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LEARNIN' THE ROPES

The vocational division of the education department believes the best way to orient their classes to the community is to provide firsthand experiences. As a result of this philosophy, many trips are taken around the South Jersey area to provide the residents with the in person exposure to banking and savings, comparative shopping, community services and recreation activities.

A sampling of the January outings includes trips to the post office, telephone company, the Farmer's Market, Cumberland Mall, the County Courthouse, Wheaton Plaza, the fire department and the Vineland Library.

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RIGHT: A group of vocational class travelers enjoy one of their favorites, pizza, at Buckingham Pizzeria in Sewell, N.J. after a day at the Deptford Mall on December 15th.



GRAND OPENING

On January 9, 1978, the West Campus Day Therapy Center opened in the "B" Cottage conference room. Under the direction of Dr. Don Babcock, the program is supervised by Dr. Mary Cochran, Sr. Clinical Psychologist. The primary purpose of the program is to develop the residents social skills so they are better able to adjust to their environment.

The Day Therapy Center has 12 residents from several cottages on its rolls and they are receiving intensive training in vocation, education and physical education classes for a 90 day period. In addition, they receive individual training in speech therapy, personal grooming and other subjects.

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LEFT: A resident in the DTC (Day Therapy Center) receives instruction on speech and sentence formation from Miss "Debbie", a member of the DTC staff.



SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS & VIEWS

A Guest Editorial by:

Dr. Miguel Cruz
Medical Director

On an average, we all work approximately 231 days each year, or 1848 hours. This translates into about 86,856 working hours in a career throughout ones life. Try to imagine spending nearly 87,000 hours being discontent, ill at ease, bad tempered, unhappy. Frustrating isn't it? Yes, but surprising numbers of us are doing just that.

All large organizations automatically produce a great many tensions among their personnel. Anxieties and frustrations over promotions, criticisms, failures, lack of recognition, unwelcome demands of others, and conflicting pressures of many sorts, combine to produce great stress in the individual. He often responds in ways which reduce his tension, but sabotage the goals of the organization.

I would like to take the problem further, down to the basics of self-esteem. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent." How true. People can be very brutal to themselves. Out of the whole animal kingdom, only humans are endowed with the capacity to make themselves miserable. Your concept of yourself is wrapped up in a set of descriptions and images -- of good success scenes or bad failure scenes that you've experienced. Your self-evaluations are important because they influence most areas of your behavior, defining the limits of what you will attempt. Our own negative views of ourselves are easily communicated to new acquaintances before they have time to form an independent impression of us. As a result, we really do become failures, and act stupidly because these traits have been reinforced so much that they are absorbed into our subconscious. With a multitude of these poor self-images, the organization suffers. Worse, what a serious problem we face when a confused retarded child attempting to establish her own self-concept copies the behavior of the adults she comes in daily contact with, if the adult has a poor self-concept herself.

Poor self-esteem hurts the ones we were hired to help, the residents who live here. These women look to us a figures of authority, and as parental figures. They rely on us for their health, their education, and for help in developing their own self-esteem. Before we can effectively help them, we have to help ourselves. This has to begin with changing our self-concept. It sounds overly fundamental, but the easiest way to do this is to increase how often you say good things to yourself about your attributes, and to decrease how often you say bad things to yourself about your weaknesses. Amplify what is good about you and take pride in what you are doing.

Despite organizational rigidity, if you have good ideas, take them through the channels, and the red tape, right to where rules can be changed for the benefit of the residents. Don't become a victim of blindly following old established rules because they are there.

If you intend to spend 87,000 hours of your lifetime working make it a point to be able to reflect later on those hours as ones of satisfaction, and be able to look proudly at your accomplishments. A good self-concept will bring its own self-satisfying rewards! Financial reward may be the instigating force in seeking employment, but don't sadly make it the entire object of the working hours in your lifetime.

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OLYMPIC READINESS...The olympic swimming and bowling teams are practicing their backstrokes and backswings respectively in preparation for the regional and state meets coming up shortly. The swimmers are working out at the Vineland "Y" on Wednesdays and the V.S.S. Keglers bowl at Delsea Lanes on Fridays. The state bowling meet will be held on March 18th and we have a feeling that many medals will be returning to V.S.S. as a result.

WINTER FUN...Though the weather outside is freezing, the regularly scheduled weekly activities in recreation keep everyone's mind off of the snow and ice. Movies, record hops, art nites, bingo, Jr. and Sr. 4H clubs, gym nite and special reward outings are all eagerly awaited. And the parties! The local women's clubs sponsor one per month. On January 25th the Millville Women's Club sponsored one for 25 residents of North Cottage and the Jr. Women's Club of Vineland will hold one for 25 East Cottage residents on February 18th.

The monthly birthday parties are also enjoyed by our birthday girls during the month of their birthday with live music being provided by combos furnished by Local 595 of the American Federation of Musicians Union. The January birthdays were celebrated at a party on the 11th and the February residents enjoyed a party in their honor on February 15th.

