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Hats Off To The Hat Ladies

Pearl Schmidt of Village 24 is a kind-hearted lady. She is no joiner, she says, and doesn't want her name in the paper, but she has a soft spot for children. She likes to work for direct charity and knits the year around for the children's wards of Camarillo State Hospital.

She makes many, many pairs of slippers each year. (There are 600 children at the hospital.)

In early February she was told that eighty-two youngsters from C.S.H. were to be taken to the Special Winter Olympics at Mammoth the first of April. This would be a great thrill for the children who were chosen. However, they would need warm clothing and this included stocking caps. Pearl volunteered to make the eighty-two hats. She quickly enlisted the help of her sister, Ruth O'Rourke, and a neighbor, Estelle Foraker, Village 24.

Thrifty Drug Store offered them a special discount for some ready-made hats. But about half way through, Pearl realized that more help was needed. She went to her neighbor, Miriam Natter, who is Sunshine and Hospitality Chairwoman of Women's Club to see if she could obtain more help.

Miriam went, in turn, to Woman's Club President, Beverly Peck, who was enthusiastic, and she asked Jeanne Carlson, Recording Secretary, to serve as a Hat Honcho. Jeanne borrowed a finished sample, took down the pattern over the telephone on the back of a grocery sack, knitted one hat to see if she had the pattern right, xeroxed twenty copies of the directions, enlisted the aid of a Village couple who prefer to be anonymous to donate funds for eighteen skein of yarn, and was in business.

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Women's Club President, Beverly Peck, with Dorothy Barrus and hats.

Photo by Don Moore

Please Note

On page 15, please find the LV Assoc. Budget recap for Fiscal year 1982-83 as presented at the Town Hall Meeting Thursday, March 4.

Firehouse Fund

By Ken MacKaig

Donations for the new firehouse have been coming in from clubs and individuals but the Fund Goal has not yet been reached as we go to press. In the following ILV we will list the organizations who contributed but to preserve the privacy that most contributors desire neither the individuals nor amounts will be listed. You may still give your checks made out to Firehouse Fund to the LVA Receptionist, who has an envelope for them.

Firehouse 52, the new one, will be operational March 14th but the Grand Opening will be in mid-April. Date will be announced in the Voice. The County Fire Department is planning a fine affair with County Supervisors, Camarillo City officials as well as our own Board of Directors. Our President Gerri Kikendall will present the TV, Radio, Microwave Oven, and gas-fired Barbecue to the Station complement, as well as a thank you and well done to the men of Station 54 in downtown Camarillo. The 54 men have served us well in the past seven years in L.V. and east Camarillo.

Questions regarding contributions should be directed to Ken MacKaig, who, with Joe Dishlip, is handling the contributions and the disbursment of funds. Co-chairman Jack Fosdick, with committee mem-

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Village Activism

By Harry Becker

It cannot be said that, Leisure Village Adult Community is "laid-back".

Quite the contrary.

Take, for example, the proposed rock quarry, about which we wrote last month. Of approximately 2,000 signatures obtained by CRAQ, Camarillo Residents Against the Quarry, we are told that at least half came from L.V.

It is safe to say that our Villagers will be prominent in attendance at tonight's (March 25th) meeting of the County Supervisors at Camarillo Heights School, when the Board will hear an appeal against issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for the commencement of open strip rock mining in our vicinity.

Another problem of deep concern to Village residents is the rate increase application to the Public Utilities Commission by Southern California Edison Company, coming as it does on top of one electricity rate increase after another during the past 14 months. At the recent Town Meeting on the next fiscal year budget for LVA Board Member Karl Cannon commended Harpel Smith, of Village 38, for sparking Villagers' opposition to the current round of rate increases.

Indeed, within the space of a few days, Smith organized the collection of more than 1,600 signatures of Village residents to a petition against the rate increases and presented them to the P.U.C. administrative law judge hearing the Edison case.

On still another front, there is the California Bilateral Nu-

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• OPINION •

Inside Leisure Village Starts Its Fourth Year

In March, 1979, the first issue of I.L.V. was printed. It consisted of twenty-four pages and had many faults; yet we were very proud of it. Many dedicated people had worked to make it as good a paper as possible. We wanted one that would be able to expand some of the notices that were appearing in the VOICE, and to print material that obviously was not suitable for the official Voice with its space limitations.

We believe that over the last three years we have continued to improve in our ability to achieve those goals which we first set for ourselves. Many of the same people who wrote or contributed ideas toward the first issue are still writing and/or making suggestions. New-comers who never saw the first issue have joined in contributing. It is precisely because I.L.V. is a joint effort by so many that an all-volunteer paper can continue to be of such high quality.

