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4H ACTIVITIES

Back in September, a new program was begun, much to the delight of the Colony residents. The Colony 4H program now has 13 active members who are busily involved in 4H activities including cooking, sewing, and crafts projects. The girls pictured here are currently working on their own poster to be submitted for the annual 4H Poster Contest.

Miss Angel Ruggeri is the coordinator of the program and notes that the residents' interest in the activities has been tremendous.

RIGHT: Miss Ruggeri and 4H'ers reviewing their project book.



"A DAY AT VSS"

On Tuesday, February 27th, Vineland State School will host five N.J. Districts of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. It is anticipated that approximately 300 women will visit on the day which begins at 10 a.m. with a welcoming address given by H. F. Schultz, Chief Executive Officer.

Plans for the day include selections by the Handbell Choir and awarding of door prizes during the morning session followed by a luncheon prepared by the V.S.S. Food Service staff. (Cont. p. 5)

LEFT: The Arts & Crafts staff busy at work making favors for the big day.



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NEWS & VIEWS

A Guest Editorial by Dr. M. Cruz
Director of Medical Services

February 15, 1973 is the target date for the occupancy of the new Hospital. With the present organizational system, the new facilities will be utilized for acute cases and new admissions. All the diagnostic services are centered on the premises.

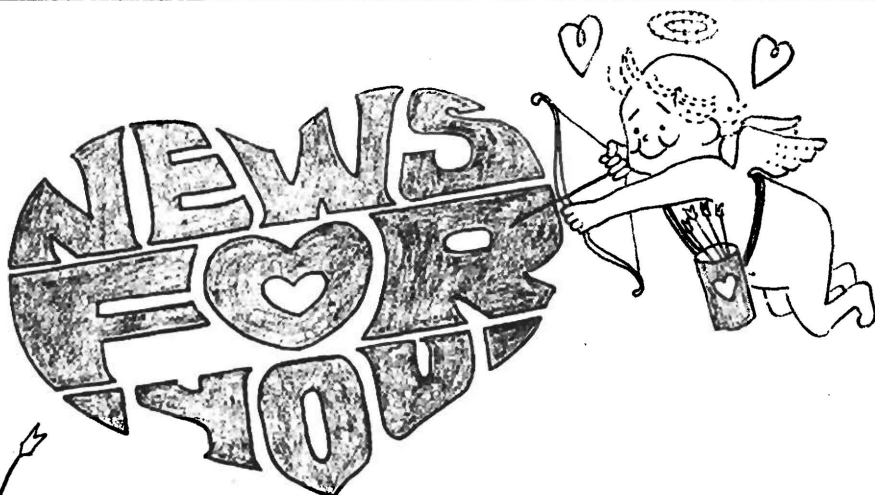
The Hospital has a 125 bed capacity including three major operating suites equipped with the most advanced equipment. The Intensive Care Unit and recovery area will be using the most modern monitoring devices. These areas will be handled by Nurses who soon will be undergoing an intensive course.

The Laboratory has obtained unique instruments to make the diagnostic field better, if not the best, for the benefit of our residents. Push button instruments can now perform more accurate testing in a shorter period of time. Due to the anticipated operations to be scheduled at the Hospital, screen testing procedures will be undertaken which is a requirement to conform with the State and the American Society of Clinical Pathology. Some of the residents on long-standing tranquilizers are now screened for drug sensitivities that may present symptoms like that of Infectious Hepatitis.

Testing for metabolic disturbances will help us to evaluate the loss and increase of weight of some of our residents. The X-Ray Department has also obtained most recent equipment in which the X-Ray table can be positioned in many ways more adaptable to the type of patient we have in the Hospital. It has a scanner which can give you a direct read-out of the X-Ray findings.

There has long been a need for follow-up care in the cottages. Now the Outpatient Department has been expanded. Visiting Nurses are made available to the buildings in order to follow cases seen at the Clinic.

Continuing medical education programs are scheduled to meet the recent advances in medicine and to utilize the new equipment to the best interests, not only of the residents, but of the Medical Staff.



COMBINED EFFORT- Rehabilitation and therapy for the cleft palate resident will be the focus of the combined efforts of Dr. J.Agranoff, D.D.S. and Mrs. S. Voorakkara, the Hospital speech therapist. One resident was fitted recently by Dr. Agranoff with a specially designed prosthetic device and the resident is now receiving speech therapy. There are approximately six more residents who are being considered for this same procedure.

