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VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter

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January 1977

NEXT
MEETING

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 19, 1977
6 pm

COVERED DISH SUPPER

HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WILLIAMS HALL
7th Street Entrance
Valley Stream

This popular annual supper event will precede a unique presentation of the "then-and-now" of San Blas, a Panamanian archipelago of many islands. Howard Ruehl, a tourist there thirty years ago, and Helen Dowdeswell, a recent visitor, will tell you about it. (If you have not already done so, please indicate to Lillian Weaver, Supper Chairman (791-5030), or Peg Keller, Hospitality Chairman (825-9089) if you plan to attend the supper. Fifty-six signed up at our November meeting.

REAR WINDOW

Not having had a meeting during the "jolly season" any detailed reporting of November's meeting would seem old-hat. However, we do want to mention several items:

***The Exhibit Night had ten different collections/hobbies to enjoy. They were: Ina Cole (china and ceramic pitchers), Henry Anholzer (model airplanes), Al Mayernik (Bicentennial items), Mabel Ackerly ("This and That", an assortment of her keepsakes), Emma Bitowski (miniatures), Maria Wendel (embroidery and lace-making), Henry Krooss (Christmas postage stamps), Dagmar Ficken (owls), Howard Ruehl (early Valley Stream newspapers), and Margaret Wellington (old Police Gazettes).

***Inauguration of monthly drawings for Maria Wendel's donated floral arrangement (at no cost to members, although a sign-up at the door is a must in order to receive a numbered stub). November's was won by Helen Drescher.

***Correction in minutes to indicate a total of \$2,000 (not \$1,000) would be

given to our Society by Mrs. Ackerly and a friend whenever some museum site finally becomes available.

***Anthony Fiero gave a full report on status of Building Committee research and the assistance we might expect from the Village Board of Trustees in our pursuit of a museum.

***The attendance totalled 68.

ON THE HORIZON

Announcement has been made that on Wednesday, March 22nd, at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall, Waldinger Memorial Library and Valley Stream Historical Society will sponsor jointly a special program by George Meade, helicopter pilot who appeared at one of our Fall meetings, entitled "Operation Sail", the New York harbor gala in honor of the Bicentennial. All community residents who are interested are invited to attend.

MAILING ASSISTANCE for this issue of PANORAMA was provided by Carmela Doria.

1977 MEMBERSHIP

Renewals of membership will be required after March 1, 1977 (except in those cases of gift or late 1976 memberships which have already been processed). An application form will accompany February PANORAMA. Sign up promptly to insure continued receipt of our newsletter.

JANUARY CAKE DONORS

who have signed up to bring baked goods in lieu of a Covered Dish are:

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| Emma Bitowski | Audrey Boerckel |
| Irma Fiero | Claire McMahon |
| Eleanor Mayernik | Mildred Zulch |
| Elsie Fare | Dagmar Ficken |
| Agnes Libath | Margaret Wellington |

"WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN; WHAT DID YOU DO?"

That is generally what we'd like you to tell us for publication in PANORAMA. Hopefully in forthcoming issues we will be printing thumbnail sketches of trips and sightseeing enjoyed by our members. BUT you'll have to tell us about them!

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

The key words in the new "Right turn on Red" law for motorists are "BE CAREFUL" warns the New York State Transportation Authority in discussing the law which became effective January 1, 1977. The law permits right turns on most red lights outside New York City. Pedestrians are cautioned to be alert to all turning vehicles. Drivers, including bicyclists, must come to a full stop and yield to all traffic and pedestrians before turning. Right turns may not be made on red lights anywhere in New York City when a "No Turn on Red" sign is posted, or where a right turn arrow is red.

1977 CALENDAR TOWELS

The Souvenir Committee has announced that all calendar towels on hand will be offered at reduced prices at our January meeting. Plan to purchase several...at savings of anywhere from 50 to 75 cents per towel.

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Best wishes
for 1977
from the
Officers + Chairmen
of
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MEETING

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 16, 1977
8 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL
CHURCH HALL
Bklyn Ave & 7th Street
Valley Stream

In a wind-up of all his special Bicentennial activities, which were considerable, Al Mayernik will tell us of all the special stamp issues by many foreign countries in honor of America's 200th Anniversary. Don't miss this interesting evening. Peg Keller's crew of cake and cookie bakers will spread their usual array of goodies at the hospitality hour which follows the program. See you....

REAR WINDOW

The weather outside wasn't too delightful but the people who came to the Covered Dish Supper, bearing their home-style food, certainly were. About 85 members and guests were on hand at the January meeting to enjoy the meal and each other's company. Following a brief business session at the supper's conclusion, Helen Dowdeswell and Howard Ruehl did an admirable job of tying together, via narration and slides, two separate trips they made, 30 years apart,

to San Blas in Panama. The colorful costumes (or lack of them) and the stories of the islands gave us all a first-hand view of a not-too-well-known area.