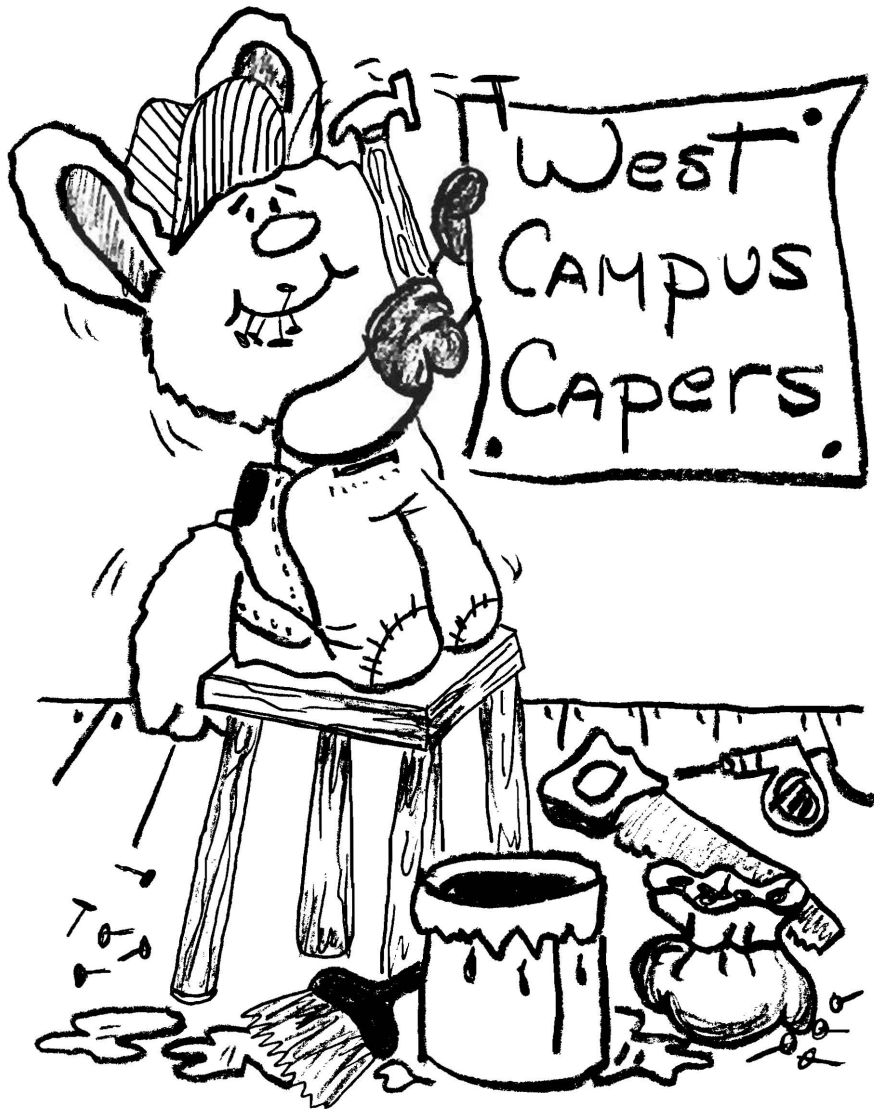
THE REAL THING...The school girls were really ready for the "Blizzard of '78" when it came. Every class had been doing projects and reading stories and poems about winter. The bulletin boards all looked like advertisements for Winter Wonderland and the classroom arts and crafts activities and music heard all related to snow, "snowpeople", skating and other types of winter fun. When the snow came, the school was well informed!

FABRIC ART...The residents in Arts and Crafts are really having a fun time with their latest project -- fabric painting. The students have learned the technique of using a brush to paint the fabrics which eventually became farmer dolls, angels and other toys. The project helps the residents to discriminate in their choice of colors and the end product is a really beautiful design which gives the artist a real sense of satisfaction.

THEIR DAY IN COURT...On January 17th and 25th, the Vocational team students spent the day touring the municipal buildings and learning about county services on a field trip to Bridgeton. They also visited the courthouse and became familiar with the judicial system. Lunch was at Burger King and a very informative afternoon was spent at Planned Parenthood where discussion centered on family and health services.

BELLS ARE RINGING...in the music division (being rung by the Handbell Choir) and the Special Vocal Group and Rhythm groups are all rehearsing for the N.J. Federation of Women's Clubs Day at





NEW HOME..."A" Cottage is now the new lease of operations for the West Campus Recreation Department. The two dayrooms in the cottage are being utilized for recreation activities and all supplies and equipment are stored in the "A" basement. The new program areas are a big hit with the residents which take them out of their cottages into a different environment for recreational activities.

NEW PROGRAM...The new "T and E" (Thorough and Efficient Education Act) program is in full swing with T & E personnel working in "C", "E" and "G" Cottages and the Infirmary Unit. In cooperation with the staff of Resident Living and cottage personnel, schedules have been established and enthusiasm for the program is running high.

A & C DOIN'S...A total of 32 pieces of art in various mediums were recently submitted to the Christmas Seal Project Contest for 1979 by Mrs. Trudy Schumann's and Mrs. Stephanie Deksny's Arts and Crafts classes.

