

Croton Falls Fire Auxiliary celebrating 35th anniversary

It has often been said that behind every successful man stands a woman responsible for his success and this has surely been proven by the women behind the Croton Falls Fire Department — the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Celebrating their 35th year, these dedicated women can review with pride their contribution toward safeguarding the lives and property of the North Salem community, in conjunction with the actual services performed by the fire department.

Starting in 1936 as a relatively small group, the women raised funds, for their projects by making homemade jellies and pickles and selling them door to door. They have progressed to the point that the public now comes to them for participation in their social affairs such as penny socials, card parties and masquerades, but their spirit of determination and helpfulness remains unchanged.

The memory of the charter members of this organization is perpetuated by a plaque engraved with their names and installed in the meeting hall. These include Mrs. George Rounton, Mrs. James Hughes, Mrs. Philip Doyle, Mr. J. Robert Tompkins, Mrs. R. Henry Blumlein and Mrs. Joseph Robusto.

The auxiliary welcomes all ladies who live within the fire district, but also accepts as associate members those living in other areas, the only stipulation being the associates can not hold office.

sandwiches and coffee; or the food will be prepared by the ladies, picked up by a member of the fire department and brought to the scene of the fire.

At Christmas, generous checks are forwarded from the auxiliary to hospitals at Castle Point, Montrose Veteran's Hospital, and the firemen's home.

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in Hudson. The women have also purchased a wheel chair which is loaned, without charge, to persons who are experiencing a temporary disability.

WE ARE NOT through yet! The fire department and auxiliary have contributed, jointly, to the enjoyment of young people in the area through donation of the fire house by the men, and the use of the kitchen facilities by the ladies, for the Teen Canteen. Ordinarily these are rented to organizations for a nominal fee of \$50, but no charge is made to the canteen. A portion of the refreshments served at these affairs is also contributed.

As a token of gratitude, gold pins are presented at the annual auxiliary dinner to those women who have served the organization consecutively for 15 years.

The present officers are president, Barbara DePaoli, vice president, Eleanor Bleakley, secretary, Betty Adams, treasurer, Cora Outhouse, chaplain, Helen Russell.

Congratulations to a great group of ladies from a most grateful community.

'Lincoln' visits

The North Salem Republican Club held a very successful Lincoln Day dinner dance at the Hollywood Cafe in Brewster Saturday, February 13. Dancing and entertainment were enjoyed by all. The guests of honor were County Executive and Mrs. Edwin Michaelian.

A highlight of the entertainment was the personal appearance of "Abraham Lincoln" in the person of Robert Taylor of North Salem. "Mr. Lincoln" apologized for taking so long to arrive and regretted his wife's absence, but explained the former Mary Todd, born 1818, felt her age was a barrier to travel. So he was accompanied

by "this young lady" indicating Mrs. Taylor.

He started to recite the Gettysburg Address but, when interrupted from the audience by a cry of "wrong speech!" he agreed. Reaching in his pocket, he began to read from a piece of paper "Rice Krispies, bread, sugar."

Then leaving aside humor, he read a bona fide letter received from Mrs. Richard Nixon, wishing the North Salem Republican Club every success and regretting her inability to attend. Mrs. Taylor then introduced Donald Mossman, who in turn presented Mr. Michaelian.

The county executive spoke about the urgent necessity of relief from property taxes. From the county level, the most important issue he saw was the proposed assumption of welfare costs by the federal government, or a compromise division of costs between federal, state and local government.

Mr. Michaelian also pointed out that, while President Nixon is the target of much criticism, Abraham Lincoln was one of the nation's most vilified presidents during his term of office, but history proved him one of the greatest performed for his country. Every president, no matter how much public opinion was for or against him, has done some good. The County executive said, adding, with a smile, "Even the Democratic ones!"

Parishioners and friends of Father Kilmartin of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, Croton Falls, wish him a speedy recovery from injuries suffered in his recent accident.

While crossing an icy area between the church and the rectory, he slipped and fell, breaking his leg. With the help of Father Fletcher and the church custodian, he was placed in an ambulance and taken to Northern Westchester hospital where he will be for an indefinite period of time.

Get well quickly, Father Kilmartin.

Did someone once remark that one man cannot alter the course of human events? Fie upon him! William Sullivan of Peach Lake proved otherwise when he took his stand before the North Salem school board last Thursday, objecting to the selection of March 17 for the school bond vote.

In view of Mr. Sullivan's contention that many persons of Irish extraction in the area would be traveling to New York, attending parades, visiting and the like on St. Pa-

trick's Day, the board capitulated with all good grace and agreed to hold the vote March 18. Who among us is bold enough to dare incur the wrath of St. Patrick?

