

# PANORAMA



VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

J.F. Felton, Grocer & Seedsman, had four delivery wagons.

VOLUME 6, NO. 4

JANUARY, 1979

**Next Meeting  
Wednesday,**

**January 17, 1979**

HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH HALL BKLYN AV/7TH  
VALLEY STREAM

**6 p.m.**

**COVERED DISH  
SUPPER**



JANUARY is usually the month of the "blahs"... The excitement of the Holidays is over and people have nothing to look forward to but the long cold winter months ahead. Not so for the members of the Historical Society. We look forward to our Covered Dish Supper. This event... inaugurated by Lil Weaver the first year of our founding... was so popular that it has become one of our traditions. Like the mailmen of old... "Neither snow, sleet or hail, can keep our members away from a splendid repast. Believe me, we have had all three. For those members who have recently joined our organization and for all other members also, let me recap the rules.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY supplies the meat, punch, coffee and bread. The Board members supply the cake. All other members who attend are to bring a dish, depending on their last name. This list is elsewhere in this NEWSLETTER. The dish brought must be able to feed husband and wife PLUS some other people. In other words... bring enough to feed at LEAST 8 people!

IN ORDER to defray the cost of the meat, bread, etc., the Society supplies, we ask for a donation. Let me make this clear... this is NOT a fund raiser, but we do not want to lose out financially, either. With the rising cost of not only food, but also paper products and rent, the Executive Board will ask for a donation of at LEAST \$1.00 from each individual attending this affair. Now, I ask you... where can you go today to spend a pleasant evening plus an assortment of goodies to nibble on for \$1 per person cash outlay? In order that everyone can enjoy sampling the culinary efforts of our members, make sure the dish you bring is a generous one.

YOUR PRESIDENT and your Executive Board hope you will join us on January 17, 1979 to eat, drink and be merry! Bon Appetite!

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**Menu** COVERED DISH SUPPER

- Last Names  
A to G Dairy type food, eggs, cheese, gelatin/fruit, fish
- Last Names  
H to O Starchy type potatoes, beans, rice, noodles
- Last Names  
P to Z Vegetables, salads, casseroles

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window



On November 29th a large gathering of members and friends of our Society enjoyed a night of good fellowship at our first Wine-Tasting Party. We are most grateful to Jim Polychron, of Polychron's Liquor Store, who arranged for former Valley Streamer, Jim Cushman of the Great Western Wine Company to present a film and an ample tasting of a variety of wines served with cheese and crackers. The festive occasion concluded with coffee and cake, a number of lucky people left with good prizes of wine.

Many thanks to those who donated cake or services... Emma, Ed and Dale Bitowski, Wilma and Elsie Fare, Jim and Audrey Boerckel, Mildred Zulch, Claire McMahon, Bert Keller, Ruth Jones, Evelyn McQuade, Allan Dowdeswell, Agnes Libath, and Jim Polychron. For those who weren't there you missed a fun evening.

Since our last publication we are sorry to report the death of two of our members.

**DICK TOTTEN** - Our deepest sympathy to Vera Totten upon the death of her husband Dick after a long illness. Dick was an active member of the Society prior to his illness. He served as Circulating Manager of Howard Ruehl's book "The History of Valley Stream" in 1975. Dick was also a member of the executive board 1974-1975. He will be missed.

**VIOLA FERRUCCI** - We extend our sympathy to the family of Viola Ferrucci. Viola was to be our Corresponding Secretary this year, but was unable to do so on account of illness. She also will be missed by members.

We will also like to extend our sympathy to Edwin Bitowski and Elizabeth Kuberman upon the loss of their mother, Hedwig Bitowski and to Dale Bitowski for the loss of a Grandmother.



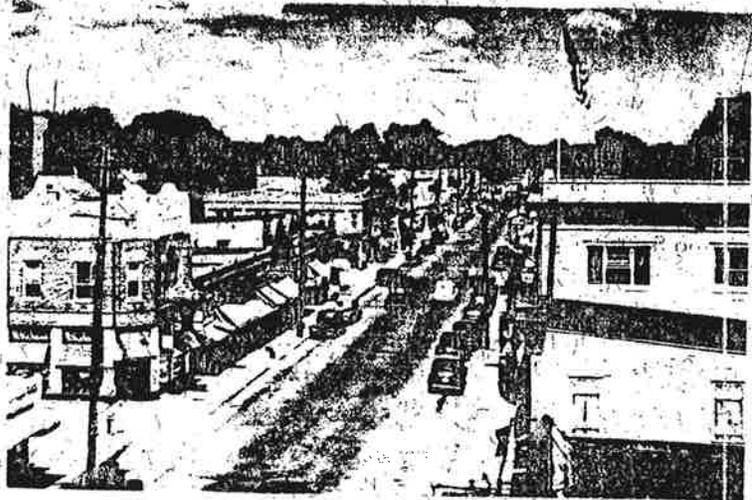
OF THE EDITOR....  
I am very happy to introduce Evelyn McQuade as the new Editor of PANORAMA. I hope all of you will help her with this job by sending her your bits and pieces as you have to me. Much Luck to You Evelyn in your future issues.

