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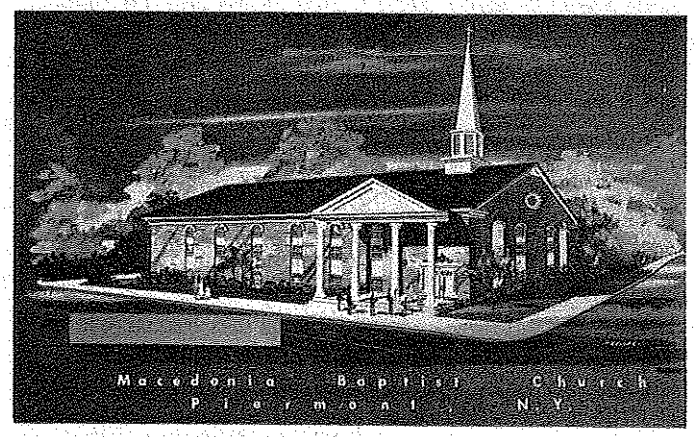

MACEDONIA CHURCH DEDICATED

Sunday, April 30, 1978 the fine new home of the Macedonia Baptist Church was officially dedicated. This ceremony was the culmination of five nights of services held in the church, beginning with Community Night on Tuesday, April 25.

The new church was under construction for nearly three years. Most of the labor in building was provided by parishioners largely under the direction of Rev. George Harvin, pastor of the church, and Levester White who got the materials together for construction.

Founded in 1924, by Rev. W. T. Ingram, the Macedonia congregation first met in a home on Piermont Avenue. Partitions from two rooms were removed, and an elevated platform was erected to serve as a pulpit. Friends and neighbors loaned chairs and other furnishings to make the service possible.

Seven members joined with the Rev. and Mrs. Ingram to continue the mission. By 1925 they were formally recognized by the Central Hudson Baptist Association and named Macedonia Baptist Church. Since then the church has grown, necessitating three moves into larger quarters, in 1926, 1944 and now 1978.

The new church consists of a main sanctuary with balcony, and baptistry and large fellowship hall. The stained glass windows from the old church were saved and now adorn interior areas in the new church.

The beautiful new church is a welcome addition in Piermont and attests to the vital force this congregation is within our community.■

TWEED BOULEVARD

by Isabelle K. Savell

It's one of the most beautiful and enticing drives in this part of the country--a one and two-lane, four mile road that winds up the eastern face of Clausland Mountain in Piermont, runs for a short, breathtaking distance along the mountain crest where, on a clear day in winter, you can see the grand sweep of the Hudson Valley on one side and the Hackensack Valley on the other; and then descends through gently whispering parklands on the west side of the mountain, finally ending at Bradley Parkway.

So why is it called Tweed Boulevard?

Could it be that it was named for Boss Tweed?

Indeed it could be. It was.

Boss Tweed

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It began in the 1860s and 1870s when the countryside hereabouts was seized with railroad fever, and residents went to bed with dreams of sugar plums haloed by dollar signs dancing in their heads.

"It was," says Dr. Frank Bertangue Green, the Rockland historian, an "era of fantastic speculation in real estate...The opening of the Nyack and Northern Railroad had briskly advanced the price of real property....people planned cities, erected buildings and made fabulous wealth in the maddest dreams that ever floated across the mental visions of an ordinarily commonsense community."

It was also the era of William M. Tweed and his four-cornered "Ring," which included A. Oakey Hall, the Mayor of New York, Peter B. Sweeny, the City's Chamberlain, and Richard Connolly, the City's Comptroller. It was also the era of the Erie Railroad "Ring," especially James Fisk, Jr., and Jay Gould. In 1868 Tweed and Sweeny joined Gould and Fisk as directors of the Erie, of which the Nyack and Northern was a branch, thus amalgamating the "Erie Ring" with the "Tweed Ring."

Between Tweed and Fisk there was a special rapport. It was a formidable combine.

What they envisioned, growing out of that combine, was a summer resort in south Rockland for the rich and very rich that would be comparable to Newport and Bar Harbor--but an hour's distance from New York. There would be a scenic boulevard from Sparkill to Rockland Lake, winding along Clausland Mountain on both the Hudson and Hackensack sides, with part of the road running along the very crest. The crowning glory of the scheme was to be a luxury hotel atop Hook Mountain, accessible not only from the boulevard but also by elevator from a dock on the Hudson, so that guests who came by boat could be immediately whisked skyward to the breath-taking panorama from the top of the Hook. No petty planners, they.

But first they had to build a railroad from the railhead at Sparkill through Piermont and Grand View to Nyack, to bring patrons up from New York. The Erie agreed to extend its subsidiary, the Northern, from Sparkill to Nyack if the people of Nyack would put up $60,000. The Erie would contribute another $40,000. In the end, the Nyack people were able to raise only $28,000, but Fisk, Gould, Tweed and Sweeny happily took that, printed up another $100,000 in bonds and began construction of the spur. Real estate values began to soar. On February 7, 1869, the Rockland County Journal began carrying a regular column of real estate transactions in the county, chiefly in Orangetown and Clarkstown. A lot 60' x 100' in Piermont brought $1000. A lot 100' x 100' in Upper Piermont went for $4,850. A lot 70' x 100' in Nyack brought $6,500.

Then the Journal began listing properties in Nyack, Piermont, and the land between, that were available for sale. By midsummer of 1870 they were carrying notices of estates of 2 to 10 acres available for $10,000 to $75,000, while properties ranging in size from 50' x 100' to two and one-half acres could be had for $3,000 to $20,000. Some 500 acres of "improved land was offered at $1,000 an acre. Applications for underwater land grants along the Hudson began to fill the public notices columns.

More than 1,000 acres of land along the hills between Piermont and Nyack were in four ownerships, one being the Rockland Park Association, with 400 acres running from the Hackensack Valley over the crest of Clausland to the Hudson side. It was envisioned as the site for hundreds of homes.

On May 21, 1870, the new spur was officially opened. Amidst fireworks, booming cannon, pealing church bells, freeflowing wine and eloquence, a special train drew into Nyack from Jersey City carrying the Erie dignitaries who had wrought this miracle. The name emblazoned on the shiny new engine was Peter B. Sweeny, Tweed's partner in the "Ring" and on

the Erie board of directors. S. B. Cole, chairman of the welcoming committee, called the occasion "the happy realization of a hope long deferred, when this people will have railway communication with the rest of the world....Nyack, in slumbering loveliness , has dreamed of this joyful hour." Among the passengers the train discharged at the foot of a specially erected flag-pole was the railroad's comptroller, the "Prince of Erie," himself, ebullient "Jubilee" Jim Fisk Jr.

"With regard to this road," Fisk was quoted by the Journal as saying, "we have done very little toward its completion to merit the good feeling which has been expressed toward me today, and which shows that Gould and Fisk have done some good, although judging from what we see in the papers, they have never done any. And although I was not wanted at the opening of the Union Pacific Road,* I am glad to be at the opening of this, of about the same length and importance to you (laughter) and where I have been so well received; and I have telegraphed to Gould that hereafter we will devote our whole time to railroad openings. If the Erie can do anything to promote the prosperity of this, I assure you it will be done to the best of our ability. Tonight I think I shall go to bed and dream that I see this road not only to Nyack but with sleeping cars all the way through to Albany."

Clearly imaginations were taking fire, but legislation was needed.

*At the time of this event, Fisk and Gould were generally in bad odor as buccaneers of the Wall Street scene. The previous fall they had almost cornered the gold market, bringing ruin to many investors. They were also trying to buy in to the Union Pacific, which, the previous year, had completed its spectacular junction with the Central Pacific at Promontory Point, Utah, thus joining the oceans with a ribbon of steel rails. The Union Pacific managed to hold the Erie raider at bay for a while, and Fisk was smarting from the rebuff.