Preceding the program, President Bert Keller called for a motion to keep the business to a minimum. A few items must be noted, however:

***Treasurer Mildred Zulch reported a total in all bank accounts to date of

of all present Society officers and Trustees be extended for three months in order that the month of June may be the beginning of the new term. This proposal facilitates the planning of activities for the ensuing term by the new officers. By vote of members present such resolution was duly adopted. Therefore in 1977, election will be held at the May 18th meeting, with installation of officers to take place on June 15th. Trustees whose terms expire in 1978 and 1979 will continue to serve to June of those years.

ON THE HORIZON

Our guest speaker at the March 15th meeting (Tuesday, instead of Wednesday, due to Lenten church services) will be Mr. Herbert Mills, Curator of Geology, Garvey's Point Museum. His extensive knowledge of local geology will surely afford us a new look at Long Island

George Meade, well-know helicopter pilot, will appear at Waldinger Library on Tuesday, March 22nd, in a special program entitled "Operation Sail," the New York Harbor gala in honor of the Bicentennial. The program is sponsored jointly by the Library and Valley Stream Historical Society. All community residents are invited to attend.

BICENTENNIAL POSTSCRIPT

Just learned of one of the nicest State projects for Bicentennial festivities - the issuance by Pennsylvania Bi-

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nearly 300 children born in the Commonwealth on July 4, 1976. Three of the children, born at 12:01 a.m. that day, received additional gifts.

READERS CORNER

Think you ought to know of a fairly new magazine "Long Island" which is becoming very popular. It certainly makes good reading, issued every month, subscription price \$6 per year. Some of the feature articles in recent issues include: "Warm Pleasures of Cold Spring Harbor" - "Down By the Old Valley Stream" - "A Hewlett-Woodmere History" - and "Quaint Watermill" - to name just a few of the interesting ones! In addition, the regular "Restaurant Reviews" and "Coming Up" (which is a complete listing of all types of Long Island activities and events) are very handy guides. We do not propose to advertise merchandise, products, etc., but this particular magazine "covers our beat" and we think it's worth your while to consider it. Subscription address is: LONG ISLAND Magazine, P. O. Box 17, Norwood, N.J. 07648. And if you send a check with your order, the price is only \$5.50!

MEMBERSHIP

It's time to renew your membership in our Society, or inspire a friend or neighbor to join! If you have not signed up by March 31st, the March issue of PANORAMA will be the last one you receive. Put this on your "must do" list!

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March 1977

NEXT
MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 15th

8 p.m.

Note change to Tuesday
for this month only

HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH HALL
Seventh Street
Valley Stream

Mr. Herbert Mills, Curator of Geology, Garvies Point Museum, will be on hand for this meeting with much to tell us about the geology of Long Island, stories and treasures of our own local patch of earth. Please make every effort to attend. Hospitality goodies will be provided by: Caroline Carey, Adele Hagmann, Helen Moore, Margaret Worrell and Caroline Young:

REAR WINDOW

Our February 16th meeting was attended by some 50 or more members who were later to proclaim Al Mayernik's historical presentation/narration on Bicentennial postage stamps of foreign countries one of the most interesting programs they were privileged to enjoy. Preceding the program V.P. Ted Libath ably presided over the business portion in President Bert Keller's absence.

Items reported:

***Treasurer Mildred Zulch reported over-all bank total of \$5,699.98.

***Dwight Young speaking on membership activity reminded everyone of the need to renew for 1977, and provided some interesting geographical statistics about our out-of-town membership.

***Anthony Fiero, our "legal eagle", gave a report on correspondence received from Mayor Minerva regarding museum site suggestions. While

not much potential appears to exist for any of the suggested sites, they will, nevertheless, be investigated by our Historic Sites Committee and results made known to the membership.

***Programs for the remainder of this season were outlined by Jim Boerckel who also reminded those present of George Meade's "Operation Sail" program to be held in Village Hall on Tuesday, March 22nd. All community residents are welcome to attend. (See enclosed flyer prepared by Waldinger Library, co-sponsor of the program.)

***Peg Keller's solicitation of cake bakers and donors resulted in a complete list through the June meeting.

***Dagmar Ficken reported steady sales of a variety of items with several special price reductions in effect.

***The plant donated by Maria Wendel was won by Ruth Hohwiesner.

***Mabel Ackerly's "mini-memoir" for this evening concerned a variety of

items, most notable of which was a copper kettle, survivor of a covered wagon trek westward by one of her ancestors, Indians notwithstanding!

TIME TO RENEW

For those of you who may have mislaid the 1977 membership application, we list below the types of memberships and dues:

Individual (up to age 55, not a student)	\$5.00
Student (school or college undergraduate)	2.50
Senior (over age 55)	2.50
Associate (inactive; no voting privilege)	2.50
Contributing	7.50
Family (defined as husband, wife, and one or more children to age 18)	10.00
Organizational (clubs, business organizations, etc.)	15.00
Sustaining (tax-exempt gift)	50.00
Life (tax-exempt gift)	100.00

Select your category, write your check, and mail to Valley Stream Historical Society, 123 S. Central Avenue, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11580

ON THE HORIZON

Elsie and Wilbur Fare are scheduled to tell us about their trip to.... Africa! Watch for news of this program in PANORAMA, and then be sure to attend!