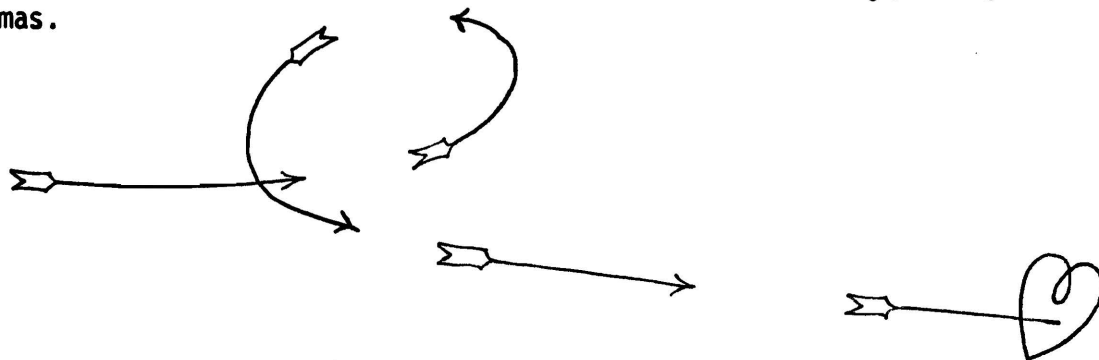
T.V. CELEBRITIES-The Vineland State School really made the news recently on Channels 52 Trenton, 23 Camden and Channel 13 New York with their film, "Forever Children" on Assignment New Jersey. The viewers had a chance to see the various types of programs at the Institution, including volunteers, sponsors, teachers and foster grandparents. It also gave the viewers a first hand opportunity to spend a typical week with the girls inside and outside of the Institution.

Many thanks go to Ken Stein, Producer of N.J. Public Broadcasting, Forney Miller, Director of the film and their excellent crew. Our thanks also go to the Vineland State School Staff, employees, volunteers and grandparents for a job well done.

IN RECOGNITION- Sincere appreciation goes to everyone who helped in any way to raise funds to be used for the various Volunteer Program projects. The Volunteer Program has many outstanding clubs working with it in many of its activities. One is the Oaklyn Woman's Club, under their Chairman, Mrs. B. Rabinowitz. This club sponsors a resident, brings in clothing and gift donations and also has presented the Volunteers checks for \$225 toward the floral bedspread project.

The Raritan Valley Unit of N.J.A.R.C. recently mailed a check to the Volunteers for \$300 to purchase floral bedspreads, in their name, for one of the new cottages. The donation will be used for Kimble Cottage. This most generous donation was made possible through the efforts of their President, Mrs. C. Geiger and also, Mrs. G. Barrand, Chairman, Benevolent Committee and their hard working unit. They also remember us in many ways during the year.

A friend indeed to the residents of the Vineland State School is Avon Products Inc. of Newark, Delaware. They have supplied Volunteer Services with several sizeable donations of notions and cosmetics for the residents of the Main and Colony, and just in time for Christmas.



resident activities...

CO-ED- New Lisbon hosted 40 Vineland girls on Jan. 4 and Woodbine hosted another 40 girls on Jan. 18 at dances. The Co-ed training group had a party at V.S.S., including the boys from Woodbine. A Coed Special Luncheon was held at Woodbine and was attended by 28 of our Vineland residents.

MAIN INGREDIENT, "Love"-On Dec. 15, nine non-ambulatory residents and their Foster Grandparents traveled to the Evanoff Guidance Center for their Annual Christmas Cooking party. The guests took part in making cookies and they also were delighted with presents they received from their favorite character, Santa Claus. Thanks go to Mrs. C. Rabbai, the sponsor of this happy gathering.