Dale A. Bitowski  
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Editor

# PANORAMA

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



*Rockaway Avenue, facing North (1942)*

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FEBRUARY, 1979

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## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday  
February 21, 1979  
8:00 p.m.

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



Our program for this meeting has been arranged by member Hank Anholzer, formerly of the Naval Air Transport Service, and it will feature short talks by three men who fought in the air during World War II.

Hank will introduce former Bomber Pilot First Lt. Henry Brunke of the German Air Force, who flew various types of German aircraft and was shot down three times; Vic Stevens, who flew aircraft for the British Air Force; Heinz Roescham, former Gunner Engineer for the Luftwaffe Night Fighter Wing.

Vic Stevens will also display his collection of World War II German uniforms, hats, helmets and medals, and will explain their use during that period of time.

Questions and answers will conclude the program.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

\*\*\* On January 27th, Dale Bitowski, our former Editor, embarked on the newest chapter in her life as Mrs. D. Robert Waltz of Hudson, Ohio. Our very best wishes for lifelong happiness to both Dale and Bob, and congratulations, too, to Emma and Ed Bitowski.

\*\*\* Helen and Ed Moore are the proud grandparents of newly-arrived, Patrick Edward Moore.

\*\*\* Christopher William Ford, their first grandchild, is the reason for the beaming smiles of Tom and Claire (our Recording Secretary) McMahon.

### MEMBERSHIP

It's that time again! Make a note to fill in the enclosed renewal application and return it with your dues payment as soon as possible. If you have not signed up by March 31st, the March issue of PANORAMA will be the last one you will receive. Don't let the days slip by!

### MISCELLANY

\*\*\* What's next in collecting? Experts claim antique photographs will zoom in value soon.

\*\*\* Are you in a stay-at-home rut due to inflation? Youth hostels here and abroad may be the answer. In spite of their name, there's no limit on age. Accommodations are spartan, but clean and cost from \$2 to \$5 a night. U. S. hostels range from homelike settings in cities to ranch-style bunks in lovely national parks. Abroad you might draw anything from a castle to a sailing ship. For details write to American Youth Hostels, Inc., Delaplaine, VA 22025.

\*\*\* On view until April 29th at the Museum of American Folk Art, 49 W. 53rd St., NYC--"Artists in Aprons--Folk Art by American Women." Included are paintings, drawings, quilts, samplers, bed rugs and other needlework by women folk artists, dating from the 17th Century.

### HISTORICAL NOTE

\*\*\* On February 14, 1944, the congregation known as Trinity Chapel became an organized parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island under the parish name of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

### REAR WINDOW

Approximately 75 stalwart soul-defied the elements to attend a covered dish supper last month. As in the past, the mouth-watering goodies awaiting them made it well worth the effort.

Following the supper, Mary Gear led a session of community singing (replete with gestures!), accompanied by Lois Ward on the piano.

Rounding out the evening was the display of about 35 members' own baby pictures. While scores were quite low in guessing who was who, the fun shared by all indeed scored very high!

### WORTH REPEATING

*"Remember, nothing that's good works by itself just to please you, you've got to make the damn thing work."*

Thomas A. Edison  
born Feb. 11, 1847

### FEBRUARY

*"I have been refreshing myself with a walk in the garden, where I find that January (who according to Chaucer was the mother of May) being dead, February has married the widow."*

William Cowper,  
February 13, 1783  
(Letter to Joseph Hill)



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

1979 MEMBERSHIP FORM  
Membership valid to March 1, 1980

I have marked my category below. Please send my

NEW  RENEWAL membership card addressed to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

- INDIVIDUAL (up to age 55, not a student) \$5.00
- STUDENT (school or college undergraduate, valid concurrently with school year) 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 up to and including age 18 - PLEASE LIST NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN ON REVERSE) 10.00
- ORGANIZATIONAL (clubs, business organizations, etc.) 15.00
- SUSTAINING (tax-exempt gift) 50.00
- LIFE (tax-exempt gift) 100.00

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

# PANORAMA

N E X T M E E T I N G

Wednesday,  
April 18, 1979

VALLEY STREAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

N E W S L E T T E R

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Hall  
Brooklyn Avenue & Seventh Street  
Valley Stream

Our own Alphonse Mayernik, member of the Board of Trustees, will present another of his slide shows...

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Audience Participation

APRIL, 1979

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*The sun was warm, but the wind was chill  
You know how it is with an April day;  
When the sun is out and the wind is still,  
You're one month on in the middle of May.  
But if you so much as dare to speak,  
A cloud comes over the sunlit arch,  
A wind comes off a frozen peak,  
And you're two months back in the middle  
of March.*

(Excerpt from "Two Tramps in Mud Time"  
by Robert Frost)



This is Where Green Acres Is Today

HISTORICAL NOTES

April 7, 1929

On this day the formal opening took place of an airfield developed by the Advance Aircraft Corp, covering 76 acres extending from Central Avenue west to the city and from Sunrise Highway south to Mill Stream. Flying restrictions and zoning laws prevented a smooth operation and in 1930 Advance sold their interest to Curtiss Aircraft, who then developed the airfield into the largest commercial airport on Long Island. At its prime, over 800 planes flew in and out daily and Charles Lindbergh and Wiley Post made the field their New York headquarters. The depression in 1933 forced its closing and eventual purchase by the Chanin Co., builders of the Green Acres community and later the shopping center.

