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ANOTHER DOLL, ANOTHER BEAR

V.S.S. now has two talking dolls and two talking bears, thanks to Mr. Jack Weir, (cont. p.4)

BELOW: Mrs. Annette Somershein, education department speech therapist, holds the talking doll and Mrs. Norma Fava, Asst. Supv. Ed. Programs, Colony, holds the bear. Both were presented by Mr. Jack Weir, a representative from the Telephone Pioneers of America.



NJARC CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST-(Above)
The Colony is proud of its winners!
(Read about it on p. 4)

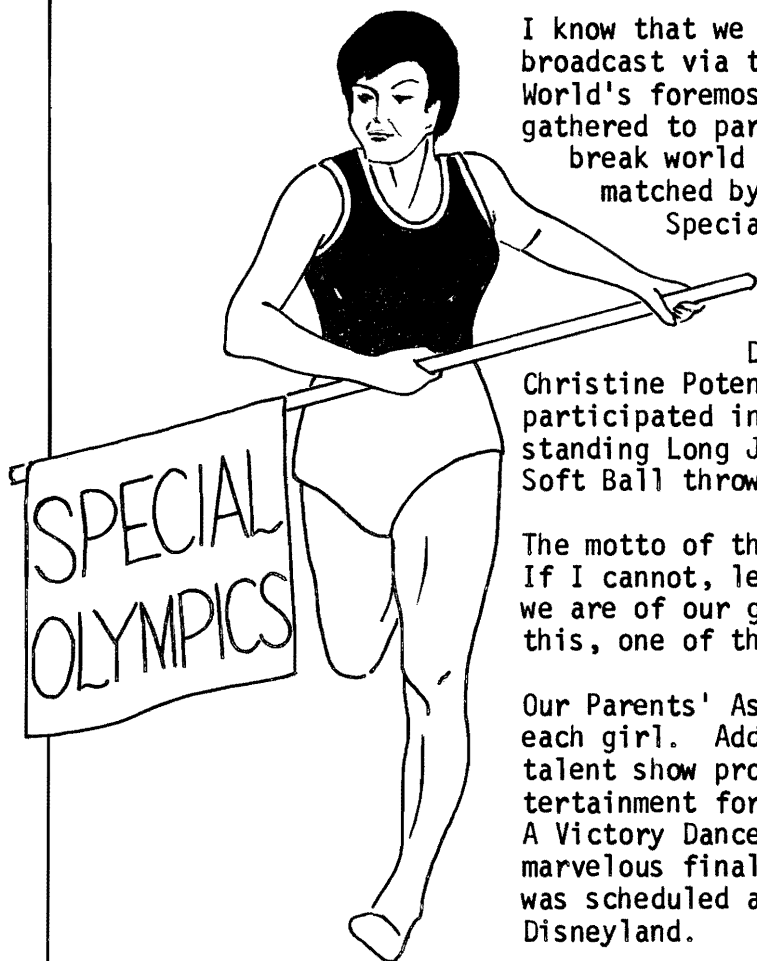


THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

RIGHT: Pictured from left to right are our Vineland State School representatives to the Special Olympics meet held in Los Angeles, California. The girls are Christine Potent, Dorothy Blackwell, Sally O'Hara, Mary Ann Daniels, and Judy Johnson. (story on p.2)



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S NEWS AND VIEWS:



I know that we were all thrilled as we watched the T.V. broadcast via the satellite from Munich, Germany as the World's foremost athletes from countries around the globe gathered to participate in rigorous competition and to break world records. This thrill and enthusiasm was matched by those who participated in and attended the Special Olympics held in Los Angeles, California. Five of our girls were among the 2700 competitors from the United States and other countries. Dorothy Blackwell, Mary Ann Daniels, Judith Johnson, Sally O'Hara and Christine Potent represented Vineland State School and participated in 10 events. Mary won a silver medal for standing Long Jump and Dorothy a bronze medal for her Soft Ball throw.