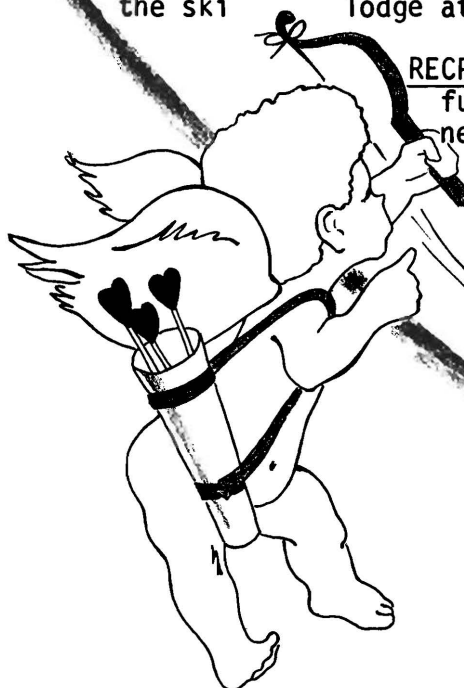
ONE MORE YEAR- The monthly birthday party for January was held on Jan. 17. Refreshments were through the courtesy of Food Service and the outstanding music was performed by the American Federation of Musicians-Vineland Local. As usual, the girls enjoyed every minute of their special birthday goodies and entertainment.

F.G.P. SEASONAL PARTIES- On Dec.19, the Colony Foster Grandparents and their grandchildren had a joyous Christmas celebration in "B" Cottage Recreation Room and on Dec.22, Mrs. S. Voorakkara, speech therapist, gave a Christmas party for her Foster Grandparents and their girls. At the speech party, with the help of jolly Old St. Nick (none other than Mr. J.Romano-Field Supv. of F.G.P. Program), Mrs. Voorakkara gave out presents.

SPECIAL REWARDS- On Jan. 15, the Lutheran Church of Turnersville, N.J., sponsored a party in Sykes Cottage. The girls were delighted with special treats, fun and games. The Main Cottage Special Reward trips for the month of January included a day at the ski lodge at Pine Hill, bowling and a day trip to Rancocas Woods.

RECREATION DEPT. FOCUS-1)The Physical Fitness Program is in full swing preparing for the 1973 Special Olympics.2)The newly organized V.S.S. Dance & Drill Group, under the direction of Miss K. Musto, is meeting regularly and practicing for forthcoming shows and parades. 3)Miss P. Myers and her gymnasts are also busily polishing up their tumbling and floor exercise routines.

THEY'VE GOT RHYTHM- The special vocal group, jr. choir, handbell choir and the tap dancers are busy rehearsing for the meeting of the N.J. Federation of Women's Club program, which is to be held in the auditorium. The entire division is also busy with rehearsals for the June Open House and the Palm Sunday Program.



RESIDENT ACTIVITIES (cont. from p. 4) . . .

ACQUATIC ADVENTURE- The Y.M.C.A. swimming sessions, held at the Vineland "Y", have included the girls in Mrs. J. Prospero's, Miss M. Wade's and Miss J. Skibb's classes. Girls are given swimming instructions and safety tips for swimmers.

SHOPPING-RIGHT- As part of the Home Training class, instructed by Mrs. M. Anastor, some of the academic school girls planned and executed a trip to Shop-Rite Market. The girls purchased things to be used for their future classroom activities, while also learning about budgeting their money.

SEASONAL TURN-ABOUT- With the holiday bustle far behind them, the Arts & Crafts Department finds a good way to start off their new year. Begin working on lots of colorful spring projects. Winter skies may cast a grey spell over the residents' outdoor activities, but Arts & Crafts always manages to produce a busy, cheerful spring atmosphere. The residents are off and running with new embroidery kits, ceramic works and stuffed toys. The staff has recently completed an assortment of several hundred spring-hued flower baskets to welcome the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs.

UNIQUE COMMUNITY SERVICE- Were you aware that the Vineland Public Library offered a special movie lending service? The school girls are reaping the benefits of this unique offer; they have movie-time once every week, featuring selections that coincide with their classroom studies.