April 18, 1912

On this day the Reverend Freidrich Holter, a field missionary, visited German Lutherans in Valley Stream for the purpose of conducting church services and forming a congregation. With several interested families, he held the first German service in the Corona Avenue Firehouse.

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**REAR WINDOW** - Jim Boerckel's enjoyable slide presentation and commentary sure made one yearn for Spring and the open road! A complete listing of Jim and Audrey's suggestions will accompany next month's PANORAMA. . . President Emma Bitowski announced that VSHS has been invited to march in the Memorial Day Parade on May 30th. Please sign up with her as soon as possible if you will be able to swell the ranks. . . Jim Boerckel reported that the Nominating Committee will present the new slate of officers at the April meeting. There is still an opening for a Recording Secretary. How about you? He also stated that nominations would be accepted up to election time at the May meeting. . . Don't forget to check the VSHS bulletin board at the Library and see the fruits of Al Mayernik's labors. Also, Wilbur Fare posts interesting items on the bulletin board set up at the meetings. . . Lillian Weaver gave her Membership Committee report that advised us of a total of 163 members on the rolls as of March 20th. . . She will be sending dues renewal notices by the end of March. . . Emma told of plans for a house tour late in May and possibly a garage sale. Details to follow as these plans are completed. . . Mabel Ackerly was the winner of the plant door prize at the March meeting. . . Speaking of Mabel, May 19th will be "Mabel Ackerly Night" at our meeting. That same evening Helen Dowdeswell and Mog Wellington will tell us of their recent trip to China. . . Our June meeting will consist of the installation of our new officers, our annual strawberry festival and entertainment by the Mutual Funs, a ladies' barber-shop singing group. Y'all come! ( *flea market on fr May - start saving!*)

### MISCELLANY



### ODE TO THE SUNDAY FUNNIES

Remember the good old days when the whole family looked forward to chuckling over the Sunday Funnies together? Those were the days of Flash Gordon, Prince Valiant, Crazy Kat, and the indomitable Little Orphan Annie. For a flashback to what made you laugh and cry when you were a kid, get on over to Cartoonerville, the Gallery of Original Comic Art, in Huntington for their exhibit of original comic art by America's foremost cartoonists. The show spans the golden age of the Sunday Funnies from 1900-1978. Cartoonerville, the Gallery of Original Comic Art, 105 Woodbury Road, Huntington. Hours: noon-4 PM, Wednesday through Saturday (and, by appointment) through April '79. No admission charge. For information call: 423-1012.



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A thought for Memorial Day...



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"Just as the birds, with deep instinct of choice,  
Seek the echo of a friend's well-known voice...  
(May it not be true that man, banishing strife,  
Will in true friendship find the fuller life,  
Then God--all the gods--will lend a listening ear  
And send to man the gift of peace so dear.)"

(From *The Book of Songs*, the classical book of odes from the Chou Dynasty (1112 B. C. - 249 B. C.)\*)

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MAY, 1979

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,  
May 19, 1979  
8:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Hall  
Brooklyn Avenue & Seventh Street  
Valley Stream



Tonight will be *Mabel Dibble Ackerly Night* in honor of her 90th Birthday!  
and then, to top off the evening,  
Helen Dowdeswell and Mog Wellington will entertain us with details  
and slides describing their trip to Mainland China.

*A truly, not-to-be missed evening!*

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## HISTORICAL NOTES

- May 7, 1945 Germany surrendered to Allies (WW II)
- May 9, 1926 Com. Richard E. Byrd and Floyd Bennett flew over North Pole
- May 10, 1869 Golden Spike driven to complete transcontinental railroad
- May 21, 1927 Lindbergh flew non-stop to Paris
- May 27, 1937 San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge opened
- May 31, 1819 Walt Whitman born

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\* This poem is the translation of the Chinese characters which appear below it. They are excerpts from the recently-published book *Chou* by John McCook Roots and permission was granted by the author to use them.

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REAR WINDOW

\*\*\*Jim Boerckel, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate for the election of officers to be held at the May meeting:

- President..... Theodore Libath
- Vice President ..... Wilbur Fare
- Recording Secretary..... (still open)
- Corresponding Sec'y .... Elsie Fare
- Treasurer ..... Dagmar Ficken
- Trustee ( 3-Years) ..... Emma Bitowski
- Trustee ( 2-Years) ..... Bert Keller
- Trustee (1 Year) ..... Allan Dowdeswell
- Claire McMahon
- Mildred Zulch
- Audrey Boerckel

\*\*\*The house tour has had to be postponed.