The motto of the Special Olympics was, "Let me Win, but If I cannot, let me be brave in the attempt". How proud we are of our girls who tried hard to win and found in this, one of their life's greatest experiences.

Our Parents' Association provided \$50 spending money for each girl. Additional activities included an unscheduled talent show promoted by our residents which provided entertainment for Olympians, chaperones, coaches and parents. A Victory Dance was held on the closing evening to add a marvelous finale to an exciting three days. An extra day was scheduled and our girls enjoyed a fantastic day at Disneyland.

All New Jersey Medal Winners received a personal congratulatory letter from Governor William T. Cahill. As Mary Ann and Dorothy stated, "We received a letter from the Government."

The National Competition was the culmination of a regional competition at Glassboro in which 79 of our girls competed and at the State finals at Monmouth in which 39 of our girls competed. This was truly a wonderful experience and opportunity and our heartfelt thanks go to our competitors and to the wonderful trainers and chaperones who made participation in all levels of events one of excitement and pleasure. Our thanks go to Mrs. Elaine Warner and all the members of her fine staff for such a wonderful program and in particular, to Mrs. Jeanette Ganio, Miss Kathy Musto and Miss Pam Myers.

VISITS AND VISITORS- V.S.S. welcomed several tour groups during the month of September.

- September 8 - Forty educators from Rosewood State Hospital in Maryland.
- September 13 - Twenty practical nursing students from Salem County Vocational School.
- September 19 - Fifteen practical nursing students from Burlington Co. Vocational School.
- September 26 - Mrs. Anne Marlowe, Chief Education Consultant for I & A, and Mr. Tom Brown, from the State Department of Education, visited the Institution and viewed the Title I Programs.

HELPING HANDS - The Community Involvement Program from the Vineland High School is again providing volunteers for departments throughout the Institution. These helpers receive five academic credits for volunteering their time.

We also have a few volunteers from Glassboro State College who must put in fifty hours of volunteer work. These students are majoring in Special Education.

A CANDY SALE - A candy sale will begin on October 1st in the Volunteer Office. The proceeds will be used toward the Bedspread Project. Prizes will be given to those who sell from 4 to 30 cases of candy. Support the Volunteer project by helping with the candy sale either by buying or selling. It's a nice way to do some of your Christmas shopping. If you are interested, stop in and talk with Miss Stolar in the Volunteer Office.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE - Miss Catherine Bowen, a social worker from Sydney, Australia visited the Vineland State School on August 31st. In Australia, Miss Bowen works with the elderly and the chronically ill and she came to observe the grandparents working with their children. She intends to develop a program similar to our Foster Grandparent Program in Australia and Miss Bowen was quite impressed with the relationship between the Grannies and their grandchildren.

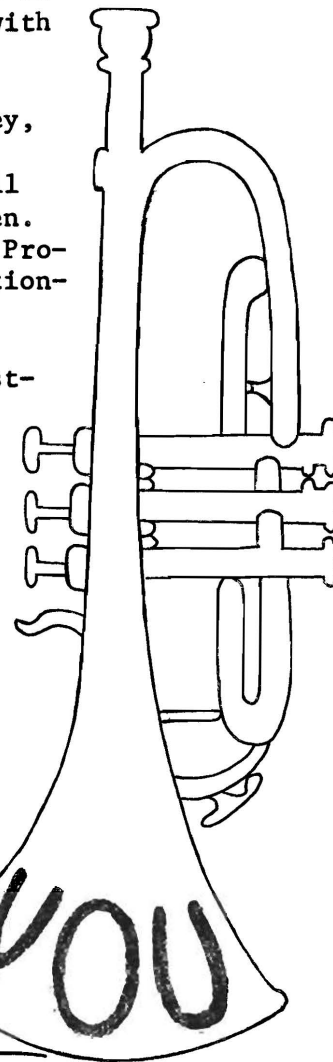
MUSICAL NOEL - The music division is working on music for the Christmas Program which has been scheduled for December 9th. The title for this year's program is "Noel" and will be a variety program featuring both religious and secular music. The division is also busy preparing programs for the Lion's Club and for Christmas Sunday.