The Arts and Crafts classes have issued a HELP WANTED bulletin for any type or size picture frames. Student art looks best when properly framed, both in the classroom and on exhibit at art shows in the community. If you have any new or used frames or know of anyone

who does, please send them to Mrs. Norma Fava c/o West Campus Education Department. They will be greatly appreciated.

The students in Mrs. Schumann's Arts and Crafts classes are currently fashioning papier-maché hearts for every member of the class, cottage supervisors and staff members. The students are being helped with their Valentine's Day project by two Gloucester County College students, Venerie Copes and Laura Corso. Not to be outdone, the students in Mrs. Schumann's Home and Community Training classes are making gingerbread hearts to celebrate the day. Mrs. Schumann's students are also in charge of providing seasonal decorations for their classrooms and for the West Campus Conference Room.

RARIN' TO GO...The Special Olympic Bowling Team is thinking strikes in getting ready for the Regional Meet to be held February 23rd and the ten team members and their coaches are confident they will be in the winners circle!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY X's 3...Mrs. Lynette Smith's classes recently celebrated three birthdays with two parties. One party was for two of her adult class students held on January 16th and the other for one of her Trainable Class students on January 27th. Naturally, refreshments, gifts and singing were key ingredients in the birthday celebrations.

CONT. FROM FRONT PAGE - LEARNIN' THE ROPES

Two December trips of particular note were Trenton to observe State Government in action and several outings at the Deptford Mall to participate in the Christmas shopping.

For the residents, this first hand experience is an extremely valuable supplement to their classroom instruction

Cont. From Front Page - Grand Opening

Both the staff and residents are very enthusiastic about the program as it moves into its second month.

WEST CAMPUS CAPERS - Cont. from p. 4

CHRISTMAS SUMMARY..."Christmastime Greetings", the program presented by the West Campus residents was the highlight of December Open House presented on December 6th. December once again proved to be a month crammed with parties, entertainment and visits from Santa. Tiny Tim caroling was another hit for 17 residents who caroled in the community for a most worthy charitable organization.

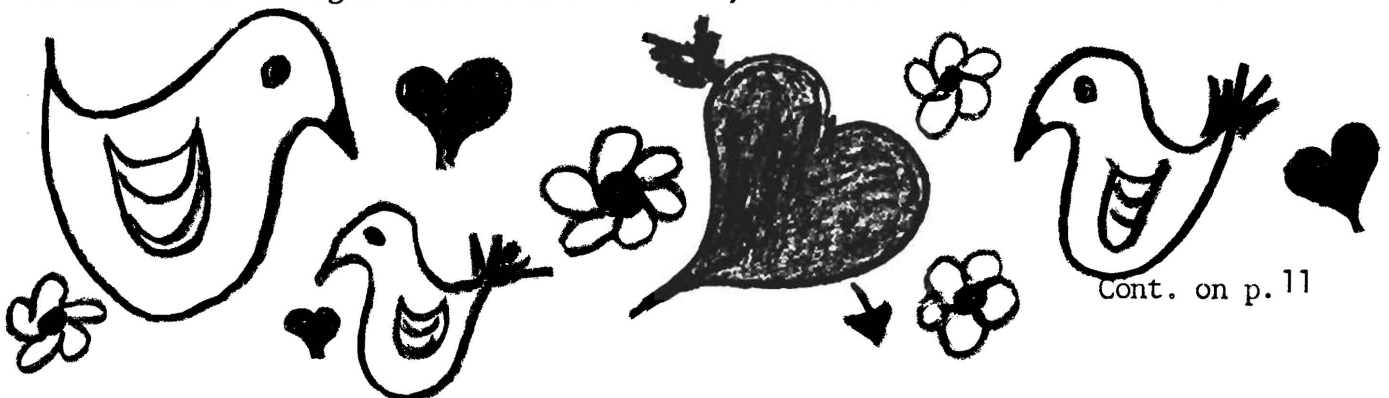
Mrs. Sharon Omrod's Personal Health and Good Grooming class held open house for cottage supervisors and administrative personnel the week of December 19th. The students demonstrated the many skills acquired in class in the areas of personal grooming.

JANUARY VISITORS...On January 12th, 17 students from the Atlantic County Vocational School and their instructor, Mrs. Marricone, visited and toured the West Campus.

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES - Cont. from p. 3

Vineland State School on March 16th. The residents in the music division will be providing special musical entertainment for the women as part of the day's program.

THE COED SCENE...Although the snow and ice forced some cancellations in the Winter coed schedule, it did not lessen the fun had at the dances which were held. On January 5th, 30 V.S.S. girls attended a dance at New Lisbon and on the 26th, another 30 of our coeders went to Woodbine for a fun evening. On February 2nd, V.S.S. hosted 70 New Lisbon residents for a dance with refreshments being provided by Mrs. Zucca from the V.S.S. Hospital and the Vineland Jaycee-ettes. On February 14th, a Valentine Coed Party was held at VSS for 20 New Lisbon teenagers which was attended by a like number of V.S.S. teens .



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTLINDA T. GARBIN

Sr. Personnel Assistant

The February spotlight casts its light on Linda Garbin, Sr. Personnel Assistant in the Personnel Department. Ms. Garbin was born and raised in Camden, N.J. attending St. Agnes Grammar School in Blackwood and St. Joseph High School in Camden. It was then back to Blackwood to earn her A.A. degree at Camden County College and then on to Glassboro State College for a B.A. degree in English Literature.