FLEA MARKET

Sunday, May 27, 1979, Hendrickson  
Park Parking Lot  
10: 00 a. m. to 5: 00 p. m.

We will appreciate any articles you will care to donate, *except* clothing. Emma Bitowski will store everything at her house, 8 Sylvan Place, but call her before coming--VA 5-4002. Also, if you have no way of getting your things to Emma, give Wilbur Fare a call - VA 5-8128 - and he will be glad to pick them up.

COVERED DISH CORNER

Mog Wellington has passed along this recipe to us, courtesy of Clarence Merriles of Maul.

"HAWAIIAN DELICIOUS"  
(a "cool" salad)

- Mix one cup *each* (drain the fruit)
- Pineapple Chunks
- Mandarin Oranges
- Shredded Coconut
- Seedless Grapes
- Sour Cream

The salad can be made and used immediately, but improves if permitted to stand overnight.

(Mahalo, Mog and Clarence!)

MISCELLANY



Al Mayernik has advised us that while the Dibble family was welcoming the arrival of their Mabel in 1889, the occupant of the White House was Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd President, inaugurated on March 4, 1889 and the grandson of the 9th President, William Henry Harrison.

GET-WELL WISHES

Mayor W Tom Ward, an active VSHS member, has been on the sick list, and we do hope that he will be feeling 100% again by the time he reads this!

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of one of our charter members, Ina M. Cole, a well-known and highly esteemed teacher and principal at Wheeler Avenue School. On May 3rd, to pay special tribute to her, a Sugar Maple tree was planted on the front lawn of the school by children, staff, alumni and parents.

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MEADOWS OF JUNE

*...And we who have time will walk old hills again for the wild strawberries of June, sweet and tart and delectable. Deep in a field somewhere, we shall find the lush and ripened fruit. Man savors the berry and the harvest. All are a part of the meadows of summertime and June.*

Lansing Christmann

VOLUME 6, NO. 9

JUNE, 1979

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,  
June 20, 1979  
8:00 p.m.



## PROGRAM

Installation of Officers  
Annual Strawberry Festival  
"The Mutual Funs"  
Ladies' Barbershop Singers  
(return engagement)

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Hall  
Brooklyn Avenue & Seventh Street  
Valley Stream

What better way to adjourn our meetings for the summer than by welcoming our new slate of officers, delighting our palates with luscious strawberry desserts and, finally, listening to the wonderfully entertaining musical sounds of "The Mutual Funs"!

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## LOOKING BACK

Two years ago, I took office as President of the Valley Stream Historical Society, and those have been both exciting and frustrating ones for me. Exciting, because we tried many things for the first time: first woman president, first garage sale, first house tour, wine tasting and auction. All of these ventures have proved successful and popular, except, perhaps, the first one.

We celebrated our Fifth Anniversary with a gala and delightful dinner dance. This year we have had monthly educational displays in the schools throughout Valley Stream, and, when requested, we have furnished a lecturer, Mogg Wellington, to the schools. The Village has bought the Pagan-Fairchild house as a Museum and many of our members are on the Museum Committee. The Valley Stream Historical Society is expected to take a very active part when the Museum opens. Our programs have been of great variety and interest. The attendance at our monthly meetings attests to that. Jim and Audrey Boerckel have done a splendid job. And, our treasury is solid and healthy.

It has also been my pleasure to have had a reliable Board of Trustees to help make decisions; a Vice President, Wilbur Fare, who gives unselfishly of his time and efforts; Claire McMahon, who brings order out of chaos as Recording Secretary; Treasurer Dagmar Ficken, who watches our money like a hawk. These people have been the backbone of this organization and I have been fortunate to work with them.

These things have made my two-year term of office a gratifying and exciting experience. However, all has not been without frustrations and setbacks, too. This year, particularly, we have been plagued by illness and unforeseen events. Many of our most reliable people have had to give up or curtail their activities in the Society. This is very hard on a president and is also why we keep asking members to become active.

We had to find a new editor for PANORAMA to succeed Lillian Weaver, its originator and editor for five years. Dale Blowski took on the job, but that came to an end when she married and moved away. Then came Evelyn McQuade to the rescue. In the few short months that she has been Editor, she has been putting out a newsletter we can all be proud of. The most frustrating part of being president of an organization is that there are not more people like Evelyn. She saw an opportunity to do something for the Society that she thought she would enjoy doing and, as a result, she has become a very vital part of our organization.

With a dynamic leader such as our new President, Ted Libath, our efficient Vice President, Wilbur Fare, our trusted Treasurer, Dagmar Ficken, and our new Recording Secretary, Bob Presbrey, the Valley Stream Historical Society is bound to do great things this coming year. Good luck to all of you.

Emma Blowski

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The picnic will be held again this year on the Village Green on July 8. We will need people to help out at the Historical Society booth.

### REAR WINDOW

\*\*\*The flea market was a financial success.  
(Even Mother Nature cooperated with a nice sunny day!)