STITCH AND SEW - The Sewing Room staff has been busy working on mending, fixing and tagging. They also filled several special orders which included 298 flannel diapers, 72 arm slings for the hospital and 255 wheelchair ties for the Cinderella Shop.

STUDENT TEACHING - The 1972 Fall student teachers from Glassboro State College have arrived. They are Miss Patricia Kearney and Mr. Carl Tisa. Miss Kearney is working with Mrs. Doughty's Remedial Social Skills classes and Mr. Tisa is working with Mrs. Wisda's A.M. Educable class and her P.M. Trainable session.

LATEST FASHIONS-"A Rainbow of Fashion", the resident fashion show, was held on September 17. King's fashions were modeled for the first half of the show and the second half of the show featured outfits donated by numerous area merchants which were later given to the resident models who wore them in the show. Judged by the many smiling faces, the show was a huge success. William Dotts, Director of Education, did a fine job as commentator and William Cook, Music Supervisor, provided the organ music. Mrs. Elsie Jones, a Foster Grandparent, was responsible for all the lovely door prizes. Others assisting in the show were Mr. Richard Cesta, Colony Supt., who was the toastmaster, Mrs. Ruth Petway and her assistants for hair styles, Model Tutor, Miss Nancy Stolar, and decorations by the Cottage

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COOK'S CORNER

PUMPKIN GELATIN CHIFFON PIE

Recipe of the month:

(submitted by Mrs. A. Somershein,
Speech Therapist)

Prepare: A 9-inch pie shell

Soak: 1 tbsp.gelatin in 1/4c.water

Beat slightly: 3 egg yolks

Add: 1/2 c. sugar

1 1/4 c. canned or cooked pumpkin

1/2 c. milk

1/4 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

Cook and stir these ingredients over, not in, hot water until thick. Stir in the soaked gelatin until dissolved. Chill.

Whip 3 egg whites until stiff, not dry.

When the pumpkin mixture begins to set, stir in 1/2 c. sugar and fold in the egg whites. Fill the pie shell. Chill to set. Serve garnished with whipped cream.



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N. J. A. R. C. CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST - (continued from p. 1)- The front page photo includes Mrs. Fava and Mrs. Deksnys, from the Colony Education Department, admiring the Honorable Mention Certificates displayed by Colony residents (left to right), Janet Gaynor, Jeannie Willis and Robin Davis. These girls received the certificates for their entries in the Annual N.J.A.R.C. Christmas Card Contest.

ANOTHER DOLL, ANOTHER BEAR-(continued from p.1)-of the H. G. McCully chapt. of the Telephone Pioneers of America. He visited the State School on Aug. 22 and presented another talking bear and talking doll to Mrs. Frances Stolar. The talking doll was then given to Mrs. Annette Somershein for use in her school speech therapy program and the talking bear was given to Mrs. Norma Fava for use at the Colony.

COLONY

A BUSY MONTH - September was a busy month for the Colony residents, with the inclusion of the first trips to Ocean City funded by Social Security. Fourteen residents receiving Social Security benefits paid for expenses to spend the night at the Port-O-Call Hotel. They enjoyed a delicious steak dinner, saw the movie "What's Up Doc?" and also shopped on the boardwalk.

Girls from "D", "F" and "H" Cottages also enjoyed spending the day on the boardwalk, shopping, eating, etc. Chaperoned by one of the recreation staff and a cottage employee, the trips were a great boost to the residents activities.

OFF TO THE CIRCUS-Thirty-five girls from "A", "B" and "H" Cottages enjoyed the circus in Newfield sponsored by the Newfield Jaycees on September 10th.

DANCE TO THE MUSIC-On September 6th, thirty-five Colony girls hosted the Woodbine boys for a coed dance. Refreshments were served and included cold sodas and steaming pizza.

On September 26th, fifteen young Colony teens were hosted by the Woodbine boys for an afternoon of dancing and refreshments.

