

# PANORAMA

**NEWSLETTER**

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FEBRUARY 1993

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday,  
 February 17, 1993  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Holy Trinity Episcopal  
 Church Hall  
 Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street  
 Valley Stream

**Program****"OLDER AIRPLANES"**

Hank Anholzer

We were due to have another of Hank's interesting programs and tonight's the night. His subject, of course, will be flying, mostly military, during WWII. He will be bringing three guests--one a B-24 pilot, another, a Navy pilot with 50 carrier landings to his credit, and the third, a B-24 gunnery engineer. Hank, himself, will speak on commercial transportation in the 1940's. And, a portion of the show will be devoted to show and tell with model aircraft. All four gentlemen will also answer questions from the audience.

Refreshments following the talk will be supplied and served by Jean West, Agnes Libath, Claire McMahon and Evelyn McQuade--and we thank them.

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**PAGAN-FLETCHER UPDATE:** As you know, the Restoration is open on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. And, more and more people are becoming aware of it, even coming from neighboring towns.

On April 17th & 18th and the 24th and 25th, there will be a lovely exhibition presented by the Long Island Embroidery Club. Be sure to mark your calendars.

We were very grateful for the most generous donation of cookies by the Everbest Bakery for our Grand Opening on December 13th. A delicious addition to the celebration!

Work is on-going in the basement, and the landscaping is also under way.

**WHY YOU SHOULD BUY THE LONG ISLAND TOWELS!**

By Lillian R. Weaver

The facts must begin with WWII. My brother-in-law, Dick Weaver, went into the Army and along the way befriended a buddy named Cliff, who came from Rhode Island. After the War, Dick and his wife, Dot, visited Cliff and family in Rhode Island, and Cliff took them to nearby Hope Valley to tour the Kay Dee Towel factory. Dot brought a few towels home to me, along with a catalog of many interesting "theme" towels, one of which was the Long Island map design.

Now, skip to 1971 - when Mabel Dibble Ackerly and I were trying to whip up interest in forming a historical society, we needed some funds, mostly for postage to contact people we thought might be interested - people who were "old-timers" in Valley Stream, or had special feelings about the old home town. Together we decided that selling a Long Island map towel (I had by then sent for a sample) would be a good idea since Valley Stream appears prominently in the design imprint. Mabel subsidized the first order of 2 dozen towels. We added a small profit of about 80¢ to the cost of each towel. Ultimately all were sold (I think our personal friends humored us and bought them). However, they did sell, slowly, but surely, and our funds grew. Mabel knew Mr. McNamee of Bank of New York and she pressured him to sell the towels to his customers, which he did. Eventually, this operation moved to Home Federal Savings Bank, where the Manager framed one towel for display on the bank floor and indicated that sales were to benefit the Valley Stream Historical Society. (We are able to sell the towels at a lower price than commanded in gift shops at airports and Jones Beach, and still make our profit.) Sales were good and the Bank added our history books. George Malekian of the Valley Stream Elks was also a friend of Mabel's and managed to get quite a few Elks and Doe Club members to buy the towels.

Later on, we acquired other items to sell--Valley Stream scenes on note paper and postcards, some craft items donated by members, and other appropriate merchandise. At meetings we had a sales table of these items and Jim Boerckel appropriately named it the "Country Store". We still use that name today. It's a busy spot and has proven

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**BITS OF HISTORY, MOSTLY LONG ISLAND**  
By Al Mayerlik

**VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II, Part XXXII**

Frank Deignan's adventures continue:

In about an hour, German troops began to advance upon the house from all sides and firing began. I rushed from window to window, firing out, thinking, "This is like some crazy Western movie." We fought a long time with the troops moving closer and closer.... The prisoners, whom I failed to tie up, rushed me and we had a great rolling fight on the floor. The troops outside who had, by this time, worked their way to the walls, broke in the door and rushed in. I managed to break free of the pile of bodies, but this exposed me and someone shattered a rifle butt over my head.... When I regained consciousness, the German troops took me outside to march me away. The house path was lined with Sicilian women. They had long, sharpened grape arbor stakes and tried to jab out my eyes. The Germans, who hated the Italians, drove them off with their rifle butts and took me to a house to be interrogated.

Sometime later, I began to go blind, so they took me to a hospital and, by nightfall, I was completely blind. It was some days before my vision gradually came back and I began to plan to escape. My legs and jaw had been smashed some in the fight and I was unable to open my mouth, so I saved the bread we were issued for the future.

After about five days, I was able to walk a bit. From the castle-hospital balcony, I could see two U. S. Navy cruisers about ten miles away. While I watched, they fired at the hospital. Although the hospital was marked with hugh Red Crosses, the Goring Division had their tanks hidden in the courtyard. Every once in a while, they'd rush out and fire down the valley. But the Navy had parachuted a team of observers with radios on the high land behind the castle and they were radioing targets back to the ships. Two hugh Panzer Tiger tanks were hurled upside down and the other tanks clanked away. However, the shells were landing in the small village near the castle. The heavy 6-inch shells would explode on the roof tiles and fill the area with a million sharp shards. Soon the castle-hospital was filled with bodies that looked like they had been run through a meat grinder.

The shelling finally stopped. I looked up one of the Italian hospital personnel who looked important, and told him that I was taking over the hospital. He was to gather up all the arms and bring them to me. He did so. Italian medical personnel were armed in those days. He also brought an American Air Force lieutenant who had been a patient. We had all the arms smashed in case we had to flee from a German counterattack. About an hour later, heavy fire broke out in the town below the castle. I could see our troops attacking. I turned the hospital over to the lieutenant and went off to join the attack. Much to my surprise, the troops were my own outfit--the 504th Parachute Regiment. I ran into a Captain Edwin Sayre, who was engaged in house-to-house fighting. I joined his unit. He got me an M-1 and we set off. We had progressed only a few blocks when I found I was wounded more seriously than I thought--both my head wound and legs gave out. Sayre propped me in a doorway and said he'd come back and get me when he could. He did, and I was loaded onto a jeep and brought down to the Air Evacuation Station on the Coast, loaded onto a big ship, and ended up in the 29th Station Hospital in Algiers.

