00 p.m. Covered dishes should be according to the alphabetical assignments below:

- A - G - Dairy-type foods (cheese, eggs); gelatins, fruit; fish, hot or cold.
- H - O - "Starchy"-type, hot or cold. This might be rice, potatoes, beans, pasta, etc.
- P - Z - Vegetable content, such as salads, casseroles, etc.

As kitchen facilities are limited, hot foods should be fully cooked and hot.

DO NOT BRING MEAT OR MEAT-CONTENT DISHES. The Society will provide these items, as well as bread, butter, tea and coffee. Desserts will be brought by Helen Zang, Claire McMahon, Bert Keller, Adele Hagmann, Walter Harrod, Evelyn McQuade and Bob Presbrey of the Executive Board in lieu of covered dishes.

The Society will also provide a tossed salad, so we ask that members do not bring any.

A minimum donation of \$3.00 per person will be collected at the door.

Guests are most welcome; however, they will be expected to adhere to the foregoing requirements, unless you undertake to do this for them.

Following the supper there will be a short business meeting, and then, our Bert Keller will lead us in a sing-along, by popular demand, of course!

As in the past, we ask that dishes be labeled so that we'll know the answer to 'what was in that marvelous casserole, salad, etc.'

And, finally, why not invite a guest to the supper. It's a wonderful way to meet other members and guests--sharing good food and singing. Who knows--maybe we'll gain a few new members this way, too!

BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...

Our kick-off meeting last month was certainly a tremendous success! The knowledge and enthusiasm of Carole Neidich-Ryder for her subject, "The Hempstead Plains" made for a wonderful evening, and we do thank her for it.

Al Mayernik is scheduled for an eye operation this month. We wish him well and look forward to his return.

Claire McMahon has succeeded Ed Fare as Chairman of the Executive Board.

DON'T MISS THIS!!!

The Museum Finance Committee is sponsoring an "1870 Preview of the Pagan/Fletcher House" on Sunday, October 20 from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. Refreshments of hot dogs, beer and champagne will be served. If anyone wants "seconds," they can be purchased at 1870 prices! There will be tours of the house and Eileen Brennan will be there with her "Country Store." A commemorative favor will be given to everyone. Parking will be available at the Memorial Jr. High School parking lot. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and Bert Keller will have a supply of them at our Covered Dish Supper.

We've all been eagerly awaiting the chance to see the progress made on the Pagan/Fletcher House and this is the first opportunity for all Valley Stream residents and friends to see it for themselves first hand. So, be sure to mark this date on your calendar--and spread the word!

WHY IS IT...that the newspapers you spread on the floor to catch paint spills are such fascinating reading?

WHY IS IT...that people who are great at remembering a joke can't remember how many times they've already told it to you?

(Jane Goodsell--Reader's Digest)

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VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II - PART XX

CASUALTIES

The casualties continue in early 1944, as reported in the pages of the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald:

February 17, 1944: A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at Holy Name of Mary Church on Monday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m. for Private James J. Cahill, who died at Fort Bragg Hospital, Fayetteville, N.C....after a long fight with pneumonia and a blood stream infection. "Jimmy" was born in Brooklyn twenty years ago and had lived in Valley Stream for the past seventeen years. He was well-known here and was associated in athletic circles....

February 24, 1944: Corporal John J. Kerwin, son of Mr. & Mrs. William Kerwin of 23 Avondale Street, was reported killed in action by the War Department in a telegram last Saturday. He met death in action during the Sicilian-North Africa campaigns and has been missing in action since July 11, 1943, following which his parents were (so) notified.

Corporal Kerwin was attached to the Second Armored Division headquarters company and had been in the service more than three years, being among the first from the Village to enter the services. He was a graduate of Central High School and was identified in athletics in the school and with St. Mary's baseball team....

He received his basic training at Fort Benning, Ga., and was later transferred to Fort Bragg, N.C. for advanced training. He had seen service overseas more than seven months before his death....

March 2, 1944: Second Lieutenant Mitchell K. Woods, co-pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, has been missing in action over Germany since January 29, the War Department has notified his mother, Mrs. Eleanor L. Woods, 59 Fordham Street, Valley Stream. Lieutenant Woods received his appointment from a repair squadron in the Army Air Corps and he won his wings last August. His family has not heard from him since he left for England last November....

April 6, 1944: Another Valley Stream serviceman has been wounded in action in the Mediterranean area....He is Corporal Louis W. Kolb, a paratrooper. He has been awarded the Purple Heart and has recovered from his wounds and has recovered from his wounds and has returned to active duty....

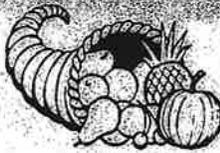
Corporal Kolb, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Kolb, Sr. of 46 Charles St., Alden Terrace, Valley Stream, was the first of the couple's three sons to see action. The family was notified March 14, but had received word from their son that he had been wounded in action in Sicily in February.

Corporal Kolb saw action in the North African campaign and in the Sicily invasion....