THANK YOU, MARIA!

We want our members to know of the kindness of Maria Wendel in donating flowers/plants for drawings at our meetings. Maria has not one but two green thumbs! Be sure to get a ticket for the drawing when you sign up at meetings.

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING....

On March 10th 101 years ago the first telephone was used!

On March 12th 65 years ago the Girl Scouts organization was founded.

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HITTING THE ROAD is a hobby enjoyed by yours truly and spouse quite frequently. One of the pleasantries of this pursuit is the impromptu coffee-break stop in a new area, giving an intimate glimpse of a small town and its inhabitants, plus all of the local news! The seat I like best to occupy in these chrome eateries, quaint hash-houses, and one-arm beaneries, is the counter stool nearest to the short-order cook, that master of dexterity and organization! His domain is like a circus with all three rings busy with a variety of acts - for instance, at the morning hour, hot cakes, sizzling ham, eggs-over-lightly, eggs sunny-side-up, bacon curling, sausages, western omelets, and whatever. All of which is to introduce the subject of diners.... and to tell you to read the good article in March issue of YANKEE MAGAZINE concerning the origin and growth of the roadside diner. Not forgotten in the article is a listing of the picturesque vocabulary once so popular with cooks and waitresses to describe the food orders. Try these:

Cowboy - western sandwich

Draw one - coffee

Million on a platter - baked beans

Nervous pudding - jello

On the hoof - very rare

Pin a rose - with onions

Adam and Eve on a raft - two poached eggs on toast

Eve with the lid on - apple pie

Put out the lights and cry - liver and onions

The gentleman will take a chance - hash

Dress one pig to go for a walk - ham sandwich to take out.

HAPPY MOTORING!

Your Editor

ABOUT TIME

"Time-killing is often more difficult than work."

ABOUT TOMORROW

"Tomorrow will be in great need of men who held today in high respect."

ABOUT TAXES

"Nearly everybody favors the taxes they do not have to pay."

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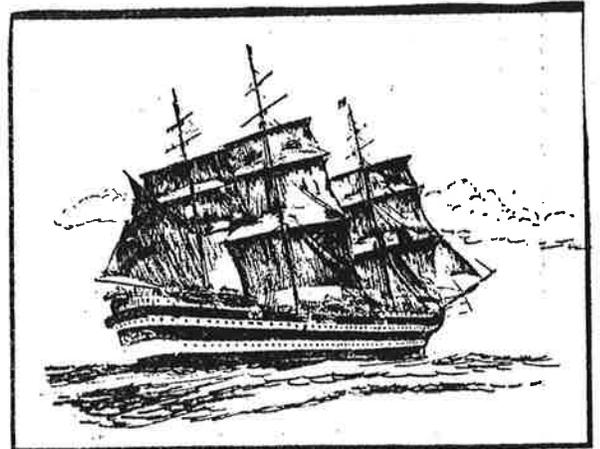
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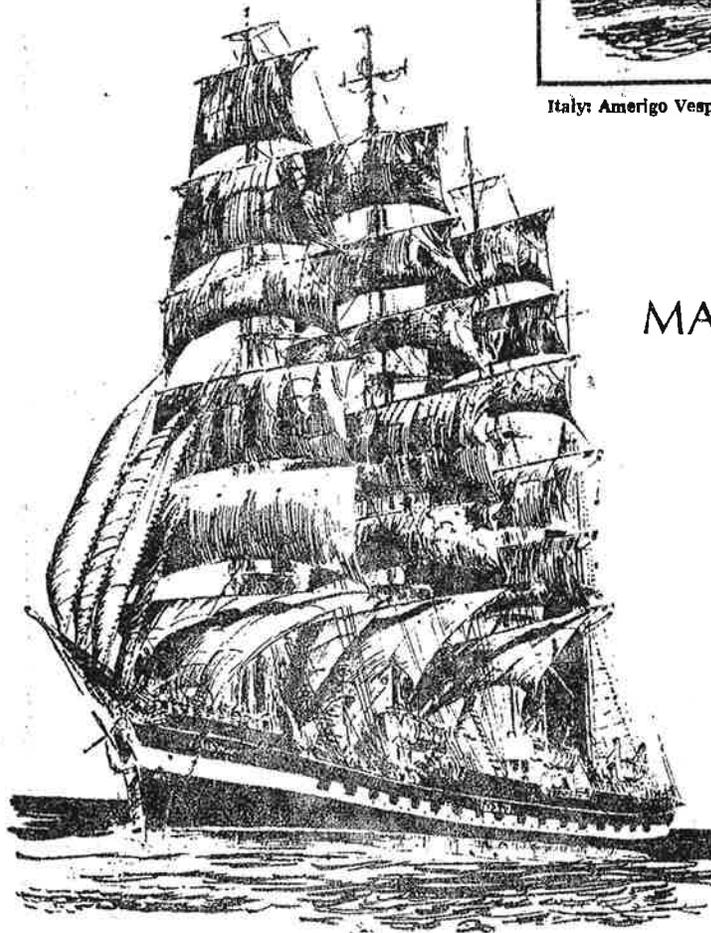
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SLIDE/LECTURE