PACK A PICNIC LUNCH - A picnic given by Mrs. Emerle and her sister was enjoyed by sixty Colony girls on September 16th. A wide variety of refreshments were served and a very enjoyable afternoon was filled with good conversation and dancing.

FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES - On August 31st, a cake and coffee hour was held to bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Betty Castellini, Supervisor of "E" Cottage who was transferred to the Main Institution. She was presented with a lovely gift from the Cottage Supervisors.

The Colony wishes to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Emma Barber who assumed her duties as Supervisor of "E" Cottage on September 1st. Her previous assignment had been at Jenkinson Cottage at the Main. Also a sincere welcome to Mrs. Heather Wurm, the new teacher of the Colony Trainable Class.

STAFF VISITATION DAY-Saturday, August 12th, marked the initiation of "Staff Visitation Day" at the Colony. Mr. James Haight, Executive Assistant, was the special guest at the program which included an inspection of resident facilities and activities as well as a social meeting. A delicious luncheon was prepared and served by the cottage supervisors and their assistants. The occasion also served as a special "dress up day" for all Colony residents. The staff visitation program will be conducted several times each year.

IN FULL SWING-The Fall schedules are in full effect and the residents are busy with their academic classes, scheduled recreation classes, arts and crafts, coed activities, day and evening bus rides, canteens and outdoor activities--so enjoyable in the cool autumn days.



Employee News

WEDDING BELLS! ! ! - Best wishes to:

Deborah (Finger) Cregger, of Unit Cottage.
 Janice (Liberati) Morey, of Main Recreation.
 Nola (Green) Jones, of Main Cottage.
 Doveria (Clybourn) Williams, of Reeves Cottage.
 Lucy (Gentile) Steenland, of Main Food Service.

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS to: Brenda Jackson - East Cottage - a girl.

Our SINCERE SYMPATHY to Those Employees Who Have Recently Lost a Loved One....

Mrs. Ella Byrd, of Colony Recreation, on the loss of her father.
 Mrs. Barbara Johnson, of Main Cottage, on the loss of her stepson.
 Mrs. Bertha Moye, of "G" Cottage, on the loss of her son.
 Mrs. Eunice Tillman, of the Hospital, on the loss of her sister.
 Mrs. Emma Turpin, of Main Cottage, on the loss of her son.
 Mrs. Alice Semolino, Head Seamstress, on the loss of her sister.

Welcome to Our New Employees

Main

America Aponte, East
 Alice Bordley, Reeves
 Dorene Cassidy, Giles
 Sandra Corson, Lee
 Joseph Diorio, Food Service
 Carole Edwards, North
 Barbara Gibson, Main
 Juanita Gonzalez, Jenkinson
 Roseann Howard, Personnel
 Inetta Jones, Lee
 Maud Marich, Lee
 Ferdinand Martelli, Maintenance
 Sheryl Miskelly, Education
 James Murray, Food Service
 Charlotte O'Neill, Education
 Virginia Parent, Pond
 Donna Sue Peden, B.S.C.
 Margaret Riddle, Hospital
 Eugenia Slack, Food Service
 Hilda Somerville, Reeves
 Lillie Stevens, North
 Kathryn Sulik, Hospital
 Carmen Torres, East
 Thomas Town, Resident Living Office
 Ruth Waters, Lee

Colony

William Fox, Scrub Team
 Anthony Gentile, Food Service
 Mary Johnson, "F" Cottage
 Confesora Mattei, "C" Cottage
 Caroline Mattson, "D" Cottage
 Geraldine Perry, "H" Cottage



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Nick D'Ippolito
Carpenter Shop Foreman

Mrs. Dorothy Darminio
Cottage Training Technician

Mr. D'Ippolito was born in Buena, N.J. He later lived in Philadelphia, Vineland and Newfield, and attended Philadelphia and Vineland schools.

Mrs. Darminio was born in Camden, N.J. and moved to Gibbstown when she was quite young. She attended Paulsboro High School and a few years ago completed her G.E.D.