Tweed was then a State Senator (among many other titles) and through a well-established system of bribes, which he later described in some detail, he was in complete control of the Legislature, including Rockland's Assemblyman, James M. Nelson. In 1871, Nelson introduced the legislation authorizing the Tweed Boulevard project. It provided for construction of a roadway from Sparkill to Rockland Lake, following the route of what was then called Highland Avenue. It was to be 60 feet wide, graded, macadamized, guttered and curbed, with flagstone walks on either side and with suitable culverts. The cost was to be met from taxes on property within a quarter mile of the center of the avenue and its termini. Using a technique Tweed had employed in New York City with dazzling financial results to himself and his conferees, the legislation provided for a commission* of nine members to levy and collect the taxes, and they were empowered "to sell the lands assessed, upon which the said assessment shall remain unpaid for the space of thirty days."

A similar bill, with another set of commissioners* was introduced to make a boulevard of Midland Avenue, running from Main Street, Nyack, to Hook Mountain, presumably so that travelers coming by train as well as those coming by boat could quickly and easily reach the grand hotel on top of the mountain.

*The commissioners for both projects were, for the most part, local directors of the Nyack and Northern, and/or deeply involved locally in real estate, insurance and banking.

It was a dizzying prospect for those on the inside, but, alas, it did not work out as planned.

"Through the merest accident," writes historian Green, "the citizens living along the proposed roads who were not in the 'Ring,' learned of this bill, and after difficulty, obtained a copy." Thoroughly aroused, they sought in vain to have the legislation killed,

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20 YEARS OF BASEBALL IN PIERMONT

In 1958, Bo DiFrancesca, Howard Brawner, Rocco Memolo, Leo (Skeets) Taveniere, and Willy Lynch organized the first Piermont T-Shirt League. After arranging to use the Continental Can ballfield, they got the backing of Village businesses and organizations like the Fire Department and the Knights of Columbus, and sold raffles to raise the money for equipment, shirts and hats. Finally, registration opened, and six teams were formed. Kids in Piermont had organized baseball. It was the beginning of a tradition.

For 12 years, the T-Shirt players were all boys. Then in 1975, girls joined the teams, and last year, Julie Celander and Tara Dun made the All-Star Team. This year, 70 boys and girls ages 8-12, from Piermont and Grand View made up the five teams on the Piermont T-Shirt League. Listed in order of standing (at press time):

TEAMS	MANAGERS AND COACHES
1. Dodgers	Art Rittenberg, Ed Stanford
2. Tigers	Joe Krummack, De Krummack
3. Giants	Larry Sansalone, Mary Miggins
4. Yankees	Bob Limandri, Dominic Limandri
5. White Sox	Charles Bullock, Bob Swartz

Head of the brave, volunteer umpires- Greg Tavarone

Originally established by a group of civic-minded citizens, the League continues to depend on caring people. In May, parents, managers, coaches, and kids cleaned up the Continental Can ballfield for the start of the season. After days of rain, parents came again with shovels and bags of sand to make the field playable. Help has also come from local organizations. Last year, the Lions Club donated a backstop and gates for the field, and one year, the Rotary Club donated money for equipment and expenses. It is going to cost approximately $2,000 next season to operate the Piermont T-Shirt League. With insurance and the cost of maintaining the ballfield, expenses increase every year. At present, if Piermont and Grand View teenagers want to continue playing organized ball, they have to join the teams in Nyack or Sparkill. Next year, League president De Krummack hopes to include teams of players over 12 years old. But not ev the 8-12 year old teams will be able t survive next year on love alone. The kids need equipment, and they must be able to play ball on a safe field. Right now, the field is plagued with poor drainage problems and an uneven infield and needs a complete restoration before another season can begin. With out financial assistance from the communities it serves, the League will be forced to raise registration fees, limiting the opportunity to fewer and fewer kids, and excluding many who really want to play.

The kids believe they will have the help they need next year. They have to be right. Twenty years ago, the Piermont T-Shirt League was born of a caring community, and the community still cares about its young people. When the League sends out its call for help, people will support the kids wit their time and contributions so the 20-year tradition of baseball in Piermont can continue.■

ABANDONED BUILDING AUCTIONED

On May 22, the abandoned three-family building at 441 Piermont Avenue was auctioned off to the highest bidder, New York City resident, Frossomaria Pleuritis, for $425.

The November 1977 issue of THE NEWSLETTER reported on the status of this deteriorating building and the agreement made between the county and the Village to forego back taxes on the property and auction it off to the highest bidder. Stipulation was made that the new owner secure the building and renovate it within 12 to 18 months, returning it to the tax rolls.

Ms. Pleuritis first discovered Piermont last year and found it charming. Ever since then she had been looking to acquire some property here. Her plans for the property remain unsettled until it is decided if the building is salvageable. However, she hopes to be able to preserve the old structure and rehabilitate it for both residential and commercial use.■

Notes Around the Village

Piermont is an active participant in the Rockland County Rehabilitation Loan and Grant Program, designed to improve housing conditions. Priority is given to repairs which are necessary to correct code violations, that is, repairs which eliminate health and safety hazards. Direct grants up to $4,000 are available depending on family size and income. A loan program is being established in participation with local banks. The interest rate will depend on family income. For further information call Mayor Bryan, 359-1258.

Citizen complaints logged in: chickens on Main Street, aggressive children, broken glass on sidewalks. The Village budget calls for spending a lot of money, but none was appropriated for cooking chickens, tranquilizing children, or sweeping sidewalks. Guess we'll have to cope with these problems individually.

Empire Hose Co. #1 Ladies Auxiliary has re-instituted volunteer collection of newspaper and household wastepaper, first and third Saturdays of each month. This will include 9W and Tweed Blvd. Please have bundles at your curb by 9 a.m. Lions Club collection of green and clear glass continues second Saturday of each month. Aluminium recycling has been discontinued due to the fact that there no longer is a place to sell the aluminium in the area.

As the interest rate on deposits go up, naturally the interest rate on borrowing also increases. Therefore, it becomes more prudent than ever to avoid long-term debt and attempt to build and utilize capitol equipment funds for shorter range spending. With this in mind, the Village Board increased to $9,000 the amount set aside towards replacement of aging equipment.

The Piermont Police Department now has an engraver available to loan. Engrave your valuables with your name and/or social security number to discourage theft.

The NYS DOT has allocated funds (up to $114,000) for repair of the Piermont Avenue railroad crossing. Plans are to have one track cross the road, with the switch moved onto the plant's land, thus ending much of the blocking of the road. Hopefully, work will begin this year.

The Empire Hose Co. #1 will host a "wetdown and open house" in honor of the new 13-1000-1 pumper on July 22. The program will begin at 2 p.m. at the Piermont Fire House. Refreshments will be served and commemorative mugs will be available for sale. The festivities will continue in the evening with dancing beginning at 8 p.m.

Don't hesitate to call for a house inspection by the Fire Inspector, 359-1258 Mon.-Fri. 9-4, 359-1839 eveinings.

The Planning Board has given preliminary approval to Continental Group Inc. (Con. Can) to sell the paper mill to Clevepak, with some conditions still to be met, i.e. a plan to screen the plant from view of Main Street of at least box car height, and schedule for general maintenance and clean-up of the property.

Noticeable Village Improvements:

Fire House facade, tennis court fencing, planting under Main Street trees, Community Center parking lot extension. Those not so noticeable: Oak-Elm Street sewers including hous connections for potential building i the area's recently amended lot size Improvements "feelable": catch basi manhole covers raised on Piermont Avenue, bumps on Hudson Terrace and Ash Street to be smooth out.■

The Ecological Perspective

PIERMONT MARSH

Remember the old map from 1836 in the last issue of the Piermont NEWSLETTER (March 1978)? It showed with startling clarity the importance two far-sighted men put on a piece of land we take for granted--the Piermont marsh. The map was rediscovered by John Scott, historian of the Historical Society of Rockland County in the County Clerk's office. It was first seen by some members of the NEWSLETTER staff when Mr. Scott gave a slide and lecture program at the Piermont Library in November of 1976.