I.L.V. is not, nor has it ever been in any way, an official instrument of the Village. The paper is almost entirely self-supporting, although it comes free to you by courtesy of the Camarillo Daily News.

It is never thrown to any house outside L.V. In fact, those who advertise in its pages do not see the entire paper, but receive tear-sheets only. Even though it is not official, it is exclusively for the Village.

The Editors proudly dedicate this issue, the first of Year Four, to you, its readers and supporters.

1982-1983 Budget For L.V. - \$2,774,537

The L.V. Board of Directors and the Finance Committee are to be commended for keeping the budget at this figure in spite of increases in utility rates and other expenses. This is considerably below the figure which might have been expected based on the current rate of inflation in Southern California.

Even so, it does necessitate a 5½% increase in Association fees. (7½% yearly is the allowance we have voted for ourselves). The Association fee is still the best bargain around, however, when we consider what the expenses for similar services would be outside the village.

Some of you say that you do not use those services? Everybody uses security and relies on the knowledge that quick help is available at all times if the need arises. All of us use the T.V. cable service, the water, the sewers and trash collections, the fire insurance, the periodic painting of the outside trim, the landscaping and the street lights. Each of us has a share in the surplus being held for roof replacement and repair.

Most of us use the many other things that our Association fees buy at least occasionally; some use two or more every day. Starting with the list in the paragraph above we suggest that you honestly compile and evaluate your own list of estimated costs to you of these things if you lived outside the Village in 1982-1983. Then compare this total with your Association fee. We believe that most of you will be astonished at the saving enjoyed inside Leisure Village.

Letters

Dear Editor:

There are several petitions circulating in the village for the November election. This one benefits a large number of people.

The Split Roll Property Tax Initiative extends Proposition 13's protection to renters and to homeowners who have moved since 1975 while limiting the amount of relief given to big business.

The Split Roll does so by taxing all commercial/industrial property different than residential and agricultural property. Residential and agricultural property will continue to receive the full benefits of Proposition 13. The benefits to renters and homeowners moving since 1975 will be increased. The amount of Proposition 13 relief given to commercial and industrial property would be reduced.

To reach those it will benefit, ILV seems the logical approach. Before this is published on March 25, we hope to reach a number of interested people and obtain their signatures. However, ILV will reach individuals that may not have been contacted yet who would benefit by the bill.

In 1978 Proposition 13 was promoted as giving large property tax relief to homeowners but big business got almost two-thirds of all the relief. If this initiative passed, they would still pay less than half of the tax rate they paid before Proposition 13 passed.

The petitions must all be sent in by April 29.

If you have not had the opportunity to sign the petition and wish to do so, please phone 987-1454 for information.

Laura K. Robbins

Security Report

By Corky Milman

Leisure Village Safety & Security Committee has formed a sub-committee to work on an equitable method of enforcing traffic rules and regulations within The Village. This committee is studying systems authorized in similar communities to consider use of a "Point system" for violators, which will culminate in transmittal of the violators' driving records to the Department of

Motor Vehicles

This information would then be used by the Department of Motor Vehicles to deal with the advisability of renewal or re-examination of licensing of the driver in violation.

The safety & security committee hopes that this will be a deterrent to the very small percentage of residents who are habitual violators.

ABOUT NEXT MONTH

Coordinator for next month will be Romaine Lambert. Copy should be placed in the box by the parking lot door of the Rec Center by first deadline April 5th. Second deadline for late breaking news is April 12th.

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Summary of Property Taxes**Paid by Leisure Village in 1981-82**

The taxable valuation of all property in Leisure Village for the fiscal year 1981-82 is approximately \$145 million, just a little less than 1% of the entire County valuation of \$15.9 billion.

Leisure Village will pay property taxes in 1981-82 totalling \$1,677,071.

The purposes for which the money is spent is as follows:

(Combination of bond levies-\$1 tax rate).

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|---|------------------|
| Schools (elementary, High schools & Com. Col) | 603,700 |
| Library | 27,500 |
| Pleasant Valley Rec. & Park District | 94,500 |
| Fire Protection District | 236,000 |
| County service area | 2,800 |
| Ventura Reg. County Sanitation District | 8,448 |
| Camarillo Lighting Maint. Central Zone | 17,558 |
| Pleasant Valley Hospital | 27,239 |
| General County | 457,740 |
| Camrosa County Water District | 74,357 |
| Calleguas Municipal Water District | 45,836 |
| Metropolitan Water Dist. of So. Cal. | 30,015 |
| Flood Control | 51,378 |
| Levies | 6,635 |
| TOTAL | 1,677,071 |

Of the above, bond levies totaled \$178,500 and the 1% tax under Prop. 13 amounted to approximately \$1,498,500.

