

PANORAMA

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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February 1975

NEXT
MEETING

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 18, 1975
8 p.m.
Note change of day

VALLEY STREAM
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
130 S. Central Ave.
Valley Stream

On this evening we will welcome as our guest speaker Mr. Ronald Wyatt of Sea Cliff who is Curator of the Nassau County Museum Anthropology Section. Mr. Wyatt's talk, "Archeology on Long Island," will give the layman a good idea of just what archeology is all about. He will show a number of slides of the field and laboratory research that is being carried on in our Long Island area. Following this unique presentation our customary Hospitality Hour will add the final touch to another good Society meeting. Don't miss it!!

REAR WINDOW

On January 15th some 90-odd (but definitely not "odd") members and friends of our Society gathered for a Covered Dish Supper. The array of food would have caught Duncan Hines' eye any day - - and it disappeared with fantastic speed. The welcoming punch bowl greeting the participants was a pleasant added touch. Much thanks must be extended, not only to the entire supper committee (which master-minded the event) but also to all who prepared with obvious love and thought; the delicious contributions to the buffet, and to all the willing hands in the kitchen clean-up. It seems likely that this Supper will become an annual event on the Society calendar. The Sing-Along that followed the eating and meeting is worthy of special mention. Bert Keller, M.C.; Mary Gear, Director; Lois Ward on the Baldwin; and Dorothea Munson vocalizing Stephen Foster - all made a terrific program. They were extemporaneously assisted by Carl Schmidt's rendition of "Meet Me in St. Louis, Louis" which he claims to have learned the words of some 70 years ago. Armed with song sheets and the talents of the aforesaid crew, all those present tapped, clapped, hummed, la'd, nodded and/or sang, as required....

and word has been circulating the Village that the evening was a total GREAT!

The business of the evening revealed a healthy treasury of some \$1,400.

***The new Society banner, bright red letters on white, edged in blue, was proudly displayed - - (watch for it in future parades....better yet, walk along with it!).

***Emma Bitowski explained that the sum of \$518.81 received from Waldinger Library was the final balance in the former Valley Stream Museum treasury and that a decision was made by the Library Board that the funds could appropriately be given to our very active Historical Society to further its museum efforts.

***Bert Keller issued a call for more workers for all phases of the 50th Anniversary celebration. (Our own Society will be participating in the Parade on May 10th as a complete unit. Special meetings for this purpose will be called. Mrs. Dorothy Alcott has been appointed Chairman of our representation in the Parade.

***Dwight Young reported the Society membership at 348 as of year-end.

***Nominating Committee reported that the present slate of officers has been re-nominated for 1975, plus additional Trustees as follows:

Emma Bitowski, 3 years; Mabel Ackerly and Allan Dowdeswell, 2 years; Sandy Javurek, Alberta Bergmann, and Richard Totten, 1 year each.

Additional nominations will be received from the floor at the next meeting, just prior to the balloting.

***An urgent plea was made for new donors of cakes and goodies for hospitality purposes, as well as hostesses to serve them. (Several members have been the mainstay of this portion of our meetings, donating frequently. We believe there are others who intend to but "never get around to it". We do appreciate this assistance - and we've been told our coffee-time is such a nice part of the evening. Call the Careys if you really want to help - 285-7574.)

***Tony Fiero reported on the proposed increases in membership fees, to be voted upon at the February meeting. A new family type membership is being considered. (It should be noted that present fees are valid until February 28th - so be sure to sign up soon.)

***A bulk mailing permit, No. 924 (see address portion of this issue) has been obtained at long last, and henceforth PANORAMA will be sent to members at considerably less cost.

VILLAGE HISTORIAN

Howard Ruehl representing our Society and talking about old Valley Stream has scheduled an itinerary worthy of Marco Polo. In the past few months he has given a number of slide-talks locally. On February 3rd, he was guest at the Valley Stream Republican Club; on February 10th he will do his show for Esther Circle at Grace United Methodist Church. He will be on hand for the Sisterhood of Temple Gates of Zion for February 18th, and the following day will repeat this performance for the PTA of William F. Donahue School. Schools have not been overlooked. He will talk to classes at

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Shaw Avenue School on February 26th, and on March 11th to afternoon classes at William L. Buck School. The latter evening will see him in action at the Auxiliary meeting of Grace Church. Best part is that Howie knows his stuffafter all, he was born here!

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY.....

If you have already renewed your membership in Valley Stream Historical Society, please pass the enclosed application on to a friend or neighbor who would like to become a member. Remember, the fees will increase after February 28th. All members receive PANORAMA, the Society newsletter, regularly, and in the case of this 50th Anniversary year are kept informed of all the exciting activities being planned by the Anniversary committees. The thing to do then is JOIN NOW!

ON THE HORIZON

March 18th, Installation of Officers and Al Mayernik's special brand of old photos....details of this evening will be outlined in the next issue of PANORAMA

April 16th, Bert Keller's Central High School Talent Troupe

May 21st - Exhibit Night...Emma Bitowski, Chairman, invites you to contact her if you have a special collection which could be exhibited (with or without an explanatory talk or demonstration, as you prefer). Some of you who can recall our first Exhibit Night will remember what an interesting evening it was - something to interest everyone. Emma's phone number is 825-4002. So far, there are exhibitors for rocks, special newspaper and old "what's-its". What's your specialty?

While our June plans haven't quite jelled, you can be sure that regardless of program, the hospitality will be "the berries!"

Ed. Note: Since for this issue space is at premium, we plan to print more of Alonzo Mills' street name origins next month.

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MARCH 18th

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Valley Stream

Al Mayernik's photo shows, complete with his humorous side comments, are so enjoyable we have asked him to be on hand for this special night. Following the INSTALLATION of the 1975-76 Officers and Trustees by Anthony Fiero, our first President, Al will present a group of his slides depicting the era of the 1920's. They're sure to be entertainingly nostalgic (nostalgically entertaining??). A festive hospitality hour under the guidance of Edna and Caroline Carey will conclude the evening. Please come!

REAR WINDOW

Our February 18th meeting boasted an attendance of 50 members. Activity in renewed memberships was brisk that night, too. We heard Ron Wyatt of Nassau County Museum Archeology Division tell of the wonders of history that exist beneath our feet in the depths of the earth. If dig you must, says Ronald, keep alert to artifacts and clues of an earlier civilization, and should you uncover items of note, be sure to contact the Museum immediately. Often it is in this manner that valuable historical data can be reconstructed.

The business of the evening which preceded Mr. Wyatt's program produced the following facts:

***Our Treasury balance is slightly over \$1,800 -- not fantastic by some standards but to us BEAUTIFUL.

***Emma Bitowski, speaking for the 50th Anniversary Souvenir Committee, announced that the Celebration's colorful blue and gold bumper strips are for sale at 25¢ each.

***Dick Totten reported on the distribution

and sales of "History of Valley Stream," authored by Howard Ruehl. The plans include placing quantities of the books at selected locations throughout the Village, for purchase by residents and friends at \$2 each. Also, it will be possible to accommodate mail orders.

***Dorothy Alcott, who is spear-heading the Society's participation in the Anniversary Parade on May 10th, announced a meeting of her committee on February 20th when action is expected to be taken on some unique vehicle accompaniment for our unit in the Parade. Emma Bitowski added to this report a request for old style clothing from any period in the 50 years encompassed which might be worn in the Parade (search your attics and trunks, members!).

***Report was read of the request of the Nassau County American Legion (which will be convening in Valley Stream this year) to have Valley Stream Historical Society representation in its Parade on June 13th, in our Village. (Members, when you check for those old cloths, better check also on your walking shoes.)

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***A colorful card of Capetown, South Africa, from Helen Dowdeswell, our own Ms. Marco Polo, was read, and we rest in the knowledge that at least one of our Fall programs will be an exciting presentation by Helen who is covering a considerable amount of the world on this extensive trip.

***Anthony Fiero presented resolutions relating to increased fees. After a discussion of advisability (which revealed unanimous opposition by the Nominating Committee itself), a vote was taken. On a count of 45 "in favor" to 5 "opposed" the following fee changes are in effect as of March 1st, 1975 (all others remain unchanged):

Individual (under 55 years of age) changed from \$3 to \$5;

Individual (over 55 years) and students changed from \$1.50 to \$2.50;

Contributing changed from \$5 to \$7.50;

Additionally, a new category of Family membership is in effect for a fee of \$10 which includes a husband and wife and one or more children up to and including age 18.