At the age of seventeen, Mr. D'Ippolito joined the Navy and was transferred into the "Seabees", traveling the South Pacific eventually being stationed in the Phillipines.

Prior to coming to the Vineland State Colony, Dottie owned and operated a restaurant in Wildwood Villas. She came to the Colony in 1963 as an attendant in "H" Cottage.

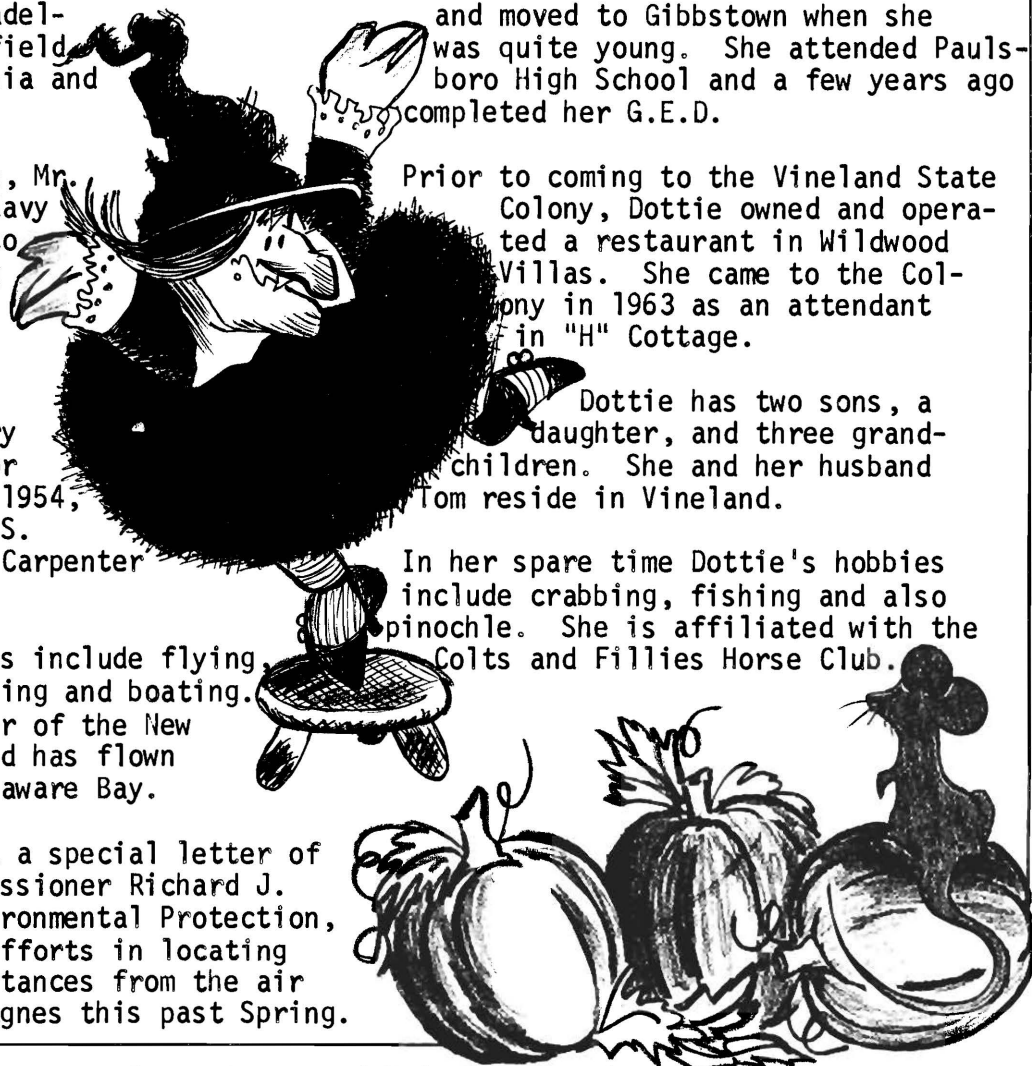
He began doing carpentry work in 1948, working for local contractors. In 1954, he was employed at V.S.S. and in 1971 became the Carpenter Shop foreman.

