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REFUNDS FOR THE COMMUNITY

During Mid-October this year, taxpayers of the former local school district received somewhat unexpected checks in the mail. The checks are a refund from the sale of the old elementary school building on Route 9W. They are proportionate to the school tax valuations on taxpayers' property -- most ranged from about \$25.00 to \$75.00. A total of \$53,000 was returned to the taxpayers of the district -- of that amount, \$7,000.00 went to the Continental Can Realty Corp.

The refund is a real windfall to most of us -- we knew it was coming sometime, but not when or exactly how much.

At the same time, something else in the community which involves us all received a blow -- ROCAC funds for operation of the Teen Center program are not forthcoming. This means that perhaps the most vital program of the Community Center is suddenly left without funds to pay its director.

We cannot allow that to happen. Couldn't we put our windfall to good use to support the Teen Center? If we were to use the old-fashioned formula of tithing (i.e., each one of us assess ourselves 10% of our refund) to raise the money, we could easily collect the needed \$2,000.00 to support the Community Center and continue the Teen Program -- and for most the contribution would not be more than a few dollars.

The Village Board has named the week of November 13-21 Refunds for the Teen Center Week. Representatives of the Teen Center will conduct a door-to-door campaign, or contributions may be made at the Village Hall. There will also be collection boxes in many local stores. Every merchant who was approached enthusiastically supported the idea of the drive for funds and agreed to have collection boxes in their stores during that week. Locations are:

Piermont Liquor Store
Scolaro's Barber Shop
Community Market
Miraglia's Restaurant
Tappan Zee Thrift Shop
Ding Dong's Lounge
Sal Conigliaro's Tailor Shop
Dave's Bar

Mimi Bryan, Village Youth Commissioner, says she is so sure of the response of the community that she is confident the Teen Center will be able to open after the fund drive.

WHY THE PIERMONT TEEN CENTER IS OUT IN THE COLD

To function effectively, the Piermont Teen Center needs a paid director. Last season, director Sam Wilson's salary came from funds provided by ROCAC (Rockland County Community Action Council). This season there is no money for Piermont -- and no salary for Wilson. Why?

Simply put, the answer is pared-down budgets and poor communication. There are no funds for Piermont in this year's ROCAC budget because Piermont never has been an item in the ROCAC budget. Last year's grant was simply unallocated money ROCAC gave Piermont in recognition of its active teen group. ROCAC representatives still praise the Teen Center, but point out that money is tighter this year; there are no extra allocations. Unfortunately ROCAC officials never made clear to either the Teen Center adult advisory committee or the Village Board that last year's allocation was, in fact, a windfall and not an on-going budgetary item. Consequently, when the Village Board prepared the budget last spring (Piermont's budget runs from May to May), it made no provision for a Teen Center director's salary. And so this year Piermont's teenagers were omitted from two budgets -- left out in the cold.

SPARKILL CREEK IS IN PERIL!

A proposed \$6.5-million Federal/County project to "channelize" Sparkill Creek and divert some of its feedwaters to the Hackensack Water Co. reservoirs in New Jersey may wreak "devastation" on most of the length of the waterway and the land adjoining it, according to an alert group of Rockland citizens who have been looking into details of the plan.

At first glance (which is about all that any area residents have been able to get), the project looks harmless enough. It calls for clearing the channel of the creek, enlarging culverts and straightening portions to improve the flow and stop erosion. But \$6.5-million for enlarging a few culverts seemed a bit much to John and Gretta Alison, Orangetown councilman Don Ackerson, and a few other county residents. They took a close look at the project application and what they found, according to Alison, is "What looks like a giant boondoggle, which would yield a windfall for a few real estate developers in Rockland and Bergen counties."

This is part of what the plan calls for in Piermont:

- * Tearing down the little lift bridge behind the post office
- * Reworking the dam at the pond
- * "Improving" the Ferdon Ave. bridge.