Ms. Garbin began working at V.S.S. in January, 1976 as a Personnel Trainee and was later promoted to Personnel Asst. prior to assuming her present title. She formerly worked for the Philadelphia Inquirer as a district manager.

Stratford is currently home to her but she is building a house in Hilltop, N.J. Ms. Garbin is presently the vice president of the Croation Catholic Union, having served that organization for three years as treasurer. She is also a member of NOW (National Organization of Women).

Her hobbies and interests include English and European Medieval History, collecting books, records and old but not necessarily antique furniture.

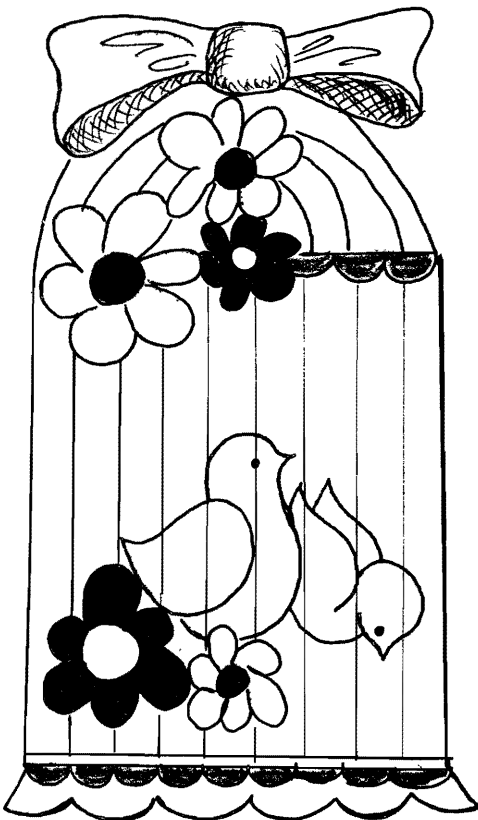
JOAN WILKINSON

Asst. Housekeeping Supervisor - West Campus

The West Campus directs its winter spotlight on Joan Wilkinson, Asst. Housekeeping Supervisor. Ms. Wilkinson began her career at V.S.S. in 1964 as an Institutional Attendant and has been a CTT and Acting CTS prior to her present position. She formerly worked for a clothing manufacturer in New York City before moving to Vineland.

Ms. Wilkinson was born in the Bronx, New York and moved to Glassboro as a child where she attended elementary school and Glassboro High School. She has three children, Keith who is stationed in California with the U.S. Marines and Kevin and Karen, who attended Vineland Senior High School. Ms. Wilkinson has one grandson.

She currently resides in Vineland, is a member of the Citizens Club and enjoys crocheting, plants, pinochle and traveling in her leisure time.



C O O K ' S C O R N E R

*Submitted by: Mrs. Mary Doughty
Teacher I*

BANANA SPLIT CAKE

- 2 c. graham cracker crumbs*
- ½ c. butter or margarine (soft)*
- ½ c. chocolate syrup*
- 2 c. sifted 10-X sugar (confectioners)*
- ½ c. butter or margarine*
- 2 eggs*
- 3 bananas sliced*
- 1 can (1 lb. 4 oz) crushed pineapple (drained)*
- 1 container (9 oz) frozen whipped topping*
- 1/3 c finely chopped walnuts - cherries if desired*

Combine crumbs and ½ c. butter in a bowl. Mix well. Spread and pat mixture into bottom of a 13 x 9 x 2 shallow baking dish. Drizzle chocolate syrup evenly over crumbs.

Combine sugar and remaining butter in large mixing bowl. Beat until light. Add eggs. Beat until light and fluffy. Spread evenly over chocolate syrup.

Arrange banana slices over butter - sugar mixture.

Top with pineapple. Cover with whipped topping.

Sprinkle with nuts. Garnish with cherries. Chill until ready to serve.

Serves 6



NEWS FOR YOU FROM:MEDICAL

SANTA STOPS...A number of Christmas parties were held during December in the hospital to help brighten the holidays for the hospitalized residents. On December 22nd, Dawn Durand, recreation therapist, conducted one complete with a visit from Santa and respiratory therapy held a seasonal celebration on the 23rd for all of their patients who enjoyed refreshments while they opened their gifts.

NEW FACES...A hearty welcome to the hospital is extended to Dr. Dennis Widmann, Pharmacologist and Dr. Rosa Barlaza, Hematologist.

EXPANDING EDUCATION...During February, Ruth Harris, R.N., attended a two week course on Advanced Critical Care at the Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, N.J.

Recent Inservice Training films have included "Hypercholesterolemia", "30 Minutes on Infectious Disease", "Management of Hyperlipidemia" and "Short Examination of the Articular System".

Dr. Donn Winokur, Pedodontist, recently completed a demonstration on proper tooth brushing technique to most shifts.