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VOLUME XIX, No. 3

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1991

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,
November 20, 1991
8:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Episcopal
Church Hall
Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street
Valley Stream

Program

"REMEMBERING THE ALAMO"

Bill Groneman

Another interesting evening in store for us! Historian Bill Groneman of Malverne is co-author of Roll Call at the Alamo and served as an historical consultant for an intended Lorimar Films television mini-series based on the book. He attributes his interest in Texas and the Alamo to such varied sources as the writings of Walter Lord and John Myers Myers, as well as the childhood influences of Walt Disney's Davy Crockett. Mr. Groneman is a member of the Texas State Historical Association and has been asked to provide biographies on Alamo defenders for the forthcoming revision of the Handbook of Texas. In 1986, he served as president of the Alamo Society, and has written many articles and book reviews for the society's newsletter, "The Alamo Journal." He holds a BA degree in history and is a lieutenant and 12-year veteran of the New York City Fire Department. Needless to say, this is a program not to be missed!

Cakes for this evening will be provided and served by Agnes Libath, Carol McKenna, Margie Chvatal and Evelyn McQuade. Lillian Weaver will also be bringing some other "goodies" for us, too. And, we do thank all of these ladies.

And speaking of Lillian, what a wonderful job she did chairing the Covered Dish Supper, ably assisted by Dot Smith and Marge Dalton! There were 62 in attendance; the food was excellent and the "Sing-Along" provided by Bert Keller topped off

a most pleasant evening. Among those present was Edith Van Dyk, our member who lives in California and was in town for a class reunion. (Sorry to learn that she has broken her wrist and we do wish her a speedy recovery.)

BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...

Agnes Libath has told us that their granddaughter, Rebecca Libath, went to Japan earlier this year on an exchange program. Among the many gifts she took for her host families was a dozen Long Island towels that Agnes had gotten for her. Rebecca had a wonderful time, and when she returned, she told Agnes that the Japanese people loved the towels and hung them on their walls as pictures! As Agnes said, it's "nice to know a part of our Historical Society has reached the other side of the world."

A woman's pin was found in the Pagan-Fletcher House on the day of the open house. The owner can call Marge Chvatal at 825-0324.

COUNTRY STORE NEWS ALERT...

Be sure to bring money to the November 20th meeting. We will be offering one-pound bags of new-crop Georgia pecans at very good prices, and just in time for Holiday use. Mammoth halves will sell for \$5.50 and extra large pieces for \$5.00. We have ordered a limited amount since this will be a new experiment for us. We appreciate your cooperation.

Eileen and Lillian

HOLIDAY THOUGHTS...(from Erma Bombeck)

Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Halftimes take 12 minutes. This is not coincidence.

Adults can take a simple holiday for children and screw it up. What began as a presentation of simple gifts to delight and surprise children around the Christmas tree has culminated in a woman opening up six shrimp forks from her dog, who drew her name.

Very best holiday wishes to everyone from the Officers and Trustees of the Valley Stream Historical Society.

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VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II - PART XXI

From the March 30, 1944 issue of the Valley Stream Mail & Gibson Herald:

Things are pretty tough here at home and don't think the boys in the thick of it don't sympathize with us. In fact, PFC Frederick M. Drysen, "somewhere in Italy," recently wrote to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drysen of 60 Catherine Street and quoted an item from a paper over there, fully explaining how servicemen feel about the hardships being endured at home. He wrote:

Dear Mom, Dad and all,

No mail for me again, five days in a row, but that doesn't stop me from writing you.... Here's a letter I found in the newspaper and I think it's excellent. I think it's supposed to bring out the fact that people back home don't really know what roughness is.

Italy '44

It is wonderful to hear from you after such a long period of time, but it is unpleasant to learn of your condition of living which I can understand from the changes in my own conditions.

It is too bad that you are limited in the use of your automobile. I know how it is to walk thru mud and over miles of mountains. So I understand.

It is too bad that you have your choice of food limited. I have experienced this too, except there is no choice here. So I understand.

It is too bad Willie has to work so many hours a day at the defense plant. I have to work night as well as day at our defense.... So I understand.

It is too bad Willie has such a little time for amusement. I am deprived of that, too. So I understand.

It is too bad that you have to wait in the rain for transportation. I have to stand in the rain on my post and my transportation and destination is uncertain. So I understand.

It is too bad that you are being paid so little for working so hard. However, I only get a fraction of your pay and no overtime. So I understand.

Winning this war is hard on all of us. You work long hours and so do I. So I understand.

But during these hours, I get shot at! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

(To be continued)

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MUSEUM UPDATE...The "1870 Preview of the Pagan-Fletcher House" on October 20th was a delightful event attended by over 100 people. Claire McMahon, Marge Chvatal and Bert Keller gave tours of all three floors and Helen Dowdeswell presided over a slide presentation of old Valley Stream (with some contrasting present-day views of the same areas). The Museum Finance Committee served champagne punch, keg beer, frankfurters and snacks, courtesy of such local merchants as B & M Provisions, Valley Stream Beverage, P. J. Harper's, King Kullen and the Elks Club. Eighty-four year old Gordon Fairchild and his daughter, Nancy Fairchild Caban, the last actual residents of the house came and were pleased with the restoration efforts. The Fairchild family has donated \$30,000 to the restoration, as well as many personal pieces of their furniture to be displayed.

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