All that may not seem too important to some Piermonters, except that a lot of citizens are quite fond of the little lift bridge, even if it doesn't lift anymore. And no one in the county seems to have asked the Village whether it wants or needs the bridge removed or to have any of the other projects messing up the creek, which has been doing just fine lately as a wildlife refuge under the watchful eye of the Brookside Field and Game Club.

But Piermont may escape lightly compared

to what might happen to the rest of the creek. "Channelization" is worse than it sounds. It is what happened, for instance, to the Los Angeles River -- which runs docily between concrete walls over a concrete bottom through the city to the Pacific Ocean. It is also what happens to meandering brooks when the big farm corporations decide they want to plant every square foot of their land and that it is easier to run the farm combines down the edge of straight drainage ditches than to follow winding streams. Channelization is so bad, as a matter of fact, that there is a movement afoot in the United States Congress to eliminate the program entirely from the Agriculture Department; and The Wall Street Journal recently ran a long article exposing channelization as one of the most misguided and ecologically damaging activities carried on by the Federal Government.

How could it happen here? Easily. There is a flooding problem on Sparkill Creek over by 303 and something must be done about it. There are also some industrially zoned lands in swampy areas that are wet during heavy rains. A channelization project is just what these land-owners need, because it involves scooping out the creek bottom and dumping it at the sides of the creek, providing thousands of yards of free fill. Free, that is, at taxpayers' expense.

How is it that so few were consulted about all this? Simple. Nobody bothered, least of all Lovett appointee Donald Brenner, Chairman of the Rockland County Soil and Water Conservation District, who made application for the project to the Department of Agriculture. In the application, which requires evidence that local groups were consulted, the County claims that all kinds of organizations -- including the Brookside Field and Game Club and the Rockland County Conservation Association -- are "interested" in the project; implying that they support it. Conservationists, almost to a man, are dead against it, and the Rockland County Conservation Association was livid. "They asset that the RCCA supports these plans," the Association wrote in a letter of objection, "nothing could be further from the truth." The RCCA membership voted unanimously to oppose channelization of the creek as dangerous to wildlife and destructive of a needed resource.

Nor was the Piermont Village Board told of plans for the project, although the law requires that all local governing bodies participate in the planning activities. The Trustees have asked to be kept informed of any further action. So, hopefully, Piermont won't be left out in the next round -- if there is one before the bulldozers begin to smash our lift bridge.

The county's application also claims that the creek "is presenting a problem to Continental Can Company at the point it withdraws water for industrial purposes." A phone call to the company, now Federal Paper Board, revealed there is no problem and if there were one, the pond would be dredged at no cost to taxpayers.

Ackerson, in going over the letter and the application to the Department of Agriculture from Brenner, identified twelve other major inaccuracies or outright misrepresentations in them. "It looks," says Alison, "like the application was cooked up by the few for a few. It would result in using taxpayers' money to benefit land speculators and industrial real estate developers."

But there is still that flooding problem around 303 and a few other places that does need fixing. No one opposes that. Back in 1968, the County hired Weaver Enterprises, an engineering firm, to study the Sparkill Creek drainage area. The engineers identified the trouble spots and recommended action. Most of the trouble is man

made, particularly where undersized culverts go beneath highways, and it can be fixed at reasonable cost. Several other engineering studies were also made of Sparkill Brook in Bergen County. They all came up with the same answer: the bulkhead at the Palisades Parkway culvert is too high and interferes with drainage. Neither county has taken any action on the recommendations that have been sitting in files gathering dust.

So, for lack of a few culverts, a whole stream and its associated trees and wildlife may be lost to the residents of Rockland County, and Piermont could find itself on the receiving end of a drainage ditch that runs or goes dry at the will of the Hackensack Water Co. in New Jersey.

The PCA contributed \$50.00 to help the RCCA. What can a citizen do? "Write your Congressman," says John Alison. "Representative Peter Peyser, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. And don't forget Representative John Dow, a long-time neighbor and Rockland resident and currently a member of the House Agriculture Committee, which can block the appropriation."