If you remember, the map showed the amazing plans Eleazor Lord and Cornelius Blauvelt envisioned for this edge of the Hudson River which they then owned. The map we saw was an actual plan they had filed with the County Clerk to fill in the marsh and build hundreds of homes. Since Lord and Blauvelt were two of the most powerful and influential men of the time, such a far-fetched idea could have easily taken place and Piermont as we know it today wouldn't be. Now with increasing awareness of the Hudson River's ecology and newly passed laws to protect it from further abuse, chances of such a monumental project are less, but we should not be complacent. Piermont currently has one of the most valuable resources not only on the Hudson River, but the East Coast--the Piermont marsh.

What importance is a swampy looking piece of land that doesn't seem to be much good for anything? Well, we are just beginning to learn. As recently as 1974 Piermont officially recognized the importance of our marshland in its "Preliminary Village Plan." It admitted that much was not understood about the workings of the marsh both in the River and to Piermont, but every attempt to gather information relating to it should be made. When the Piermont Conservation Advisory Commission (CAC) was formed, they made the Pier and marsh their prime areas of concern. Finding information about salt marshes in general and Hudson marshes in particular was not easy. Until recently, there has not been much published information available. Researchers, however, are beginning to recognize the need and are starting to try and quantify some of the amorphous and highly complex elements of such an ecosystem.

Local institutions such as Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory and Boyce Thompson Institute across the river are beginning to look at the River more closely. Dr. E. H. Buckley of Boyce Thompson Institute is one of the leaders in this research. He has been studying the Piermont Marsh for several years now. Dr. Buckley has been mapping the wet-land plant distribution and surveying the differences in the marshes along the Hudson from Cold Spring to Dobbs Ferry. The findings are recently published in a most valuable referenc entitled, An Atlas of the Biologic Resources of the Hudson Estuary, 1977

His studies show that the Piermont Marsh is the largest marsh in this section of the Lower Hudson River and has the greatest abundance of Spartir (Cordgrass) of any of the other nine marshes. Spartina is one of the most valuable marsh plants in all levels c its existence. Its thick, intricate root system is a favorite food for many birds and marsh animals, particu larly the Canada goose and muskrats. It also holds loose soil and builds up a foundation for other marsh plants to grow. Then when Spartina dies, it becomes equally as valuable as food for bacteria, fungi and other miniscule organisms which in turn serve as food for the fish and animals of the river. This is true of many of the other marsh grasses as well. Their value does not die with them.

Elizabeth Shepherd mentions in her b Arms of the Sea, Our Vital Estuaries a study done in Georgia where one ac of marsh grass was cut, dried and weighed. The result was 10 tons of valuable food stuffs for organisms o

32,000,000 calories per acre. This is a higher yield than a field of wheat which yields only 1.5 tons of grain per acre or a field of corn which yields 2.8 tons per acre. And as far as food energy goes, even rice or sugarcane does not yield as much per acre as Spartina. As Shepherd says, "At no cost to anyone a salt marsh produces a great deal of food...."

Besides the marsh's importance as a vital food source in the river, it also serves as protection or a nursery for spawning fish. Many salt-water varieties (striped bass, bluefish, flounder, sturgeon, to name a few) come to the quiet, less salty estuary marshes to lay their eggs. Other species use the marsh areas as way stations on their migratory route to the sea, not to mention the creatures that live there permanently. Almost all the fish, crabs and clams that we eat depend on this type of estuary marsh environment at some stage in their development.

Birds also benefit from this rich ecosystem. They use the protective marsh grasses as nesting areas and find many delectable things to eat both from the plants themselves and the creatures that live among them. Other birds just visit, on their migratory path while others make it their permanent home. A study made by the Dept. of Interior estimates that up to 200,000 ducks can be produced in northeastern coastal marshes in a year. As mentioned in the last NEWSLETTER issue, Tony Amos, Piermont bird authority, has sighted over 155 different species in the Piermont marsh area over the last few years, many very rare to the East Coast.

An interesting function of marshes which is not too well-known is the ability to scrub contaminants from tidal waters. These contaminants, mainly metals and chlorinated hydrocarbons, are absorbed by many of the marsh plants, but "The major component in contaminant retention appears to be the mud, the surfaces of whose finely divided particles provide sites for absorption." ("Green Borders of the Sea," by Ivan Valiela and Susan Vince in "Estuaries" issue of Oceanus) This feature of the marsh not only aids the adjoining river and subsequent sea, but also the nearby ground-water.

The article goes on to say:

"Coastal fisheries, migratory birds, natural treatment of contaminated waters, potential sites for aquacultural development--these are some of the areas affected by reduction of coastal wetlands. Others have to do with stabilization of shore-lines, protection and repair from storm damage through natural re-establishment of marsh plants--even the possibility, borne out by our retainment studies, that marshes could be incorporated in tertiary treatment systems for disposal of sewage wastes. Based on the fisheries, waste treatment properties, and aquaculture potential, researchers in Georgia came up with a very speculative annual return of $4,150 per acre of marshland. This more or less means that in the absence of marshes, society would have to provide that amount of money to accomplish what the marshes are actually doing."

Putting a price tag on such potential values is difficult. The above is just one attempt.

The same article emphasizes again the importance of marshes as a food source. "Plant productivity in marshes is among the highest in the world, equalling extensively managed agricultural areas." And another article in the same issue of Oceanus entitled "Physical Oceanograph of Estuaries" by Charles Officer mentions, "It has been estimated that 60 to 80 percent of the commercial marine fisheries resources depend on estuaries for part or all of their life cycle."

Protection from storm damage and shore erosion are two values mentioned above that would be applicable to Piermont. Because the marsh area is a bit removed from the Village proper it is difficult to assess just how important the marshes have been over the years, but it probably has played some part in protecting certain lower areas by the river.