***Election of 1975-6 officers, duly nominated, closed with the following results (all officers re-elected):
President, James Boerckel
Vice President, Bertram Keller
Secretary, Audrey Boerckel
Treasurer, Mildred Zulch
Additional Trustees: Alberta Bergmann, Sandy Javurek, and Richard Totten.

***Mildred Zulch, in Howard Ruhl's absence (he was giving a slide show of old Valley Stream elsewhere) announced that Howard had received a donation of \$10 from Esther Circle of Grace Church as a result of his slide presentation there.

***Jim Boerckel announced a Walking Tour of Greenwich Village to be held on May 25th under sponsorship Pace Institute, available to interested members at a cost of \$3.50. You need only to advise Jim or Audrey (561-7138) if you would like to join the tour group.

***"Mabel's Mini Memoirs" is what we have fondly titled the monthly items Mrs.

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Ackerly reports on . . . whatever subject she cares to speak about from her wonderful memories or experiences. At this meeting her brief talk described a book called "The Heritage of Long Island," available at Waldinger Library and recommended by Mabel as a very good book. (Editor's note: We are very fortunate to have an extremely fine library in Valley Stream. Its many many volumes have provided for some of us the answer to 1) questions, 2) boredom, 3) research and other innumerable needs. Moreover it is a comfortable, pleasant place. Try spending some time there soon. If you are a resident of Valley Stream, you should be a member.

MORE OF ALONZO MILLS' MEMORIES.....

Guanther Avenue - named after Casper Guenther, a farmer who lived at the junction of Ocean Ave. and Elmont Rd. (now Hook Creek & Brookville Blvd's.). The developer of the area used "Casper" and "Henry" (for his own son) for two of the street names. This gave Valley Stream the second of its three Henry Streets.

Henry Street (the original) - named after Henry Hendrickson, grandfather of Henry Hendrickson (Mayor of V.S. 1941 to 1947), Norman Schmidt, and Bert Keller, who lived on the NW corner of Fletcher Avenue and Henry Street. (Later the property was owned successively by the Gibbs Family and then Wilbur Rehl.)

Payan Avenue and Wallace Court - named for the Payan Family and their son Wallace, of founding family fame. Our own Mabel Dibble Ackerly is an authority on them. . . ask her about them sometime!

Crowell Place (in the general vicinity of Hills Supermarket and Hendrickson Park) was named for the Crowell Family whose homestead was at the site of the present Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.

Raisig Place - named after a Central Avenue farmer who was the only asparagus farmer in the area. Alonzo reports "it was then the only 'grass' known and bunches of the culls sold for 25c. They were really better than the larger market sprouts."

THERE'LL BE SOME MORE SOON.....

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circa 1927 through 1975. Joan Muller and Carol Hawkins are the enthusiastic Reunion Co-Chairmen. On this same evening alumni of South High School will be attending a similar party at Valley Stream Park Inn.

Olga Hopkins, Hendrickson Park entrepreneur, has promised a Ragamuffin Spectacular for Village youngsters in October.

One of the local churches, in planning its Fall calendar, has decided to dedicate its 1975 Fair to Valley Stream's 50th Anniversary.

There's more, too, but for now assistance from anyone interested, who has time to offer, is welcomed, be it for selling bumper strips or delivering History Books to sales locations, or even just plain buying either of said items.

In the offing, but as yet not settled, are a Youth program, and a Founders Day for Seniors. Field Day and Block Party programs have been suggested. As we move along in our celebration, GOLDEN LAMP will keep you informed of all progress.

Incidentally, during the celebration year, Howard Ruehl, Village Historian, will be happy to arrange slide-talk programs of old Valley Stream photos and facts for any club group interested in presenting such at meetings. He may be contacted at Village Hall, 825-4200.

--Lillian R. Weaver
Editor, PANORAMA

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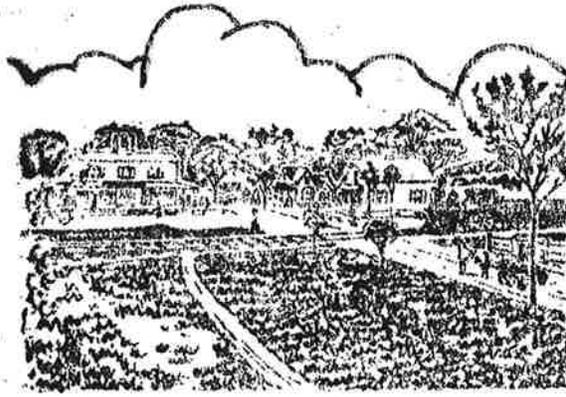
VALLEY STREAM'S 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Villagers young and old are eagerly awaiting the Super Parade to be held on Saturday, May 10th (rain date, May 17th) which will boast the largest representation of local organizations, club groups, and "unaffiliated" individuals who just want to show their affection for Valley Stream, that parade-watchers (and we hope there'll be more paraders than watchers!) have yet seen in our Village. Frank Acquavella, Parade Chairman, has announced a starting hour of 9 a.m. to allow ample time following the Parade for spectators to enjoy a full program to be presented by several corps of musicians at the John M. Smith Bandshell on the Village Green. In conjunction with the events of this day, Tony Strifolino's Souvenir Committee will set up shop at specified locations for the sale of once-in-a-lifetime souvenirs commemorating this special event in Valley Stream's history. As of this writing there will be an ample supply of Howard Ruehl's History Book and of the attractive blue and gold Anniversary bumper strips. Sales plans include special plates and other collectors' items. Hopefully all will be available in good quantity for celebrants and sentimentalists by that date.

All of the clergy of Valley Stream have been invited to plan a suitable religious observance at a convenient time which will highlight Valley Stream's good fortune in its quest for a community which can be admired by all, one on which God has bestowed innumerable blessings.

A later issue of GOLDEN LAMP will most certainly contain news of events now on the planning board. However, we can report definitely on the Gala Alumni Buffet Dance. This event will be held at Hoppi's Malibu Club on Saturday, September 27th, and will boast a good representation of Central High graduates.

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WEDNESDAY
APRIL 16th
8 p.m.

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

The Central High Talent Troupe was originally formed by Bert Keller over thirty years ago to bring happy entertainment to hospital shut-ins all over Long Island. Bert will be on hand for our meeting to present samplings of this year's refreshing young performers in the Troupe. Be sure to attend. Hospitality Hour follows as usual.

REAR WINDOW

A good crowd of 60 members appeared for our Third Installation. The ceremony itself was a simple one since all officers and trustees of the previous year had been re-elected, and there was no desire to impose upon the time of Village Trustees to perform a ceremony since it was Election Night in Valley Stream. Anthony Fiero, himself chairman of our Board of Trustees, reviewed the accomplishments of the officers and directors (now designated Trustees) and declared all officially installed for 1975 year. Mabel Ackerly was honored for her initial idea to form a Society and the story of its beginnings, written as a tribute to Mabel by her co-organizer, Lillian Weaver, was distributed to all present. Following this, a timely program of 1925 slides of people and places was presented by Al Mayernik. Everyone was put to test on how good their memories were - nice to be able to say they were very, very good. Later, festive foods in honor of the occasion were served by a crew headed by Edna and Caroline Carey.

The business of the evening revealed:

***Treasurer's books in good order after formal audit.

***Souvenir Committee for the 50th Anniversary Celebration is seeking a vacant store from which to sell all of the souvenir

Items which have been planned.

***A Gala Reunion of Valley Stream High School alumni is planned for September 27th at Hoppi's Malibu Club. News of this will be released shortly.

***Howard Ruehl continues his History Book sales as well as his slide-talk shows for a number of local groups.

***Dorothy Alcott reported progress on Society participation in the Anniversary Parade on May 10th - anyone for parading in a suitable costume?

***The contest to create an official emblem for our Society is open to all residents of the Village. Cut-off date for entries is May 15th.

***Date for Greenwich Village Tour under auspices of Pace University has been changed to June 22nd. Audrey Boerckel (561-7138) has details if interested.

***Helen Moore reported on successful sales and present supplies of towels and notepapers. A new fund-raising chairman will be needed for this year and a volunteer is being sought.

***President Boerckel revealed that we are now officially listed in the New York State Directory of Historical

and Preservation Societies.

***Members who have not renewed membership by the April 16th meeting will not receive further copies of PANORAMA. Be sure you have renewed!

"SHORT WALKS ON LONG ISLAND" - a new book by Rod and Priscilla Allbright (Pequot Press \$2.95) tells you how to enjoy Long Island on foot. Forty-one Allbrights' favorite trails in Nassau and Suffolk are described in this very interesting handbook of natural and historical facts and delightful observations. Be sure to check this one!