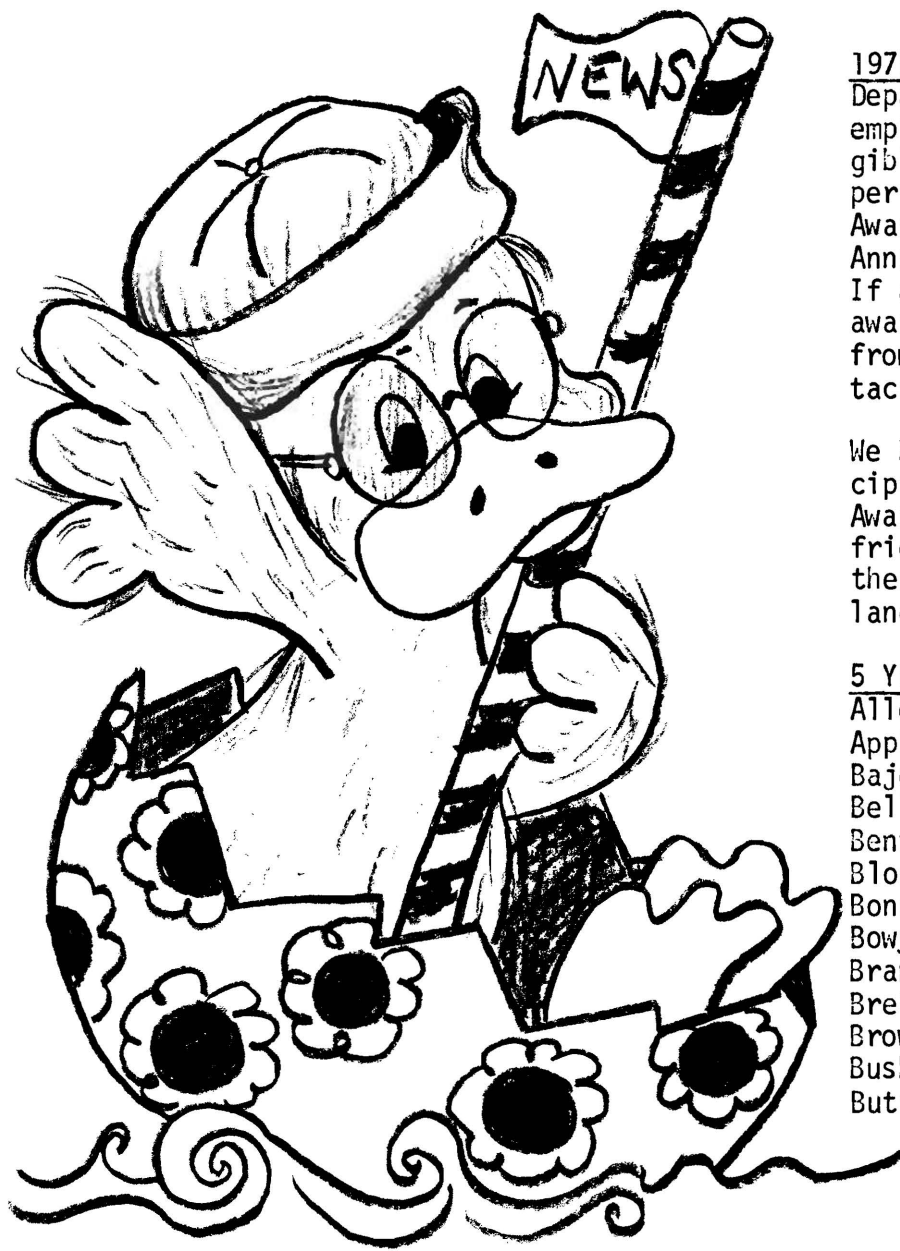
PERSONNEL

1978 SERVICE AWARDS...The Personnel Department records indicate that the employees listed below will be eligible for Service Awards for the period ending June 30, 1978. These Awards will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner on May 5, 1978. If anyone is eligible to receive an award and their name has been omitted from the following list, please contact Mrs. Mullin at extension 208.

We hope that as many of the award recipients as possible will attend the Awards Dinner and be honored by their friends and fellow employees for their years of service at the Vineland State School.

5 YEARS

Allen, Mrs. Mary
 Appling, Frank R.
 Bajewicz, Mrs. Jane
 Bell, Mrs. Anna
 Bennett, Mrs. Margaret
 Blount, Miss Sharon
 Bonds, Mrs. Vera Lee
 Bowyer, Mrs. Annie Lee
 Branin, Dennis
 Brelsford, Mrs. Ida Mae
 Brown, Miss Jacqueline M. (Hosp.)
 Bush, Louis
 Butter, Mrs. Mary Ellen