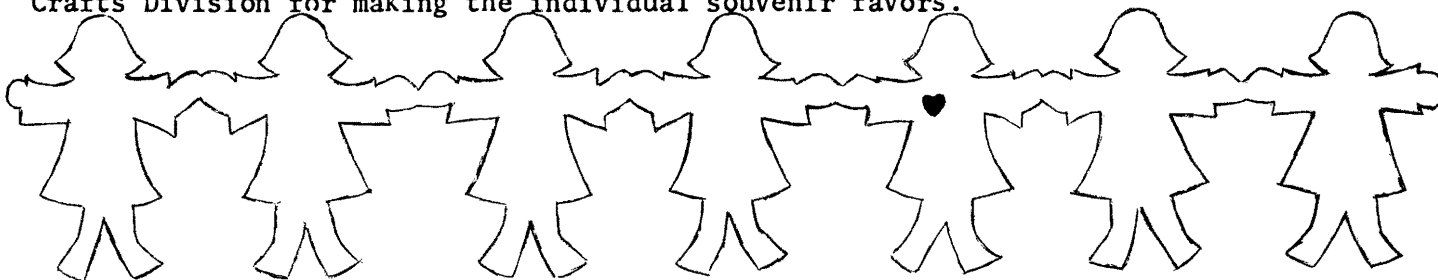
OFF TO WORK WE GO- On Jan. 22, a new program was created for selected residents of the Vineland State School. The new program is entitled "Community Aide" and has been established through the cooperation of many, many people. The first two Community Aides have all the privileges of the Institutional Aides except that they do not work on the grounds. They are employed at the Prudential Insurance Company in Millville. We all hope this will become a new experience in community-institutional relationships and that this will be just the beginning of a long line of good happenings.

NEWS FOR YOU (cont. from p.3) . . .

CHANGE IN BENEFITS- The Employees' Fund has had many inquiries as to the change in the benefits for sickness. The following changes have been made: A member must be out 7 working days with illness or must be in the hospital for 5 days and 4 nights to qualify for the Illness Benefit. Under the old rule, an employee qualified to receive an Illness Benefit from the Employees' Fund if he was out sick from work for 5 working days or he was in the hospital 3 days and 2 nights.

"A DAY AT VSS"- Immediately following the luncheon the Women's Club members will be uniquely entertained by resident acts produced by Colony, Recreation, Music and the Foster Grandparents.

Plans for the day are under the direction of Mrs. F. Stolar, Coordinator of Volunteers, who has coordinated "A Day At V.S.S." with Mrs. L. Barber, Social Service Chairman and Mrs. D. Bixby, President, N.J.S.F.W.C. Special recognition goes to the members of the program committee, the Education Department, the Food Service staff and to the Arts & Crafts Division for making the individual souvenir favors.



TOURS. Four members of the Delaware County (Pa.) Mental Health and Retardation Board toured the Colony on Dec. 11th.

Dr. Scnreiber and 30 Glassboro State students toured the Colony on Dec. 13th.

SITTING PRETTY- The Colony Beauty parlor is now open and operating five full days per week. Every cottage is scheduled on a weekly basis and a system of rotation will insure that each resident, capable of receiving these services, is included. In addition, an "In-Cottage" Schedule is set up so that the beautician can visit the cottages and service the residents that are unable to go to the beauty parlor. Mrs. Louise Summerset, a former attendant from "G" Cottage and a licensed N.J. Beauty Operator, is in charge of the facility, under the supervision of Mrs. N. Fava, Educ. Dept. Supv.



ARTS OF THE DANCE-

A large group of students ranging from the age of 5 years to the adult level participated in a varied program presented by the members of the Arts of the Dance Centre. The performance was held in "H" Cottage on Dec. 27th, to the delight of the residents.

A MUSICAL NOTE- The third juke box installed at the Colony was made possible through the efforts of an "A" resident's relative. "A" Cottage is now the proud possessor of this juke box and the residents and staff wish to thank their friend for such a generous donation.

Christmas at the Colony-In Retrospect: 1) This year four trips were taken to Gaudio's to see the Christmas displays and numerous bus rides and shopping trips were taken to see Christmas lights in Vineland and the surrounding communities. 2) Twenty-eight residents participated in the Tiny Tim Caroling Night, the largest group ever. 3) Santa's Float toured the campus and a record number of residents were out to see him and receive treats. 4) All the cottages held Christmas parties and Santa (Joe Motolla of Food Service) visited every cottage on Christmas. Anthony Gentile, who also works in Food Service, played the part of Santa for the "H" Cottage Christmas party. Sincere thanks to both these gentlemen! 5) A special Christmas party was held on Dec. 30th, sponsored by the Corvette Club. Twenty residents were treated to refreshments, games and gifts. 6) Many thanks to all the individuals and groups that contributed gifts to the Colony residents. Their contributions made it possible for everyone to receive something special for the holidays. 7) The largest crowd in Colony history attended the performance of "The Christmas Feeling". Even standing room was at a premium on Dec. 9th. The residents and staff were delighted with huge turnout. 8) Parents, relatives and friends crowded the Arts & Crafts sale and the Hospitality room in the MPB, the cottages, recreation areas and the Trainable classroom.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Albert Lerner
Staff Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Lerner was born and raised in New York City, but spent the last twelve years in Colorado and Southern California. He received his M.A. from Chapman College, his Ph.D. at the United States International University and did his internship at the Community Mental Health Center in San Diego, California. He now lives in Vineland with his wife, Ann.