WHAT'S IN A NICKNAME?

Last week while reading "Long Island Discovery" by Seon Manley, I came upon a chapter devoted to "Big Sticks and Soft Walkers" (obviously Teddy and Lindbergh), and I realized how famous a nickname can become, as in "Lone Eagle", for instance. I got to thinking about some Valley Streamers who were known more by their nicknames than their true names. Those of you who remember some of these, please write to PANORAMA. We'll try to print them all! For myself, I'd like to begin with "Bip" Gunther. . . does anyone ever call him William? "Manester" is a special name and it brings to mind only one person in Valley Stream who signs his checks "Emanuel Wolgemuth." To his campers over a forty-year span, Tom Ward was fondly called "Der" and those campers include some thousand or more Villagers. Then there were those two brothers, popular as "Buddy" and "Bebe" - you knew, though, that they were Carol and Cornelius Schilo. And anyone who called the late Lyman Hall "Beansie" was sure to have known him a long, long time. You all know Alfred Daries. . . he's the popular "Kiki" of garage fame. Tell me more..... Editor

PHOTOS OF MILITARY GRAVES AVAILABLE

Associated Press has released information indicating that families of War dead who are buried in U. S. military cemeteries overseas may receive a photograph of the grave, mounted on a large color lithograph, by writing to American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington, D.C. 20314. There is no charge. Include all helpful information in the request. The Commission will also arrange at a nominal cost for flowers to be placed on graves in these cemeteries, furnishing a free color photograph of the decorations after they have been set in place.

CONCLUSION OF STREET NAME ORIGINS

No additional data has come through on street names but we do have a few left to write about, gleaned from earlier items from members:

Sprague Drive - after Percy Sprague during his Village service as Superintendent of Public Works

Carl Street - after Carl Kappauf during his term of office as Village Clerk

Todd Road - after William Todd, a former Postmaster of Valley Stream

Meyer Avenue - after the land owner whose granddaughter, Dorothy, still resides in Valley Stream

Hicks Street - after the well-remembered Judge Lou Hicks

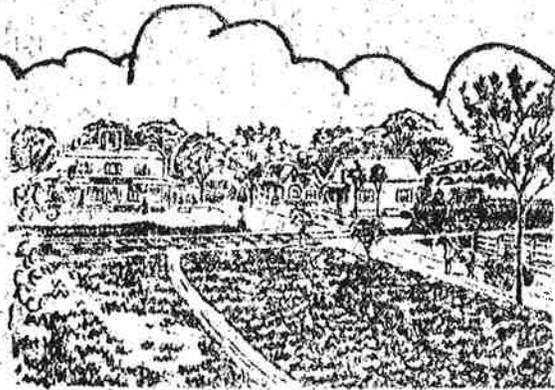
FOR YOUR SIGHT-SEEING NOTEBOOK

Hall of Fame for Great Americans, University Heights, Bronx, founded by Henry McCracken, Chancellor of New York University - a colonnade of honored citizens of America, 99 of them, a bronze bust and memorial tablet for each resting in its own niche in the Greco-Roman structure sitting high above the Hudson and Harlem River Valleys.

BE SURE TO BUY "A HISTORY OF VALLEY STREAM", \$2, AT VILLAGE HALL, OR USE SPECIAL FORM FOR MAIL ORDERS.

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MEETING

WEDNESDAY

MAY 21, 1975

8 p. m.

ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
S. Grove & E. Mineola
Valley Stream

By popular request, another EXHIBIT NIGHT! On this evening several of our members will exhibit and speak on their favorite hobbies and/or collections. In the line-up, to name a few, will be Mildred Zulch (Lincolnia), Ed Bitowski (stones, gems, rocks), Ruth Anholzer (pottery plates), Mary and Florence Gear assisted by John Munson (railroad miscellany), and Emma Bitowski (special groupings of dolls). This variety of interests offers something for everyone. Be sure to be on hand. Coffee-by-Careys follows!

REAR WINDOW

Bert Keller's new crop of Central High talented young people faced an enthusiastic audience of about 75 people at our April 16th meeting. The program included song, dance and comedy, and the troupe evoked much sincere applause. Our thanks to Bert & Company.

The business portion of the evening preceding the program produced these items of information:

***Mildred Zulch reported that \$1,000 had been advanced from our treasury to purchase an initial supply of the souvenir History Books from the Village, a necessary step in the sales operation.

***Letters were read from both former Mayor Ward and present Mayer Minerva indicating general support in our endeavors.

***President Boerckel repeated the plea of Howard Ruehl to (1) boost sales of the History Books, and (2) obtain additional help in the distribution of the books to the several sales locations in the Village. It was especially noted that each book sold will put a net profit of \$1 in our treasury

presuming that all will be sold. To date slightly over 2,000 have been sold. Howard reported also that his Book Committee is in need of some bookkeeping assistance. If you can help, call him at 825-4200.

***Dorothy Alcott, Parade Chairman for our Society's unit, requested as many marchers as possible be in costumes spanning the 50 years. (See article on Parade elsewhere in this issue.)

***Anniversary Souvenir Committee announced T-shirts in adults and children's sizes now available at \$2. (Sales were brisk during the coffee hour.) Plates, mugs and medallions are due to be available by parade date.

***A Historic Sites Committee has been formed to seek out and report on possible landmark buildings which might be earmarked for historical recognition. Allan Dowdeswell is chairman.

***"Mabel's Mini Memoirs" for this evening were actually Mrs. Ackerly's thank-you for our tribute to her at the March meeting, and some interest-
continued.....

ing facts about a life-long resident, Elizabeth Freeman, who died recently at the age of nearly 99.

***A gift of \$20 from an "anonymous" Society friend was received.

PARADE FINAL

Our Society marchers will be assembling on Saturday, May 10th, at 8 a.m. at

Comber Street

Please join in - with a costume preferably, but come as you wish - - just come! We want many members there to swell our ranks! We will be the first organization group in the line-up, proudly carrying our attractive red, white, and blue banner. Our contingent will contain several antique cars and vehicles. For any of you who are not able to march the mile and a half to the Village Green, there will be space for riding in these cars. A call to Jim or Audrey Boerckel (561-7138) will insure you a place. (If you are at a loss for costume idea, just buy yourself an Anniversary T-shirt to wear and don your Anniversary Dinner straw hat! But be sure to be there!!!

HERE COME THE NICKNAMES

The response to the "Nickname" column was immediate and fruitful. (I was also properly scolded by a former Central High classmate of mine for forgetting a few locally famous ones of our day. However, the listing last month was merely a taste - to whet your appetite for more.)

These have been offered via mail, plus a few gathered on errands to bank, post office, etc.:

Bus and Buttsie, surnamed Geiger and McGee, were really Frank and Rita. "Bep" Loew (the butcher's son) was listed as Morton on his diploma. Received word of a local fellow nicknamed "Wee Wee" but since I'm not sure the name was complimentary, I'll omit identification. "Toots" Kemp was the popular tag worn by Eleanor.

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Then there were those people for whom a physical characteristic suggested a nickname, such as hair. We had "Whitey" Nerrie (Jim) and "Red" Schmidt (Norman): in a later day, "Red" Ley was Charles. We know of two "Curly" tags, one was Alonzo Mills and the other Harold Hansen. Why Melvin Riddick was called "Boo" may not be recalled, nor is it possible to figure out how Bill Mullaley was called "Moo-Moo". Pointing up my reference to "Maneater" Wolgemuth, one writer sent word of Maneater's brother, Fred, being called "Boyeater," a type of second-hand glory, no doubt. "Jip" Tervo had two real names - Jorma, his Finnish one, and its English counterpart, John. "Stretch" Lewis was baptized Charles. George Lindner happily answered to "Dutch".

As I hear of these nicknames to write about, it's amazing how quickly images of their owners come to mind (those I knew). Nicknames are surely a form of IDs. Thanks to all who sent data. Any more? LW

CELEBRATIVE SPIRIT

It is not too soon to think about how our Society, as an organization with a historic purpose, will celebrate the Bicentennial of our country in 1976.

Our preoccupation with our own Village 50th Anniversary has understandably precluded very much thought on the Bicentennial. However, those of you who have not been actively engaged in the chores of the 50th Anniversary may wish to consider ways and means for the Society to observe the historic 1976 celebration.

If you have an idea to present, write to the Society at 123 South Central Avenue, Valley Stream 11580.

