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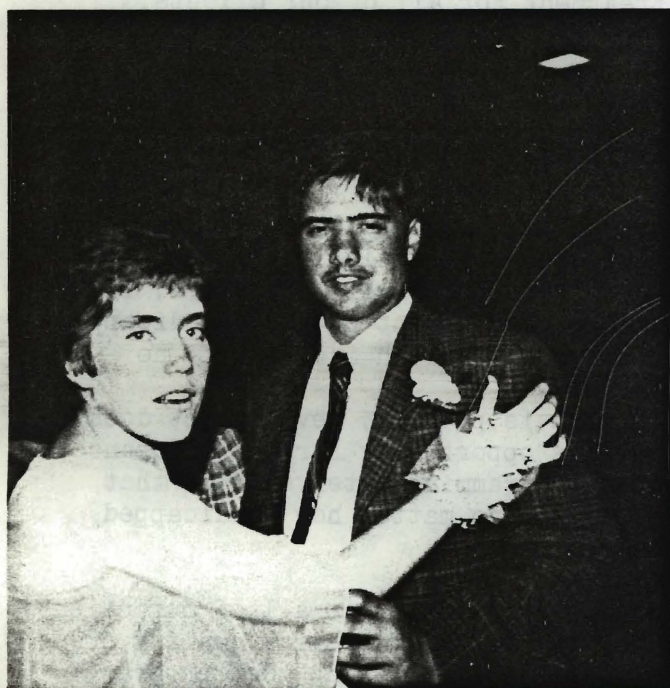
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June 18, 1986 was a first for our young ladies at The Learning Center as they were invited to a prom at Woodbine. For this formal event we acquired long gowns for all of the ladies who attended. They also had appointments with the hairdresser prior to getting dressed and having their makeup applied. Spirits ran high amidst the hubbub of getting 15 ladies primped to their ultimate glory, while friends were dropping in to view them in their finery. The young ladies all were breathtakingly transformed into visions of loveliness as they departed for Woodbine.

Upon arrival at Woodbine, the ladies were greeted by gentlemen bearing gifts of wrist corsages. The ladies reciprocated by giving their man for the evening a boutonniere; then the gentlemen escorted the ladies to the dance floor. After dancing for awhile to work up an appetite, the ladies and gentlemen sat down to a ham dinner. Everyone demonstrated their best table manners so that they could again get back to the important business of dancing.

During the dancing, a Prom King and Queen were selected by a panel of impartial judges. Following the crowning and introduction of the king and queen, all of the other couples were presented under the prom arch. The king and queen wrapped up the evening by leading a dance to the prom theme, "That's What Friends Are For". After goodnights and thank yous had been said, we boarded the bus to come back to Vineland. While travelling home, the tired people reflected upon the events of the evening and agreed that it had been an eventful night not to be soon forgotten.



SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS & VIEWS

In a few short months, Vineland Developmental Center staff have successfully implemented the zone programming model of services for all clients and, in justification of our efforts, we have passed our most recent ICF inspection. Particularly gratifying to me is the fact that the non-ICF cottages, despite limited resources and staffing, have been very effective in our united effort. Congratulations to all of you: direct care, support services, professional and supervisory staff! Your hard work has resulted in better services and a better life for all of our clients.

Our zone programming model promotes active treatment for all of our clients. Active treatment is predicated upon a belief in the "developmental model", which states that: (Quoted from Kenneth G. Crosby, "Implementing the Developmental Model".)

- 1) Development begins at conception and continues throughout the life-span of every human being.
- 2) Human development progresses in a sequential, orderly, and predictable manner, in which skills learned at one stage of development become the foundation for acquiring the skills of the next stage. Therefore, it is possible to set goals for the further development of each handicapped person and assess the developmental progress of each individual, no matter how handicapped he or she may be.
- 3) Even though the potential for development is present, development does not occur unless the environment provides opportunity for its occurrence. Therefore, it is possible to introduce programming interventions that will enhance each individual's development, no matter how handicapped he or she may be.

Simply stated, the developmental model encompasses a belief that all of our clients can learn (or "develop"), but that they will do so only if we provide quality programs to meet their needs. If we, as staff, design and implement good programs, our clients will grow. If, on the other hand, we offer our clients programs that are too difficult, or programs that are not challenging enough, our clients will not progress and may actually lose skills they once had.

The challenge for all of us, then, is to cooperate as best we can to deliver appropriate programs designed to meet client needs, according to the developmental level of each client, and each group of clients entrusted to our care. I am happy to see that we have made substantial progress in implementing the developmental model over the past several months, and I am confident that we will continue that progress into the future. Our success will be measured by our ability to teach clients to do as many things as possible for themselves. In this way, our clients will be able to grow, physically and socially, and in competence to cope with the varied activities of daily life.