(To be continued)

**LONG ISLAND TOWELS (cont'd)**

to be so also at the Restoration. So, keeping in mind our simple beginning back in 1971, please buy our towels--they gave us a start! Give one to your out-of-town guests to show where they've been; take one with you when you visit out-of-town to show where you live. Also, write to your family and friends on our pretty scenic notepaper. Above all, patronize our "Country Store"!

Thanks for reading...

(L.W.)

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MARCH 1993

### NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY,  
 March 16, 1993  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Holy Trinity Episcopal  
 Church Hall  
 Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street  
 Valley Stream

### Program

#### H O B B Y N I G H T

Please note that this meeting will be held on Tuesday, rather than Wednesday, due to Lenten services at Holy Trinity on Wednesday.

Well, it's time again for another of our very enjoyable "show and tell" nights. Carol and Jay McKenna have been hard at work lining up members who are willing to display and tell us about their interests, hobbies, collections, etc. Several of our newer members will be in this group, we're pleased to report.

Adele Melillo, Ruth Anholzer, Dot Smith, Kay Keely and Adele Hagmann will be supplying and serving the refreshments following the program, and we do thank them.

#### PAGAN-FLETCHER FUNDRAISER

On Sunday afternoon, March 28th, an ART AUCTION will be held at the American Legion--Andrew Fatscher Post--51 Roosevelt Avenue, Valley Stream. A preview will start at 2:00 p.m. and the auction will get under way at 3:00. There will be a donation of \$5.00 per person collected at the door. And there will also be a raffle and refreshments. Nina Maurer is chairing this event and we hope everyone will plan to spend an interesting afternoon and give Nina and this fundraiser their support. Art in all media will be displayed--oil paintings, lithographs, watercolors, enamels, woodcuts and modern masters. As this is an auction, you are under no obligation to buy, but the more people who just merely attend, the more will be the money donated to

the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration. And, if you've never attended an auction, you will learn first hand how much fun they are, and you'll be fascinated by the items that draw the most interest from the bidders.

Also, cakes are needed for the refreshment tables and donations from our members would be greatly appreciated.

### BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...

Also, please keep in mind the Long Island Embroidery Club exhibition at the Pagan-Fletcher on April 17, 18, 24 and 25.

President Marge Chvatal has appointed this year's Nominating Committee--Bob Presbrey, Marge Dalton and Jay McKenna, and they will be presenting their slate at the April meeting.

Marge will be baking Irish soda bread to be sold at our Country Store on 3/16.

Congratulations to Blessed Sacrament Church on the installation of their new organ, which was dedicated on February 21st. The organ was donated by Jane and Robert Sutter, James and Paul Lieber, and Donald R. Moore. (Jane, Bob and Don are VSHS life members.) [And, as you know, Jane and Bob also donated the shutters for the Pagan-Fletcher House (Sutters' shutters).] How nice for Valley Stream to have such generous and caring people. The organ, by the way, has many musical capabilities, in addition to special acoustical projections. The two performers at its dedication were trained in Europe and did a magnificent job.

Be sure to pass the word that the Restoration is open on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. However, it will not be open on March 28th so that all involved can attend the auction fundraiser at the American Legion.

Plans are being formulated for the observance of our 20th anniversary in the fall. (20 years! Can you believe it?)

Speaking of Jane Sutter, wasn't it nice of her to share her beautiful and delicious birthday cake with us at our January meeting? We did enjoy it, Jane--thank you!

WORTH REPEATING..."Did you hear about the van loaded with copies of Roget's Thesaurus that collided with a taxi? Witnesses were astounded, shocked, taken aback, surprised, startled, dumbfounded, thunderstruck, caught unawares." (Reader's Digest)

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## BITS OF HISTORY, MOSTLY LONG ISLAND

By Al Mayernik

### VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II, Part XXXIII

At the last of Frank Deignan's experiences, he was evacuated to a hospital in Algiers:

I was in that hospital for a long time, when one day a lieutenant from the 504th came to get a spare set of glasses. He told me that the outfit was practicing for the Salerno invasion up at Bizerte. I went AWOL from the hospital to join them. The 504 Regiment Medical Officer wouldn't give me clearance, but said go back to your outfit and "just don't say anything." I did. We hit the beach with the British from Landing Craft Infantry and advanced on and fought our way to take Naples. After some time of garrison duty, we moved out north for Casino. Though we had no anti-tank capability, we fought and advanced through the mountains nearly all the time. On one movement we came into the valley. I led a recon platoon across the Rapido River, which at that point was only 8 inches deep, but 100 yards wide.... We hadn't gone far across when four German tanks wheeled out of the trees on the other side and opened very heavy, continuous fire on us. Two of the patrol were killed and the rest of us were wounded. Mine were very superficial; a small piece of shrapnel imbedded in my shin bone.

But, it was obvious that I had never recovered from my head wound. I was unable to function after dark.... I was unable to take out night patrols or recon parties. If we had a night march, I had my platoon sergeant guide me from one side and my runner from the other. It was not a good time. So when I went to the aid station to have the shrapnel dug out, the medical officer noticed my eyes did not look right. Testing them, he found the eyes did not focus. That really was the end of the War for me. I moved through many hospitals, eventually ending up in the States where for the next year, off and on, I spent time in various hospitals. I finally appeared before a Retirement Board and was found to be 60% disabled. I was retired from the Service in November 1944. It took quite a few more years, but in the end, I almost totally recovered.

Frank now lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

(To be continued)

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**WILLIAM H. MCGUFFEY** (1800-1873) - During an academic career in which he taught languages and moral philosophy at the college level, and served as president of Cincinnati College and Ohio University, McGuffey pursued a lifelong interest in public education. The result was his famous series of Eclectic Readers, used by generations of American elementary school students. The six readers went through numerous revisions and expansions, ultimately selling more than 120 million copies. "McGuffey's Readers" had a major influence on how Americans thought during the nineteenth century.