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5 YEARS

Campagna, Mrs. Donna
 Carabrese, Mrs. Hulda
 Cardona, Mrs. Myriam M.
 Carr, Miss Laura A.
 Carter, Miss Kathleen S.
 Carter, Sheila
 Cheesman, Mrs. LaRue
 Collazo, Mrs. Lydia
 Coltri, Louis A., Jr.
 Corsiglia, Sharon
 Cosme, Mrs. Martha
 Coucill, Mrs. Judith C.
 Cruz, Mrs. Basilia
 Dages, Miss Dale
 Dannenberger, Mrs. Gloria
 Davis, Mrs. Carol
 DeVito, Mrs. Susanne L.
 Dickens, Jacqueline
 Dukate, Mrs. Mary S.
 Ezzai, Valerie
 Farbman, Mrs. Karen
 Flores, Blanca
 Fox, William C. (ASRL)
 Fusiek, Mary
 Gear, Mrs. Mabel M.
 Gillisslee, John
 Gricco, Anthony L.
 Halacki, Miss Shirley
 Hall, Miss Janice
 Hannah, Mrs. Pamela J.
 Hanson, Mrs. Bessie
 Hewitt, Rose M.
 Hickman, Miss Mendell V.
 Hilton, Irene
 Hofer, Mrs. Mary Ellen
 Howard, Mrs. Catherine
 Hultgren, Mrs. Doris
 Hutchinson, Harry
 Irelan, Edward F.
 Jeffers, Mrs. Annie Mae
 Jester, Miss Lillian
 Johnson, Mrs. Cathleen G.
 Jones, Boyd
 Jones, Leona
 Jones, Mrs. Rosetta
 Kim, Dr. Zae Koo
 Knighton, Mrs. Cassie
 Kozarski, Miss Sandra
 LaBeach, Marita
 Lane, Mrs. Bertha
 Lopez, Mrs. Alice
 Marich, Mrs. Maud

Mattioli, Dr. Elmer
 Mattson, Miss Caroline
 McArthur, Betty
 McArthur, Creola
 McCarthy, Miss Louise M.

Melendez, Antonio
 Melendez, Magdalena
 Melendez, Mercedes
 Miller, Mrs. Hannah A.
 Negron, Rogelio
 Ogle, Doris
 O'Neill, Mrs. Charlotte
 Osborne, Mrs. Linda
 Pearson, Shirley
 Pender, Mrs. Virginia L.
 Pettisani, Mrs. Inez S.
 Phillips, Mrs. Elberta
 Pope, Brenda
 Pritchett, Mrs. Muriel
 Profero, Mrs. Catherine E.
 Randolph, Mrs. Annie M.
 Riddick, Mrs. Matthewlean
 Ridgway, Mrs. Christina
 Rivera, Mrs. Miguelina
 Robles, Mrs. Juanita
 Rodriguez, Mrs. Milagros
 Rodriguez, Nereda
 Rodriguez, Norma
 Ronchetti, Miss Lucille
 Rowland, Mrs. Janet Louise
 Russell, Mrs. Evelyn M.
 Santiago, Sylvia
 Scavelli, Valerie
 Serlick, Joseph M.
 Sharp, Mrs. Frances
 Silvestri, Torquato
 Slack, Mrs. Eugenia
 Slimm, Mrs. Catherine
 Small, Mrs. Pattie
 Smith, Cheryl
 Smith, Mrs. Evelyn M.
 Somerville, Mrs. Hilda
 Starzan, Mrs. Carol
 Stevens, Mrs. Carolyn
 Stevens, Lillie
 Stokes, Mrs. Jannas A.
 Sutton, Miss Phyllis
 Torres, Mrs. Carmen M.
 Torres, Luis E.
 Vega, Mrs. Lillian
 Waters, Mrs. Ruth

Williams, Mrs. Elnora
 Williams, Mrs. Phyllis V.
 Wise, Mrs. Iolett J.
 Zattoni, Mrs. Lena

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS - 5 YEARS

Mary Barner
 Mary Cheli
 Chester Lewis
 Macie Sanders
 Julia Susini
 Theresa Tomasetti
 Helen Ward

10 YEARS

Bacque, Mrs. Catherine
 Bailey, Shirley
 Barsuglia, Lawrence
 Battle, Mrs. Dorothy
 Battelini, Mrs. H. Elizabeth
 Bell, Mrs. Eddie D.
 Bey, Mrs. Ruth
 Biagi, Mrs. Lena
 Bratmeyer, Ann May
 Buchanan, Mrs. Daisy
 Burrell, Mrs. Roberta
 Coco, Leonard
 Cook, Mrs. Sarah
 Curry, Mrs. Alice M.
 Dickens, Mrs. Maggie
 Finney, Mrs. Emma
 Gabrielle, Mrs. Cathy Rae
 Gregory, Kathleen
 Janiszewski, John
 Jones, Mrs. Rosetta Jean
 Kakas, Eugene H.
 Keim, Mrs. Dorothea
 King, Mrs. Sandora
 Linstrom, Mr. Harold M.
 Maldonado, Mrs. Claudius
 Martin, Mrs. Catherine
 Morello, Joseph
 Morgan, Mrs. Mattie
 Oney, Mrs. Blondie
 Onysko, Mr. Michal
 Peek, Rosemary
 Petro, Miss Mary
 Pizzo, Laura
 Rimann, Mrs. Julia
 Ronchetti, Mrs. Caroline C.
 Scarbrough, Miss Almena
 Sherman, Dr. Samuel

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NEWS FOR YOU FROM: Cont. from p. 910 YEARS

Mrs. Mary Simon
 William Sinski
 Torres, Dr. Ligia Caino
 Warren, Mrs. Rosa M.
 Washington, Mrs. Hannah
 Webb, Mr. Theodore