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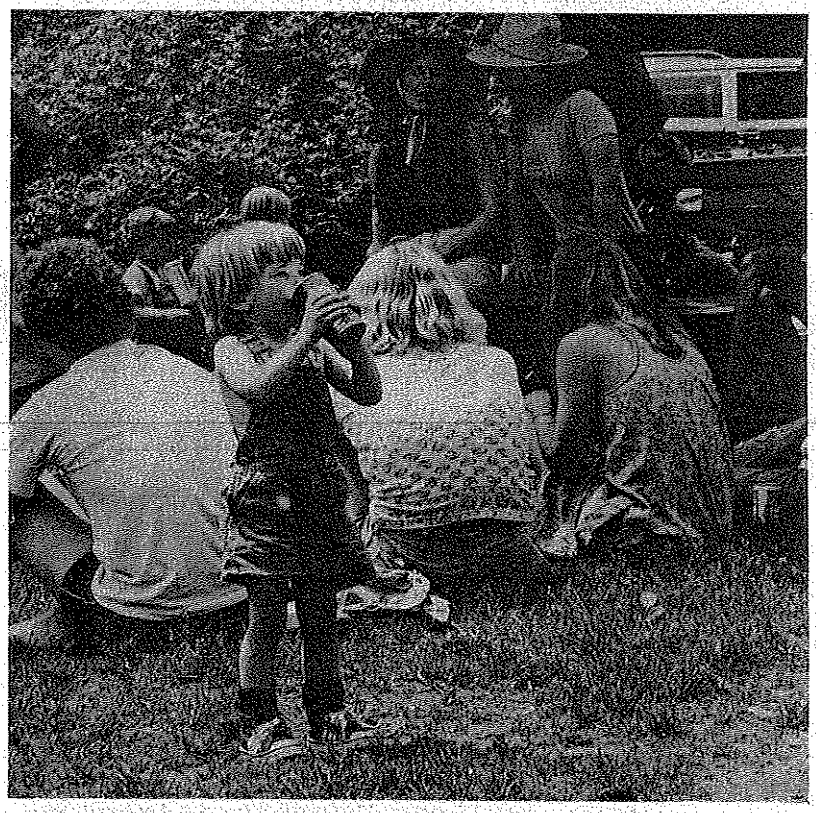
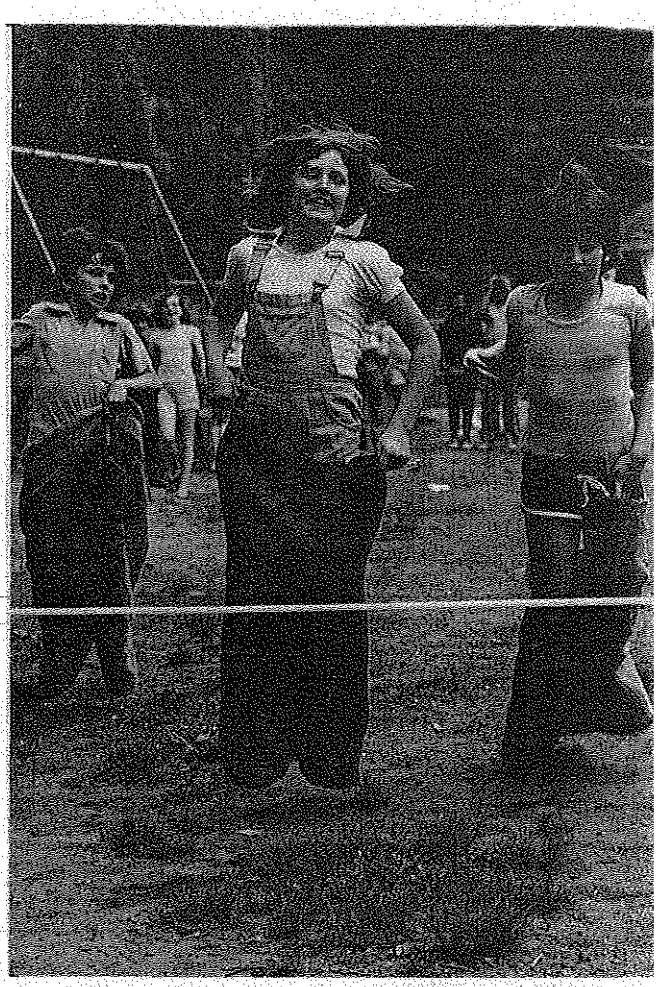
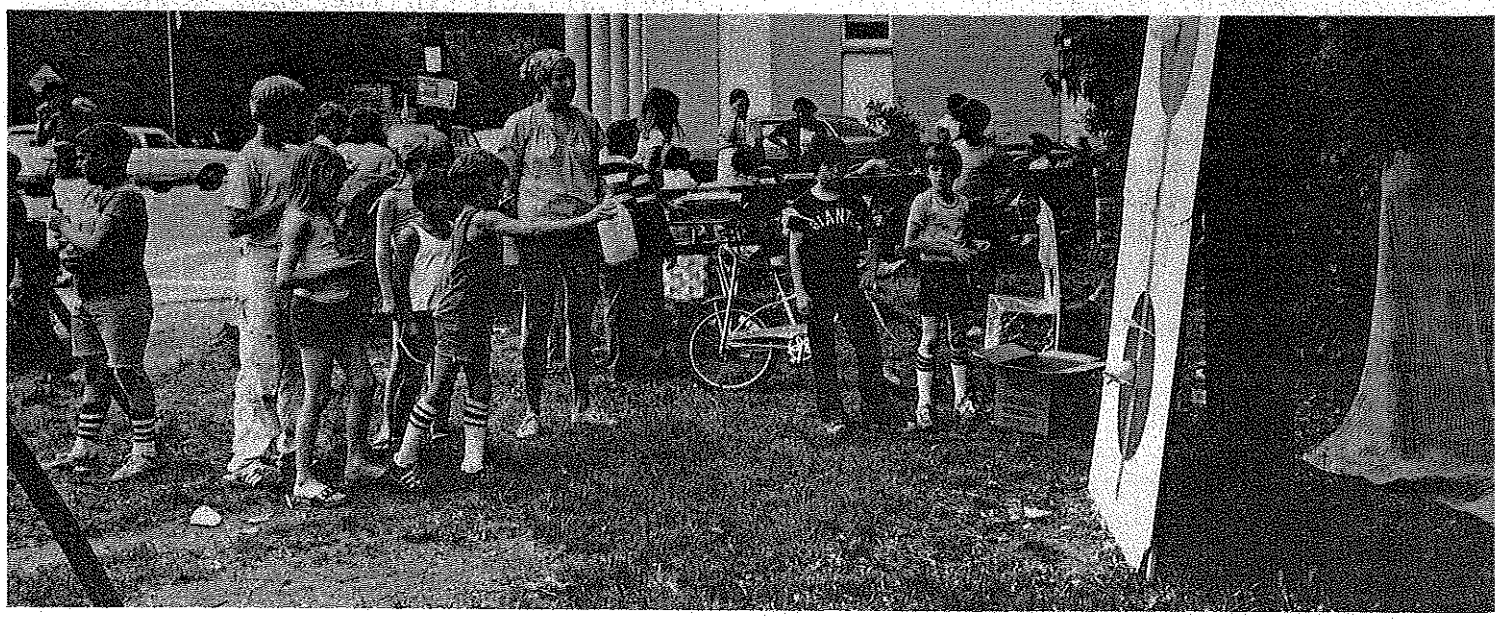
Memorial Day 1978 turned out to be perfect for the annual Piermont festivities. Morning parade and afternoon Blue Grass Fair brought out lots of familiar friendly faces. Good music, delicious food from home-made sweet potato pie to tacos, fire engine rides, and friends to meet and talk to made the day a success.■







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but failing that, they did succeed in having it amended, extending the period for payment of tax assessments from thirty days to one year, and getting a new and presumably less rapacious set of commissioners to administer it. They also managed to eliminate provisions for curbs, sidewalks, culverts and gutters, thus scaling down the cost. Meanwhile litigation was started against the "unjust and illegal assessments" and a committee was formed to effect the repeal of the legislation. Nelson, the Assemblyman who had introduced it, was defeated in the election of 1872, and in the wake of all this public outcry came the panic of 1873 which dried up funds for the project.

An even greater threat to it was waiting in the wings. Between the fulminations of the New York Times, the cartoons of Thomas Nast and the outrage of the reformers, Tweed and his minions were ousted in the elections of 1872. A five-year fight was launched to bring members of the "Ring" to justice. Some were tried; some escaped to live abroad. Tweed himself was eventually found guilty on fifty-one of the fifty-five offenses charged against him, but successfully appealed and was released from jail. Rearrested and convicted on civil charges, he escaped, was recaptured, and died in jail in 1878.

Tweed's colleague and fellow-dreamer on the Erie board, Jim Fisk, had meanwhile met a violent end, having been shot down on January 6, 1872 by a jealous rival for the favors of his mistress, Josie Mansfield. It was a sensational end to a sensational career.

By 1886 when Dr. Green wrote his history of Tweed Boulevard, the whole project had fallen through, and the grandiose scheme had come to naught. "With the exception of the portion between Rockland Lake and the mountain road in Upper Nyack, (the road bed) has become overgrown with underbrush and weeds." Green wrote:

"Almost from the beginning, Tweed's name was linked with the project although it was officially referred to as Highland Avenue. Rumors circulated widely that Tweed held valuable real estate in the area through which the boulevard would run, and that the whole project was a 'Ring' job. Assemblyman Nelson, known in Albany as 'an upstate member of the Ring,' replied to a Rockland critic, with incomparable sangfroid that Tweed was so busy stealing in New York that he had no time to come up here."