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**ROBERT FULTON** (1765-1815) - A Pennsylvania-born artist, civil engineer and inventor, Fulton began his career painting portraits, miniatures and landscapes. From this he turned to designing canals, bridges and aqueducts, then to building a semi-successful submarine and torpedo. Although he did not, in fact, invent the steamboat, his fame rests on his success in designing and building the **Clermont**, which in 1807 demonstrated that steam-powered navigation was commercially as well as technically feasible.

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**IRISH TOAST:** May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live!

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**NEEDED:** Garden tools and carpenter tools, especially a bench vise for Pagan-Fletcher.

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**EMBROIDERY EXHIBIT - PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION**  
 April 17,18,24,25; 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

APRIL 1993

N E X T M E E T I N G

Wednesday,  
 April 21, 1993  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Holy Trinity Episcopal  
 Church Hall  
 Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street  
 Valley Stream

Program

LANDMARKS PRESERVATION

**JAMES B. YORK**

Our guest speaker for this evening is James B. York, Vice Chairman of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, who has also served as Historic Restoration Project Manager at the Nassau County Museum System. [The County Museum system is the largest in the nation, with nine facilities, 171 buildings and 5,000 acres.]

During his 20-year tenure, Commissioner York was involved in such projects as the rehabilitation of the Gold Coast buildings on the Guggenheim estate. The 219 acres of the Sands Point Preserve also came under his jurisdiction.

Mr. York's passion for history has always been part of him and his leisure time pursuits are an extension of his basic preoccupation with historic buildings and historic preservations.

With our own preoccupation with the Pagan-Fletcher house, this sounds like the ideal program for us! Be sure to mark it on your calendars. And, following Mr. York's talk, refreshments will be served by Bertha Ballou, Marge Chvatal, Barbara Ehlinger and Helen Dowdeswell. Thank you, ladies.

BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...Our March meeting was attended by 34 people, a great turnout considering the snow and icy streets. The following members shared their hobbies/collectibles: Marge Chvatal--30 music boxes, including one antique box; Vic Fetter--very old and interesting railroad timetables; Ruth Anholzer--Vernon Company, CA plates, which she picks up in her travels as they are no longer being made; Gabe

Parrish--scrapbook of planes on display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum; Gloria Fetter--her paintings, knitted items and decorated tee shirts; Karen Selah--depression glass collection that had been an anniversary gift of her grandmother's; Carol & Jay McKenna--Tennessee Williams memorabilia, including a dated and autographed screenplay of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," and a bookjacket bearing Mr. Williams picture. He did not approve of the photo, so the publisher had to print a new book jacket, but the McKennas managed to get a copy of the original.

Earlier this month, the Long Island Society of Italian Americans (LISIA) formally presented handcarved models of Columbus's three ships and a nice display case for them and a brass plaque. We do appreciate this donation and thank the LISIA for them.

Another thank you to Dale Holstead of the VSCHS Alumni Association for setting up the computer in our office at the Restoration. The Alumni Association has gotten a new computer and has thoughtfully donated their older one to us, and we are very grateful!

We thank those members who attended the art auction at the American Legion last month. This was the latest of the fundraisers put on by the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration Finance Committee. Since late last year, Chairman Frank DeMita has presented to the Society checks totaling \$6,000, including \$2,000 from the Nassau Educators Federal Credit Union, \$2,000 from the journal for the Grand Opening of Pagan-Fletcher last December, and proceeds from the auction held last October, etc.

Upcoming fundraisers include: a door-to-door campaign on Sunday, May 2nd. This is being organized by Joe Bergen and the teams will be made up of students and adults. Then on May 16th, there will be a "Fun Run," organized by Trustee Paul Brown in conjunction with the VS Runners' Club and the Village Recreation Dept. and the Restoration Finance Committee. We are very indebted to this committee for all their efforts in behalf of the Restoration. Further information on these events will be forthcoming--be sure to check our local papers. And, as with all fundraisers, volunteers are always needed and welcome, so please let us know if you care to take an active part.

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**BITS OF HISTORY, MOSTLY LONG ISLAND**  
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**VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II, Part XXXIV**

The War activities of Valley Streamers continued during 1944, as recorded in the pages of the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald.

June 1, 1944 issue: The Memorial Day exercises sponsored by the Andrew Fatscher Post, American Legion, and the...Veterans of Foreign Wars, has again attracted a large number, not only as witnesses to the service, but hundreds participated in the parade.... The parade was marshalled by Jacob Ruehl (a veteran of the Philippine Rebellion of 1899).

Assistant District Attorney...stated in part:..."God Himself cannot help us if we, on the homefront, think more of what is in our weekly pay envelopes...than we think of liberty itself...."

June 8, 1944: Private Charles William Mayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mayer of 560 Rockaway Avenue, has been assigned to Radio Technical School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota....

At present, he is a member of the marching band, dance band and squadron band at Sioux Falls.

...he was pleasantly surprised to receive a visit from Henry Carr, James Backus, Paul Nere and Frank Sapala, all former schoolmates of Central High School, who are receiving their training at South Dakota also.

June 8, 1944: The following letter, written by PFC Robert B. Edgar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar of North Grove Street, was sent to our office this week. Bob...says in part:

"Not so long ago a few ancient copies of the home town paper reached this South Pacific base. From them we learned of the whereabouts of many of the Army and Navy personnel. Since little mention was made of the Marines, we decided to let our friends..in on the story of "Little Valley Stream."

It all started about a year and a half ago when Larry Norton, Ben Jandak, Al Schaufler and I...were assigned to the same outfit and shipped overseas. We have been together since....