Italy: Amerigo Vespucci



MARCH 22, 1977

8 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL

Sketches by Frank O. Braynard
U.S.S.R.: Kruzenshtern



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April 1977

NEXT

MEETING

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 20, 1977

8 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL
CHURCH HALL
Brooklyn Avenue
Valley Stream

Our own faithful members, Elsie and Wilbur Fare, ventured to Africa recently and for this meeting will be on hand to tell us about it. This is surely one program you will not want to miss - so join us, won't you? Hospitality committee for this evening are: Adelaide Donaruma, Marie Putre, Carmela Doria, Agnes Libath, and Margaret Warrell.

REAR WINDOW

About 50 members were present at our March meeting to hear Herbert Mills, Curator at Garvies Point Museum, give us a geological view of Long Island. Goodies for the hospitality hour were in short supply due to the confusion in changed meeting date, but still, there was enough for all, thanks to an unexpected contribution from Mabel Ackerly.

Preceding the program, business of the evening revealed:

***Treasury now stands at \$6,252.04 (which sounds very nice, doesn't it?).

***Membership as of March 14, 1977, totals 126 (of whom 81 are charter members and have been steadfast in their membership since the Society was organized).

***Jim Boerckel, in reporting on coming programs, announced that the May meeting will have Mr. John Collins of Old Bethpage Restoration on hand to tell us of activities there. In June, our installation night, we will see the history of our Society itself, developed through a number of slides taken by some of our photo-minded members.

***Speaking for the Nominating Committee, Anthony Fiero noted the following positions open for election which will take place in May:

President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, two 3-year Trustees, two 2-year Trustees, and three 1-year Trustees.

Nominations may be made up to election time (and the Committee is happy to receive recommendations and suggestions).

***Mabel Ackerly spoke briefly about the death of Jack Augustin, a life-long resident of Valley Stream whose family owned a large portion of farmland in the southeast area of the Village. Jack was a Charter member of our Society.

***President Keller announced a delay in the receipt of our Charter renewal which will be investigated by Anthony Fiero. Announcement was made also that our Society will participate officially and as a group in the Memorial Day Parade on May 30th. The purchase of a storage cabinet of more convenient proportions than presently in

use was also authorized.

***Dagmar Ficken reported steady sales of all souvenir items.

***Anthony Fiero requested that notice be given to the general membership of a proposed amendment on which voting is expected to take place. (The enclosure herewith describes this amendment, relating to honorary trusteeships, and members are urged to study it carefully and vote knowledgeably on it at the April meeting.)

***Mabel Ackerly presented, and Anthony Fiero accepted on behalf of our Society, the 1890 Charter for the Valley Stream Post Office and a 1933 copy of Nassau Daily Review Star containing pictures of early Valley Stream. Plans will be made for the preservation of this historical items.

***Elsie Fare won the floral arrangement donated by Maria Wendel.

***Guests of the evening were welcomed.

MEET THE MEMBERS, new to our Society within the past month:

Bertha Ballou
Harvey Brody
Sylvia Brown
Marie Dannenfelser
Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin (Ellen)
Mrs. Andrew J. Lapple
Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Lewis, Jr.
(Evelyn)

Helen McKenney
Mrs. Grace Myers
James Polychron
James P. Toye
Margaret L. Warrell

and welcome to all of you!

ABOUT OPTIMISM

"Do not let your optimism chloroform your judgment."

ABOUT PROSPERITY

"It would be a better world if posterity got as much attention as prosperity does."

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SOUTHOLD'S QUILTING PARTY

Little known, but becoming moreso, is a group of some forty North Fork residents who band together regularly in one of the local churches to stitch the history of their area into colorful quilts. Each square, which measures 14"x14", depicts some portion of history of this 300-year old community.

Although the group turns out a variety of other quilts for fund-raising purposes, the "North Fork Quilt" is a very special project, historical as it is, and to complete one requires from 20 to 30 days of toil by the quilters. Eventually "North Fork Quilts" will be offered for sale; however, the price of one of these masterpieces may keep buyers to a minimum. Mrs. Janice Fitzgerald of Orient who coordinated the idea puts the value of a North Fork Quilt at about \$5,000.

THINGS WE ARE STILL INTERESTED IN,....

Where you go and what you do! Be sure to let PANORAMA know when you visit a particularly interesting historical site which you believe may be somewhat off the beaten path to some of us. The little red dots and markers on many maps frequently prove to be worth a few miles driving to visit. And if you liked it we'd all like to know.