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS - 10 YEARS

Rose Bodenstein
 Stella Gatto
 Ernest Graves
 Elsie Jones
 Max Kaiser
 Katherine Langley
 Anna McKergin
 Blanche Pierantozzi
 Lettie Skeets
 Sadie Southworth
 Jennie Venditti
 Mindelle White

15 YEARS

Baruffi, Mrs. Josephine
 Behler, Kenneth
 Ciprich, Mrs. Murrell P.
 Davis, John R.
 DiMauro, John
 Falciani, Mrs. Mae
 Fox, William, LPN
 Green, Mrs. Annie B.
 Hyett, Mrs. Emma
 Jackson, Mrs. Mary Lou
 Jackson, Miss Matilda May
 Johnson, Mrs. Janet
 Kelley, Miss Anna R.
 Kling, Elizabeth Louise
 Lewis, Robert, Jr.
 Melnyk, Miss Catherine
 Mitcham, Mrs. Alice B.
 Mottola, Joseph
 Reed, Mary Elizabeth
 Robinson, Mrs. Dorothy
 Robbins, Edgar
 Rowe, James, Jr.
 Slack, Mrs. Mariel
 Vanaman, Mrs. Anita Kaye

20 YEARS

Brodie, Mrs. Mandener
 Byrne, Miss M. Barbara
 Castellini, Mrs. Betty
 D'Augustine, Benjamin

20 YEARS

Fox, Mrs. Jean L.
 Krokos, Mrs. Grace
 Levin, Mrs. Harriet
 Pierce, Mrs. Rachel Louise
 Stokes, Mrs. Natalie J., RN
 Walker, Mrs. Ella J.
 Winkler, Harry Robert, Sr.

25 YEARS

Baxter, Dr. David
 Blackwell, Mrs. Elizabeth
 Forcinito, Mrs. Angelina
 Pole, Dr. Samuel B.
 Quairoli, Edward
 Rein, Edward

30 YEARS

Sigafoos, Mrs. Alice C., RN

VOLUNTEERS

BE MINE...Can be said best by giving your Valentine an attractive piece of costume jewelry for both men and women from the Volunteer Office. A man-made diamond ring is sure to be a hit with your favorite someone and the prices are very reasonable. Stop in -- there's no charge for browsing.

COMING EVENTS...On March 16th, we will be hosting "A Day At Vineland State School" for the New Jersey Federated Women's Clubs. The women's clubs have donated funds, Christmas and birthday gifts and sponsor many of our residents. This is our way of saying "thank you" to them.

HOSPITAL HELPER...Mrs. Miriam Fistel recently became a volunteer at the hospital in "B" Wing helping out with messages and clerical duties. Many thanks to Mrs. Fistel for donating her spare time where it is needed.

BUNNY BUSINESS...It won't be long before that fella with the cotton tail hops around the country with his Easter treats. The Volunteer Office is helping him out by taking orders for Easter candy. The Easter eggs come in coconut, fruit and nut and butter cream with names written free. We also have milk chocolate or white chocolate hollow eggs and rabbits which come filled with kisses.

Orders will be taken over the telephone but better

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yet, stop in. Prices range from 90¢ to \$12.50. All orders must be in by February 17th and the candy must be picked up and money turned in by March 22nd. Remember all proceeds from the candy sale benefit our residents.

VISITS AND VISITORS

FROSTY TOURS...The winter weather has cut down on the number of touring groups to V.S.S. However, 30 psychology students from Atlantic Community College were given an orientation to and tour of V.S.S. on December 12th as were 30 psychology students from Millville Sr. High School on December 13th.

On January 11, 25 psychology students from Williamstown Sr. High School toured and the following day, another group of 25 from the same school also visited V.S.S. and were taken on tour.

RESIDENT ACTIVITIES - Cont. from p. 5

IN MEMORIUM...On December 9, 1977, Amy Jo Scarle, a nonambulatory resident of Landis Cottage passed away. Amy Jo was well known and very much liked around campus. The following was submitted to the editor of the V.S.S. News anonymously and expresses the sentiments of those who knew her so well.