ROBERT N. SMITH  
ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

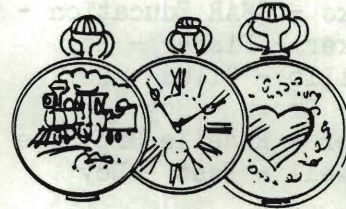


WEDDING BELLS RANG RECENTLY FOR:

Leona (Wilson) Andrus - Unit 6  
 Dennis Branin - Print Shop  
 Ruth (James) Brown - Sykes Cottage  
 Kim (Bramble) Brown - East Cottage  
 Beverly (Dietz) Brown - Personnel  
 Debra (Butts) Ferebee - Regan Cottage  
 Linda (Smith) Oliver- Brewster Group Home  
 Edwina (Carter) Thom - Unit 5  
 Beatrice (Romanishin) Towe - Payroll  
 Tanya (Matichen) Zeller - Business Office

BEST WISHES FOR RETIREMENT TO:

Hattie M. Boone-Food Service-16 yrs.  
 Florence Hoffman-Administration-25 yrs.  
 Esther Owens-Brown Cottage-11 yrs.  
 Eleanor Zagari-Vocational-22 yrs.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO:

Mary Allen, Harper Cottage, on the loss of her mother  
 Wanda Anderson, Brown Cottage, on the loss of her father  
 Ruth Bean, West Cottage, on the loss of her father  
 Ruth Bey, Brown Cottage, on the loss of her sister  
 Edith Byers, Hospital, on the loss of her father  
 Betty Childs, Cross Cottage, on the loss of her father  
 Betty Creamer, Sykes Cottage, on the loss of her mother  
 Florence Davis, Reeves Cottage, on the loss of her sister  
 Anthony Diaz, West Cottage, on the loss of his father  
 Mary Doughty, PAFA, on the loss of her father  
 Joan Dixon, Unit 5, on the loss of her mother  
 Patricia Gaskins, Brown Cottage, on the loss of her father  
 Minerva Harris, Lee Cottage, on the loss of her son  
 John Hennessey, Unit 3, on the loss of his mother  
 Sonia Hernandez, Kimble Cottage, on the loss of her father  
 Dorothy Hicks, East Cottage, on the loss of her mother  
 Proverta Kelly, Main Cottage, on the loss of her brother  
 Doris Kinkade, Lee Cottage, on the loss of her mother  
 Margaret Lombardo, Sewing Center, on the loss of her father  
 Barbara Madden, Hospital, on the loss of her father  
 Diane Matthew, Grisco Cottage, on the loss of her brother  
 Leah McDaniel, Hospital, on the loss of her father  
 Juanita Mong, Hospital, on the loss of her brother  
 Donna Moore, Hospital, on the loss of her father  
 Laura Muller, Unit 3, on the loss of her father  
 Barbara Parmer, Allen Cottage, on the loss of her brother  
 Rosa Perkins, Housekeeping, on the loss of her father  
 Myla Rhubart, Wolverton, on the loss of her brother  
 Josephine Sayres, East Cottage, on the loss of her mother  
 Barbara Schulz, Reeves Cottage, on the loss of her father  
 Audrey Simpkins, Hospital, on the loss of her father  
 Jacob Small, Hospital, on the loss of his mother  
 Marcella Thompson, Reeves Cottage, on the loss of her sister  
 Margaret Tunis, Landis Cottage, on the loss of her mother  
 Ida Mae Webster, Giles Cottage, on the loss of her father  
 Pervis Williams, Sykes Cottage, on the loss of his brother  
 Marion Wynder, Reeves Cottage, on the loss of her sister

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**EMPLOYEE NEWS - Cont. from p. 3****BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Hattie Battle - Harper - Boy  
 Edward Bettino - PAFA - Boy  
 Mary Boone - Landis - Girl  
 Sandra Bowman - Harper - Boy  
 Cynthia Brooks - C/AR Education - Boy  
 Rebecca Brooker - Fisher - Boy  
 Deborah Cardillo - Giles - Boy  
 Nancy Casio - Brown - Boy  
 Darlene Fisher - Roselle Grp.Home - Girl  
 Patricia Folwell - East - Boy

Mattie Fowlkes - East - Boy  
 Susan Gainfort - TLC - Girl  
 Robert Kenslowe - Cross - Boy  
 Donald Klinge - Sykes - Boy  
 Tonya Loatman - Giles - Boy  
 Debra Peterson - Sykes - Boy  
 Belinda Ramos - FGP Office - Boy  
 Joann Ross - Giles - Girl  
 Elaine Townsend - Sykes - Boy  
 Linda Oliver - Brewster Grp. Home - Boy

Submitted by: J.Jones

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Ms. Charlotte Popp, P.A., was recently honored by the publication, "Who's Who In American Nursing" for her "professional and educational accomplishments and her recognized leadership in the nursing community."