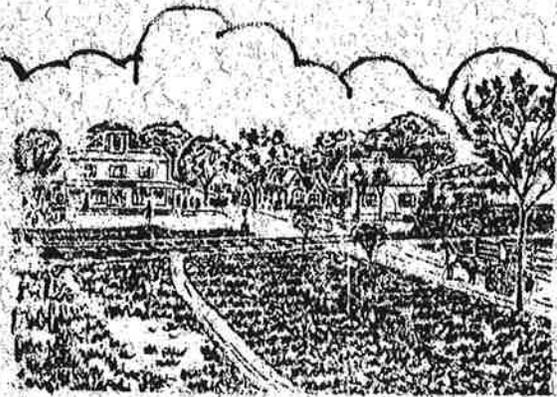
AND TO FILL THIS FINAL CORNER.....

Please be sure to march with the Society in the Anniversary Parade. . . you'll be proud to do so!

See you then.....

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JUNE 18, 1975
8 p.m.

GRACE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
S. Franklin/W. Lincoln
Valley Stream

The very talented and attractive Colónial Dancers from the Town of Hempstead Bicentennial Program will be our special performers for this evening, dancing as in days long past. This is our final program until Fall. Be sure to attend. The hospitality treat, planned by the Careys, will be a summertime favorite - "strawberries and....".

REAR WINDOW

Attendance at the May Exhibit Night was a heart-warming 70 - giving evidence of the popularity of this type of member-participation program. The line-up was varied and informative as well as interesting, and all reflected the many ways in which one can become "addicted" to a hobby, whatever it may be. Mildred Zulch "showed and told" about her Abraham Lincoln memorabilia; Ruth Anholzer, speaking of her special Vernon Kilns plates, claims to be constantly searching for "just one more" to add to her collection; Emil Voight produced a striking collection of Lincoln one-cent pieces; bells of many kinds were featured in Noel Wendel's talk on his rare and some-not-so-rare items; Railroadiana was covered by Florence Gear in a special Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe collection, while John Munson exhibited models he has made of L. I. R. R. sites and told stories about the real life locations; Emma Bitowski showed what to do with "bits and pieces of anything" making them into items of great decorative value; she also showed dolls made of a variety of materials. Her husband Ed presented a very educational collection of gems, minerals and stones which he had shaped and polished. Coffee by Careys followed with a fine assortment of home-baked cake to enhance it. Business items reported were:

***Report by Treasurer Mildred Zulch that our balance is now \$2,021.66. \$1,000 of this amount is in a separate account which will draw interest.

***Dwight Young reported membership of 258 as of April meeting. Letter will be sent to all non-renewers urging them to consider remaining Society members.

***Brief resume of our part in the actual Anniversary Parade was given by President Jim Boerckel who thanked Dorothy Alcott for her good work on the part of the Society paraders. A special slide program of parade photos will be incorporated into our September meeting. Memorial Parade plans were briefly covered.

***V.P. Bert Keller (also Anniversary Steering Committee Chairman) gave news of the Fourth of July Family Picnic on the Village Green, another Anniversary event of importance. (Read GOLDEN LAMP supplement enclosed)

***Report of availability of tickets for Central High Reunion scheduled for September 27, was given. Fast action on purchases is recommended. (Again read GOLDEN LAMP)

***Howard Ruehl reported that history book sales need a "shot-in-the-arm"...they are selling but not fast enough to warrant a good return at conclusion. Help is needed, of course, and it was decided to conduct a book booth at the Picnic where Howard will autograph all books purchased that day.

***The Walking Tour of Greenwich Village sponsored by Pace University will be held on Sunday, June 22nd. Contact Jim or Audrey Boerckel if you plan to attend.

***Museum Chairman Emma Bitowski made an urgent plea for members to withhold contributions at this time unless they are deemed authentic and can be documented. Space is at a premium until such time as a museum site seems in the near offing. Keep on the lookout, however, for anything genuinely appropriate. Along these lines, Howard Ruehl told of a beautiful quilt bearing the names of many old-time residents which has been given to the Society by a former resident, Mrs. Margaret Shaw Lynch, now of Saratoga Springs.

***Tony Fiero complimented the Society on its great growth and urged diligence in keeping its present prominence intact.

***"Mabel's Mini Memoirs" were several of the items which she had especially arranged for the Exhibit Table, and which she spoke of from memories of older days.

ATTENTION, CAKE-BAKERS!

Those of you who signed up to bring cake for the June meeting are requested to bring cookies instead since they will be more suitable to the strawberries and ice cream treat which has been planned.

Ed. Note - PANORAMA will not be published during July and August. News of our September 17th meeting will be released about September 5th.

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JUST A FEW MORE OF THOSE NICKNAMES.....

Although he never mentioned it, we just had someone remember Howard Ruehl answered to "Wheatsie" while still another communication reminded us that Florence Phillips was called "Feep" - derived from her initials F.E.P. Henry Geis had a tag "Gander"...wonder how that came about? And can you picture a football great called "Duckfoot" - you know him as Bill Gaddis. It is likely many more will be recalled at the Super Reunion in September. Dust off your memories before you get there.

ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIRS

Tony Striffolino, Souvenir Chairman, has listed all the available items to date:

Bumper strips - 25¢
T-shirts (adults and children's sizes) - \$2.50
Medallions (50th Anniversary on one side; Bicentennial on reverse) - \$2
Mugs - \$1.25
Plates, bearing imprints of historical significance to Valley Stream - \$5
Valley Stream History Books, under supervision of Howard Ruehl - \$2.
Anniversary "straw" hats, available at the Picnic - \$1.00

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

It would seem that our Society had expended itself to completely for the Anniversary Parade, energy was not too evident for Memorial Day participation. Nevertheless, we were represented with a count of 8 persons. Some of our members marched, and rightfully so, with other organizations this time around. Perhaps another year.....

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to honor the 50th Anniversary

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Hoppl's Malibu Beach Club
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Entertainment during the picnic has not been overlooked....there will be several rides for the kiddies (free soda for them, too)...two dance bands have been engaged to play music of the fifty-year period, from the twenties to date, at the John M. Smith Bandshell.....a Central High School band group will perform intermittently....the picnic will offer something for everyone, be it dancing, singing, or just listening reminiscently! Nor has the Teen Set been forgotten - latest word has it that something special is being considered for inclusion in the activity.

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OUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS...

We have just completed part of our 1975 season with a flourish. 95 people attended our June meeting featuring Town of Hempstead Colonial Dancers and a great strawberry festival, one of the many tasty treats provided by Edna and Carolina Carey and "crew" during the year. This has been our busiest and most successful season. Through the efforts of Dwight Young's Membership Committee, our membership is over 300 (after an expected drop-off following Charter membership drive). Our treasury reached the point where our able Treasurer, Mildred Zulch, recommended we start a savings account to invest checking account surplus. Howard Ruehl, our Historian, has given his slide presentation to many groups of interested Villagers, turning over any given proceeds to our treasury. His *A HISTORY OF VALLEY STREAM* is selling well, profits accruing steadily. Efforts to sell our history books will not cease during our summer hiatus. They will be sold at all summer concerts and cultural events at the Village Green, and will remain on sale at local banks and certain business establishments. The 50th Anniversary Steering Committee under V.P. Bert Keller is gradually phasing out its most successful activities following the Glorious Fourth of July picnic. Plans for the Central High Reunion in September are still in high gear, as with the South High Reunion in November. I want to say a special "thanks" to all who worked so hard to make this a most successful season. To Anthony Fiero, our Board Chairman, who tends our legal matters and keeps our feet on the ground, and to Audrey wife and secretary, who has devoted so much time and effort to minutes and correspondence. We look forward to an active season in September. See you then! J.R.E.

REAR WINDOW

Our June meeting saw about 90 members being pleasantly entertained by 20 Kattke Colonial Dancers from the Town of Hempstead's Bicentennial Committee. Aproned ladies in ruffled caps and kerchiefs tripped delightfully with bewigged gentlemen wearing many-buttoned vests and buckled shoes. Some of us know all about such dances as the "Peabody" and the "Charles-ton"; more are well-acquainted with the "Lindy", and still others the "Mashed Potato." What we all learned on this evening, however, was something different...old dances going by names like Lady Walpole, Hole-in-the-Wall, Maid-of-the-Mill, and Market Lass. Seeing the intricate windings and maneuvers demonstrated so capably gave rise to some requests from members for a historical dance unit in our own Society. A number of volunteers from the audience answered Mr. Kattke's call to join his troupe on stage for a sampling of the "dosie-doe" and "promenade." The evening ended with delicious refreshments...strawberries and ice cream accompanied by home baked goodies and our special Society Punch (see recipe elsewhere in this issue).