Prior to his coming to work at V.S.S., Dr. Lerner was a therapist for the Department of Corrections in California, worked at a School for Boys and at a Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Center.

Dr. Lerner belongs to numerous professional organizations and attempts to keep informed about current changes in clinical psychology. His hobbies include bowling, golf, football, baseball and basketball.

Miss Janice String
Rec. Asst./Colony

Miss String was born in Mount Holly and moved to Millville when she was a young child. She graduated from Millville Memorial High School in 1963. She began working at the institution, upon high school graduation, as an attendant. Miss String has worked in both "A" and "E" Cottages, left the institution for a year and returned in 1965. She later transferred to the recreation department.

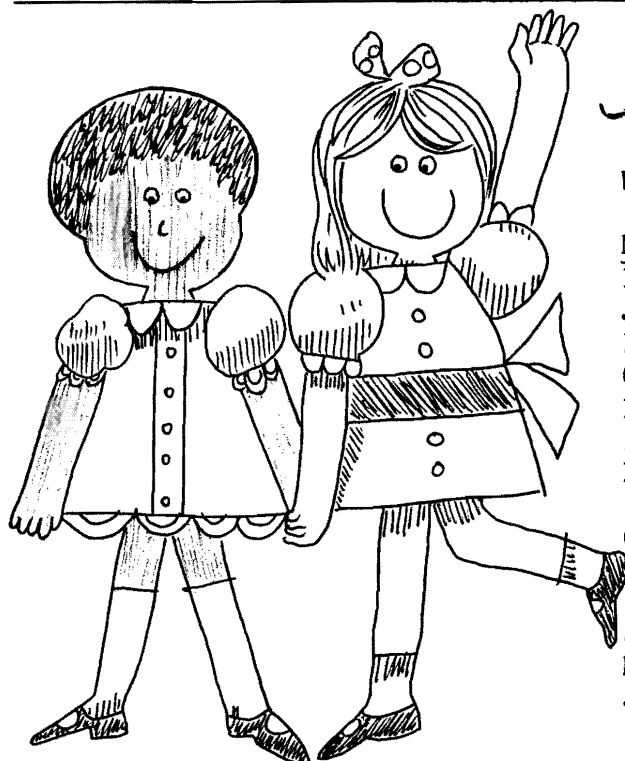
Miss String was one of the recipients of the "Outstanding Employee of the Year" awards in 1971 and is a member of the V.S.S. Parents Association. She belongs to the N.J.A.R.C., Cumberland County Unit, and is a member of the N.J. Civil Service Assoc. Council #18. She has attended Glassboro State College in the Extension Division.

Her hobbies include cooking, football (an avid fan of Millville High) and roller derby (specifically, the Eastern Warrior Roller Derby).



VISITS & VISITORS

Dec.7-Mr. Mark First came from the N.J. Attorney General's Office; Dec. 19- 25 students visited from Gloucester County College in the morning and 25 more students came in the afternoon; Dec. 20- 20 students from Gloucester County College visited V.S.S. in the morning and another 20 students came in the afternoon; Dec.21- Mrs.S. Kuhn and a guest from the Laurel Springs Chapter of Eastern Star toured the grounds; Dec.28- Mr. Schultz and his daughter, Mrs. Susan Monks, who is associated with the Regional Center for Retarded Children in Bridgeport, Conn., visited the Speech and Hearing Dept.; Jan.17 & Jan.25 & Feb.6 - 30 students, each day, visited the State School from Delsea Regional High School.



Employee News

Welcome to Our New Employees. . .