Old family recipes, particularly of historical value. The Careys (good cooks that they are) would like to see a Society cookbook developed. Some good recipes have turned up at our annual Covered Dish Suppers but we will need many more to fill a cookbook.

Local historical data not previously come to light before. Anything you can contribute from memory or experience is worth passing on to any of our officers or chairmen.

More new members, and renewal memberships from our regulars!

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May 1977

NEXT
MEETING

WEDNESDAY
MAY 18, 1977
8 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL
CHURCH HALL
Brooklyn Ave/7th Street
Valley Stream

For this meeting, Mr. John M. Collins, Curator of Administrative Affairs at Old Bethpage Village Restoration, will tell us in a narrated slide presentation some of the highlights of the restoration work at the Village. This grouping of authentic old homes and buildings is one of Long Island's most historically interesting exhibits of rural Americana. You'll be sure to enjoy the evening which will conclude with the usual hospitality provided by Peg Keller's May bakers. (listed on reverse side).

REAR WINDOW

At our April meeting Elsie and Wilbur Fare gave a very interesting talk, complete with slides, of their 1975 visit with former Valley Streamers in Ghana, Africa. Since this afforded a look at some sights most of us will never see in person, the audience of some 63 persons was justifiably entranced with the Fares' unusual adventure.

Preceding the program, the following items were mentioned at the business meeting:

***Treasurer's report indicated an overall balance in all accounts of \$6,420.43.

***Membership as of the meeting night stands at 178.

***Programs already set on the calendar include a slide program titled "Valley Stream Historical Society - Five Years Young!" which will be the highlight of Installation Night on June 15th. In September we will have a Ray Chambers show about the 1939 World's Fair.

***Nominations for 1977-78 election were presented (and are listed elsewhere in

this issue).

***The Society has committed itself officially to march in the Memorial Day Parade on May 30th. Marchers will be needed!! Formation points will appear in Valley Stream MAILER.

***Charter renewal complications are expected to be cleared up momentarily.

***Amendments to establish honorary trusteeship for person(s) making "major contributions to the Society" were passed.

***Some research is being done in the matter of extra benefits our Society might receive through the special type of savings investment of our funds.

***The Spring flower arrangement donated by Maria Wendel was won by Rachel Dann.

***Mabel Ackerly's mini memoir concerned some fond reminiscences about an old-time black summer miff she brought with her.

*"Nothing restores a man's faith
in the future like a seed catalog
in full color!"* --Anonymous

NOMINATIONS FOR 1977-78 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS - Election Night, May 18th

President Emma Bitowski
Vice President Alphonse Mayernik
Rec. Secretary Claire McMahon
Corres. Secretary Dorothy Smith
Trustees:
3 years - Howard Ruehl
Lillian Weaver
Anything Fiero
2 years - Bertram Keller
Allan Dowdeswell
1 year - Audrey Boerckel
Wilbur Fare
Helen Dowdeswell

ROSE-COLORED GLASSES ANYONE?

Roses are most certainly the songwriter's favorite subject as the following will prove (and you can probably remember a few more not listed!):

Moonlight and Roses; Days of Wine and Roses; Everything's Coming Up Roses; Mighty Lak a Rose; The One Rose That's Left in My Heart; Only a Rose, Roses of Picardy; Yellow Rose of Texas; Rose Room.....and then those girls!Honeysuckle Rose, Rose of Washington Square; Mexicali Rose, Rose Marie, Rose of No Man's Land; San Antonio Rose; and Secondhand Rose; and then there's the "Blue Lady" who gets "Red Roses".

"Pessimists grumble because roses have thorns; optimists are thankful that thorns have roses."

IT HAPPENED IN MAY.....

May 10th, 1969, First Transcontinental Railroad completed

May 21th, 1927, Lindbergh's Flight to Paris

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Cake donors for the May meeting are: Lillian Butler, Beatrice Wandell, Etta Bergler, Helen Dowdeswell, and Marion Raeder.

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RAMBLINGS

Your editor and spouse recently found themselves in Annapolis, Maryland, more specifically the grounds of the U. S. Naval Academy. It is surely the place to visit in Spring. The good balmy weather of this particular weekend encouraged us to explore additionally the historic city of Annapolis. Armed with a very informative little brochure entitled "Rambling Thru Annapolis, Maryland" (compliments of Holiday Inn), we had no difficulty following the clearly marked path for a walking tour, starting at City Dock which is not only beautiful but important historically. Many of the houses on this tour are very old, spiced with history, and unique in their particular architecture. Huge chimneys abound, one particular Georgian structure boasting as many as eight, standing high and wide! Paca House, saved from demolition several years ago, is still in process of restoration. Its "garden for all seasons" was unearthed from two centuries of debris, and careful research and study have enabled authentic reconstruction. Another of the Georgian mansions has a doorway said to be one of the most beautiful in America, with notable egg-and-dart molding flanked by Ionic columns supporting leafy frieze and rose festoons. The home in which "Star Spangled Banner" Francis Scott Key was wedded to Mary Lloyd has on exhibit the piano on which their wedding march was played.