But true or not, Tweed's name becam attached to the project and stuck. Tweed Boulevard it has remained, fo a hundred years. Parts of it were obliterated by superseding highways and developments. The beautiful stretch along the crest of Clauslan Mountain became a semi-secret dirt roadway treasured by hikers, horse-back riders, and young lovers, but always known to them as Tweed Boulevard. Toward its southerly end there was a major obstacle call "Fat Man's Misery--a hugh rock whos outer edge presented a sheer drop, but with a narrow slit down the cen which could be negotiated by childr and the very slender. Florence Rip Mastin, the Piermont poet, wrote a poem about it shortly before her death in 1968:

Half a century ago
Tweed Boulevard was a path
narrow and green
winding between
great boulders on the mountain.
From Piermont to Nyack, midway
we came to Fat Man's Misery....

Closer to the summit was Balance Rock, called by William Hand "one of our greatest geological heritages...(recording) the unnamed moment when the great forces of nature governing the movement of the south flowing ice field, paused and then reversed their direction. ...The glaciers simply melted in their tracks." Balance Rock, a momento of the Ice Age, was poised precariously near the mountain top, where it remained for millenia

Then, with the onset of the Depression in the 1930's, and the need to

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The fire department has lots of trucks. Most of the trucks are red. The men are nice. The fire fighters fight lots of fires. Some of them are big.

Conrad Windisch
Grade 1

Kane Park is a good place to play. It's the best park. I like it. It is beautiful. It is nice.

Timmy Bellamy
Grade 2

The Community Center is very big! My little sister goes there. At the Community Center they take very good care of the little boys and girls.

Heather Finck
Grade 2

All About Me

I am a female. I used to live in Nyack. Now I live at 229 Piermont Avenue, Piermont, N.Y. I have black hair and I am a nice girl. I am ten years old and about sixty-two inches tall. My favorite sport is kickball. I have one sister and one brother. My sister is in tenth grade and my brother is in sixth. The subjects I like best are spelling, reading, math and science. My family and I go on picnics and go to the beach. We have fun. I go places with my church.

Michelle Roscoe
Grade 4

My Bunk at Camp

My bunk at camp is wooden. It has a plain white mattress with my red sleeping bag on it. At night I spray my screen so the mosquitoes will go away. My bunk has writing all over it. My bunk feels safe and secure and I love it. It is shaped like a box and is by a window where I can hear owls. My camp is in New Hampshire.

Lorelei Mitchell
Grade 4

The Popcorn Kernel

Everything was fine when I was growing up in the corn field until the farmer picked me and sent me to the can factory. At the factory I was put in a can and sent to the store.

Then life got exciting. I was picked up by a boy and his mother. When my can was opened, I was in a beautiful kitchen.

One day the boy wanted popcorn for the movie, so his mother dumped me in a corn popper machine with some hot oil. I swelled up and suddenly blew sky high and hit my head on the lid. Soon I was covered with salt and butter. I went to see "Star Wars" and just as it got to the good part, I disappeared.

Robert Barrett
Grade 4

A Boy Named Evan

There once was a boy named Evan
Whose idea of going to heaven
Was to whip through a maze
In a magical daze
Before anyone could count up to seven.

Evan Spring
Grade 5

HAIKU

Graceful flies the bird
Its wings so light but strong
Swooping through the air.

Clare Holihan
Grade 5

When the woods are dark
Then all is very quiet
Soon all the animals will sleep.

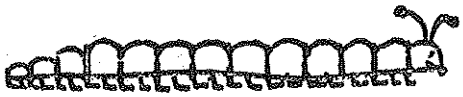
Anne-Monique Roy
Grade 4

A small black penguin
Playing and running in the snow
A beautiful sight.

Lisa Galione
Grade 5

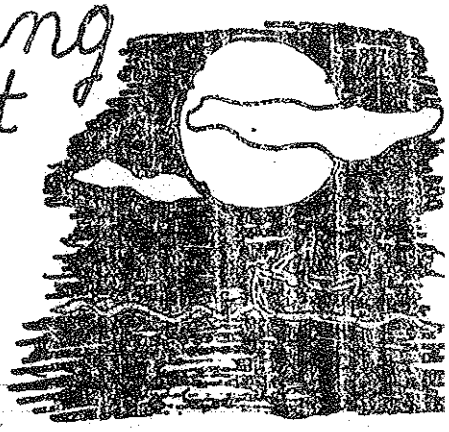
Kids Stuff

Schools out--but the memories linger on. Our center fold this issue is a collection of creative work done by children at the Tappan Zee Elementary School.

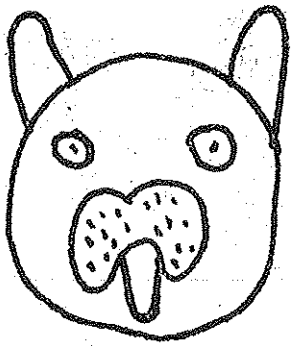


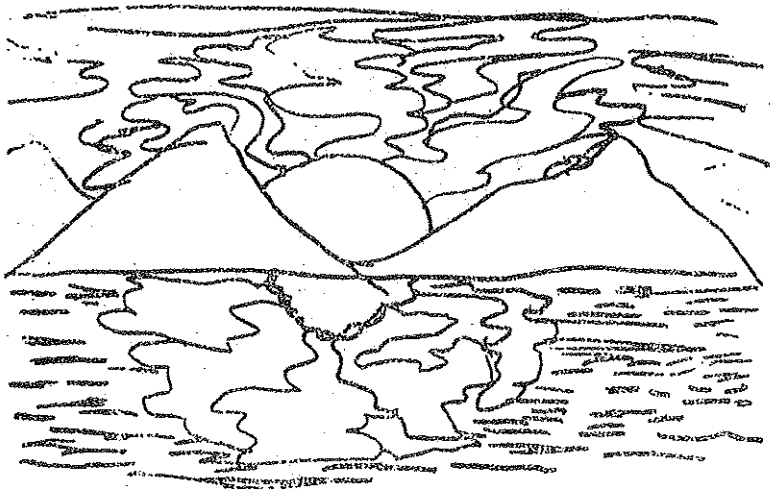
Caterpillars
Slimy, green
Living, eating, growing
Flying with the wind
Butterflies
Michelle Hobeck

Moon
Big round
Shining, gleaming, reflecting
Glowing through the night
Planet
Gillian Windisch



Puppies
Silly and fun
Running, chewing, rolling
Giggle getters, warmly, huggable
Animals
Tracy Catron





Sunset
Glowing, bright
Beautiful colors: orange,
Yellow, red - all alike
Brilliant
Diane Ludin

LIBRARY

No, it's not true that you no longer can park in front of the Library. Look again! You really can. It's just that the signs are confusing. As it reads currently, there is room for 3 large or 4 small cars, depending. You cannot, however, park on the curves at either side. We apologize for the inconvenience and confusion. Unfortunately, we had no say in the matter. The New York State Dept. of Transportation made the determinations. We are in the process of seeing if there is anything that can be done to ease the situation. Meanwhile, please bear with us or better yet, why not take a stroll to the Library, instead of driving. This is a small Village and it's a nice walk, especially in the cool of the evening. We're open 7 to 10 in the evenings--Monday through Friday--latest of any library in Rockland County.

The Beachcomber Reading Club for children is going to be a lot of fun this year with films and very special programs. Registration is at the Library and runs from June 26 to July 7. Any child who can read may belong. The first meeting of the Club is Tuesday afternoon, July 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. and it lasts for 5 weeks. Activities planned for the following Tuesdays at 3 p.m. are:

July 18 - Films: "Horrible Honchos" "Sarah's"Summer of the Swan"
July 25 - Juggling with Jack Boatwright
Aug. 1 - Hand Puppet Show-Anita Joeckel from Pearl River Library
Aug. 8 - Party

And, don't forget the shells and other beachcombings that are collected each week.