Ms. Popp has been a member of the VDC staff since '76 and continues to strive for excellence in the service of our clients.

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**DOES THE SUMMER FUN** make you long for  
 the cool rich taste of Ice Cream. If so,  
 treat your family or that special someone  
 with a dessert that is sure to please.  
 Top your ice cream with one of these!

**HOT CARAMEL SAUCE****MAKES ABOUT 1 CUP**

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut up  
 1/3 cup granulated sugar  
 1/3 cup (packed) light brown sugar  
 1/2 cup heavy cream

Combine all the ingredients in a heavy medium saucepan. Stir over moderately low heat until the butter melts and the sugar dissolves. Increase the heat to moderately high and boil, stirring, until the sauce thickens slightly and becomes a shade darker, 2 to 3 minutes. Pour at once into a heatproof bowl and let cool slightly. □

**QUICK AND EASY CHOCOLATE SAUCE****MAKES ABOUT 1 CUP**

1 teaspoon instant coffee powder  
 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut up  
 8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, broken into 1-inch bits  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a small heavy saucepan, dissolve the coffee in 2 tablespoons of hot water. Add the butter, chocolate and vanilla and cook over very low heat, stirring, until the chocolate melts and the sauce is smooth. (The sauce can be made ahead. Refrigerated and tightly covered, it will keep for several weeks. Rewarm over very low heat.)





### SFEA GRADUATING CLASS OF 1986

The month of June, at the Vineland Developmental Center, like everywhere else, was a time for graduation held in The Learning Center, Almond Road Campus.

Students and staff entertained parents, teachers, classmates, and friends. Miss Cathy Osborne, a graduate, played a piano solo of "America". Mrs. Harriet Levin, Supervisor of Educational Programs, and Mrs. Virginia Bianchi, Assistant Superintendent, presented diplomas and corsages to each graduate. "The Greatest Love of All" was sung by staff and students under the direction of Ms. Mary Ann Domenico, Music Teacher.

Now that the students have graduated from SFEA, they will be joining other programs. Some will continue their educational experience at the Work Activity Center, others will participate in vocational classes and leisure time activities.

### GRADUATES

Yvonne Avillies  
Theresa Berry  
Angela Buchanan  
Eleanora Cooley  
Barbara Cudnick  
Gina Del Rosso  
Mary Alice Dickens  
Stacey Farling  
Sandra Farmer  
Charlotte Franklin  
Maureen Gallaher

Linda Gussen  
Burdell Hurst  
Allison Hutter  
Lillian LeBron  
Cynthia Litchfield  
Cathy Osborne  
Ileana Padilla  
Pamela Peschock  
Diane Rudderow  
Ann Sherk  
Vicky Swain

Michelle Solomayer

The Graduation Committee, Mrs. Lynette Smith and Mrs. Charlotte Lahn, wish to express many thanks to all who helped make a success of the day.

From: H. Levin

NEWS FROM UNIT I - On June 7, 1986 one of our Fisher Cottage client's, Dorothy Wyckoff, attended the marriage of Ms. Fernanda Carter, 1st shift CTS Fisher, to Thomas D. Lane, Housekeeping Supervisor. Miss Wyckoff looked lovely and had a wonderful time. Many staff and friends were in attendance at the beautiful affair.

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June 11th offered fourteen Fisher clients a fun filled day at Capp's Day Camp. All staff and clients felt the day was a big success. Thanks to all the recreational staff from our ladies.

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Fisher Cottage spotlights Alexis O'Grodney for her participation in Special Olympics. Alexis attended an area meet on May 3, 1986 at Buena Regional High School where she placed first place in the 25 meter wheelchair race and first in the softball throw. This enabled her to attend the state meet at William Paterson College in Wayne, NJ on June 5-8, 1986. Her results were 3rd place bronze medal in the 25 meter wheelchair race and 2nd place silver medal in softball throw. Alexis is commended on a job well done.

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**RESIDENT ACTIVITIES** - Cont. from p. 5

Ms. Michelle Warnig attended her brother, Joseph's wedding reception on June 7, 1986.

The reception was held at the Moose Lodge on Wheat Road in Vineland, NJ.

Michelle was escorted to the reception by Mrs. Bailey, CTS and Ms. Guilford, Recreation TPA.

Michelle had a very nice time and was pleased to participate in such a grand occasion.

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Fr:M.Saunders

**PAFA TRAINING CENTER NEWS** - The past few months have been quite busy for the clients at the PAFA Training Center. Items were prepared for the craft sale held in conjunction with Resident Achievement Day on Saturday, May 17, 1986.

New contracts have been procured. Clients are learning skills needed to do the new contracts. Previous workshop skills learned are being stressed, also new skills are being taught that are necessary for production.