Shops in the historic city of Annapolis are themselves quaint and pretty. The wares offered, not exactly inexpensive, are nevertheless unusual and desirable to the discriminating shopper. Put Annapolis on your very next tour list.

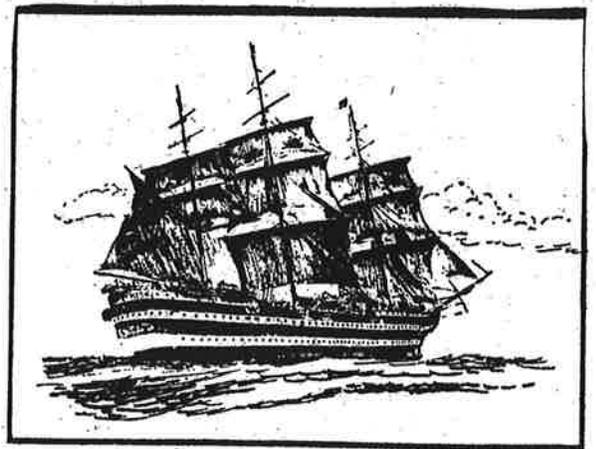
NOTICE

Since the printing of the front page of this issue of PANORAMA, we have learned that Mr. Harrison Hunt, Curator of Old Bethpage Village, will present the May 18th program instead of Mr. Collins.

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Italy: Amerigo Vespucci



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8 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL

Sketches by Frank O. Braynard
U.S.S.R.: Kruzenshtern

DID YOU KNOW.....

that many Valley Stream residents are probably not aware of the great amount of cultural exposure that is provided by the decor of Central High School's unique auditorium? A pageant of ancient history exists on its very walls. As one of the fortunate students who attended the new school when it first opened its doors in 1929, I feel moved to tell a few things about the frieze which appears around the entire auditorium. This sculpturing depicts the Triumphal Entry of Alexander into Babylon, beginning with the palm of peace and victory overshadowing the marketplace where a group watches a distant caravan. A fisherman quietly casts his line.

The scene turns next to a fleeing merchant who has heard of Alexander's approach. Following this, one sees the Genius of the Euphrates River with flowing urn, an oar for navigation, and wheat shaft to indicate the fertile region. People are shown gathering their possessions, a shepherd boy drives flocks from the fields, and everyone assembles at the gate to meet and appease the general, wise men and astrologers also among the crowd. Wild animals on leash and Arabian horses march in front, destined to be gifts for the conqueror. There are musicians, incense and maidens strewing garlands.

(continued next column)

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Mazeus, the defeated Babylonian general, and five children go forward. The Genius of Peace bears an olive branch. The Genius of Victory drives the chariot in which Alexander rides - an extensive caravan in all. An elephant loaded with booty walks with a captive Persian chief and a Greek warrior guard at its side, followed by a lone horseman, ending the procession.

When you are next in Central's auditorium for some community event, look around ...and remember the story behind the frieze!

--Lil Weaver

FOR YOUR TRAVEL NOTEBOOK

There are 3 major full-scale Indian reservations at which tourists may spend vacation, and what better way to learn about America's first citizens? There is Kah-Nee-Ta at Warm Springs, Oregon, operated by three tribes, located in a valley surrounded by caves and pretty canyons. Swim in hot springs, stay in a lodge of 144 rooms, eat wild game baked in clay, buffalo steaks, etc. That's just one...write for data on more: American Indian Travel Commission, Dept. NL, 10403 W. Colfax Av., Lakewood Colorado 80215.

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MEETING

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 19, 1977
8 p.m.

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CHURCH HALL
7th Street Entrance
Valley Stream

By popular request.....ten Society members (listed on the reverse hereof) will exhibit in a variety of hobby areas, ranging from airplanes to miniatures, to lace-making to news memorabilia, and many more, in a repeat performance of our very interesting Exhibit Night '76 program. Maria Wendel's hospitality committee has promised another array of home-baked goodies for the coffee hour following the program. Please attend - and bring a potential member!!!

REAR WINDOW

When the meeting of September 21st opened, it gave some inkling of important happenings for the evening. The premonition held true and the 85 members present were privileged to witness the formal presentation by Mayor Minerva and Anthony Striffolino (of the Village staff) of the Bicentennial rug-hanging which until recently graced a wall in Village Hall. Mayor Minerva's greetings which followed the presentation gave us heart for our historical pursuits knowing that the official Village family is with us 100%. Following the formal meeting, Ray Chambers presented a slide program of the 1939 World's Fair, one of many in his unique Camberwell Collection.

Business of the evening revealed the following:

***Treasury now stands at \$6,639.24. Some of our funds are earmarked for certificates of deposit in order to produce an income type of savings.

***Our New York State Charter has finally arrived -- we're officially "in business."

***President Emma Bitowski urged more active and working participation by our members, pointing out her own pleasure

at being part of all our very interesting busy-ness.