A new program this summer--Family Story Hours will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons starting July 12 and lasting five weeks. Local teenagers will be telling stories in our cool children's room for children of all ages. Preschool story hours will continue throughout the summer every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m., ending with a Teddy Bear's picnic on August 8.

Anthony Komornick, well-known Piermont artist, will be displaying his paintings, sketches and unusual poker art, an Early American art form, in the upper level of the Library through the month of July. Mr. Komornick has had many shows in Rockland County and New Jersey and was featured in the Oct.-Dec. 1974 issue of "South of the Mountains" published by the Historical Society of Rockland County. The subject of his show is Rockland County--scenes and historical buildings, many in Piermont. The August display will feature arts and crafts made by the children in Piermont's summer program.

And don't forget, THE LIBRARY IS THE COOLEST PLACE IN TOWN (literally and naturally).

PCA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 20, 8 p.m. at the Library.

We will be discussing sponsorship of a Street Fair and amending the bylaws All PCA members are invited to the meeting. If you have thoughts regarding a street fair, we especially urge you to attend.

VILLAGE OF PIERMONT

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Article Iv, Section 78-13 A through L is concerned with garbage disposal. It states that garbage may not be placed on the street or sidewalk or in public rubbish containers; further, that containers must be watertight, not larger than 18" in diameter and 26" high, nor weigh more than 100 pounds. It also provides that rubbish and garbage must be separated. Newspapers must be separated and bundled. They are picked up the first and third Saturdays of the month. (Paper may also be deposited anytime in the bins behind the Shell Station--credit to the Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary. Green and clear bottles, with metal removed, may be put into Lions Club barrels stored in the lot opposite the Fire House.) Rubbish is collected in April. Permits for Clarkstown dump privileges are available to all Piermont residents at Clarkstown Dump Office, Rte. 303.

The purpose of these regulations is to establish minimum standards for the maintenance and appearance of our Village. They fix responsibility on the people who live here. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

JOIN THE PCA

Have you joined the Piermont Civic Association this year? We need your membership more than ever, since all the profits from our major fund raiser, the annual dinner, were donated to the victims of the tragic fire on Main Street. If you haven't joined yet this year, won't you do it right now. Send a check for $5.00 to PCA, Box 22, Piermont, N.Y. 10968.

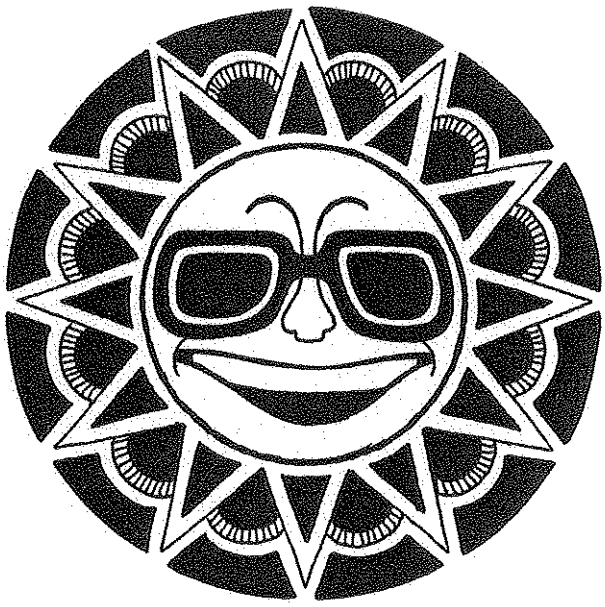
Subscriptions to the NEWSLETTER are also available for $2.00 per year, we will mail them anywhere in the U.S.A.

SEWER UPDATE

With the return of the warm weather, the sewer odors along the Nyack trunk line are also returning. The odors began again in early April, but so far they have been neither as intense nor as consistently present as last summer. The corrective measures reported in the last NEWSLETTER appear to have eliminated the overflow problem and to have somewhat lessened the odor problem. Continued complaints to the Health Department are still necessary, however, to bring about a total solution to Piermont's sewer problems.

PLAYGROUP EXPANDS SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

The Community Playgroup which meets at the Community Center on Hudson Terrace is in the process of receiving state licensing for full day care. Plans call for our regular pre-school program for 3 and 4 year olds in addition to full day care from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All preschool classes will meet during the morning hours with a possible option for 5 mornings per week if you are interested in preschool only. Spaces are available for kindergarten children on a half-day basis as well. If you are interested, or know anyone within the South Orangetown school district who could use this service, fill out the form below and return to:



The Community Playgroup
Box 394
Piermont, N.Y. 10968

For information call:

Eileen Burge	359-4536
Dee Krummack	359-4199
or the Community Center	359-9833

SUMMER PROGRAM

The Playgroup is also providing a summe program in conjunction with the Village Summer Program. It will be held July 5 through August 11. Four year olds will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and five year olds on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Six and seven year olds will meet on Monday and Friday afternoons. The program for fou and five year olds is open to any chil in the South Orangetown School District Six and seven year olds will be Piermor residents only.

For information and registration, call Eileen Burge at the Community Center, 359-9833.

I am interested in the day care program for _____3 year olds

____4 year olds ____Kindergarten

I am interested in the preschool program for _____3 year olds ____4 year old

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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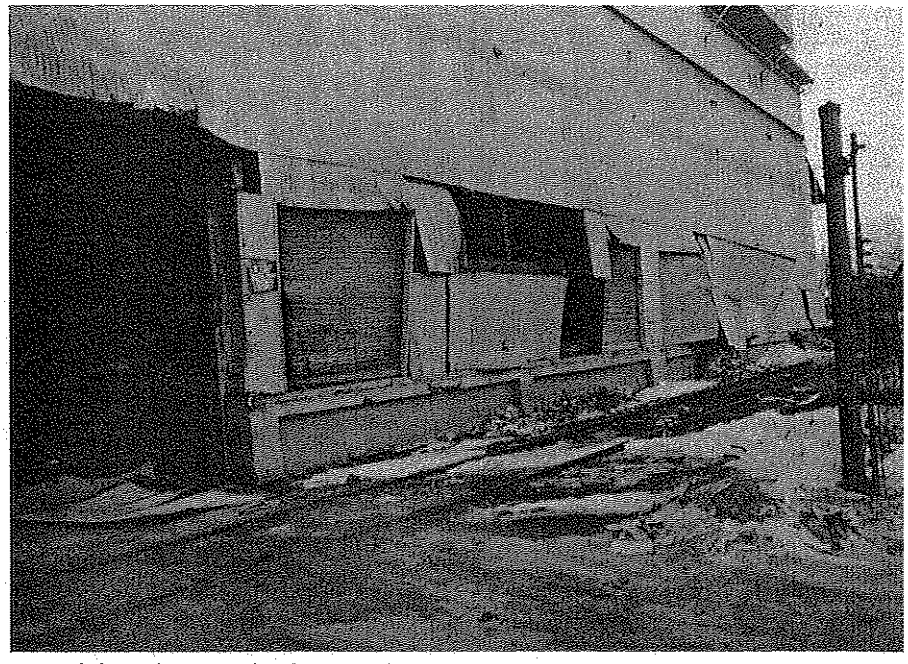

Piermont has long been a factory town, and in many ways the mills have added to the community. However, in recent years the Clevepak plant has become increasingly lax in maintaining their buildings and surrounding grounds. Their waterfront and parking lot are filled with debris and newspapers are allowed to blow littering the surrounding area. It is not a pretty sight.

Certainly with their location in the center of the Village it is vital for them as responsible members of this community to maintain their property.

The Piermont Civic Association strongly asks that Clevepak management begin an on-going program of property maintenance and that the Village follow through in enforcing ordinances that require such maintenance.

We support the negotiations now going on with Clevepak and the Village to provide for some type of screen of at least box-car height to be erected at the front of the plant. This must be coupled with a commitment by Clevepak management to efficient regular property maintenance.