Dottie has two sons, a daughter, and three grandchildren. She and her husband Tom reside in Vineland.

Mr. D'Ippolito's hobbies include flying, sports, traveling, fishing and boating. He is a part time member of the New Jersey Marine Police and has flown many patrols of the Delaware Bay.

In her spare time Dottie's hobbies include crabbing, fishing and also pinochle. She is affiliated with the Colts and Fillies Horse Club.

Mr. D'Ippolito received a special letter of commendation from Commissioner Richard J. Sullivan, Dept. of Environmental Protection, for his extraordinary efforts in locating drums of dangerous substances from the air during tropical storm Agnes this past Spring.



(Continued from p.3) - Cottage Supervisors and Volunteers. The show was coordinated by Mrs. Frances Stolar, Coordinator of Volunteer Services with Mrs. Eleanor Zagari, assisting. "Thanks" go to Mrs. A. Kelly and Mrs. Edith McHenry who helped where needed. The outstanding buffet served before the show was prepared under the direction of Miss Barbara Byrne of our Food Service Department.

The Volunteer Fashion Show held at the Buena Vista Country Club on September 19th was also a great success. The cooperation of the V.S.S. employees for patronizing this wonderful affair was really appreciated.

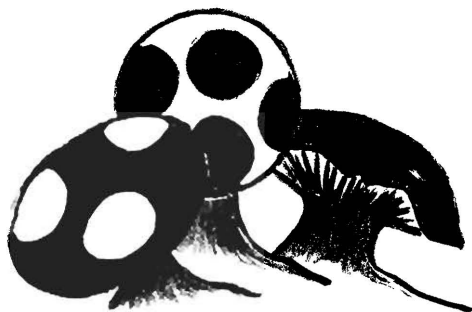
BUTTER UP THE ARTS & CRAFTS DEPARTMENT - Whipped butter, cream or margarine, is packaged in tin or plastic containers that are reusable and come complete with plastic lids. If you use products that come in these containers, please think twice before you discard them. Arts & Crafts makes use of such things for their craft program and is in need of a new supply of small containers. Bring your empty tins to the Arts & Crafts Department where they will be very much appreciated and put to good use.

Activities...

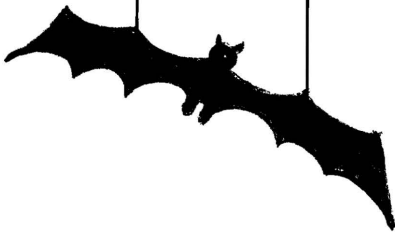
Showtime- On Aug. 15, a Variety Program presented by Apel's Farm in the V.S.S. auditorium was attended by 310 residents. The Tall Cedars Magic Show, held in the Millville High School, was attended by thirty residents.

Co-ed Activities - Co-ed activities for the months of August and September included a V.S.S. block dance attended by the boys from New Lisbon and Woodbine, a co-ed dance at New Lisbon and a co-ed dance at Woodbine. ---Co-ed training parties were held at Woodbine and also at V.S.S.---Two special luncheons were held for the Blind or Partially Sighted, one at V.S.S. and the other at New Lisbon.---A co-ed wheelchair party was held at Vineland and was attended by visitors from Woodbine.