OLD SCHOOL PROPERTY PROGRESS REPORT

The old red brick Tappan Zee High School Building, under whose gilded cupola generations of Piermont, Sparkill and Grandview youths received their intermediate formal education, was torn down at the end of July to make way for a village park.

Demolition of the 72-year-old three-storied structure, begun on July 29, was completed the following day. The wrecking firm of Wilfred Gagnon & Son of Pearl River did the work for \$8,500.00 This cost has been confirmed by the Newsletter because of unfounded rumors in Piermont that the demolition cost was three times that amount.

The Village of Piermont received \$2,600.00 for the new Community Center from the sale of desks, slates, and other equipment left in the building when the South Orangetown Central School District sold it to Piermont. During the sale of the furnishings, conducted on two Saturdays by volunteers from the PCA, hundreds of residents of this village and of Sparkill and Grandview scrambled for reminders of bygone school days. Some found the very desks into which they had carved their initials long ago.

The site of the old high school, a plateau set in the hillside over the Hudson River between Hudson Terrace and River Road, has been graded by the Piermont Highway Department and is being used as a play area and temporary parking lot pending the drawing up by the Village Planning Commission of a plan for its permanent development. Among the informal suggestions that have been offered to the Village Board by residents are the laying out of bocce courts, blacktopping -- with a rimmed drainage system for use as a roller rink in warm weather and for ice skating in winter -- and building a large swimming pool for the use of adults and children. Meanwhile, the design class at Hunter College has undertaken to propose a pattern of desirable use. Robert Bradbury, a member of the Village Planning Board, interested the Hunter College group in the project.

The site of the razed high school, together with the former school annex adjoining it, will be developed as a unit. The old annex has been given a new roof, electric rewiring has been completed, and further renovation is under way. The sum of \$6,000.00 has been marked in this year's Village Budget for the Annex renovation and maintenance.

FROM SCHOOL TO COMMUNITY CENTER

It looks like a school. Indeed, to over a generation of Piermonters it was their school. And the onetime Sparkill School Annex will continue to serve school children -- but they won't be the only ones.

With a new roof, ceilings and indoor paint job, the small red brick building on Hudson Terrace has entered its second life also sporting a new new name: the Piermont Community Center.

The old high school next door is gone now, leaving in its place a playing field recently cleared and levelled by the Piermont Road Department. The entire complex has and will continue to host an increasing number of age groups--ranging from pre-schoolers through teen-agers and adults.

Right now volunteers from the Community Play School are conducting a face-lifting operation on two of the four classrooms in the Center. The Play School, which was formerly housed in the Sparkill Christ Church parish house, has an enrollment of approximately 30 local three- and four-year-olds. Their new headquarters will give them not only increased classroom space, but more opportunity to release their energies, no matter what the weather. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet will keep them from bouncing, climbing, jumping and running in the downstairs gym.

The Community Center also served as headquarters for six weeks during July and part of August for the Piermont summer youth program. With a pre-registration of 120, the program ran Monday through Friday for three and a half hours daily. Daily attendance averaged about 85 youngsters, ranging in age from 5 to 11. Although centered at the Annex, the program utilized local facilities from the Village Hall to Kane and Tallman parks, the Piermont Library, Amonson's swimming pool and the Con Can pier and Little League ball field. The program, which is sponsored by the village and partially staffed by volunteers, hopes to expand its activities next summer.

A successful left-over from the summer program still going strong is a course in playing the recorder, taught by Judi Hayes at the Center on Monday afternoons.

Mrs. Hayes is also involved in organizing and conducting a tutorial program for elementary school children, which will be held at the Center. She is interviewing volunteer tutors (high school and college students as well as adults) who will work with children recommended for the program by the school. The tutorial program, aptly called FLOC (For the Love of Children) is partially sponsored by the Palisades Presbyterian Church.