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And last but not least, consider the aesthetic value. We all love the Hudson River and its beauty, but we often forget the important part the marsh plays in this landscape. It adds to the serenity and interest of the river. Even though it is teeming with life, there is a quiet vibrancy that one can feel when walking along side it and viewing the river. This nurturing of the spirit, even though less tangible, should not be overlooked when assessing the marsh's value. It's an integral part of the river and our view of it.

With these valuable marshes disappearing rapidly over the past 100 years, it is our responsibility to protect the one that happens to be in our backyard. Shepherd's book states the startling rate in which they have been disappearing. "For the country as a whole, 8 out of every 10 marshes that existed 100 years ago are gone. During the past 20 years another 700,000 acres of our most productive estuaries perished. Six states--California, Texas, Louisiana, Florida New Jersey, and New York, account for more than 70 percent of these losses..."

Recently a meeting took place in Piermont to discuss the future of the Pier and marsh area between Mayor Bryan, Mr. Taormina, Director, Division of Marine Resources of New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Nash Castro, Director of Palisades Interstate Park Commission (PIP). The DEC has monies to spend for the purchase of wetland areas in New York State in order to protect them from further development. Mr. Taormina was definitely interested in the Piermont marsh area but questioned whether the Pier (defined as an "adjacent area" in Tidal Wetlands legislation) would qualify as a wetland as designated under the Environmental Quality Bond Act of 1972 which states how this money can be spent. If the purchase goes through, the marsh area would

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shop talk...

Damien Rispoli and his uncle, Tony DeRosa, are the owners of Big Tony's Jumbo Wedge and Rispoli Deli on Main Street north in Piermont. They prepare a great selection of jumbo wedges from two to six feet long, filled with delicious cold cuts, salads, homemade meat loaf, hot peppers, etc. Side dishes include potato salad and cole slaw. There is a steam table with a variety of hot dishes for lunch and dinner. Open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. offering take-out service, they also cater buffet parties, supplying hot and cold foods and sodas. Rispoli has some groceries on the shelves and is enlarging the fruit and vegetable section.

The Turning Point will be open seven days a week for lunch and dinner during the summer season. Happy note: that gusty cold gazpacho is back on the menu. And for the many fans of Kenneth Be, he will be playing guitar and lute on Monday and Friday nights.

Anne Roy has moved her loom into 530 Main Street, Piermont, hung the walls with her choice rugs and hangings, and achieved a charming showroom-workroom. At present specializing in rag rug weaving, Anne also fabricates wall hangings, place mats,covers,etc., all in her selective color combinations and individual stripe arrangements. Although the width of the weave is limited to the thirty one inch span of her loom, length can be indeterminate, ten to twelve feet for instance. Anne's woven pieces are on exhibit at the Piermont Library through June. She can be reached at her shop Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Sailhaven on the Hudson in Piermont is offering a new Sailing School course to sixteen year olds and over which includes twenty hours on the water, four in a boat with expert instruction. There are separate groups for beginners and advanced sailors. 16 foot Knockabout and 22 foot Catalina craft are used for training. Sailhaven also maintains a rental boat service and boat accessories shop.

The Clausland Book Shop's stock of books by Rockland County authors is growing. Among the latest, The Artist and The Unicorn: The Lives of Arthur B. Davies, by Brooks Wright. Also to be found here, Comrade Chiang Ch'ing, by Grand View's Roxane Witke and the already well known Song of Solomon, by Toni Morrison.

EPG has brought an adaptation of the Phelps Apron to Piermont. A short, circular, pocketed, wrap apron, good over slacks, skirts and bathing suits, it comes in many colors and is a flattering bit of new look.

Mardy Allen makes a beautiful gift for a bride. Bring in her wedding invitation and she will decorate it with real pressed flowers, mat and frame it as a sentimental keepsake. It is a thoughtful gift. Lovely gifts also are her pressed flower pictures in old gold frames, and silk flower arrangements in pastel to deep colors to harmonize with any decc

Among the lovely handcrafted items on consignment at The Piermont Exchange, are Tom Renzi's leather bags. Of softest leathers, in shades of tan and brown, they are beautifully stitched and designed in attache, pouch and overarm styles. There are also wallets and card cases. And collars and leashes come in any size and length to fit your little friends. Tom Renzi will make any bag in leather to your specification. New, also, at The Exchange, French roses, in organdy with rolled edges, in lush, pastel colors.

The Piermont Exchange and Mardy Allen Shop will be closed from August 14 through September 5.

Tucked away off 303 on Greenbush Road in Orangeburg is a new Oriental Food Shop. Although tiny, the store is packed with exotic and not so exotic foods, including fresh Orienta vegetables, bean sprouts, bok choy, bitter melon, long string beans and snow peas, plus bean curd, salted eggs, dried mushrooms and shrimp, not to mention a full assortment of noodles and rice. The Mercado family manages the shop and even has printed up several recipes for

Phillipino dishes to help the inexperienced chef.

PORK WITH BEAN CURD

2 lb. lean pork (shrimp or chicken may be substituted)
1 tbs. (1 1/4T) sherry
1 tsp. salt
2 tbs. (2 1/4T) oil
4 tbs. (5T) soy sauce
1 tsp. brown sugar
1/2 lb. bean curd
2 spring onion (scallion)

Wipe the pork, cut into small dice and put into a pan with 1 pint (2 1/2) water. Bring to the boil, remove the scum, cover the pan and simmer for 1 hour. Add 2 tablespoons (2 1/2T) of the soy sauce, all the sherry, sugar and salt. Cover and cook for another 30 minutes.

Cut the bean curd into 2 inch square pieces. Heat the oil and fry the bean curd for 2 - 3 minutes, turning it over once during cooking. Add the remaining soy sauce, 1/2 pint (1 1/4c.) water and the onion, cut into small pieces, stir well and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Mix the bean curd mixture into the pork and pour into a dish.

Serve immediately.

The store is open Monday thru Friday from 10-8 p.m. Sat. 9-8 p.m. and Sun. 10-4 p.m.■

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be added to the other land currently owned by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission for their management. The Piermont CAC is very excited by this proposed plan, but is disappointed that the Pier might not be included. Members strongly feel that the Pier is an integral part of the entire Piermont marsh ecosystem and that it should be protected as well. If massive development, or even just further development, were to take place on the Pier, it could have far-reaching and irreplaceable effects on the entire marsh to the south of it. The Piermont CAC made the following resolution to support this view:

R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas the pier and adjacent Village-owned land are ecologically an integral part of the marsh, the CAC strongly recommends that these areas be preserved in a natural state for the protection of the marsh. Furthermore, these areas are defined as "adjacent areas" by the New York State Tidal Wetlands Act (1971) and as such construction is prohibited.

Therefore we urge the Village Board to consider the great value of the marsh to the local environment and permit it to continue to develop in a natural state.

In our view the ideal utilization of the pier-marsh area would be as a nature (wildlife) preserve including a nature walk allowing all residents to observe and appreciate many of the unique features of our Village.■

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create public works projects, the attention of the highway builders again turned to Tweed Boulevard, The land along the roadway fell away sharply and dangerously on the east face of the mountain, and, as a WPA project, boulders were brought to line the outer edge of the path, and a low stone wall was built along part of it. Finally, in 1939, funds were appropriated by the supervisors to create a roadway and surface it over a five-year period. Eventually, Fat Man's Misery yielded to the road-builders. During World War II, a skywatch tower was built at the very crest of the mountain and manned twenty-four hours a day to watch for enemy planes; later came the Nike missile site which required further improvement of the highway. Meanwhile the Interstate Park Commission acquired some 536 acres at the northerly end of Clausland Mountain, including that stretch of the "boulevard," and in recent years, the County and Town of Orangetown have acquired much of the remaining land along the westerly slope of the mountain for park purposes. Thus most of the west slope of the mountain is now in the public domain and available for recreation usage for this and future generations.