Many trips were taken to various community places. These trips reinforce skills being emphasized in the training areas. During the summer clients and staff are looking forward to trips to Ocean City. Beach tags have been purchased so that clients may relax on the beach or swim in the ocean. Water safety will be stressed...Fr:M.L. Doughty

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**FOOD SERVICE**

By M. Murphy

NEWS

FOR

YOU

FROM:

Perfection is defined as the State, Quality, or Condition of being perfect. The process or act of perfecting.

How, you may ask does perfection have anything to do with Salad Bars? What a crazy topic to choose.

In reality, it is a most difficult topic for me, considering all of the employees in this department who I have seen striving for perfection, but some new and exciting things are taking place and need to be brought to light.

To prepare a Salad Bar is no easy task, it takes imagination, coordination, skill, and superior knowledge of foods and their preparation. The need for understanding "Eye Appeal", and like an artist, color combination and how they are arranged on the Canvas, have tremendous influence on whether the end result is successful or not. Aside from the actual preparation of foods and display of them, there are many other areas to consider. Keep in mind the endless task of cleaning the facility, the coordination of supplies and materials, and above all, having a staff with enthusiasm, positive attitude, extreme personal pride, cleanliness, and dedication to the work place. In today's world this is not easily accomplished.

The real measure of success comes in the compliments one receives on their achievements. We do not rest on today's compliments, but strive even harder for tomorrow.



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### FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

By J. Achey

Each year the month of May is designated Older Americans Month. During that month many activities are planned to honor Older Americans throughout the country and/or to call attention to the many contributions Older Americans continue to make to our society.

In Cumberland County the Office on Aging sponsored many events during May and our Program was invited to participate. We chose to participate in a Senior Citizen's craft show held at the Cumberland Mall on May 5th and 6th.

During those two days we set up an informational display meant to publicize the Foster Grandparent Program. Seven grandparents working in shifts, manned the tables from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. They had many opportunities during that time to discuss our Program and handed out literature to many senior citizens (and some not-so-senior citizens) who showed interest in our work.

Our Grandparents are terrific Public Relations people. They were very well received and several people they spoke to during that time have called the office or mailed in applications to become Foster Grandparents.

### HOUSEKEEPING

By M. Lambert

#### A NOTE OF THANKS

Central Housekeeping is now headed in a new direction. All cottages on both campuses will be cleaned by central housekeeping twice a year. The SBMWs assigned in the cottages are working along with the central team. This will also serve as a refresher training period for them.

Often the SBMW is overlooked so I think it is time that they are recognized for all the hard work that they do. SBMWs are entrusted with the safety and health of our clients and employees. This trust is of great importance. Housekeeping goals are met through people doing the work. The success depends of the SBMWs ability to work with people, and to do the job to the best of their ability and knowledge.

In the past few weeks, a great deal of hard work has been put into the housekeeping services. So, to all the Housekeeping Managers and SBMWs, hats off to you. Your hard work is recognized and your efforts are not overlooked.

### MAINTENANCE/ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

By. J. Davis

#### MAINTENANCE HAS BEEN COMPUTERIZED!

The new system for repair request is now in full operation. Under the new format only the original request form is to be submitted to the Maintenance/Engineering Office. When this request is received it is then reviewed for approval and scheduled accordingly.

If an emergency repair is needed between 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM daily - call 6047 - NOT THE MAINTENANCE SHOPS. On weekends and off hours - call 6000 and leave message.

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NEWS FOR YOU FROM: Cont. from p. 7 - Maint/Eng. Dept.

These call in requests are for Emergency Repairs Only. Regular non-emergency repairs will be sent to the Maintenance/Engineering Office as existing procedure for processing.

All of the above changes are part of our new computerized maintenance system.

STOREEROOM

By J. Rowe

In an effort to protect clients and staff alike, a new protective guard has been installed on the Loading Dock. However, this is not the only change going on for our Storeroom. Very soon a new computerized inventory system will enable the staff to keep an accurate accountability for all supply inventories. GOOD LUCK to the staff in adapting to the age of the computer.

TRANSPORTATION

By J. Zilnick

WE KEEP YOU ROLLING!



Sometime when staff think of the Transportation Department they envision a team of Mechanics responsible for the maintenance of all vehicles. Naturally, keeping our transportation fleet operable is one of our major concerns. However, keeping the fleet rolling is only the beginning of the story. From the daily delivery of food to our clients to providing the Trenton-Vineland payroll run, we serve both client and employees alike. Snow removal, mail delivery, supply runs between campuses, shuttle service, are all a part of the way we keep the facility functioning. Business trips for you and pleasure trips for the clients are all scheduled through the Transportation Department. We keep you mobile and safe and provide a service necessary to keep a community like ours "rolling".

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