Main

Frances Bailey, Main
 June Bain, Main
 Dorothy Biggio, Bassett
 Gloria Birts, West
 Rebecca Boston, Sykes
 Denise Chipola, Rec.
 Evelyn Davis, West
 Karen Farbman, F.Serv.
 O. LaRue Fisher, West
 Carol Garrison, Lee
 Denise Giampietro, Pond
 Sylvia Hardy, Pond
 Mendell Hickman, Main
 Julia Johnson, Bassett
 Rosetta Jones, West

Marilyn Kelley, Bassett
 Valentine Kuznetzoff,"
 Joreen Langley, Reeves
 Sarah Marshall, Main
 Betty McArthur, Pond
 Creola McArthur, North
 Doris Ogle, Pond
 Barbara Owler, Lee
 Lola Palmer, Reeves
 Ethel Pettiford, Sykes
 Christina Ridgeway, Jenk.
 Luz Rosario, West
 Shirley Schenck, Bassett
 JoAnn Sparacio, West
 Thelma Werner, Lee
 Carol White, North

Colony

Brenda Carman, "A"
 Lynda Delacot, Infirm.
 Pamela Fernald, Rec.
 Cordelia Hill, "E"
 Cassis Knighton, "B"
 Dorothy Land, "G"
 Toni Macera, Food Serv.

Lydia McNeal, "D"
 Mercedes Melendez, "C"
 Linda Osborne, "C"
 Geraldine Pender, "E"
 Diane Raymond, "E"
 Bernetta Saunders, "G"
 Joanna Saunders, "B"

Julia Shaw, "D"
 Donna Stewart, "F"
 Normandie Talone, "D"
 Nancy Thompson, "B"
 Luz Torres, Food Serv.
 Carrie Vazquez, "C"
 Barry Weyant, Food Serv.
 Mattie Young, "B"

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS:

Ceffie Bowers - "B" Cottage Attendant, resigned after 7 years of service.
 Grace Coleman - Pond Cottage Attendant, retired after 9 years of service.
 Margaret Fine - Bassett Cottage Attendant, resigned after 10 years of service.
WEDDING BELLS RANG OUT FOR: Mr. Gary Lenzi, Colony "E"

WE OFFER OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES to those employees who have lost loved ones:

Mary Anastor, Home Training - mother
 David Carter, Main - sister
 Mazie Donaldson, Colony "E" - mother
 Viola Fletcher, Colony "E" - brother

Ruth Petway, Magic Mirror - sister
 Ella Stevens, Colony "E" - mother
 Martha Thorpe, Colony "E" - parents

A SINCERE THANK YOU- In times of need, one certainly appreciates the extended generosity of our loyal friends. Mrs. Wenona Martinez, of Main Cottage, recently experienced the helping hand of her friends after her home was totally destroyed on New Year's Day. She wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all those kind people at V.S.S. who acquired clothes, food and assistance for her family in their troubled time.

FAREWELL- Miss E. Patterson, licensed practical nurse from the Colony Infirmary, was honored at a farewell luncheon on Dec. 28. The Colony Infirmary staff hosted the luncheon and a large number attended the affair, including H.F. Schultz, C.E.O.; J. Haight, Exec. Asst. and Dr. M. Cruz, Med. Director. Miss Patterson retired after 15 years service.

COOK'S CORNER

The Cheesecake that Drives Men Mad!

(submitted by Mrs. Betty Castellini,
Supervisor of West Cottage)

PROCEDURE:

Crust

Mix crust ingredients and pat onto the bottom and 2/3's of way up on the sides of a spring form pan. Don't pat too hard.

Topping

Mix sour cream, sugar and vanilla and then pour over the baked cream cheese mixture. Place into a 475° oven for 5 minutes more.

Filling

Beat yolks and sugar well. Add cream cheese and vanilla and blend thoroughly. Beat whites of egg until stiff and then fold into the cream cheese mixture. Pour filling into the crust and bake in a 375° oven for 25-30 minutes. When done, cool for 10 minutes.

Let cake stand to cool for a while and then place in refrigerator overnight.

INGREDIENTS: (room temp.)