Hardly a day passes without some Marine from the old home town finding his way to our tropic abode. One Sunday, Ray Wellman, Al Andenmatten, Don Parker, and Dick Marchese all dropped in for a little chat. Augie Romano of the Army Air Corps flew in that same day to make our little reunion complete. We have also met Major Harry Torgerson, Bill Baum and Arnold Forrey....

Although our islands are hardly the place to have a good time, we are all fine and looking forward to the day when we may return home."

(To be continued)

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**HUMOR IN UNIFORM** (from Reader's Digest)

The 40 snappily uniformed veterans of various branches of the military were waiting to participate in their city's annual parade. "All right, men, look sharp!" their commander barked. "I want shoulders back, heads up and no turning around."

The gray-haired veterans marched ramrod straight, eyes looking forward, ignoring greetings from friends along the way. Suddenly a tiny voice piped up, "Look, Mommy, there's Grandpa!" As a unit, all heads turned.

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FUND RAISER EMBROIDERY EXHIBIT - PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
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MAY 1993

N E X T M E E T I N G

Wednesday,  
 May 19, 1993  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Holy Trinity Episcopal  
 Church Hall  
 Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street  
 Valley Stream

Program

"SOUND OF MUSIC--HIGH BROW, LOW BROW"

Al Mayernik

Al has planned a fun evening for us this month--a guessing game of great classical composers to the pop stars of today. So, put on your thinking caps and join in on the challenges Al presents to us.

We thank Eileen Brennan, Marge Chvatal, Helen Zang, Elinore Weis and Evelyn McQuade for donating and serving our refreshments.

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BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...Frank DeMita, Chairman of the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration Finance Committee, presented another \$2,000 check to VSHS President Marge Chvatal at our April meeting. How fortunate we are to have such a dedicated and hard-working committee, that is continually pursuing fund-raising projects for us! Thank you!!!

Congratulations to our Ed Fare on being unanimously elected Captain in Hook and Ladder Co. #2. We concur--a fine choice!

As you've noticed, it's dues renewal time again.

The Embroidery show at the Restoration last month was a very successful fund raiser, with over \$400 being realized. We are very grateful to the Long Island Embroidery Club for that beautiful exhibit.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate for the election to be held at this meeting: For President, Kevin Egan; Vice President, Claire McMahon; Treasurer, George Donley, Sr.; Recording Secretary, Ruth Anholzer; Corresponding Secretary, Kathleen Keely. For 2-Year Trustees: Jay McKenna, Walter Harrod. For 1-Year Trustees: Margaret Dalton, Dorothy Smith, Carol McKenna, Marjorie Chvatal, Bertha Ballou.

We have been invited to take part in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31st. As in the past, we are to gather at 9:00 a.m. at Wheeler Avenue School; the parade will start at 9:30. Let's try to have a record turnout! And, if you happen to have a VSHS tee shirt, please wear it. And, don't forget to display "Old Glory" at home that day in honor of all veterans. As a "Mr. Flag" has said, "...as I look back to the places I've been--a battlefield, a classroom, an office or a hall--I'd rather be battered, worn and torn, than not to be seen at all." (From a poem by Dale Burkett)



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VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II, Part XXXV

The War activities of Valley Streamers continued to be recorded in the issues of the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald.

June 15, 1944 issue: News conscious residents of the Village will be interested to know that for the next three weeks, the Valley Stream Free Library will display its news map of the week in the window. The library receives this map each Monday morning. This week's map centers around the Invasion, but does not neglect news in the Pacific

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June 15, 1944 issue: The Andrew Fatscher Post, American Legion, in conjunction with the Stewart Manor Post, American Legion, made their annual pilgrimage to Kings Park Veterans Hospital Sunday afternoon....

They took with them 20,000 cigarettes, 1,500 cups of ice cream and 1,200 cup cakes, besides bundles of clothing, a quantity of milk bottle wires and magazines. The wires are used to make artificial poppies sold around Memorial Day. An accordian player and a series of motion pictures provided entertainment for the veterans....

June 15, 1944 issue: Corporal Alice Rutherford of the WACS will make her headquarters at the Municipal Building each Tuesday, until further notice, to recruit girls and women for that branch of the U.S. Service.

All women between the ages of 20 and 49 years are eligible, providing they have at least two years of high school and pass the physical examination. After basic training, recruits may apply for an assignment near home and, it is believed that in most cases, their wishes will be adhered to....

June 22, 1944 issue: A. W. Price, a representative of the Socony Vacuum Company and guest speaker before...the Valley Stream Kiwanis Club Tuesday night, painted a black picture regarding the gasoline situation in Nassau County, if the "black market" system continues. He declares that essential drivers will be deprived of their requirements and gas stations would be drier than last summer, when conditions were...very bad.

Mr. Price said the gangsters, racketeers and bootleggers of old were back at their old trade and peddling counterfeit coupons....

Any gas station selling gasoline for more than the ceiling price is definitely a black market and should be reported to the F.B.I. or the OPA....

June 29, 1944 issue: The War Bond premier will be held at the Valley Stream Theatre, Monday evening, July 17, according to an announcement by Ben Mindlin, manager.... This special program is expected to aid Valley Stream greatly in its War Bond campaign.

With each \$25, \$50, or \$100 War Bond purchased at the theatre, a free ticket will be issued to the buyer for that particular performance....

Tickets may also be purchased at the Valley Stream National Bank at a special desk set up for that purpose....

(To be continued)

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EMPTY NEST...My sister Patti was the first of seven children to leave the nest, and Mother was crushed. She worried how her "baby" would manage in a big city without her. After a short time, Patti wrote home, "I've quit smoking, drinking, and I've lost 20 pounds," she bragged.

Mother took a new tack. "Well," she said to the rest of us, "if Patti starts going to church again, the rest of you are moving out, too!"