Business matters discussed were varied; report is made herewith:

***Treasurer Mildred Zulch proudly announced bank balances totalling over \$1,895.

This does not reflect the income we will derive from profit on the sale of "A History of Valley Stream" (the only Anniversary souvenir from which our Society derives any profit).

***President Boerckel welcomed invited guests from other organizations. It is the plan that such invitations will be issued on a regular basis in the Fall, thus enabling wide coverage as to our Society activities and purposes.

***Howard Ruehl reported on the donation of an very old quilt by Mrs. Margaret Shaw Lynch, a former Valley Stream resident, which was put on display in the Waldinger Library. He spoke also about the special historical quilt which has been made by the students of William F. Donahue School.

***Bert Keller, speaking as Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Steering Committee, brought members current on all activities to date, full attention being given momentarily to the July 4th Family Picnic on the Village Green. The September 27th Central High School Reunion is also moving along well. (See *GOLDEN LAMP* enclosed)

***Anthony Stiffilino presented various Anniversary souvenirs for sale and requested sales help at the Souvenir Booth for the Family Picnic.

***The Walking Tour c. er Manhattan on June 15th was deemed a success in spite of small attendance. The Boerckels will keep us posted on future suggested tours.

***Elsie Ruehl, Sunshine Chairman, has requested that she be notified promptly (825-5813) in event of any serious illness among the members.

***Emma Bitowski requested suggestions and ideas on our storage problems for the many historical items which are being received by the Museum Committee. Rental facilities at nominal cost have not yet come to light.

***Highlighting this meeting was the presentation of a \$50 award to Miss Barbara Carlson who designed the winning emblem for Society use.

***It was reported that the Ginny Mae Ceramic Shop on North Central Avenue would have Anniversary souvenirs available for purchase as a courtesy to the Committee.

GLORIOUS FOURTH

Since the accompanying GOLDEN LAMP supplement was prepared (about 10 days ago) the Village's 50th Anniversary Family Picnic has come and gone.....and the Anniversary Steering Committee of Valley Stream Historical Society, working jointly with the official Village Committee, is appropriately proud of the success of the day-long event on the Village Green last Friday, July 4th. Under beautiful billowing white clouds in the bright blue sky, with delightful breezes, Valley Streamers in good number basked, romped, and relaxed on the soft lawn at Village Green. Early-comers who were wise to set-down in shaded areas soon set up their own versions of picnic fare. Others, preferring minimal chores resorted to the edible concoctions of the several food concessions set up along the Library "Midway". The musical entertainment, continuous and varied, by an unofficial poll, was rated A-plus! Waiting lines of youngsters proved the popularity of the kiddie rides. The Souvenir Booth was all but a sell-out. The special exhibits by U. S. Marine Corps, U. S. Army with its helicopter control-board sampling, and the operation of the New V. S. Fire Department aerial truck, provided extra

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treats for t. . .pic participants. (It is likely that the pleasure of the entire day will provoke requests by Villagers to have this event become an annual occurrence.) All this and the promise of the evening's super fireworks display by Valley Stream Lions Club left Valley Streamers with nothing to be desired for a wonderful Safe and Happy Fourth, with a special nod to the 50th Anniversary.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUNCH

The very popular beverage served at some of our meetings was originated especially for the Sing-Along Covered Dish Supper last January. We have been requested to print the recipe, so here it is (and you can't spoil it even if you give-or-take a little on any of the quantities given):

1 46 oz can HI C Orange Drink
1 46 oz can unsw. Pineapple juice
1 46 oz can unsw. Grapefruit juice
1 6 oz can frozen lemon juice, undiluted
2 ottles of ginger ale.

Add frozen fruit ring for decoration, and ice cubes as needed. Makes about 50 servings.

MABEL THANKS US

We have received a wonderful letter of appreciation from Mrs. Mabel Dibble Ackerly which we would like to quote:

"When I heard our Secretary read the various letters of thanks I realized my verbal thank-you of the previous meeting would not be entered in a permanent record, hence I wish to thank Lillian Weaver for the wonderful tribute written by her, and all of you for the beautiful orchid that I wore many times; also for my new membership.

"I would like to commend you all for the fine spirit our members have shown in building our Society into a position of leadership in the community in such a brief time shown by the fact that the Village officers asked us to take over the responsibility of planning the 50th Anniversary celebration of Incorporation of the Village of Valley Stream. Of course, we all knew the capable organizer would be Bert Keller. Most sincerely...."

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VILLAGE PICNIC

ON THE GREEN

JULY 4TH

11 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

ALL VILLAGE FAMILIES WELCOME..... BRING TABLES, CHAIRS, BLANKETS, WHATEVER....

(Do not bring barbecue grills and the like - cooking will not be permitted.)

FOOD VENDORS WILL BE OFFERING

**HOT DOGS.....

**ITALIAN SAUSAGES.....

**COTTON CANDY.....

**BEVERAGES.....

DANCING.....KIDDIE RIDES.....SOUVENIR BOOTH.....FUN FOR EVERYONE.....

COME AND HELP CELEBRATE VALLEY STREAM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order that the 50th Anniversary Picnic on July 4th shall be given maximum publicity throughout the Village, the 50th Anniversary Steering Committee would appreciate your posting this information conspicuously for the benefit of your constituents.

Thank you.....

50th ANNIVERSARY STEERING COMMITTEE

50th Anniversary Steering Committee
Valley Stream Historical Society
123 South Central Avenue
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

To: VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY
123 South Central Avenue
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1975 MEMBERSHIP FORM
Membership valid to March 1, 1976

I have marked my category below. Please send my

NEW RENEWAL membership card addressed to:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No.

- | | |
|--|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (up to age 55, not a student) | \$5.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STUDENT (school or college undergraduate, valid concurrently with school year) | 2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR (over age 55) | 2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE (inactive; no voting privilege) | 2.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING | 7.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY (defined as husband, wife, and one or more children up to and including age 18 - PLEASE LIST NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN ON REVERSE SIDE) | 10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ORGANIZATIONAL (clubs, business organizations, etc.) | 15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINING (tax-exempt gift) | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE (tax-exempt gift) | 100.00 |

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

THE GOLDEN LAMP

Book author
... would like to thank
... in manning
... the Family Picnic
... the back were
... and there is always willing to
... (see coupon for mail
... GOLDEN LAMP)

For anyone who missed getting his
... supply will be available
... the Bandshell. And it
... that a Book Nook will be
... on September 27th,
... have all of the
... in your hands
... spread the word...

BO DOES BERT KELLER

The Anniversary Steering Committee
is very appreciative of all the fine
dedicated work by all the willing
volunteers on all the Anniversary sub-
committees. Each successful event gives
proof of a sincere love of our Village.
Thank you all.

AND IF YOU KNOW A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

there's a membership application herewith.

The Long Island map towels our Soci-
ety has been selling for some time are
in good supply at Valley Bank branches
on Rockaway and Central Avenues where
they may be purchased through a special
goodwill arrangement with the Bank.
The towel is a keeppake kind of item
which lends itself very well to framing
and sales are fairly constant. The pri-
ce of \$1.50 is a real bargain. If you plan
to purchase any of the towels, it would
be wise to do so now since it is almost
certainly that with rising costs, the
price will have to be increased to \$2.00
with the next shipment. Get yours soon.

1976 calendar towels are expected to
be available at our October meeting.
Several Bicentennial designs have been
ordered. You'll be able to shop early
for Christmas.

ON THE HORIZON

For our September 17th meeting, to
be held at Trinity Episcopal Church,
Valley Stream, we will present a very
complete set of slides of the 50th Anni-
versary Parade, gathered from the many
snapping cameras in evidence on that
memorable day. Keep this date in mind.

GOLDEN LAMP shines on.....



VALLEY STREAM 50TH ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIRS

Tony Striffolino's Souvenir Committee has done a fine job of making available a number of keepsake items to be sold throughout the Anniversary celebration at nominal prices.