When pavement of the road was begun by the County in 1939, it was announced in the Journal-News that "when completed, the road is expected to provide a by-pass from Piermont north and west to Route 303." No such usage has ever been realized, however. The southerly end of the road is still a narrow, winding, unfinished one-lane road.

At the height of his career, Tweed's friends began to raise funds to build a monument to him--a proposal which Tweed had the wit and foresight to veto. Today, a century after his death, one of the few and perhaps the only remaining monument that officially bears his name is the beautiful, unfinished, obscure road along Clausland Mountain which once evoked visions of wealth and grandeur.

The preceding article is based on talks with county, town and park officials, a large number of long-time residents of this area, correspondence with former residents, the files of the Board of Supervisors, the files of The Rockland County Journal, City and Country, and The Journal-News, and the following books: The History of Rockland County by Frank Bertangue Green, M.D., A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, 1886; Now and Then and Long Ago by Cornelia Bedell, Historical Society of Rockland County, New York City, N.Y., 1968; The Political History of Rockland County, New York, edited by John H. Bennett, March, 1970; History of Rockland County, New York, edited by the Rev. David Cole, J. B. Beers & Co., New York 1884; Frontier Elements in a Hudson River Village, by Carl Nordstrom, Kennikat Press, Port Washington, N.Y., 1973; "Boss" Tweed, by Alexander B. Callow, Jr., Oxford University Press, New York, 1966; Tweed's New York, Another Look, by Leo Hershkowitz, Anchor Press, Doubleday, 1978; The Robber Barons by Matthew Josephsen, Harcourt Brace and Company, New York, 1978; The Story of American Railroads by Stewart Holbrook, Crown Publishers, 1947; Jim Fisk, the Improbable Rascal, by W. A. Swanberg, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1959; and Jubilee Jim, by Robert H. Fuller, The Macmillan Company, New York, 1928.■

THE REHEARSAL

SHANDLEY (*as Puck*)—"Allow me to immortalize you, Boss!"
TWEED (*realizing his part*)—"I most emphatically and decidedly object to it. I am not deficient in common-sense."

OTHER ECOLOGICAL HAPPENINGS

ENVIRONMENTAL LECTURE: Curtis Olsen and Bob Trier, Research Scientists in the Geochemistry Department at Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, gave a lecture-slide presentation on research they had recently done on PCB concentration and radioactivity in the Hudson River, at the Piermont Library on April 4. Their samples showed that most of the radioactivity and PCB deposition is in the New York Harbor area, whole lower amounts are in inner estuarine areas of the lower Hudson. They measured only a few centimeters of radioactivity in the pier area and around 20 centimeters in the Piermont marsh. While in the Statue of Liberty area they estimated that over 1 1/2 feet of radioactive sediment has accumulated in the past four years.

PIER CLEAN-UP: The fourth annual pier cleanup sponsored by the Piermont CAC was on Saturday, April 8 in conjunction with a Piermont-wide cleanup organized by the Piermont Park Commission. Several local groups aided in these cleanups but the turnout was rather small, considering the job that had to be done. The pier area was particularly bad. Almost as much litter had accumulated in one year as had been collected the first year of the cleanup. This was very discouraging and can be directly attributed to the gate of the pier being left open. On a nice day 50 or more cars can be seen parked on the pier, mostly with New Jersey license plates. Continued efforts have been made to have the gate closed to vehicular traffic, and nothing seems to work. Is it unreasonable to ask people to walk out on the pier to fish or enjoy the view? Especially when the end result would be--less carried out and, consequently, less litter.■

The Pier Clean-up

Notes from Grand View

This edition of Grand View Notes will consist of chronicling CAC events, the Flea Market, the Angliss hearing, the fire protection contract, water bills and the river, boats, beauty, house sales, joggers, frisbee and skateboard addicts and any sundries which may turn up along the way.

The Cultural Arts Council builds success upon success, has a following and more than a following: it's been turning 'em away. Robert Arnold's presentation on King Tut was packed to the legal limit (I was going to say "and then some" but we are all so law abiding in Grand View I wouldn't raise a ghost of a suspicion.) Robert and his actress wife, Deborah, and family have been Grand View residents for several years. He is a master craftsman restorer for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and has been installing the Tutankhamen exhibit around the country.

Well, a fabulous day surrounded the Spring Flea Market in the Village Hall and it was jammed, with goodies (and some rather wierd items), people (talk about followings, many, many familiar faces among the buyers and browsers), vendors (the village folk are getting to be good at this), dealers (they came early and late, to scoop up the buys and get even better prices late in the day). Nobody went home unhappy.

The Angliss hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals has raised some serious questions for the village. The board made it clear that, although it was sympathetic to new construction in the village, the size of the variance was clearly counter to the village ordinance on required square footage. The only sensible remedy is for a change in the village ordinances which would reflect the immense changes that circumstances have brought about for us all. Taxes are steamrolling everybody. Where once it made a kind of sense to put restrictive measures into the ordinances making it difficult to build in the village, now sentiment and sense clearly point in the direction of getting as much new home construction as possible without drastically altering front frontage guide lines. Reasons: increased tax base to help pay the freight, for one. A dozen houses would be a big help in our little village. It's doubtful that there is room to build more than forty houses over all even if some intelligent, far seeing plan were designed for us. And--putting in new, individual homes would preserve the character of the village. Otherwise the encroachment of the high rise apartment would be hard to stop. On its present tax base Grand View faces unbearable burdens as an incorporated village. It would have to face the prospect of disincorporation. Then, we're wide open for extreme alteration to the character, shape and tenor of the village.

It's the tax burden that caused the fire protection contract flap with Piermont, no matter what else you might hear. Grand View now has South Nyack fire protection coverage after years of amicable relationship in this regard with Piermont. It's too bad negotiation didn't prevail.

Water bills and the river: does it make any sense for Grand View or Piermont--or any of the river communities to pay the enormous charges that hydrants cost when there's a river available for pumping? I open the debate. A great portion of homes could have fire protection with water pumped out of the river instead of out of a hydrant. Don't the advantages outweight any disadvantages?

Boats, beauty--well, you have but to look around you. There seem to be more beautiful sailing vessels on the water than ever before. No debate about the beauties of the Spring along the river. The winter kill and the protracted cold affected many plantings and somehow

there wasn't the concerted explosion of bloom this year that seemed to mark our Springtime in past years. But the flowers in May and the lushness of the trees shows what too much snow and rain can do for you on the plus side. This year promises to be the berriest, too.

House sales? Not exactly. There are house offerings, yes, but all in six figures, except one. The assessments are terrifying present owners who see giant tax rises in their future and much less chance of selling. And a damn tough time maintaining. We may have to have our own version of Proposition 13. If we don't have the power of state petition, maybe we've got that power on county, town and village levels. There's got to be a way or we'll all end up ravers.

Joggers: it does take your mind off fiscal matters. There are even family jogs that go by, although the spectacle of pater being outstripped by stripling offspring is not conductive to peaceful contemplation. But the ultimate in all this joggery-pokery was borne in on me one day when I saw some young men in an open convertible stopping at various points along River Road to spray a numeral and mark on the road surface. They were painting measured mileage for their future jogs. I was amazed and awed.

Frisbee and skateboard activity: River Road is a mine field of kids in their sportive pleasures. Passive delights such as tree houses have waned. The frisbees fly. The skateboards roll. The traffic had better take it easy. River Road is a playground.

Sundries? Enough is enough, I should think but perhaps one, just one...Get Stanley and Betty Catron to tell you their Rolls Royce story. Delightful.■

HIDDEN WORD GAME
ELECTED AND APPOINTED VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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We are always in need of writers for the NEWSLETTER, no previous experience needed! Please contact the editor if you would like to join our staff or have an idea for a story you think we should cover.

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