Crust

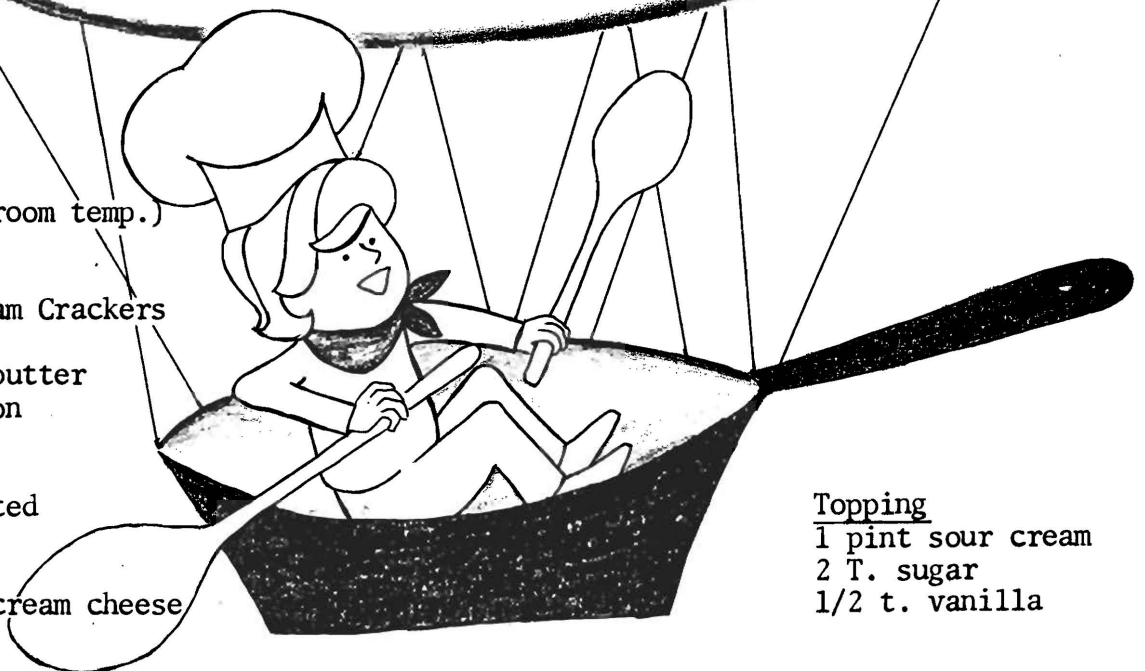
20 single Graham Crackers
1/2 c. sugar
1/4 c. melted butter
dash of cinnamon

Filling

4 eggs, separated
1 t. vanilla
1 c. sugar
3- 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese

Topping

1 pint sour cream
2 T. sugar
1/2 t. vanilla



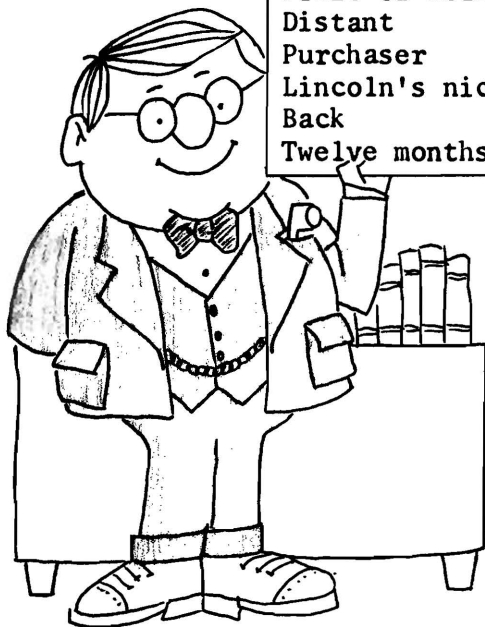
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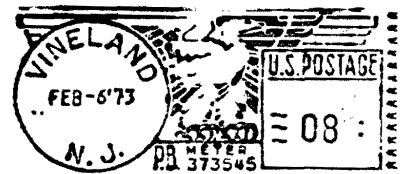
FEBRUARY QUIZ

Each word is made from letters in the word "February." How many can you find?

Word to describe a groundhog	F	_____
Word with black or grizzly	E	_____
Fruit of holly	B	_____
Distant	F	_____
Purchaser	U	_____
Lincoln's nickname	A	_____
Back		_____ R
Twelve months	Y	_____



EDITORIAL NOTE: These last several months have focused the hearts and minds of all Americans on the highest, honored office of the United States of America, the office of the President. We share in the loss of Pres. Truman and Pres. Johnson, two great men who devoted their lives trying to make our land a better place for us to live. During the month of February, we also remember two other great leaders, Pres. Washington and Pres. Lincoln. These great men will never be forgotten!



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