\*\*\*We're so pleased that Bob Presbrey has agreed to fill the slot of Recording Secretary.

\*\*\*Helen Dowdeswell and Mog Wellington did a great job at the May meeting in describing their adventures in China.

\*\*\*Lillian and Drew Weaver enjoyed their trip to Iowa to visit their son. The Raeders, Hill and Marion, were recent visitors to beautiful Hawaii.

\*\*\*Mabel Ackerly was presented with a membership card in honor of her 90th birthday and for all she has done for VSHS. (Did you see that great picture of her cutting her birthday cake in The Mailleader?)

\*\*\*Howard Ruehl has been recuperating fast and furiously from recent surgery. Atta boy, Howard!

\*\*\*The next issue of PANORAMA will be mailed out in September. The September meeting is scheduled for the 19th. In the meantime, enjoy a happy, healthy (and sunny?) summer!

### MY NEIGHBOR'S ROSES

*The roses red upon my neighbor's vine  
Are owned by him, but they are also mine.  
His was the cost, and his the labor, too,  
But mine as well as his the joy, their loveliness to view.*

*They bloom for me and are for me as fair  
As for the man who gives them all his care.  
Thus I am rich, because a good man grew  
A rose-clad vine for all his neighbors' view.*

(Two verses of poem by Abraham L. Gruber)



### OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS

#### Memorial Day Parade

There are over 200 members in the Valley Stream Historical Society. Sounds good, doesn't it? We have an attendance of 50 or more members at our monthly meetings. That's even better. Wouldn't you think that out of all these people we could get more than 10 marchers in the parade? And, four of them are not even members! Granted, some of you had to work that day, but there were several of you enjoying the parade from the sidelines. Many didn't even both to do that. So small a showing by a Society such as ours, which has the backing of the Village Fathers, does not present a very good image to the people of Valley Stream or its officials. If we want to continue to grow and be respected as one of the leading organizations of this Village, we had better "get with it," and make a better showing of strength and solidarity the next time we participate in a parade. I might add that without Wilbur Fare and his family there would have been no Historical Society unit marching. He supplied six of our contingent.

I would like to publicly thank the following for participating in the parade and making people aware of our Society: Wilbur Fare, Elsie Fare, Douglas Fare, Edward Fare, Mark Meyer, Bert Keller, Carolyn Gladky, Lillian Weaver and Laurie Meyer. To the rest of you, SHAME!!!

Emma Bitowski  
President

#### VOCABULARY BUILDING

At a news conference not too long ago, Senator Daniel P. Moynihan used the word - floccipaucinihilipilification - listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the longest word. In the Oxford English Dictionary, first used, supposedly, in 1741. It means "the action of estimating as worthless." (Editor's Note: It might be a good word to use on your next bumbling bridge partner!)

MEMO TO MEMBERS

Re: COVERED DISH SUPPER, 6 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1978

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

Last names from A to G	Dairy-type foods (eggs, cheese, etc.) Gelatin/Fruit Fish (hot or cold)
Last names from H to O	"Starchy" type (hot or cold) This might be potatoes, beans, rice, noodles, etc.)
Last names from P to Z	Vegetable content (hot or cold) Salads, casseroles, etc.

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

NOTE: DO NOT BRING MEAT OR MEAT-CONTENT DISHES. The Society will provide this portion of the supper, as well as the bread, butter, coffee and tea. Following the meal, a goodwill offering will be accepted to defray this expense.

DESSERT will be provided by way of cake donations from the Society Board. This is in lieu of their covered dishes but is not considered to be a hospitality donation for other months.

Important: Members who plan to bring prospective members as their guests should notify Mark Wendel, Supper Chairman (225-1291) so that supplies will be adequate. All members will be expected to follow the food assignment schedule as above.

MEMORANDUM NOTES

Our House Tour on December 3 was extremely successful, especially in view of the haste with which it was put together, and in the busy pre-Holiday Season at that! We netted \$77. From all reports participants enjoyed the tour and the refreshments at the conclusion. Plans are underway to hold a House and Garden Tour this coming Spring. Watch for news of it.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS for 1978-79 are accepted. Your Bank Account and in your check book advance your membership through March 1, 1979.

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YOUTH (ages 12-17)	2.50
ASSOCIATE (college and voting privilege)	2.50
NON-RESIDENT	2.50
FAMILY (defined as husband, wife, and one or more children under and including age 18 - PLEASE GIVE NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN ON REVERSE)	
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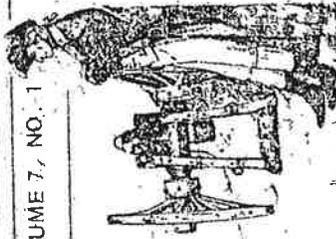
SEPTEMBER DAYS

O sweet September, thy first breezes bring  
The dry leaf's rustle and the squirrel's laughter,  
The cool fresh air when'er health and vigor spring  
And promise of exceeding joy hereafter.