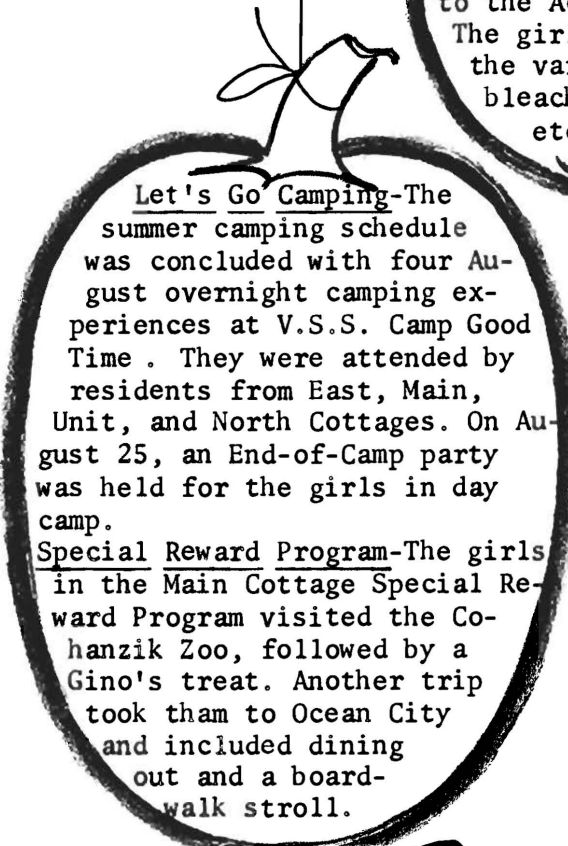
Parties Galore-Two August special birthday parties were sponsored by the parents of Margaret Merdinger from Pond and Janice Myers from Unit Building.---A monthly party was held for the August birthday girls with entertainment provided by the Musicians Union-Vineland local.---The play yard or adjoining grove areas were sites for the North and Pond Chuck Wagon parties.---On Aug. 19, the Military Order of Cooties, National Park, N.J. Chapter, sponsored a party in the V.S.S. auditorium for 400 residents. The girls enjoyed the music, entertainment and lots and lots of homebaked goodies.---The V.S.S. Aides and the New Lisbon Aides attended a V.S.S. Splash Party held on August the 12th.



Resident

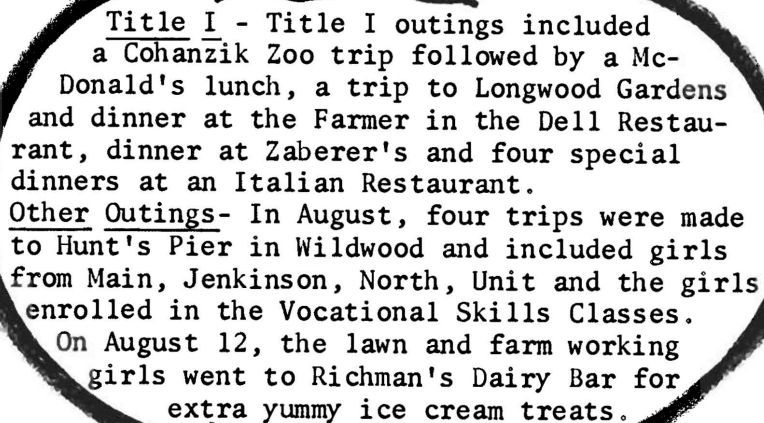


Laundry Day-On Sept. 28, in conjunction with a unit on laundry techniques, Mrs. Doughty and her student teacher (Miss Kearney) took her classes on two class trips to the Acme supermarket. The girls became acquainted with the various types of detergents, bleaches, fabric softeners, etc.



Let's Go Camping-The summer camping schedule was concluded with four August overnight camping experiences at V.S.S. Camp Good Time. They were attended by residents from East, Main, Unit, and North Cottages. On August 25, an End-of-Camp party was held for the girls in day camp.