Other groups slated to meet regularly at the new Community Center are Brownie Troop 383, a Girl Scout and a Boy Scout Troop.

Members of the VFW have used the Center's gym for regular Sunday afternoon basketball games, and a PCA meeting held in the gym last Spring found more than one male member out on the floor shooting baskets. Trustee Mimi Bryan, who schedules activities for the Center, stressed the as yet unexplored possibilities for future adult use. Local women, she pointed out, could meet for regular exercise classes. "Wouldn't that be a more productive way of getting together than just sitting around drinking coffee and eating cookies?" she quipped. Individuals could also reserve space for one-time activities -- a meeting, private party or reception, or even a small ball game.

One age group left on the outside at the moment, Mrs. Bryan noted regretfully, are the

teen-agers. The Piermont Teen Center, which successfully used the Annex as headquarters way before it became an official community meeting place, cannot open this season. It lacks money to pay a director. ROCAC, the organization which previously provided the director's salary, says it does not have the funds for this season. The Village Board and the adult advisory committee for the Teen Center are currently seeking various funding sources in hopes of re-opening the Teen Center.

"But in the whole scheme of things it does seem a crime," Mrs. Bryan commented, "that the one (the Teen Center) that started the Community Center going is now left out in the cold -- all for want of \$2,000.00"

WILLIAM HURBAN

The recent death of Bill Hurban left a rip in the fabric of Piermont life that will be difficult to mend. He was not only our sole pharmacist, and therefore a vital part of the business community, but a well-loved member of an old village family. He represented many of the qualities that make life here special. The old-fashionedness of his store symbolized, in a way, those old-fashioned virtues of kindness, courtliness, and service that Bill Hurban himself exemplified. We can get our prescriptions elsewhere, but we will be hard put to find a replacement for that rare gentleman who did so much for the people of Piermont.

PIERMONT LIBRARY

Elegant in new pale yellow aluminum siding and a beautiful, intricate paint job done by Lenny Sullivan and crew, the Piermont Library is all ready for the winter's activities. The now-traditional children's programs will continue on Wednesdays -- 10:00 AM storytime for pre-schoolers and coffee for their mothers; 4:00 PM stories and movies (alternately) for elementary school children. The regular Friday bulletins from the school and the Library bulletin board at the Post Office announce the programs. Adult and young adult movies are scheduled on Friday nights. The next one is Friday, Nov. 19th at 8:00 PM -- a color film of animals and adventure in Kenya and Tanzania, entitled "Elephant Called Slowly".

An exhibit of decorative candles and candle making is currently on display in the upstairs hall gallery. In November there will be a display of "Home-made Christmas Cards" and a demonstration (for adults only) of making your own cards at 10:00 AM on Friday, Nov. 12th. December's exhibit will be "Stained Glass" by Ric Heidloff, of Pearl River. January will feature a One Man Show of works by Don Blauhut in the gallery.