George Arnold (1838-1885)

NEWS LETTER

VOLUME 7, NO. 1



SEPTEMBER, 1979

N E X T M E E T I N G

Wednesday,  
September 19, 1979  
8:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Hall  
Brooklyn Avenue & Seventh Street  
Valley Stream

Jim and Audrey have done it again! For our program this month, they have arranged for an appearance by the NEW YORK COLONY COMPANY OF ARTILLERY (Alexander Hamilton's Independent Train of Artillery). This is a re-activated Revolutionary War Unit, chartered as a non-profit educational corporation dedicated to portraying the life and times of the citizen soldier. Their goal, through living history, is to bring a better understanding of the unselfish sufferings that our forefathers underwent to give us freedom. Their program will consist of drills taken from the original manuals, authentic uniforms, artifacts and firearms, in addition to a film. Their Adjutant, Ralph Marchese, would also welcome a question and answer period. Don't miss this one!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another Historical Society year is upon us, and I hope all had a healthy, restful and enjoyable summer. With the approach of fall, we get back to our labors to have many interesting Society meetings.

When taking office, I asked that everyone make an effort this year to solicit new members for the continued growth of our organization. I hope that you have or will be speaking to your friends and neighbors about joining us. I also stated at that time that we would not require committees that would be more or less inactive during the year. However, we do have committees that are needed for our month-to-month operation. It would be nice to consider lending yourself to one of these groups to relieve those who have served so ably.

During our vacation, I have spoken to many of our members, and they have informed me of some great ideas for the coming year. Let's all attend our meetings so that we can make it a great year.

Ted Libath

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In the mid-1920's, realizing the need for a railroad station to serve his newly-constructed community, Mr. William R. Gibson contacted the Long Island Rail Road. After several years of legal negotiations, it was agreed that trains would stop morning and night, if Mr. Gibson would build his own station. Designed to match the Gibson homes and at a cost of \$55,000, the building officially opened on May 29, 1929.

Today, with a considerably increased schedule, the station re-

portedly serves about 1,000-daily commuters. (Thanks to former Gibsonite, Virginia Becher Palmer for calling this 50th anniversary to our attention.)

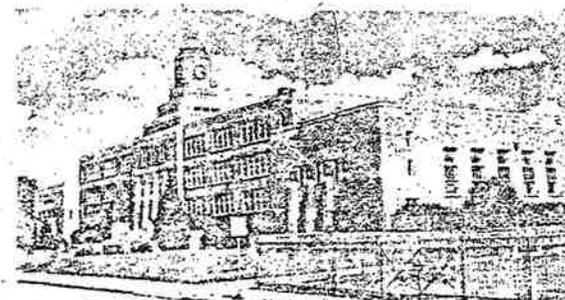
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### JONES BEACH

About 1700, Major Thomas Jones built a whaling station on a barrier strip five miles south of the Nassau mainland. Two hundred and twenty-five years later, master builder, Robert Moses, put forth his visionary plan to turn this little-known reef into a huge state park, and in spite of much opposition, his dream was realized with the official opening on August 4, 1929 of Jones Beach State Park.

Over these fifty years, literally millions of us have enjoyed the beautiful ocean and bay beaches, pools, recreational facilities, outdoor theatre, etc.

Pictured here is its most famous landmark, the 200-foot water tower. It was fashioned after the campanile of St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, and reportedly stores 316,000 gallons of fresh water for drinking and showers, drawn from three 1,000-foot wells.



Central High, most beautiful School on Long Island

### VALLEY STREAM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

In 1928, a \$750,000 bond issue was floated to finance the construction of a much-needed high school building on Fletcher Avenue. Completed in 1929, the school opened its doors in September of that year, with Harry W. Gross as Principal and W. Clinton Stuart as Assistant Principal.

This magnificent structure is a lasting tribute to its architect, Frederic Wiedersum, who now lives in Florida. No detail to enhance its beauty was overlooked. In the October, 1977 issue of PANORAMA, Lillian Weaver described in detail the lovely frieze which appears around the entire auditorium, depicting the Triumphal Entry of Alexander into Babylon.

In 1975, over 1,000 alumni and guests attended a reunion to commemorate the establishment of the Valley Stream Central High School in 1925, when classes were held in a wooden frame building that had been used as a grade school on Wheeler Avenue. This year, on October 13th, another reunion is scheduled to celebrate the opening of the beautiful building pictured above. The reunion is sponsored by the newly-formed Valley Stream Central High School Alumni Association, Inc., perhaps the only group of its kind in the country. A fitting tribute to our Alma Mater, which has "meant a lot to us all throughout the years."

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(Gibson station and Central High School information secured from Howard Ruehl's "History of Valley Stream 1800-1975".)

ON THE AVENUE ...

Note the date on this opening day circular--then read on and weep, but not too long at today's price of Kleenex!

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Prints of this reduced reproduction of the original circular have been graciously donated to the Valley Stream Historical Society by Joseph J. Liguori, proprietor of Dreyer Valley Stream Pharmacy and Murray Kornfeld, proprietor of Kornfeld's Studio. Thank you, gentlemen!