So brisk have been the sales of these souvenirs, several of the items had to be reordered to insure good supply for the 50th Anniversary Community Picnic at Village Green, and at this writing may again be out of stock. A stop at Village Hall, or a call to Tony or John Weigand there will inform you as to availability. Be sure you have acquired the souvenirs of your choice. This once-in-a-lifetime celebration is worthy of a bit of memorabilia you will want to keep. The souvenirs are listed below:

Golden Anniversary plates (limited edition - will not be reordered)	\$5.00
Tee shirts, adult and children sizes	2.50
Milk glass type mugs	1.25
Bronze duo-medallion (obverse commemorates the 50th Anniversary; reverse, the Spirit of '76) Available as key ring or with link for neck chain.	2.00
"Straw" hats with Anniversary band	1.00
Bumper strips	.25
"A HISTORY OF VALLEY STREAM" by Howard Ruehl (May be ordered by mail; see coupon below)	2.00

SPECIAL ORDER BLANK FOR - "A HISTORY OF VALLEY STREAM"

To:
Mr. Howard Ruehl, Historian
Incorporated Village of Valley Stream
123 South Central Avenue
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

Please send a copy of "THE HISTORY OF VALLEY STREAM" to the following:

Name _____
Address _____

(include ZIP)

A check to the order of Valley Stream Historical Society for \$2.25 per book (which includes postage) is enclosed. (If more than one book is ordered, please list on a separate sheet.)

Ordered by _____

AND ON.....

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S ANNIVERSARY REUNION

The response to the Reunion of students of Central High School, circa 1925-1975, has been overwhelming, in interest and in happy anticipation at meeting and greeting former classmates. Scheduled for Saturday, September 27th, at Carl Hoppl's Malibu Club in Lido Beach, the Reunion will be a nostalgic one. The Stardusters' Big Band will be on hand playing dance music from the 20s to the 70s. . . Central High School memorabilia will be on view. . . movies of Central sports highlights over the years will be shown. . . and. . . unlimited food and liquor will be served throughout the evening, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Lives there an alumnus with soul so dead he has not to himself said, "Sounds great! I want to be there!"

Helen Dowdeswell, Memorabilia Chairperson, states that a loan of any item suitable for display at the Reunion will be greatly appreciated. It will be mounted on a display board and covered with protective plastic. All items loaned will be returned. It should be noted, however, that they must be delivered to and picked up at Helen's home, 65 Fletcher Avenue, Valley Stream. No provisions are being made to return anything by mail.

Carol Hawkins and Joan Muller, co-Chairpersons of the Reunion Committee, have announced that tickets are going very well. A number of letters have been sent to former students whose addresses are known, and it is expected that many mail orders will be received (see order form below). It is important that checks accompany all orders since tickets are being sold only on a first come-first served basis. It will not be possible to hold unpaid tickets at the door.

South High School has planned a separate reunion to be held at Carl Hoppl's in Baldwin, on Saturday, November 1st. The format is basically the same as the Central Reunion. Mrs. Terry Kaiser is Chairperson for this group. Her telephone number is 516-678-1255.

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- () Please send me _____ tickets for the Reunion.
- () I would like to be a Booster for - \$2 per line
- () I would like to be a sponsor for - \$5 per line
- () I would like to be a Benefactor for - \$10 per line

Name of Booster _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Name of Benefactor _____

(please print all names)

I enclose check for a total of \$ _____ to the order of VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REUNION COMMITTEE.

MAIL TICKETS TO: Name _____

Please note year of graduation and maiden name hereon. Address _____

SPECIAL NOTICE.....

PANORAMA and GOLDEN LAMP are being mailed earlier than usual this month in order to give maximum publicity to the GALA VILLAGE PICNIC to be held on the Village Green on Friday, July 4th. Valley Streamers are requested to "spread the word" of this special 50th Anniversary Event, as outlined in GOLDEN LAMP.

Please note that the rain date is the following day, July 5th.



GOLDEN LAMP shines on.....

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL REUNION COMMEMORATING
VALLEY STREAM'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

Interest in the reunion of all students who ever attended Central High School is growing rapidly as the Reunion Committee, headed by Joan Muller and Carol Hawkins, continue the tremendous task of communicating with former Centralites, some of whom are scattered not only throughout the United States but in many faraway spots on the globe.

To date the response has been termed "terrific" and alumni from at least a dozen different States, including some of those far west and a few "north of the border", are signed up to attend this gala celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 27th, at Hoppl's Malibu Beach Club at Lido Beach. The evening of nostalgia starts at 9 p.m. and includes dancing until 2 a.m., with a delicious buffet and open bar for continuous hospitality. Music by The Stardusters Orchestra will feature the songs and melodies of the past fifty years . . . everyone will be able to reminisce and swap memories with schoolmates of another day. Faculty members have indicated their desire to attend and several who served Central High School for a good number of years are expected to be present.

An added treat will be the showing of films of old Valley Stream, and a souvenir journal will be given to all attendees. No stone has been left unturned to give alumni and friends an evening to remember, for a long time to come.

Tickets are available at \$18 per person and may be ordered on the blank which appears on the reverse side hereof. The form also includes "booster" applications, so useful for those who feel inclined to further the effort to make the event a bigger success.

The Valley Stream Historical Society which is sponsoring 50th Anniversary activities will be exhibiting and selling "A History of Valley Stream" by Howard Ruhl at the Reunion. However, for any unfortunate alumni who cannot be present that night, we suggest use of the additional form on the reverse which will insure you a copy of this highly popular, warm, and informative review of an earlier day in our Village. Send for one now; the cost is only \$2.25 postpaid.

If you have already made reservations, or if you cannot possibly be on hand, please give the Reunion blank to someone you know will be interested in learning of the Reunion. Tickets are also available for personal pick-up at Waldinger Library on Mondays, Tuesday, and Wednesdays, from Mrs. Agnes Libath.

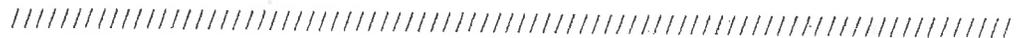
AND IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.....

NEWS OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY RAGAMUFFIN PARADE IN OCTOBER.....

YOUNG AND OLD WILL BE INTERESTED IN THIS HAPPY ACTIVITY FEATURING THE TOTS AND YOUNGSTERS OF OUR VILLAGE!

GOLDEN LAMP is a special supplement to PANORAMA, the purpose of which is to report Anniversary news.

--Lillian R. Weaver
Editor, PANORAMA



A "P.S." FROM MABEL ACKERLY.....

At some time during the Anniversary preparations word was heard that a local doctor (unidentified) was planning to write an article on the Men of Medicine who served our Villagers in the early days of Valley Stream. I believe this would be a fitting tribute to these men as well as valuable documentation of Village history. Let us hope the unidentified physician will follow through on his very excellent idea. Our very first horse-and-buggy general practitioner was Dr. Foster, whose spacious home was located at the northeast corner of Mertick Road and Corona Avenue. I would be happy to learn more about Doc Foster in Valley Stream. Please call (VA 5-0343) or write to me, c/o PANORAMA, if you have recollections to offer.

(ORDER FORM FOR CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL REUNION, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1975)

TO: Mrs. Nancy Henningsen
127 North Cottage Street
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

Hoppl's Malibu Beach Club
Tickets - \$18.00 per person

- () Please send me _____ tickets for the Reunion.
- () I would like to be a Booster for - \$2 per line
- () I would like to be a sponsor for - \$5 per line
- () I would like to be a Benefactor for - \$10 per line

Name of Booster _____

Name of Sponsor _____

Name of Benefactor _____

(please print all names)

I enclose check for a total of \$_____ to the order of VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY REUNION COMMITTEE.

MAIL TICKETS TO: Name _____

Address _____

ZIP _____

(Please note year of graduation and maiden name for program on reverse hereof.)

COURTESY CORNER (Items of special note from our organizational members)

VALLEY STREAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE, honoring Edward Leopold of Mills Muller Corp., will be held on Saturday, October 25th, at Valley Stream Park Inn. Cocktail time begins at 8 p.m. followed by a Prime Ribs of Beef Dinner. There will be open bar throughout the evening. Dancing will be continuous to 2 a.m. L. I. PRESS columnist Walt Kaner will be M.C. The price - \$20 per person. Call Bernhard Lamy, LO 1-1200, Ext. 211, to get your tickets.

VALLEY STREAM LIONS CLUBS will be selling "1776 Bennington" flag kits consisting of a 3x4 foot outdoor flag, pole with eagle head, and mount, for \$10. Local merchants who will have the kits available will be identifiable by a special banner. One of these attractive symbols of the birth of freedom surely has a place on your premises. Proceeds are earmarked for the proposed construction of a "flag square" to be located on Sunrise Highway, an impressive greeting to all tourists and Village residents. BE SURE TO BUY ONE.