Reader's Digest

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NEWSLETTER



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JUNE 1993

**NEXT MEETING**  
 Wednesday  
 June 16, 1993  
 8:00 p.m.  
 Williams Hall  
 Holy Trinity Episcopal  
 7th Street (off Brooklyn Avenue)  
 Valley Stream

**ANNUAL CHINESE AUCTION  
 AND  
 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

It's hard to believe, but here we are at the end of another season! And, as is usual for our June meetings, we will have a short meeting, followed by the installation of our new officers and board members. A short intermission will follow and then we will have our annual fund raiser Chinese Auction. Capping off the evening, of course, will be the serving of ice cream and strawberries, finger cakes and punch, capably arranged for us by *Lil Weaver*.

Regarding the Chinese Auction: we welcome all donations... knick-knacks of all kinds, games, stationery, jewelry, plants, wrapped mystery gifts, comic items, etc... anything that will add to the fun of the evening. They can be brought to Williams Hall on Wednesday morning after 10:30. Otherwise, they can be brought in that evening, **but no later than 7:30**. It would also be helpful if everyone could try to arrive a little earlier so that the meeting can be

started as close to 8:00 as possible.

Admission will be \$4.00 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.

**BITS OF THIS 'N' THAT...** Our best wishes to our *Bert Keller*, who has suffered a badly broken ankle. *We missed you in the parade, Bert, but as Claire said, you were certainly with us in spirit!*

Our marchers in the Memorial Day Parade this year were *Charlotte Ames, Eileen Brennan, Marge Chvatal, Marion Clinchy, Helen Dowdeswell, Kevin Egan, Barbara Ehlinger, Adele Hagmann, Walter Harrod, Diane Hocking, Henry Krooss, Carol & Jay McKenna, Claire McMahon, Evelyn McQuade, Tony Melillo, Bob Presbrey*, and bringing up the rear, *Charlotte & Walter Facompre* in their 1930 Model A Ford. *Al Mayernik* and *Henry Krooss* took photos along the parade route.

At our May meeting, another check was received from the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration Finance Committee and Chairman *Frank DeMita* announced that over \$10,000 has now been raised by this committee and presented to the Society. How indebted we are to this dedicated group!

This is the last issue of **PANORAMA** until September. Best wishes for a happy summer to all from the VSHS Officers and Trustees.



## VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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BITS OF HISTORY, MOSTLY LONG ISLAND

by Al Mayernik

VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR - PART XXXVI

The July 23, 1944 issue of the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald had a particularly thrilling story about one of our local heroes.

Sergeant James A. Aliory, 28, of 258 Cochran Place, lies on a cot in the Crile General Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, with wounds and glory that follow a soldier who has offered his all for his country. He has seen this war with 200 missions in a Liberator bomber in the Mediterranean.

Flying Sergeant Aliory has been a pilot almost 10 years, three-and-a-half of them in the Army Air Forces overseas. At present, he is recovering from shrapnel wounds in the leg, arm, face and body...

He was assistant co-pilot and belly-gunner on the *Flodji Boo*.

His most exciting mission was his first, chasing Rommel out of Egypt. "We had just 200 rounds per gun and we really flew low. I was scared to death. Rifle and machine gun fire from the ground kept coming up. One gunner was wounded but the Germans scurried about like trapped desert rats..."

It was over Wiener Neustadt, when they were bombing a factory that "Our hydraulic system was shot out by anti-aircraft. A three-foot hole was knocked in our belly gas tank and it started on fire.

We bailed out near Ben Ghazi and walked 10 miles to headquarters."

For the Ploesti air raid, he wears the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf. "We started out at a dusky 7 a.m. The colonel told us if no one came back, the mission would be a great success.

"We were just 25 feet from the ground over the target and the oil tanks started on fire. We flew through flames. One engine was shot out, and the fire began to scorch us..."

They had just gained altitude when "a blast of anti-aircraft hit a second engine. We dropped out of formation then. Three ME 108's shot us into the water. I was still in the ball turret which was beginning to flame. As we hit the water, all the fellows started to get out.

"They thought I was gone. I thought so, too. Finally, I crawled into the catwalk and stuck my head out. They laughed and took my picture. Then I crawled out and joined them in a life raft. We tied our rafts together and one with three men was lost..."

Then three days later, after treating wounds with sulphur, they were rescued by a PT boat off Sicily and taken to their base. "I just couldn't think. My mind was numb for those three days." Right now he wants to fly again.



There will never be a system invented which will do away with the necessity for work.

*Henry Ford*

I have noticed that nothing I ever did me any harm.

*Calvin Coolidge*

Once I thought I was wrong, but I was mistaken.

*Anonymous*

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"If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself alone. A man, Sir, should keep his friendship in constant repair."

Samuel Johnson - "Boswell's Life" (1755)

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Air-conditioned Pagan-Fletcher Restoration  
open every Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 1993

### NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,  
September 15, 1993  
6:30 p.m.  
Holy Trinity Episcopal  
Church Hall  
Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street  
Valley Stream

### COVERED DISH SUPPER

Another new season, and to start it off, we've scheduled our Annual Covered Dish Supper. The door opens at 6:15 p.m. (no earlier, please; we'll be busy setting up). To start off the evening, members and guests are invited to enjoy a wine, cheese and non-alcoholic beverage social before dinner, which will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Covered dishes should be brought according to the first initial in your last name, as shown below:

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

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

PLEASE DO NOT BRING MEAT OR MEAT-CONTENT DISHES. The Society will provide these items, as well as bread, butter, tea and coffee. Members of the Executive Board will provide the desserts in lieu of covered dishes.

We will also provide a tossed salad, so please do not bring any.

A minimum 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, followed by entertainment to top off the evening.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ART EXHIBIT - September 11-12, & 18-19

A wonderful exhibit of works by local area artists at the Pagan-Fletcher House, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on two successive week ends. Admission--\$3; Seniors--\$2; children 12 and under--no charge. Parking at Memorial Junior High School, corner of Fletcher and Hendrickson Aves.