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ON THE AVENUE . . . (cont'd)

While shopping in Dreyer's-Valley Stream Pharmacy, a customer noticed a framed copy of the opening day sales circular of the Rockaway Pharmacy (of which Dreyer's is the successor). Joseph J. Liguori, the proprietor, said it was presented to him recently by Mrs. Eli Heller of Valley Stream, who told him it was found in a wall in her home during renovations. Having lived in this same house as a child, Mrs. Heller remembers that her father also had work done and feels that the circular was left in the wall by one of the workmen.

Background note: Rockaway Pharmacy was originally located at 173 Rockaway Avenue, occupying a portion of what is now Shep's Furniture. It's successor, Dreyer's, moved to 196 Rockaway Avenue several years ago, taking over a store formerly occupied by a Whelan's Drug Store (see picture on page one).

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The calendar and business card pictured were also sent to Mr. Liguori recently. A gentleman from South Carolina had been in New York and bought a desk from an antique dealer. In taking the desk apart to clean it, he found these items and was thoughtful enough to send them along Dreyer's. Mr. Liguori, in turn, is pleased to share them with us.

# PANORAMA



NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER HARMONIES

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

October is an inspiration under sun or under stars. Where the warmth of summer touched gently on hill and man, autumn's sharper fingers spread crystals of frost on grass and colored leaf, on goldenrod and aster.

All are a part of the blending harmonies of a season's change while autumn ships along like a windblown leaf before the hour of a December's surging snow.

Lansing Christman

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## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,  
October 17, 1979  
8:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Hall  
Brooklyn Avenue & Seventh Street  
Valley Stream

## P R O G R A M

Another visit from old friend of the Society...

### RAY CHAMBERS

(sponsored by New York Telephone)

UFO's -- REAL OR IMAGINARY ???

Ray is a lecturer, historian, writer, broadcaster, and is Executive Director of the Camberwell Collection--the largest private American media accumulation in the world--14,000 newspapers, 5,000 hours of radio programs and 50,000 photographs of American history. His views on UFO's should be fascinating.

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## REAR WINDOW

... The new season started off on a truly historical note with the most interesting program provided by the New York Colony Company of Artillery, replete with authentic uniforms, weapons and artifacts.

... At the short business meeting that preceded the program, President Ted Libath advised of the following committee members: Membership--Claire McMahon, assisted by F. Dwight Young; Program Committee--Audrey & Jim Boerckel, Mog Wellington and Helen Dowdeswell; Refreshments--Marion & Phil Raeder and Emma Bitowski; Sales Table--Lil Weaver and Jane and Robert Sutter (Lil promises many new items); Publicity--Helen Zang and Jane Simon; Historian--Al Mayernik; Roots Committee--Adele Hagman; Sunshine Committee--Eleanor & Frank Mayernik; PANORAMA Editor--Evelyn McQuade, assisted with the mailing by Winifred Luthy and Elsie and Wilbur Fare. (Many thanks to Marion Raeder for a super job in getting the September issue in the mail!)

... Audrey Boerckel would appreciate articles for the "Down Memory Lane" column in the MAI Leader.

... The following have offered to bring cakes for the October meeting: Edna Carey, Caroline Young, Ruth Anholzer, Florence Gunther and Peg Keller. We appreciate it, ladies!

... Nice to see Al Mayernik looking so well after being on sick list this past summer. Howard Ruehl is feeling fine, too.

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President Ted Libath (VA 5-2759) and Vice President Wilbur Fare (VA 5-8128) will be glad to answer any questions about VSHS that members or prospective members may care to ask.

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IN SYM Y

We were so glad to learn of the death of one of our charter members, Winfield S. Boerckel, and wish to express sincere sympathy to his wife, brother Jim and all the Boerckel family.

**HISTORICAL NOTES**

- October 5, 1921 First radio broadcast of World Series (Giants 5, Yankees 3)
- October 8, 1871 Great Chicago Fire—17,000 buildings burned down
- October 12, 1492 Columbus landed on San Salvador, opening the New World
- October 18, 1892 First commercial long-distance telephone line opened
- October 19, 1781 Revolutionary War ended with British surrender to General Washington at Yorktown
- October 21, 1879 Thomas A. Edison invented incandescent lamp
- October 29, 1919 Wall Street Stock Market Crash

Our Historian, Al Mayernik, was kind enough to dig into his archives for a copy of the October 29, 1929 front page of THE NEW YORK TIMES, a portion of which is shown below.