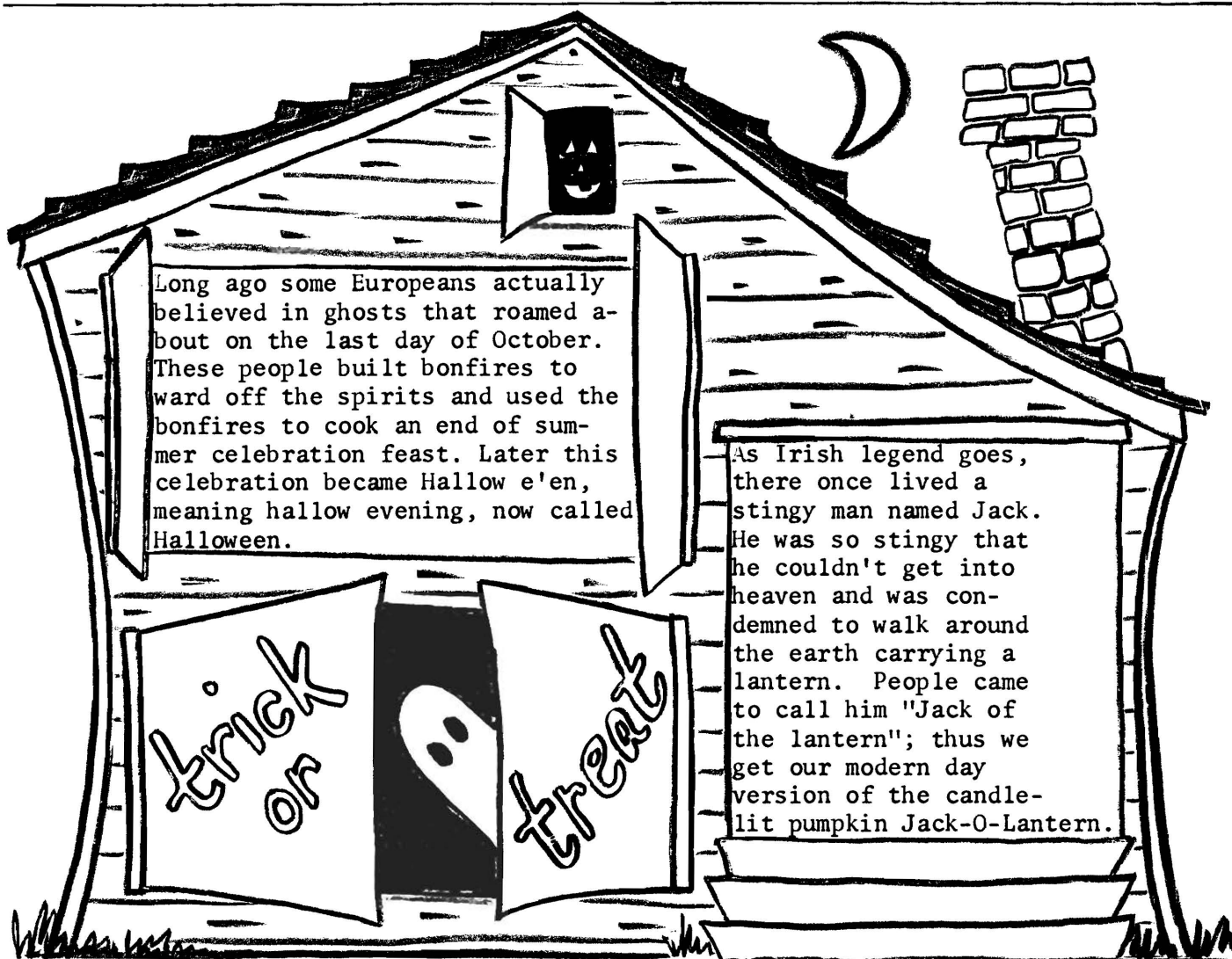
Special Reward Program-The girls in the Main Cottage Special Reward Program visited the Cohanzik Zoo, followed by a Gino's treat. Another trip took them to Ocean City and included dining out and a boardwalk stroll.



Title I - Title I outings included a Cohanzik Zoo trip followed by a McDonald's lunch, a trip to Longwood Gardens and dinner at the Farmer in the Dell Restaurant, dinner at Zaberer's and four special dinners at an Italian Restaurant.

Other Outings- In August, four trips were made to Hunt's Pier in Wildwood and included girls from Main, Jenkinson, North, Unit and the girls enrolled in the Vocational Skills Classes. On August 12, the lawn and farm working girls went to Richman's Dairy Bar for extra yummy ice cream treats.





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