**20th ANNIVERSARY PARTY - VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY - October 17th, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., American Legion Hall. \$20 per person--hot and cold buffet, cash bar, entertainment.**

**MALVERNE PIECEMAKERS QUILT SHOW - October 23rd & 24th, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** A repeat of the wonderful quilt show fundraiser presented last year by this very talented group of ladies. It will be held at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration.

**PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION FINANCE COMMITTEE** will conduct a continuation of the Door-to-Door Fundraiser Campaign started last spring. Further details next month, as well as in local newspapers, concerning this November event.

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Congratulations to member Gabe Parrish on his "rescuing" of the Columbia Aircraft hangar emblem from demolition recently. The Home Depot company and Hendrickson Bros. also played a big part in saving it and having it brought over to the back yard of Pagan-Fletcher, where Gabe has been hard at work restoring it. An important piece of historic memorabilia in Valley Stream history will be rightfully located and preserved.

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Congratulations, Congratulations, Congratulations to VSHS Trustee Barbara Ehlinger on the birth of the triplets--Brendan William, Nicole Rose, Michael Eugene--born to Bill and Josephine Ehlinger on August 19th. Everyone is fine, including Grandma!

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## BITS OF HISTORY, MOSTLY LONG ISLAND

By Al Mayernik

### VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II - Part XXXVII

The Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald continued to record the wartime activities of Valley Streamers:

July 13, 1944 issue: 15th Army Air Force -- Second Lieutenant John D. Lawson, son of Mrs. Anna M. Lawson of 18 Wood Lane and husband of Phyllis J. Lawson of 290 West Jamaica Avenue, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy." Lt. Lawson is a navigator serving with a 15th Air Force B-24 Liberator group based in Italy. His group played an important role in the bombing offensive against Nazi industrial and communications targets in the Balkans, Northern Italy and Southern Germany.

July 13, 1944 issue: Second Lieutenant Robert Mitchell and Private Raymond Lang, both of this village, are prisoners of war in Germany, the War Department announced....

Lt. Mitchell...was on his 21st mission when he was shot down over Austria. Because parachutes were sighted after the plane fell, (his wife)...never gave up hope that her husband had jumped to safety.

Private Lang, whose wife is Mrs. Rose M. Lang...40 Buscher Avenue, was reported a German prisoner of war...May 18. Last month his wife received cards from several sections of the country from people who said they had heard her husband's name read over a German broadcast and quoted as saying he was well and safe. But, on June 16, the War Department notified her that he was missing and although she is confident that he is a prisoner, she is waiting anxiously to hear more information from the government.

His cousin met him at Cassino just before he was reported missing, and a newspaper clipping stated his company was trying to advance into Cassino at the time he was captured.

July 20, 1944 issue: The dire need for surgical dressings for the wounded overseas and the great need for more local women to make them, was strongly illustrated recently when a V-Mail letter was received by Mrs. A. Mentz of 2 West St. Mark's Place from PFC. Raymond Schuster in the medical corps in the European sector.

Mrs. Mentz (is) a diligent worker with the surgical dressing unit here.... Mrs. John L. Grim, acting chairman of the group, has appealed for additional workers and asks that those interested register at the Municipal Building any Monday or Friday, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Illustrating the need for these dressings, Private Schuster wrote in part: "... I can tell you now that the work you and the other women of the town are doing...is helping a lot, as the things you are making...are used quite a bit over here. I read the Valley Stream Mail...article where you are asking for more women to join in making those dressings; if they only knew how much they are really needed, I think more of them would find time to...help make those dressings. If they would ask some of the fellows who have been in the battle, they would find out in a hurry what I mean."

(To be continued)

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### ARE YOU OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER?

When eyeglasses made you ugly?  
When the scissors and knife grinder made house calls?  
When the iceman delivered to your door?  
When the ferris wheel and whip truck drove by?  
When you sat outside on a hot night until after midnight with your parents?

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## NEWSLETTER

October hours are filled with brilliance and glory. They are filled with enchantment and charm. They are hours of colors and beauty, of splendor and harmonies.

(Lansing Christman)

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OCTOBER 1993

### N E X T M E E T I N G

Wednesday,  
October 20, 1993  
8:00 p.m.  
Holy Trinity Episcopal  
Church Hall  
Brooklyn Avenue & 7th Street  
Valley Stream

#### Program

#### "HIDDEN SECRETS OF LONG ISLAND"

##### Part I

Robert Cammann, photographer and lecturer, will present this evening the first part of what is sure to be a wonderful program for all. Part II will be featured at our November meeting.

Mr. Cammann has spent several years traveling Long Island's highways and byways in his quest for the overlooked and nearly forgotten. He shares these discoveries with us through the many photographs he has taken.

Refreshments for this evening will be supplied and served by members of the Executive Board.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES - For those who have not yet renewed their memberships in VSHS and those who would like to join, dues are as follows: Individuals--\$7.00; Students---\$2.00; Contributing --\$10.00; Family (4 or more in one family)--\$15.00; Organizational (clubs, business organizations, etc.)--\$25.00; Sustaining (tax exempt gift)--\$50.00; Life (tax exempt gift)--\$100.00. Checks should be made payable to the Valley Stream Historical Society and sent to P. O. Box 22, Valley Stream, Ny 11582-0022.

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The Covered Dish Supper last month was its usual success, with Bert Keller providing another of his wonderful sing-alongs.

### U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

#### QUILT EXHIBIT - October 23 & 24

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Presented by the Malverne Piecemakers & the Valley Stream Historical Society at the Pagan-Fletcher Restoration, 143 Hendrickson Avenue, Valley Stream--(516) 872-4159. Admission: \$3; Seniors: \$2; Children 12 and under: No charge. Parking at Memorial Junior High School, Fletcher and Hendrickson Avenues.

Anyone who saw last year's exhibit by these talented ladies can attest to the magnificence of their work. And, displayed in our beautiful house enhanced the beauty of the quilts and the rooms in which they were displayed.

Please be sure to mark this event on your "must-see" list. Oh, yes, it is a fund raiser for the Pagan-Fletcher.