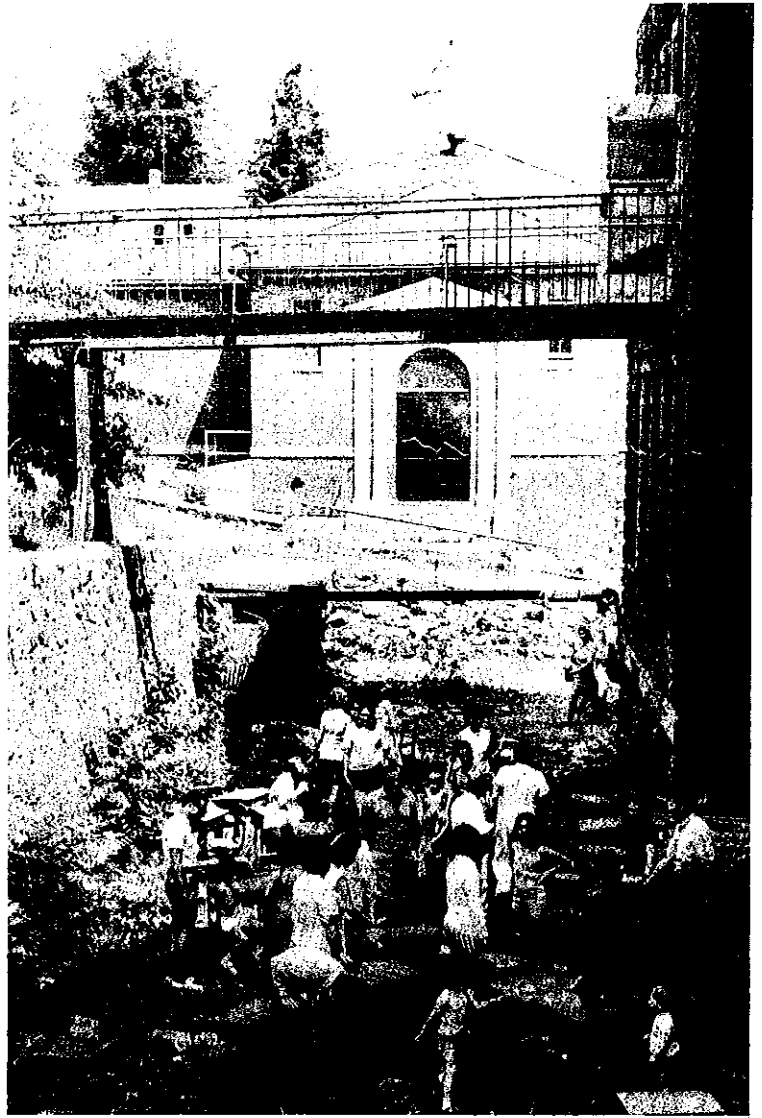
Especially for children: Learn to make your own Christmas decorations and decorate the Library tree -- on Saturday, December 4th, at 2:00 PM



May 31st -- Teen Center's Stand

PIERMONT 'S SUMMER

by Sally Savage



June 19th -- School Furnishings Sale

4th of July -- Here Comes the Parade





July 29th -- Demolition Day



Cheri Rotelli Hangs out a Tie-Dye to Dry

Recreation Program Activities



Doug DeLisser at Tallman



Drawing Pictures at the Community Center

A Visit to the Passaic River

Water of the long houses of the Algonkian
Whisper moving from the Appalachian foothills.
River of the green gold of the corn growers,
River of the yellow gold of squash, and pumpkin,
and rootabaga.

Whisper moving through the forest lands of
the hunters and the planters.

Moving with the suns and the moons through
the days of the Algonkian peoples.

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Leaf prayers curl in autumn smoke
in the backyards along the Passaic.
In the square glow of the cape cod windows
the leaf stars fly and the leaf flames spring.
And in the bright blue gold of the
moon cloud night
The red dream children of the Algonkian
whisper in the shadows.

Bill Daly

NEIGHBORS

The past few months have seen a number of new families move into our village. Those redheads seen lately around Ash St. and Piermont Place are the Carley family from Long Island, who have bought the former Walker home on upper Ash. A bit down the hill, Peter and Kathy Kunz -- from Manhattan -- have moved into the new house on the curve by the right-of-way. On Hudson Terrace, the Carsey-Ludwig family sold their home to Bob and Geraldine Celander, who formerly lived in Monsey. Their children, Christine 8, Julianne 7, and Craig 5, account for all those bicycles lined up out in front. Down the block, Charles and Rena Berger and their infant daughter have purchased the Parker house; Jack and Marge Parker have returned to Poughkeepsie, leaving the Teen Center minus some of its strongest supporters. John and Janet Zahn and their four children have moved from Sparkill into the old Gaynor home at the top of Ritie Street. John is the former president of the Sparkill Civic Association. Welcome to these new neighbors, and to any others we may have missed on this round.