SPECIAL ORDER BLANK FOR "THE HISTORY OF VALLEY STREAM"

To:
Mr. Howard Ruchl, Historian
Incorporated Village of Valley Stream
123 South Central Avenue
Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

Please send a copy of "THE HISTORY OF VALLEY STREAM" to the following:

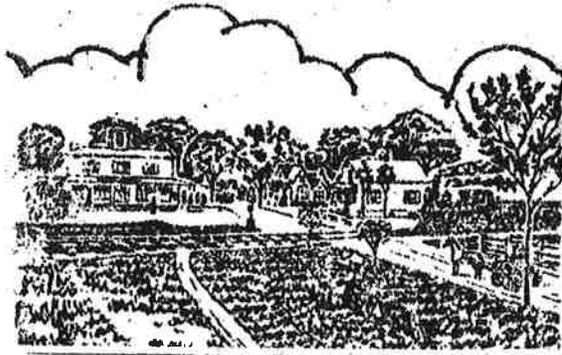
Name _____

Address _____

(include ZIP)

A check to the order of Valley Stream Historical Society for \$2.25 per book (which includes postage) is enclosed.

Ordered by _____



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NEXT
MEETING

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 17, 1975

8:30 p.m.*

*Note change of meeting time...
explanation appears below.

HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Brooklyn Avenue &
Seventh St.
Valley Stream

BOB PRESBREY, our Society photographer, will present a very representative group of color slides of the 50th Anniversary Parade taken by himself and several of our members on that memorable May 10th. Everyone should be on hand for this program -- some of you are sure to be in some of the photos. Note the date and correct time now. Hospitality Hour will follow as usual.

SPECIAL NOTICE - BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITY

As indicated above, our September meeting will start later than usual to accommodate a special event to take place on the Village Green at 7:30 that same evening. A Bicentennial flag will be presented to the Village by Valley Stream Fire Department and will be raised in ceremonial proceedings at that time. The newly formed Valley Stream Bicentennial Committee headed by Judge Richard Edstrom will be on hand to witness this exciting beginning of Bicentennial celebration in our Village. Three of our officers (Jim Boerckel, Bert Keller, and Anthony Fiero) are official Society representatives to this Committee and since their presence is required at the flag-raising, the time for our meeting this month was changed to 8:30. By so doing, any of our members who wish to do so will be able to attend the ceremony at 7:30.

THANK YOU, LIONS CLUB!

We are always grateful when local organizations join our Society -- their support is most helpful to our efforts. Our latest such member is Valley Stream Lions Club. Welcome, and thank you for your fine tribute to the Society in the July Fourth journal.

STORAGE OF MEMORABILIA

The search goes on for suitable storage space for the many keepsakes and historical records which have been coming our way. The ideal solution, of course, is to have a building of our own but since that appears to be in the distant future we must resort to the ingenuity of our members and friends to provide space. Emma Bitowski and Dorothy Alcott have been most helpful to date -- BUT there is a saturation point. Any suggestions? Call Emma at VA 5-4002.

BICENTENNIAL SOUVENIRS

Some consideration is being given by our Fund-Raising Committee to the possibility of selling flag pins, tie tacs, etc., during 1976 as a means of adding to our income while still providing a memento of the Bicentennial. More on this later.

LONG ISLAND MAP TOWELS

Notice is hereby given that as of September 15th, the price of our very popular map towels will be increased to \$2. So-o-o, if you plan to purchase towels, hurry to Valley Bank (either

the Rockaway Avenue or Central Avenue branches) where a good supply is still available at \$1.50.

And speaking of towels, 1976 calendar towels in appropriate Bicentennial designs are on order and will be available for purchase at our meetings. Don't buy any 'til you see ours - then buy several, for yourself and friends.

GIMBEL'S "OLD AND NEW" SHOW

For the past few weeks a fine exhibit of the old and new in fashions and housewares has delighted viewers, and our Society has had a vital part in providing some of the "old" in the show. Mabel Ackerly and Howard Ruehl have been on hand at the exhibit as guests of Miss Sheila Baron, Gimbel's Special Events Coordinator, who has permitted Howard and several of our members to sell copies of "A History of Valley Stream" to interested show visitors. This exposure for our Society and the history book has been accomplished through the courtesy of Gimbel's management.

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS IN VALLEY STREAM

Although many plans are still in embryo stage, the official Committee for these events has released information indicating that Valley Streamers will be enjoying such celebrative activities for 1976 as a Village Parade, Village Family Picnic, and a Bicentennial Costume Ball, to name a few. PANORAMA will keep you informed of Bicentennial news as available through the medium of a supplement to be called fittingly enough....



THE EAGLE

FLAG-BURNING CEREMONY

On Sunday afternoon, September 14th, Andrew Fatscher Post #854, American Legion, will conduct a special program at which American flags no longer in proud use will be ceremoniously burned. Watch for further details in local newspapers. Villagers are welcome to attend.

V. S. H. S. "PANORAMA"
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Valley Stream, N.Y. 11581

HISTORY, ANYONE?

(Editorial)

Those of us who were born, bred, and still live in the environs of a big city are prone to delay sight-seeing in it, believing, erroneously of course, that the landmarks will always "be there" to see whenever we get around to it! Sometimes we need a push, like the June Walking Tour of Lower Manhattan organized by Jim and Audrey Boerckel for some of our members. It proved to be very worthwhile for the few but eager participants. Left to their own devices they might not have learned and enjoyed the history behind it all. Hopefully, the Boerckels will come up with other tours soon. Meanwhile, there are many New York City landmarks to explore on your own, some 405 to be exact, all listed in a great little 54-page booklet "New York City Landmarks" distributed by Landmarks Preservation Committee, 305 Broadway, N.Y.C. 10007 (212 566-7577). Here are a few architectural gems...

COLONNADE ROW, Lafayette & 4th Sts. - a group of 4 Greek Revival town houses (of an original 9) unified by a lovely 2-story Corinthian Colonnade, a treasure of architectural heritage and urban design.

COOPER UNION FOUNDATION BUILDING, Cooper Square at 7th St. - built by Peter Cooper (inventor, industrialist, philanthropist, who also built TOM THUMB, the first railway locomotive used successfully in America). This structure provided one of the earliest surviving uses of rolled wrought iron beams which later made skyscrapers possible.

"LITTLE CHURCH AROUND THE CORNER", 1 E. 29th St. - has been popular with theatre people ever since a minister of a more fashionable church avoided officiating at an actor's funeral by suggesting "the little church around the corner where services might be held." The Church and Rectory in Gothic Revival structure blend harmoniously around a garden giving a picturesque quality to it all.

FIREHOUSE ENGINE CO. #33, 44 Great Jones St. - dominated by a graceful arch, a striking example of French Beaux Art.
SULLIVAN STREET HOUSES, #83, #85 and #116 - noted for their Federal doorways, oldest in Manhattan.

AND THERE'S A LOT MORE!

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M/M J. Boerckel
127 E. Carpenter St.
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NEXT
MEETING

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 15th
8 p.m.

LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF OUR SAVIOUR
DuBois & Rockaway Aves
Valley Stream

Our own Bert Keller, M.C.E., (Master of Ceremonies Extraordinaire) will moderate a panel show with several long-time Villagers as his guests, talking about their favorite subject - Valley Stream! "Bert and Friends" is sure to provide a happy evening for all of us. Be sure to attend. Hospitality Hour follows as usual.

REAR WINDOW

Many of our members made their public screen debut at the September meeting when Bob Presbrey ran off 250 slides, complete with narration, of the Valley Stream 50th Anniversary Parade May 10th last, and thus gave the 80 members present a chance to see the participating Village groups, large and small, at their parade best - some in costume, some carrying theme banners, some riding in old cars or special decorated vehicles, and some obviously just happy to walk in mufti. The entire collection resulted from the camera work of several of our members, i.e., Henry Krooss, Al Mayernik, Bob Presbrey, and Drew Weaver, all of whom are hereby publicly thanked and complimented on their good coverage of the beautiful event.

It is expected that local clubs and organizations will want to avail themselves of this program idea as soon as possible. (Two such requests were received by Bob that evening before his projector had a chance to cool!)

Following the program, the Careys provided a fine array of baked goods, and served delicious punch from our newly purchased punch bowl (we seem to be a punch-drinking crowd!)

Preceding all this festivity, the

business of the evening revealed some noteworthy facts - as follows:

***Mildred Zulch reported a bank balance close to \$2,000. Later during the meeting Howard Ruehl presented us with a check for \$2,500 resulting from the sale of History Books, which certainly made Mildred even happier (and just think, three years ago there was no Society!).

***Dwight Young informed us that the official membership count (all categories) is 328. Also, it is planned by Membership Committee to solicit gift memberships in time for Christmas giving. These memberships will commence January 1976 thereby giving recipients an extra three months of Society participation.