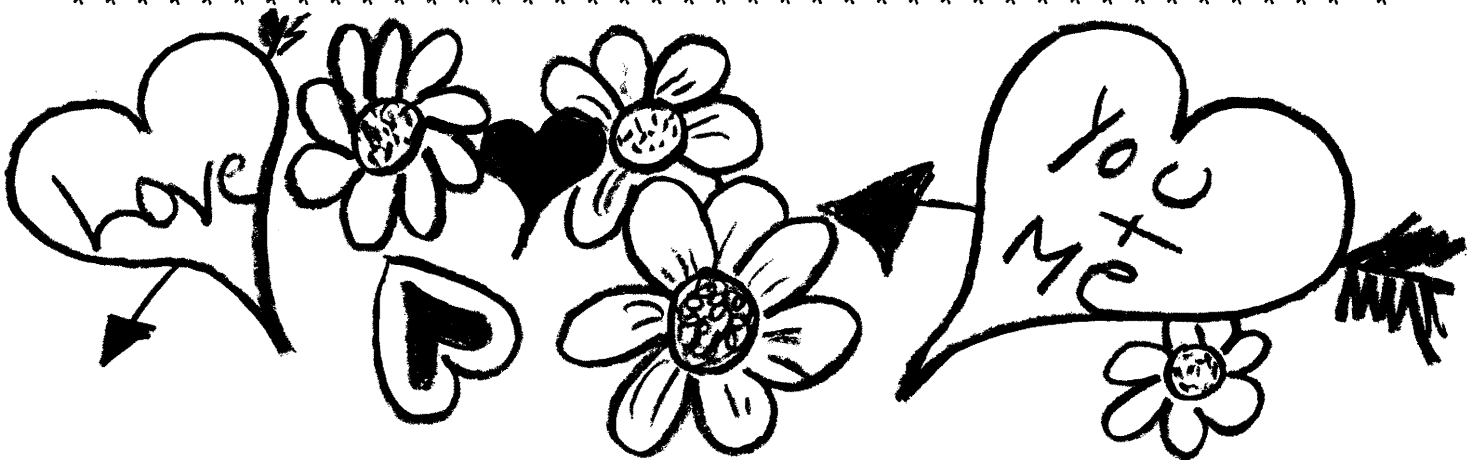
When a beloved person dies a friend should say something to mark the passing, words to define what was, what we will remember. In the language of a gentler time, I take pen in hand to write an obituary for a most unusual young girl.

She was very small, delicately made, her coloring as fragile as her grasp on life. She was paralyzed from the waist down and spent her short life confined to a wheelchair. One small hand worked perfectly and she used it every day to feed another child more helpless than herself. Her eyes followed movement wistfully, it was evident she felt the loss, but she never spoke of it.

She loved life and she loved people, they could not help but love her in return. Each one she knew was better for the knowing, it was easier to live up to her expectations than to disappoint her.

We talk a lot this time of year about Christmas spirit, past, present and future. Her essence was all three, a superior blend of charm, patience and goodness.

It would not do to let her pass unnoticed. Her farewell should be rung by bells and sped by voices of well wishers. So, at last, goodbye dear child, you will be well remembered. May angels lead you to your place of happiness.



EMPLOYEE NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES:
EAST CAMPUS

Mildred Allen, Hospital
 Carmen Arroyo, Hospital
 Valerie Barbaccia, Education
 Nadeshda Bashan, Bassett Cottage
 Patricia Boone, Education
 Denise Capizola, Hospital
 Gwendolyn Childs, Bassett Cottage
 Deborah Coleman, Education
 Evelina Cosby, Reeves Cottage
 Katherine Cucitro, Hospital
 Carol Denby, Reeves Cottage
 Mary Ann Farmer, Pond Cottage
 Denise Frazier, Regan Cottage
 Ruth Garrahan, Education
 Charlotte Gibbons, Sykes Cottage
 Beverly Gould, Reeves Cottage
 Brenda Granger, West Cottage
 Charles Hoffman, Food Service
 James Hultman, Business Office
 Robert Manestrina, Personnel
 Brenda Marguglio, Pond Cottage
 Alma May, Cross Cottage
 Lawrence Milask, Mental Health
 Andrea Morales, Education

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Blenda Blackwell, Reeves Cottage, a girl
 Jeanette Ganio, Recreation, a boy
 Mary Lopez, Reeves Cottage, a boy
 Sean Maer, Recreation, a girl
 Frank Matthews, Hospital, a boy
 Beverly Pruckoy, Hospital, a girl
 Donald Williams, Hospital, a boy

Joann Presley, Sykes Cottage
 Karin Possumato, Mental Health
 Grace Presley, North Cottage
 Gilda Seese, Education
 Gloria Sheppard, Main Cottage
 Faith Sutton, Regan Cottage
 Elmarie Thomas, Kimble Cottage
 Isabelita Torres, Kimble Cot.
 Tanya Walker, Reeves Cottage
 Wendy Walker, Adm. Office
 Deborah Wigglesworth, Education
 Jane Williams, Business Off.
 Kathey Young, Cross Cottage

WEST CAMPUS

Jeanette Atiff, Education
 Ralph Capo, Education
 Annette Chandler, "F" Cottage
 Linda Kay Dixon, "D" Cottage
 Gwen Farside, Education
 Thomas Lane, Housekeeping
 Antranette Loatman, "C" Cottage
 Mildred Marler, Education
 Frank Pindale, Food Service
 Eva Rieti, Education
 Rebecca Sutton, Resident Living Office



WEDDING BELLS RANG RECENTLY FOR:

Katie Burt (Bishop), Hospital

BEST WISHES FOR RETIREMENT TO:

Lida Edwards, Lee Cottage, 25 years
 Hazel Ellwell, Hospital, 8 years
 Karen Gelsi, Hospital, 8 years
 Edith Testa, Infirmary Unit, 20 years

SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO:

*Mae Falciani, "A" Cottage, on the loss of her brother
 John Heery, Business Office, on the loss of his mother
 Lewis Hannah, Maintenance, on the loss of his mother
 Barbara Nelson, West Administration, on the loss of her mother
 Catherine Profero, Hospital, on the loss of her father
 Dorothy Stevens, Food Service, on the loss of her father*

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