# The New York Times

"All the News That's Fit to Print"

**THE WEATHER**  
The following summary represents the general weather conditions for the United States and possessions.

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1929. TWO CENTS

**ROOSEVELT ACCUSES SENATORS**  
**AM PLOT TO BESMIRCH HIM,**  
**NORMS TO ASK FOR CENSURE**

**SENATORS RENEW**  
**DEMAND ON HOOVER**  
**FOR TARIFF STAND**

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**BANKERS TO SUPPORT MARKET TODAY**

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**Unexpected Torrent of**  
**Liquidation Again**  
**Rocks Markets.**

**DAY'S SALES** 8,212,600

**Nearly 1,000,000 Shares Are**  
**Traded in Final Hour—The**

**ROOSEVELT'S MEXICAN POLICY**  
The President's policy in Mexico is being criticized by many of the leading Republicans in the Senate. It is charged that the President is acting in a dictatorial manner and that his policy is based on a desire to establish a permanent American empire in Mexico.

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**COVERED DISH CORNER**

Agnes Libath has submitted this recipe for **BROCCOLI SUPREME**

- 2 Pkgs. (10 oz. each) frozen broccoli spears
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 eggs, well-beaten
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1-1/2 cups seasoned stuffing crumbs (Pepperidge Farm)

Cook broccoli as per directions. Drain well. Combine soup, mayonnaise, eggs and onion, and blend in with cooked broccoli. Put in buttered casserole. Sprinkle with cheese and sprinkle crumbs on top. Bake 30 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

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# PANORAMA



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Earthwatch team investigating volcano in Iceland

credit: Earthwatch

#### NEXT MEETING

(Please note new date)

Wednesday,  
November 14, 1979  
8:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Hall  
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#### PROGRAM

#### EARTHWATCH EXPEDITIONS

to  
ISRAEL (Archeological Dig)  
and PUERTO RICO

Speakers:  
Jane Prawda and Helen Dowdeswell

(EARTHWATCH offers interested amateurs the opportunity to join permanent scientists on a wide variety of field research expeditions all over the world--an in-depth travel experience.)

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE!** - One of President Ted Libath's goals for 1979-80 is a considerable increase in membership in this very worthwhile Society. (As of the October meeting, 246 members on our rolls.) To spur us on a bit, Ted has donated a very handsome Jefferson clock, which Claire McMahon displayed at the meeting. It will be awarded at the June meeting to the member who has recruited the largest number of new members. (So, talk to your friends and neighbors and let's all try our hands at salesmanship, making Ted happy and keeping Claire and her committee (Dwight Young, Florence and Mary Gear) busy, busy, busy!

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Another Covered Dish Supper will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 1980 at our regular meeting place. This popular annual event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a welcoming hospitality punch bowl. Members are asked to bring generous "covered dishes" in accordance with the schedule which will appear in January's PANORAMA. Members of the Executive Board will bring dessert cakes and pies in lieu of covered dishes. The Society will provide meat and meat content dishes, butter, bread, coffee and tea. (A goodwill offering will be taken from all participants to defray this expense.) A fine program to follow the supper and business meeting has been planned.

Lil Weaver, Supper Chairman

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Libath  
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**REAR WINDOW** - Emma Bitowski asks that members come forth with collections, hobbies, etc. that she can borrow for displays in V. S. schools. (They are very well received by teachers and students alike.)... Jim Boerckel announced that we will also have another hobby night program at one of the spring meetings... In the spring, too, we hope to have another flea market... Lil Weaver announced the first two new items for sale at the sales table--ball point pens @5 for \$1.00 and two-year pocket appointment calendars (1980 & 1981) @ \$1.25 each. (Both would make useful "stocking stuffers" and grab bag items.)... **RAY CHAMBERS' UFO PROGRAM WAS REALLY FASCINATING!**

#### HISTORICAL NOTES

November 4, 1879	Cash register patented.
November 6, 1869	First college football game--Rutgers 6, Princeton 4.
November 9, 1922	Second election for incorporation of Valley Stream held in Jacob Ruen's Barber Shop--defeated.
November 14, 1832	First horse-drawn trolley line in U. S. began in N. Y.
November 18, 1921	"The Valley Stream Record" - a weekly publication started by E. George Williams, editor and publisher.



"Going to talk to the Boss."

On December 10, 1920, Woodrow Wilson received the Nobel Peace Prize for 1919. (Cartoon courtesy of Al Mayernik)

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No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,  
No comfortable feel in any member--  
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,  
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,  
November!

Thomas Hood

#### OLD ENGLISH SAYING

*As many mince pies as you  
taste at Christmas, so many  
happy months will you have.*

John Gay (1688-1732)

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

December, 1979 - no meeting  
January 16, 1980  
February 19, 1980 (Tuesday)  
March 18, 1980 (Tuesday)  
April 16, 1980  
May 21, 1980  
June 18, 1980

(Meetings normally held on the third Wednesday, except during Lent. No meetings held in December, July or August.)

#### HOLIDAY EGG NOG

12 eggs            1-1/2 cup sugar  
1 quart whipping cream  
1 pint milk       1 fifth Bourbon  
2 ounces Rum  
Grated nutmeg

Beat yolks and 1 cup sugar,  
Beat whites until peak white with  
a half cup of sugar.  
Whip the cream lightly.  
Stir in bourbon and rum.  
Sprinkle nutmeg.

"At Christmas be merry, and thankful withal  
And feast thy poor neighbors, the great with  
the small."