Up and away

The armchair travel club for North Salem residents over the age of 60 will be up, up and away on its initial "flight" very shortly. Films of Ireland will be shown and refreshments served.

This is the first of a series of films to be offered, leading toward what is hoped to be a program of varied interests for all persons in this age group.

The time, date and location of the first program will be announced soon.

Mrs. S. DeVito reports the Taconic Girl Scout visual arts exhibit will be held March 7 through 13 at the following times: March 7, 1 to 4 p.m.; March 8, 9, 10, 3 to 5 p.m.; March 11-12, 7 to 9 p.m.; March 13, 2 to 4 p.m.

The exhibit will be at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Mt. Kisco.

All troops are preparing entries and one entry per troop will be chosen to appear at the council exhibit.

This exhibit will present an opportunity for the girls, parents and the community to share some of the excitement and satisfaction of creating something, as all entries must be of original thought and design. There will be a special display of "Art at Camp." The community is invited to attend.

Adult education

By virtue of public response to previous classes, the spring semester of the adult education program at North Salem High School will begin March 3. Courses offered will be basic tailoring, fundamentals of art and modern dancing. Chorus will be offered later in the season.

A brochure will be mailed to all school district residents, with a tear-off form for mail application for those wishing to register in advance. Cooperation in filling out and returning

these slips is requested, in order to facilitate registration.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Theodore Taylor, director of adult education, at No. 9-8395.

The North Salem Republican Club meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, February 26, at the town hall.

Robert Rudolph, member of the board of education, will speak on the necessity for a new school. In addition, objects and aims of the Republican Club will be detailed, one of the most important being its attempt to cooperate with town government and town organizations. In view of the pertinence of both these topics, the meeting will be open to the public.

As part of its aim to correlate the efforts of all town groups, the next meeting of the club will be open to officials of the town government, and the following one to all community organizations.

Miss A. M. Wiede, leader of Girl Scout Troop 124, announced regretfully that, due to the flu bug felling four of her group that were planning a campout at the Pound Ridge reservation, the trip will be postponed until a date to be announced.

Candidates sought

The North Salem Nominating Committee for School Board met last week to discuss the forthcoming school elections budget vote and bond issues. The main topic concerned qualifications desirable for school board members. Those present agreed the committee should continue its search for interested and qualified persons to serve on the school board as a community service.

Mrs. Jean Doyle was re-elected chairman for the coming year. Other members include Mrs. John Dillon, Mrs. J. Robert Dole, Mrs. Vincent Jones, August Leone, Mrs. John Melon, Mrs. Angus MacInnes, Ken Peterson, Thomas Purdy 3rd and Emule Schurmacher.

Cancer chairman announced

POUND RIDGE — The American Cancer Society's drive in Pound Ridge for 1971 will be headed by Mrs. Seymour J. Sindeband for her second year as chairman.

In accepting the post, Mrs. Sindeband, homemaker and mother, emphasized the urgency of the cancer problem. "The annual checkup and early detection," noted the chairman, "are the best method to combat cancer and other diseases." The goal of ACS is to "stamp out cancer in this decade" and residents are urged to support the appeal in the forthcoming campaign.

The objective for 1971 is \$2,000," she added, "and this figure can be reached and exceeded by the generosity of the local citizenry."

The funds raised are used in the county for vital patient services, to further public education and to support the society's extensive research projects.

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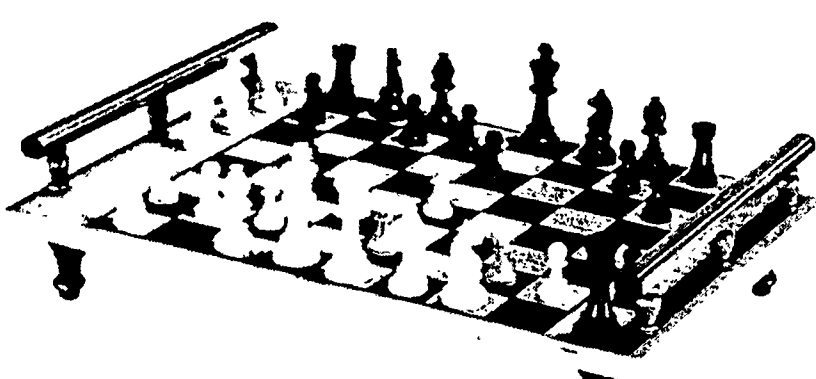
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