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#### GINGERBREAD CONTEST & CAKE SALE

Sunday, December 5th - 11:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
No admission charge. Another repeat of a fun event. Now's your chance to try your hand at making a gingerbread house if you've never made one, or if you are an old hand at it, a chance to share your creativity with the rest of us. For further information, call Jay McKenna--825-2490.

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#### VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S 20th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Sunday, October 17th - 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
American Legion Hall, 51 Roosevelt Ave.  
\$20 per person--hot and cold buffet, cash bar, entertainment by the Grand Mamas. Come and spend a fun afternoon with us, celebrating our twentieth year and the fact that we've seen the restoration of the Pagan-Fletcher House come to fruition.

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PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION FINANCE COMMITTEE DOOR-TO-DOOR FUND RAISER will be held on Sunday, November 14th. Drivers are needed to transport volunteers.

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### VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II - Part XXXVIII

Villagers continued to get news of those serving their country overseas from the pages of the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald:

July 20, 1944 issue: The following story was written by a Marine Corps combat correspondent aboard a U. S. aircraft carrier: For a bird's eye view of Navy accuracy in dive and torpedo bombing, go along in the rear seat of a dive bomber is the suggestion offered by Edgar E. Newman, Navy Aviation Radioman First Class, of 214 Munro Boulevard, Valley Stream, Long Island, N. Y.

The 23-year old aerial gunner, son of Edna and Elmer S. Newman, ...has made 16 such trips over enemy territory and has never failed to be impressed by the accuracy of his and other pilots.

Newman has done some impressive work of his own as rear gunner in a carrier-based bomber, as witnessed by a recent commendation signed by Admiral William Halsey, citing his "skillful and effective performance of duty" and "complete disregard of his own safety" during the attack on Rabaul last November 5th.

Pilots of a three-plane section, Newman recalls, scored two hits and a near miss on an enemy cruiser. A moment later, he saw a second cruiser blow up. He had little time to watch, however, because enemy fighters were keeping him busy. Navy fighters came to his rescue, but not until his plane had suffered several hits.

July 20, 1944 issue: Second Lieutenant Lawrence J. Matthews, Jr., of this Village, a co-pilot on a four-engined B-24 Liberator bomber, has been recently awarded the Air Medal for "courage, coolness and skill displayed while participating in bombing missions over Germany and occupied Europe." He is a member of the oldest Liberator heavy bombardment group in the Eighth Air Force.

Beside the Air Medal, Lieutenant Matthews also wears the Distinguished Unit Ribbon. His group won a citation from the War Department for action in the historic low level assault on the Ploesti Oil Fields in Rumania on August 1, 1943.

The local pilot participated in the D-Day "umbrella" support given the assault troops by the Eighth Air Force "heavies" during and following the Normandy Beachhead landings.

July 20, 1944 issue: Staff Sergeant George H. Staudt, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Staudt, 102 East Avenue, a B-17 Flying Fortress radio operator-gunner, and a veteran of heavy bombing missions over Berlin, Hamburg and Frankfurt, including many attacks on other enemy targets, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, it was announced this week.

...He joined the A.A.F. shortly after being graduated from Central High School in 1942.

(To be continued)

### LIFE IN THE '90's (From Reader's Digest)

On Call: Brad's work requires him to drive frequently, so he has a mobile phone in his pickup. One evening when his friend called the mobile number, he heard a recorded message: "Hi! This is Brad. I'm sorry I can't talk to you now because I'm home, but I promise to call you back as soon as I'm out."

From a classified ad in the Danbury, Connecticut **News-Times:** "Cobra cordless phone. Needs new cord."

Woman on the phone: "Can you call back? He's in a shouting match with the McLaughlin Group right now."

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### Part I

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### PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION FINANCE COMMITTEE DOOR-TO-DOOR FUND RAISER

will be held on Sunday, November 14. Volunteers will gather at 12:00 noon at the Elks Club. Drivers and walkers are needed. The drive should end at about 4 or 5 o'clock and refreshments will be served at the Elks Club. We hope many of you will consider helping with this worthwhile campaign to raise funds for the Restoration.

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UNBELIEVABLE!! Poor Bert Keller--one week after his physiotherapist discharged him from treatments for his broken ankle, Bert fell down the stairs at home and broke his other ankle! We were so glad to have him

back in action again, and now this! Our hearts go out to you, Bert.

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The Malverne Piecemakers' quilt show at the Restoration on October 23rd & 24th was lovely and well-attended. And, we particularly thank Fran Dunne for donating the beautiful double wedding ring quilt for the bedroom. It was wonderful of you, Fran! We look forward for another show next year and are so appreciative of the fund raising these ladies do for us.

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For the bakers among us, there will be pecans for sale at the Country Store at the Restoration--\$6 for halves and \$5.50 for pieces.

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GINGERBREAD CONTEST & CAKE SALE - Sunday, December 5th - 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Restoration; no admission charge. Do consider trying your hand at the fun project of making a gingerbread house. The entrants in last year's contest really did enjoy taking part. We will also be needing cakes to sell that day. Please do oblige us as this is a fund raiser for the Restoration.

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RECAP OF OUR 20th ANNIVERSARY - A very pleasant event, with many members and guests in attendance. President Kevin Egan paid honor to Jay McKenna for chairing the event and to Carol McKenna for the souvenir program, and to Gabe Parrish for "rescuing" the Columbia Aircraft hangar emblem and getting it in place in the backyard of the Restoration. Ed Fare and Claire McMahon received recognition for all their work as past presidents and Board chairmen and Marge Chvatal was awarded a Life Membership in appreciation of her tireless work as president and at the Restoration. Everbest Bakery generously donated the beautiful and delicious sheet cake. And, to top off the evening, those great entertainers--the GRAND MAMAS--Florence Reid, Joan Brooks and Laura Manning--provided much laughter and delightful original and familiar songs for our enjoyment.