WANNA SEE A MOVIE -- IN PIERMONT?

A film program is in the works for Piermont with films to be shown at the Village Hall beginning in December with a major Hollywood film -- free of charge during the Christmas holidays.

A committee headed by Charlotte Bordwell is selecting high-quality films from the BBC, New York Film Library, and National Film Board of Canada. Arrangements for the Hollywood film will be made by Don Blauhut.

A Winter Series of films will begin in January, with subscriptions for the series on sale in advance to cover rental fees and the cost of publicity. (Tickets for a single performance will be available as well.) If the Winter Series proves successful, a second and longer Spring Series will be scheduled, Mrs. Bordwell said. She does not expect the film showings to be profit-making, either for the PCA or the Village, but feels certain that ticket sales can meet expenses if Piermonters are interested enough to attend.

A new Piermonter, Frank McKeivitt, is arranging for the use of the BBC films, distributed through Time-Life, Inc. The film entitled "Civilization" is one of the BBC films available for showing in Piermont. Other films of possible interest concern yachting, present-day China, and stock car racing, Mr. McKeivitt said. Primarily of educa-

tional value, many of these films are being shown at museum film festivals and are rented by corporations for lunch-hour showings.

Anyone interested in serving on a committee to select films or arrange showings should contact Mrs. Paul Bordwell -- EL 9-1396.

CLOSE SUPERVISION

Less than a year ago, Bob Wright, the manager of Federal Paper Board Company's Piermont plant, was living in Sayville, Connecticut, and sailing his sleek Cal 2-30 sloop on Long Island Sound. Now he lives in Grandview, just a few feet from the Piermont Village line and could -- if he wished -- commute to work on roller skates. Since the local plant is an old neighbor with a new owner, and Mr. Wright is a new neighbor as well as plant manager, the Newsletter paid him a call for a brief chat.

"Continental Can sold the carton plant because it wasn't their line of business, while we are one of the largest paper carton manufacturers in the world," Mr. Wright told us. "There are actually two plants, an old one and a new one. The old one, which is more conspicuous, is the paper board mill which employs about 200 people, while the carton plant has about 500 employees and is one of the most modern of its type in the country."

The mill processes waste paper brought here by truck. The paper is dissolved in large tanks, then spread as a slurry on moving drying screens where it partially dries. After passing through finishing rolls, the paperboard is ready for the carton plant. There it is imprinted with the customer's design, then die-cut, folded and glued. "Federal customers include almost everybody who is anybody in packaged goods, from toothpaste to beer cartons," says Wright.

We asked how business was. "Not too lively," answered Mr. Wright. "Partly this is a result of the recession; also it is due to the change-over. There is a natural drop when new owners take over. But we are gradually pulling ahead and the future looks good. Packaging is a growing business, and some smaller producers are getting out, leaving a bigger market for companies like Federal."

Federal already has some improvement projects in the works for the plant, Wright says. "We plan to spend a large sum next spring to renovate the old warehouses on the property, which are an eyesore and danger. We have initiated a program under Barbara Williams, of Piermont, who works full time teaching reading and other basic skills to some of our employees who lack them. We have a number of Spanish- and French-speaking workers from nearby, and many participate in the program."

Federal Paper has been working with local groups on plans to re-cycle paper, and is supplying bins for the paper drive. "As a matter of note," says Wright, "Federal Paper is one of the largest re-cyclers of paper. If you tear open one of our cartons, it is grey, not white. That's a characteristic of re-cycled paper. We are right up there with the ecology trend."

Mr. Wright, his wife and their two sons, live in a spacious contemporary house on Tweed Boulevard. The Cal 2-30 is moored in Nyack. We asked Mr. Wright what caused him to move so close to his job. "Partly because I hate commuting," he said. He paused a moment, gestured towards the large picture window through which one can see the lights twinkling on the bridge, and added, "But mainly because I've always wanted to live on these high hills overlooking that big river."