***Membership Chairman, Frank Mayernik, announced a concentrated effort which is in the planning to garner as members a number of well-known Villagers and others perhaps not quite as well-known, who would enjoy membership if they were apprised of our efforts and activities.

***Audrey Boerckel called attention to the MAILLEADER publicity we have been enjoying in the reprints of a number of items from Howard Ruehl's "A History of Valley Stream."

***Coming in November - Jim Boerckel announced a visitation by a representative of the New York State Bicentennial Commission (see elsewhere in this issue for details) which will keep us informed on the special events for New York's Big Year.

***No interest was evident in the matter of the Columbus Day Parade on October 9th sponsored by the Long Island Italian American Society.

***Motion made and carried to hold some celebration of our Society's Fifth Anniversary in spring 1978. A committee

will be designated and volunteers extremely welcome.

***Donations of old-time gowns and dresses, as well as a Fire Chief's badge from the 1800s were acknowledged.

***Announcement was made of a bus trip (including lunch and admission fee) to FDR Mansion and Library and Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park, N.Y., on Thursday, October 20th, sponsored by Women's Forum of Nassau County. Bus will leave AJH Park Pool Area parking field at 7:30 a.m. Cost is \$13 per person. Call 825-5242 for details and reservations. It is not expected that there will be any conflict with this activity and the George Meade "Operation Sail" event at Waldinginger Library evening of October 20th which begins at 8 p.m. (see special flyer which accompanies this issue).

***A number of Bicentennial Award Certificates were formally presented with expression of gratefulness by the Village Board of Trustees.

***Wilbur Fare was the winner of the plant drawing.

EXHIBIT NIGHT PARTICIPANTS

The following hobbyists will be standing by their exhibit tables to explain or answer questions about their collections at the October 19th meeting:

Dagmar Ficken, owls
Emma Bitowski, miniatures
Alphonse Mayernik, Bicentennial collection
Henry Krooss, Christmas stamps of the world
Margaret Wellington, Police Gazette
Howard Ruehl, old newspapers
Maria Wendel, lace
Ina Cole, pitchers
Mabel Ackerly, museum items from her home

ANCIENT FOLKLORE

***A not-to-be-carried-in-a-trouser-pocket is an infallible cure for rheumatism.

***If pigeons congregate on the ridge of a house roof, it foretells a storm of rain.

ABOUT OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER....

Dr. Myron Luke, Town of Hempstead Historian, is Professor Emeritus of C. W. Post College....an expert on the American Revolution in New York State and Long Island. His lecture on November 16th will relate to New York's 1777 Bicentennial.

"I RECALL...."

by Jim Boerckel

The tragic airplane crash on Friday, September 23rd, at Westhampton Air Field brings to mind a similar occurrence. Years ago when Curtis Field (now Green Acres Mall) was in full operation, pilots would often perform aerobatics over Valley Stream. One Sunday afternoon some friends and I were flying kites in the big vacant lot which is now a parking field between Jamaica and Hawthorne Avenues, and what is presently Hicks St.

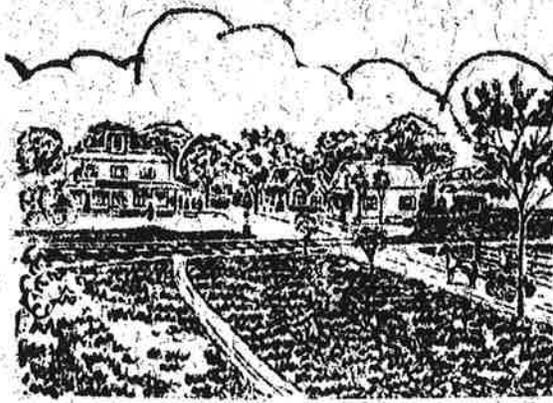
While the kites were up, an airplane started performing stunts south of us over "Gibson section". The pilot made several loops. Suddenly as he went into another, and just as what happened at Westhampton, the tail section fell from the plane. As this portion fluttered away, the rest of the plane went out of control and plunged to the ground, crashing into a house south of Roosevelt Avenue.

I remember pulling down my kite, dashing over to the crash site and picking up some little pieces of wood that had come from the wrecked plane. I don't remember any fire, and I can't recall whether the pilot survived. There was at least one other airplane crash in this part of the Village, but details escape me. Perhaps some reader can enlighten us.

(Ed. Note - Apropos of Jim's article, Eric Christensen who was a long-time Villager and is a Society member, has sent a snapshot of the crashed plane. It will be on view at the October meeting. Also your editor, when a schoolair lived 2 blocks from a suicide-by-plane site on Nostrand (now McKeon) Avenue. A young woman had purchased a skyride and jumped to her death in mid-air. The body fell in the trees on Nostrand.)

MAILLEADER COVERAGE

Articles by our Society have been appearing in MAILLEADER. Audrey Boerckel, who has been responsible for this publicity, would like you to send her your own historical anecdotes which might be suitable for these writings, to be shared by all.