We've accomplished a lot in the last 20 years, thanks to many fine, dedicated people.

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VALLEY STREAM IN WORLD WAR II - Part XXXIX

The terrible news of war casualties continued to be reported in the pages of the Valley Stream Mail and Gibson Herald:

July 20, 1944 issue: Second Lieutenant Edward J. Hammer is a prisoner of war in Germany, the War Department has notified his mother, Mrs. Katherine V. Hammer of 100 Derby Street. A second notification from the government stated that his name has been heard on the German broadcast.

He won his bombardier's wings at a West Texas army air field in April 1943, and was reported missing in the European area last April.

July 27, 1944 issue: Corporal George Murphy, 25, died as a result of wounds received in action in Italy, his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hurst of 69 Nottingham Avenue, this village, have been notified by the War Department.

The soldier, a member of a tank unit, joined the service in September 1941, and without having one furlough, sailed for Italy last month.

Murphy was born and brought up by his grandparents in Canada. Five years ago, he came to the States to live here with his aunt and uncle.

July 27, 1944 issue: Second Lieutenant John D. Lawson, of 18 Wood Lane, has been reported as a prisoner of war, according to...the War Department.

A navigator on a B-24 Liberator based in Italy, Lt. Lawson, who was reported missing on May 24 over Austria, has been listed as a prisoner of war by the German government....

A letter from his commanding officer stated that Lawson was on his 31st mission with a group of B-24 Liberators en route to their target, when they were attacked by enemy fighter planes. The Valley Stream man's ship was hit and badly damaged and the crew was forced to bail out. Ten parachutes were seen to open.

The young airman, who attended Lafayette College, enlisted in the air corps in July 1942 and went to Africa in March, where he stayed a few days before he joined the 15th Air Force in Italy. His wife, the former Miss Phyllis Anderson of 290 West Jamaica Avenue, ... is a nurse cadet at Adelphi College.

July 27, 1944 issue: A telegram from the War Department informed Mrs. Walter Savery of 82 Catherine Street, that her son, Corporal John Savery, 28, has been killed in action in the European theatre, June 26.

Corporal Savery, a graduate of Central High School in 1934, was supervisor of the payroll department of Union Carbide and Carbon Co., New York City, before he entered the service in 1942. He trained at A.P. Hill, Md., and later spent 21 months of training in England. He took part in the invasion of D-Day.

In addition to his mother, Cpl. Savery is survived by three brothers, PFC Thomas H. Savery, U.S. Marines, now recuperating in a Naval hospital in Hawaii; Sgt. Walter Savery, somewhere in France, and George Savery who lives at the Catherine St. address.

(To be continued)

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO NORMANDY INVASION AND E.T.O. VETS:

A Battle of Normandy Foundation is being formed--Pierre Salinger, chairman. A Memorial is planned, to be erected near the beaches of Normandy, France. For further information, telephone 1-800-WW2-VETS, or write: Battle of Normandy Foundation, 1730 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Suite 612, Washington, DC 20036. [Jim Buckley--thanks for the info.]

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The Valley Stream Historical Society is making it possible for you to cruise on the S/S REGENT SUN, May 20-23, 1994, at a really great price. The only extra expense will be tips and, if you choose, alcoholic drinks. This is an excellent opportunity. If interested, please let me know--561-9879.

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## THE MARITIME INDUSTRY MUSEUM AT FORT SCHUYLER

and

PISA BROTHERS TRAVEL SERVICE

present a

MARITIME WEEKEND AT SEA

S/S REGENT SUN

MAY 20 - 23, 1994

Come aboard on Friday afternoon, May 20 as we sail from New York for three wonderful nights at sea aboard the classic S/S REGENT SUN. This festive weekend will include a "Welcome Aboard" cocktail party and special activities arranged specifically for our ship enthusiast groups.

The 25,000 ton steamship REGENT SUN was built at the famous Penhoet shipyard at St. Nazaire, France. She entered transatlantic and cruise service in 1964 as Zim Line's SHALOM. She later sailed as German Atlantic's HANSEATIC, Home Line's DORIC and Royal Cruise Line's ROYAL ODYSSEY. She joined Regency Cruises in 1988 and is the flagship.

Regency is noted for its cuisine and presents an array of French-oriented menus. Our groups will be assigned to the preferred second sitting. Those strongly preferring the first sitting, however, will be accommodated.

ITINERARY:

Friday, May 20	Depart NYC	5:00 PM
Saturday, May 21		At Sea
Sunday, May 22		At Sea
Monday, May 23	Arrive NYC	7:00 AM (Disembark after breakfast)

(Spectacular views of New York harbor during departure and arrival.)

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Regular Rate</u>	<u>Special Museum Rate</u>
10	\$295	\$266 (inside)
09	335	302 (outside)
08	355	320 (outside)
07	375	338 (outside)
06	405	365 (outside)
05	425	383 (outside)
04	445	401 (outside)

Above rates are based on double occupancy; single rates are available upon request. Port taxes are \$44.00 per person.

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## RESERVATION FORM

Yes, I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ stateroom(s) in category \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ persons for the Maritime Museum Regent Sun Party Cruise from New York, May 20 - 23, 1994.

Enclosed is my deposit \_\_\_\_\_ (\$150 per person), due by December 1, 1993, with my final payment due by March 8, 1994.

Insurance: Yes; enclosed is \$45 per person \_\_\_\_\_. Insurance declined \_\_\_\_\_

\*Full Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Dining Request: \_\_\_\_\_ First Sitting \_\_\_\_\_ Second Sitting

Table Size: \_\_\_\_\_ 2 people \_\_\_\_\_ 4 people \_\_\_\_\_ 6 people

Smoking Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking table \_\_\_\_\_ Non-smoking table

\*Please note membership in Valley Stream Historical Society when making reservations.

For additional information, please call Ms. Lou Thomas at (212) 265-8420, ext. 205 or 1-(800) 786-4164. Make checks payable to Pisa Brothers Travel Service and mail to:

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