EMPIRE HOSE COMPANY #1

When the Fire Companies of Rockland County arranged a display in the Nanuet Mall during Fire Prevention Week in October this year, the contribution from Piermont's Empire Hose Co. #1 was stark and striking: the burned-out hull of an outboard motor boat. The object was clearly there, the lesson was spelled out in a series of placards itemizing the safety rules for boats, particularly as they relate to fire hazards. It was an interesting display in itself, but especially because it indicated a special area of concern of the Piermont Fire Department that has made it different from its neighbor departments and a leader in the field of Underwater Rescue.

The first Fire Department in Piermont was organized in 1832 by the New York & Erie Railroad for the protection of its property; by 1850 the citizens of the community had determined that they needed a local Fire Department for expanded protection. Today, 120 years later, the Piermont Fire Department is serving in three capacities: Fire fighting, Ambulance service, and underwater rescue and recovery.

When that first Fire Department was organized in 1850, the then president (mayor) of the village and his trustees allocated the sum of \$650.00 in their budget for the purchase of a fire engine with 300 feet of hose, and an additional \$65.00 for renting and fitting up a firehouse. The village was growing fast in those days, and in 1851 another fire engine was purchased for \$630.10 and the Minutes of the meeting recorded that: "a resolution was presented that Mr. Wm. Christie of the Village of Piermont be requested to furnish the Trustees the names of such persons who may be desirous of becoming members of a fire company to take charge of the fire engine number two, purchased by the village, and that as soon as he obtains twenty names he is to report to the president of the village."

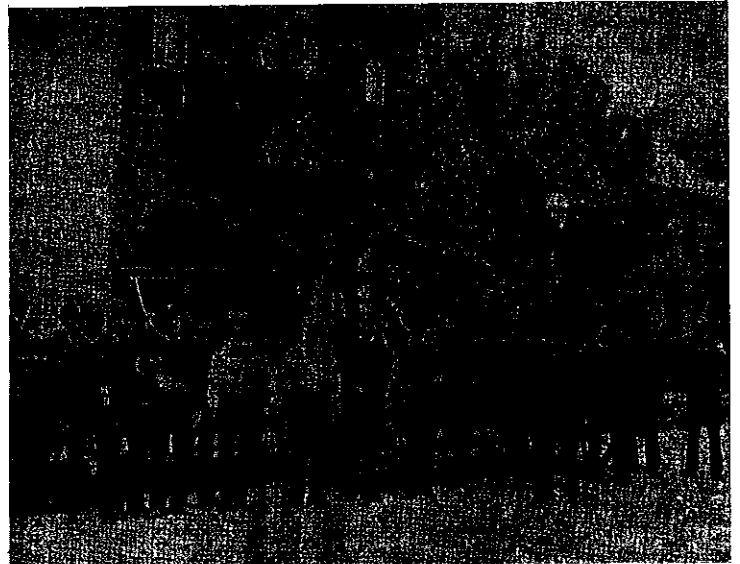
Today's Fire Department has 98 members and has just initiated a program for Junior Volunteer Fireman. This program is new to Piermont and some of the kinks are still being ironed out, but it has been approved by the Village Board and it will be implemented in the near future. It will be open to boys 16-18 years old; they will receive regular training and attend firemen's school; they will not be allowed to answer calls before 2:30 p.m. or after 10:00 p.m. on school days, and they will be restricted in their areas of operation. Nevertheless, it should prove to be valuable experience for Piermont's future full-fledged firemen.