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NEXT
MEETING

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 16, 1977

8 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH HALL
Brooklyn Av/7th St.
Valley Stream

Our home State of New York is celebrating its Bicentennial this year. For our November meeting, Dr. Luke of the New York State Bicentennial Commission will speak to us on "The Birth of New York State." We've all been quite fortunate to be on hand for America's Bicentennial in 1976. Come now to this meeting to learn about New York State's festive year. You'll be glad you did! Maria Wendel's hospitality committee will have good goodies as usual.

HEAR WINDOW

Our October 19th meeting provided a repeat performance by a number of our hobbyists and collectors. Interest was not one bit diminished for this second showing. Some 70 members and 7 guests were present to learn during the business portion that:

***Treasurer's report indicated \$6,555.99, sum total of all bank accounts and savings.

***Membership Chairman Frank Mayer-nik reported solicitation of new members - 70 letters to date and more due to be released shortly. A special offer is being made at present to add 2 months to the yearly membership subscription as an added inducement to join.

***Compliments were extended to Audrey Boerckel, Publicity Chairman, for her regular releases in MAILEADER which provide historical news for readers via the "Down Memory Lane" column.

***President Emma Bitowski introduced guests of the evening: Louise Corduca, Kay Caldwell, Micky Pinetti, John Vriggs, Betty Reichardt, Kathy and Ed Libolt, and Mildred Schiller.

***Souvenir Table via Dagmar Ficken reported brisk sales of holiday gift items.

***Looking some months ahead, Program Chairman, Jim Boerckel announced a program on Ellis Island preservation for February a program on Winston Churchill for March, and a program on clocks for a date as yet undetermined.

***A program entitled "Valley Stream, Then and Now" is being prepared by Lillian Weaver with the assistance of Howard Ruel and Al Mayer-nik for general Society release.

***Anniversary Dinner plans are still in the embryo, with some specific details due to be released at the November meeting. A good show of hands indicated considerable interest in this celebration which is to be a non-profit one.

***Ways & Means Committee is seeking fund-raising ideas. (Ed, see elsewhere in this issue for news of our December House Tour)

***Holy Trinity Church in whose Hall we meet, has given permission for us to conduct a sales boot

at their Annual Fair on October 29th, at which time we will sell Valley Stream History Books, Long Island Map towels, and local scenic postcards. We are grateful for this fund-raising opportunity.

***Members were reminded of the special George Meade "Operation Sail" program to be presented at Village Hall on October 20th, sponsored jointly by our Society and Waldinger Library.

***Maria Wendel's floral donation was won by Kathy Libolt.

1977 House Tour

Our Society will sponsor a tour of the homes of two of our Valley Stream members on Saturday, December 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Following this tour, refreshments will be served at the home of Irma and Anthony Fiero, 15 Sylvan Place, Valley Stream. The first home to visit is that of Mabel Dibble Ackerly, 55 Sylvan Place. Mabel is a great-granddaughter of the founding Payan Family and although her present home is not the ancestral homestead, it is, nevertheless, filled with most interesting antiques and memorabilia of another day long gone. Additionally, Mabel can boast of a very "green thumb" (she claims it's because she talks to her plants daily) and her solarium offers a special treat for plant lovers. The Bitowskis' home at 8 Sylvan Place is the second stop. Emma and Ed must be the world's greatest collectors - everything from dolls to miniatures, to rocks to you-name-it! Many of the items are made by hand with painstaking care. After touring these two memorable homes, one needs only to step across the street to #15, where Irma and Anthony Fiero will be presiding over tasty refreshments in their spacious Family room. The cost of all this.....a mere \$2.50!! Tickets are available only at the November 16th meeting, or from the Bitowskis, 825-4002 - and must be purchased in

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advance of date of Tour. You'll find the tour a unique one, so, don't miss it!

Mailing Assistance

for the October issue of PANCRAMA was competently provided by Marie Putre, and assistance for this November issue by Drew Weaver. There will be no PANCRAMA or general meeting in December, but we will be needing help again for the January newsletter which will outline the plans for the Covered Dish Supper, an annual event awaited eagerly by our members.

Historic Preservation

Ever wonder how period homes stay preserved for future generations to study and enjoy? Our own Village has already lost a few historical gems of architecture through lack of interest, funds, or foresight to preserve, the buildings having gone to wrack and ruin before anything could stop them. Your Editor would like to recommend a unique organization called NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION (Washington D.C.) whose goals are specifically that. Membership, which I acquire on a personal basis for a cost of \$10 a year, keeps one abreast of preservation activity not only nationally but locally and is well worth the investment for the historically-minded. There's a monthly Preservation News, a quarterly Historic Preservation Magazine, bulletins of tours, exhibit and the like, plus free visiting privileges at a number of museums. Society members may use the following form to send for information:

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: National Trust for Historic
: Preservation
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: Washington, D.C. 20006
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: membership to:

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