***Bicentennial activity was reported, the most notable and current being the flag-raising on the Village Green which occurred earlier on our meeting night. (Other Bicentennial news will be brought to our members as available via THE EAGLE, a special supplement to PANORAMA.)

***Bert Keller, member of the Village Bicentennial Committee, spoke of two things close to his heart - #1, the Central High School 50th Anniversary Reunion on September 27th, and #2 the

plans to produce a patriotic musical show on the Village Green during the Bicentennial year. For this latter event, Bert stressed the need for all kinds of assistance from all Villagers, young and old. More details are expected to be released shortly.

***Claire McMahon, who offered to take on fund-raising chores, assisted by Alberta Bergmann and Sandy Javurek, has many Bicentennial patriotic theme calendar towels for sale, plus the popular Long Island map towels and notepapers.

***Once again, a request was made for Hospitality help - - - see Koffee Kup item elsewhere in this issue.

***Emma Bitowski reported that an Oyster Festival will be held in Greenport on October 11th and suggested a group venture in this respect. If interested call her at 825-4002.

***In the public interest Sandy Javurek reported that a unit of American Association of Retired Persons was being formed in Valley Stream, first meeting to be held at 2 p.m. on October 14th, in the Masonic Hall on West Jamaica Avenue.

***Mini-Memoirs were related by Florence Grimm who talked of her childhood in old Valley Stream - of places and people with all but forgotten backgrounds. (Ed. Note: We invite any member with "mini-memoirs" such as have been provided by Mrs. Ackerly and Mrs. Grimm to tell us in a brief talk of about five minutes any recollections of our Village in days gone by. We're all interested!)

KOFFEE KUP

The attractive "money-catcher" which graces our Hospitality Table at each meeting came into being way back in 1973 as a result of the cash donations offered by pleased members who found that making friends over a cup of our good coffee following meetings and programs was indeed one of the many reasons for belonging to the Society. Although for the most part the tasty goodies served are donated by our members, we want to be certain that our hospitality is self-sustaining. Therefore, we would appreciate your thoughtfulness in keeping KOFFEE KUP alive and well!

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Also, Edna and Caroline Carey, our capable Hospitality hostesses, are always happy to have members sign up to donate baked goods for the meetings. Since our attendance has been running between 60 to 80 people, this cooperation is very important. Let's keep a "good thing" going!



GOLDEN LAMP shines on...

RAGAMUFFIN-
HALLOWEEN PARADE
Saturday, October 25th -
Rain Date, 26th

For Village children ages 3 to 10 years, the Valley Stream 50th Anniversary Committee and the Valley Stream Park Commission will sponsor a costume contest which will all but close the Anniversary festivities (there remaining only the South High School Reunion at Hoppl's-in-Baldwin on November 1st). Costume categories in each age group are:

a) prettiest; b) funniest; c) scariest;
d) most original

The separate starting times are as follows: 3-4 year olds, 11 a.m. (may assemble at 10:30 a.m.)

5-6 year olds, 12 Noon

7-8 year olds, 1 p.m.

9-10 year olds, 2 p.m.

Costume judging will take place at the Gazebo at Hendrickson Park. An Apple Hunt will also be conducted for each age group - and youngsters who find Golden Apples will be awarded supplemental

prizes. There will be lollipops for all! (Note: Adults will not be permitted in the Apple Hunt area.) Participating children will be supervised by the members of the 50th Anniversary Committee, the Park staff and Auxiliary Police. The Anniversary Steering Committee members will be part of the judging panel. Awarding of prizes will immediately follow each category judging.

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NEXT
MEETING

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 19, 1975
8 p.m.

Note: Please use
Locust Street door.

OLIVET CHURCH
DuBois Av/Locust St.
Valley Stream

For this evening we will have Ray Chambers visit us once again, this time to present an illustrated lecture on Long Island in the American Revolution. This look at Long Island should be especially appropriate in view of all the Bicentennial activity currently underway locally. Be sure to attend - and stay for the Hospitality Hour following the program.

REAR WINDOW

The program for the October meeting, in the capable hands of our V.P. Bert Keller, offered reminiscences of six Villagers, recalling in turn days of the decades of the past fifty years or more as they saw them. Those on the panel were, indeed, knowledgeable and their recollections most enjoyable.

Preceding the program the following business items came to light:

***Treasurer Mildred Zulch happily announced a balance of \$4,022.76 in savings and \$394.43 in checking accounts.

***Dwight Young, Membership Chairman, announced availability of gift memberships which, if purchased now, offer 14 months of membership for the one-year price.

***Speaking for the Village 50th Anniversary Steering Committee, Bert Keller reported on the highly successful Central High School Reunion in September (which resulted in great possibility for the formation of a Central High School Alumni Association) and the October 25th Ragamuffin Parade for youngsters, the latter being the final event of the Anniversary activities.

***Our 50th Anniversary Parade slides are available for viewing by local clubs and organizations, as reported

by Bob Presbrey. Several requests have already been received and fulfilled.

***President Boerckel made a request for good color photos of Village scenes which might be used on notepaper for a fund-raising project.

***Several items of Bicentennial nature were mentioned:

a) Bert Keller seeks assistance in all areas of production of a musical presentation to be given on Village Green in June.

b) Tickets for the Costume Ball on February 28th are now available. Society members wishing to attend may contact Jim Boerckel.

c) Two catalogs of National events will be available at all of our meetings in event members planning to travel may want to refer to them for news of celebrations in other areas.

***Our Hospitality Committee is in need of extra hands (and donations) to keep our Coffee Hour "alive and well."

***Mabel Ackerly, in a Mini-Memoir item, told a charming anecdote of her childhood - some seventy years ago.

TOWELS AND CALENDAR TOWELS

Good quantities of Long Island map towels are still available at both Central and Rockaway Avenue branches of Valley Bank, as well as at our meetings, priced at \$2. (Actually they have been

like proverbial "hot cakes" and we had to order more.)

In addition, we have an excellent supply of 1976 calendar towels in six designs, basically of a Bicentennial motif, priced at \$1.75 and \$2.00. Claire McMahon and Elizabeth Bitowski, assisted by Alberta Bergmann and Sandy Javurek, will have all items available at the November 19th meeting. (plus some unique notepaper at reasonable prices) - all to help you with your Holiday shopping.

ON THE HORIZON

January 21st - save the date - Annual Covered Dish Supper and Travel Show, 6:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. Details will reach you via PANORAMA.

LAUGHTER

Your Editor recently spotted several cartoons which were so appropos of our Society activities they bear repeating - here goes....

--Wife, saying to hubby comfortably nestled in easy chair, sans shoes, reading newspaper, "You certainly must have laid it on thick at the Reunion - they're having next year's get-together on YOUR YACHT!"

--Couple, leaving home for the evening, to son, "We're going to our Class Reunion. Stop calling it a Bicentennial!"

--And still in a Bicentennial flavor... Wife, calling out the door to hubby dressed in colonial costume complete with antique musket, "Parades, reenactments - when are you going to paint the kitchen?"

We welcome your contributions in similar vein. Send to PANORAMA (address hereon).

FLAG GUIDELINES

The Bicentennial flag may be flown anywhere that the American flag is flown. However, when the two are flown together the Bicentennial flag is subordinate to the American flag, second in rank in any flag display.

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THE EAGLE REPORTS ON THE BICENTENNIAL...

What the Towns are doing:

The City of GLEN COVE late in summer staged an all-day Colonial Fair.

Bells rang throughout SEA CLIFF also this summer as Paul Revere's historic ride was commemorated.

A Liberty Tree planting was conducted at WESTBURY High School to kick-off that Village's Bicentennial activities.

FREEPORT Village offers a series of free lectures at Freeport High School on the history of the American Revolution and its meaning in our time.

BALDWIN has been considering erecting a permanent Bicentennial Memorial Building which would contain a museum and local record depository.

MINEOLA, FRANKLIN SQUARE, and LEVITOWN held Bicentennial parades last month.

WANTAGH's Preservation Society had a Community Day program featuring the dedication of a Liberty Pole and Cap, plus a Spirit of '76 Fashion Show.

OYSTER BAY held a Bicentennial Flower Show at Planting Fields Arboretum early this month.

The Village of ROSLYN has prepared a 94-page illustrated Guide to Roslyn and its history, available at \$3 from Roslyn Bicentennial Committee, P. O. Box 1776, Roslyn, N.Y. 11576, or in local shops in Roslyn.

Park Boulevard in Eisenhower Park has been renamed "Bicentennial Drive."

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