The present firehouse is the original village owned one, which was built in 1853 at a cost of \$700.00; when it was remodelled in 1927, the bill was \$9,850.00. Over the years the cost of equipment escalated in the same way; by 1868, when the village purchased two Davison fire engines from the City of Albany, the purchase price -- delivered -- was \$1,704.08. (The village authorized the sale of the original engine, which had been purchased from New York City in 1850, to Nanuet and it is now on exhibit in the New York City Fire Museum.) In 1891 a steam engine was bought from the Button Steam Engine Co. for \$1,800.00. Steam engine buffs will be saddened to know that that engine was stored locally until 1920 after it was retired, then it was sold for junk for \$40.00. In 1904 the Village Board instructed the Fire Chief to make permanent arrangements to secure a team of horses to pull the engine.

Then came the motor; the first motorized equipment owned by the Fire Company was a donated automobile, which the members converted into a fire engine. This was replaced by a Mack Hose Cart in 1914 which saw service until 1926. By this time, the motor age was firmly established. The department bought an Ahrens-Fox pumper in

1926 and a Studebaker emergency truck in 1932. In 1951 the Village Trustees purchased an old Mazeppa Truck from Nyack to replace the Ahrens-Fox, and two new Peter-Persch trucks (still in service today). In 1952 the firemen purchased an ambulance from the firemen's funds and replaced it in 1953 with a more modern one. A new ambulance (a 1971 International), again purchased with company funds, will be delivered in a few weeks.

As the community continued to grow, and needs changed, the Fire Department also grew and adapted. The Underwater Rescue Unit -- the first underwater team made up of volunteer firemen in the State of New York -- was organized in 1956 in Piermont. They purchased a 19-foot Thompson Cruiser which carried a portable pump in addition to Scuba equipment; this boat has now



The first Piermont Fire Department, taken in front of the firehouse, probably around 1854

been replaced with a new 17-foot fiberglass one. The Underwater Unit now also has a rescue truck, equipped with grapple hooks and first-aid equipment, which transports the diving team to calls and serves in a dual capacity as a second ambulance. The second ambulance is a particular asset because, while the Fire Department averages 8-12 calls a month, and 5-6 calls on boats during the season, ambulance calls are much more frequent. The ambulance answers emergency calls in the South Orangetown area in addition to the emergency and service calls (taking patients to clinics, etc.) in Piedmont -- that keeps it very busy and it is good to have a stand-by.

Like many another Village organization, the Piermont Fire Department is manned by volunteers and supported only partially by funds allocated by the Village Board; it counts heavily on the generosity of the community in supporting its annual fund drive and 4th of July carnival. Throughout its long history, Empire Hose Co. #1 has lived up to the firemen's credo, to be "Loyal to duty, and faithful to service for a better community".

PAPER DRIVE

The Citizens for Environmental Action has scheduled its next PAPER COLLECTION for Saturday November 13th. As before, the collection point will be the property of Federal Paper, but this time in the South parking lot which is at the foot of Paradise Avenue, Piermont. Federal Paper Board Company will provide collection bins -- this will eliminate the truck-filling operation which slowed past collections. An added attraction at this collection will be a free raffle of a re-conditioned bicycle -- Recycled Bicycle? All persons bringing paper will be eligible for the drawing. PCA member Herb Schlobohm has worked hard at coordinating these efforts to make the recycling of paper a reality in the south Rockland area; he reports that the active participation of Piermont residents in this drive will be an indication of the amount of support the Village Board can expect if it makes paper collection a regular village function. The time of the collection will be from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. For further information, call Herb Schlobohm at 359-4357, or Stan Jacobs at 359-4959.

FLOC (For the Love of Children) an experimental project, will begin November 10th at the Piermont Community Center in cooperation with the Tappan Zee Elementary School. This program will be staffed by volunteers. Volunteers need not have professional experience -- an interest in children is all that is necessary. Anyone 16 years or older may apply to Mrs. Hayes at EL 9-0349. Tutorial sessions will be held weekly.

Name _____

Address _____

NOTICES

The Tappan Zee Thrift Shop will be open for contributions and customers on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please call EL 9-5753 for pickup of large articles for donation.

Recorder lessons are being given by Mrs. Judith Hayes on Monday afternoons -- Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced classes. For information, call EL 9-0349

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