The above information was obtained by John Lauten, Chairman of the Flood Control and Drainage Committee, when he sought to ascertain the amount of money paid by Leisure Village to the County Flood Control District-\$51,378. The information obtained also disclosed that the Village pays approximately \$150,000 each year in property taxes to the Camrosa County Water district, Calleguas Municipal Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to help pay the capitol costs of water facilities constructed to import, store, treat and distribute water. Approximately 60% of Leisure Village water is imported from Northern California and is blended with well water pumped from the Santa Rosa Basin.

City of Hope

A rare treat is in store for all of us. The Camarillo chapter of the City of Hope is sponsoring a Dinner-Theatre party and show at the Officer's Club at Pt. Mugu on Sunday, April 18.

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Ombudsman**"Citizen Representative"**

The Ventura County Long Term Ombudsman Program is accepting applications from people interested in working on solving problems and improving the quality of care in skilled nursing facilities.

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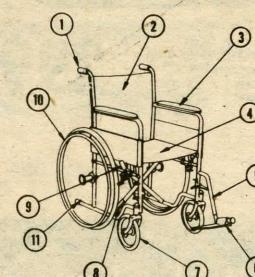
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Firehouse Fund

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ber Carmen Read, is supervising the Village efforts for the Grand Opening. His opening day committee also includes Salli Jacobs, and Dorothy Karlin. They will help the festivities along with coffee, cookies, and punch.

Fire Chief Ellis has agreed to meet with Village groups to explain the duties and functions of the new station. He may be reached at 484-3601.

THIS IS NOT A LEISURE VILLAGE FIREHOUSE...it serves a large area here in Santa Rosa Valley. It should be mentioned that the Fund Committee has endeavored to include other community groups adjacent to our Village but no formal organizations exist at this time. We expect a large turnout at the opening; please be there and add to the occasion. We suggest you walk, parking will be limited and scarce. See you at the Opening.

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Swing Disco Jazz Group Celebrates Mardi Gras

By Romaine Lambert



Photos by Don Moore

The New Orleans version of the pre-Lenten carnival was initiated two years ago by Charles and Theresa Rothermen, and it no doubt brought back memories not only for the Rothermels who are from that city, but for others who have attended such masquerade balls in other parts of the world.

There were exciting moments while guests tried to guess who was behind each mask. There were adagio dancers and square dancers, artists and pirates and other characters either beautiful or comical.

No doubt Judges Maria Pronosko, Orpha Hughes and Maxine La Porte found it hard to choose the winners. Their choices were appropriate. Betty Rybolt was selected as having the prettiest costume. She was a regal Cleopatra. The Romeros were chosen as the most original couple. Joe made a convincing Arab and he could not have brought a more seductive member of his harem. All that was missing for the audience was a demonstration of

Charlotte's belly-dancing. The most comical costume was worn by Miriam Schwarz. As an old bag she sacrificed all—she couldn't dance nor could she sit down all evening. How she got into that paper sack is still a mystery.

King and Queen was chosen by lot. It was a fitting coincidence then, that the number called was that of the Rothermels. The result was especially appropriate, too, because Charles was wearing an original King of the Mardi Gras costume. He was resplendent in satin, ermine and rhinestone. Theresa was equally majestic in sparkling blue lame.

The Phil La Portes were Masters of Ceremony and Maxine herself made a fetching Bo-Peep. Ed Abdelnour's tapes were excellent as usual, furnishing all types of music to please the varied tastes of the Saturday dancers. The Swing-Disco-Jazz committee deserve a thank you from all participants to add to that glow of satisfaction they must feel in having given the Village another successful dance.

City Of Hope

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call Ruth Michael at 484-8828 or Nell Blumberg at 987-2312 for reservations. Happy hour is from 5-6 P.M., no-host bar, with dining at 6 P.M. The price is only \$17.50 per person.

Ombudsmen

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family or friends to help them with their problems. The Ombudsman program is a much needed service.

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Current Issues Forum

By Herbert Swartz

Three Ventura County delegates to the 1981 White House Conference on Aging gave their views on the results of the Conference to Villagers attending the Feb. 26th meeting of the Current Issues Forum

Carrol Lang, a resident of Simi Valley, explained the conditions that affected the work of the Conference. We are in a slumping economy, the Federal government is facing large budget deficits and the older population, now comprising 11% of the population, is growing fast. In addition to these negative factors, the Social Security system is in the red. There was more fighting and political maneuvering than in the 1961 and 1971 White House Conferences on Aging. On the positive side, Mr. Lang noted that seniors are better off than ten years ago. They are better educated and in better health. In addition the political power of seniors has improved. Mr. Lang was Chairman of the Simi

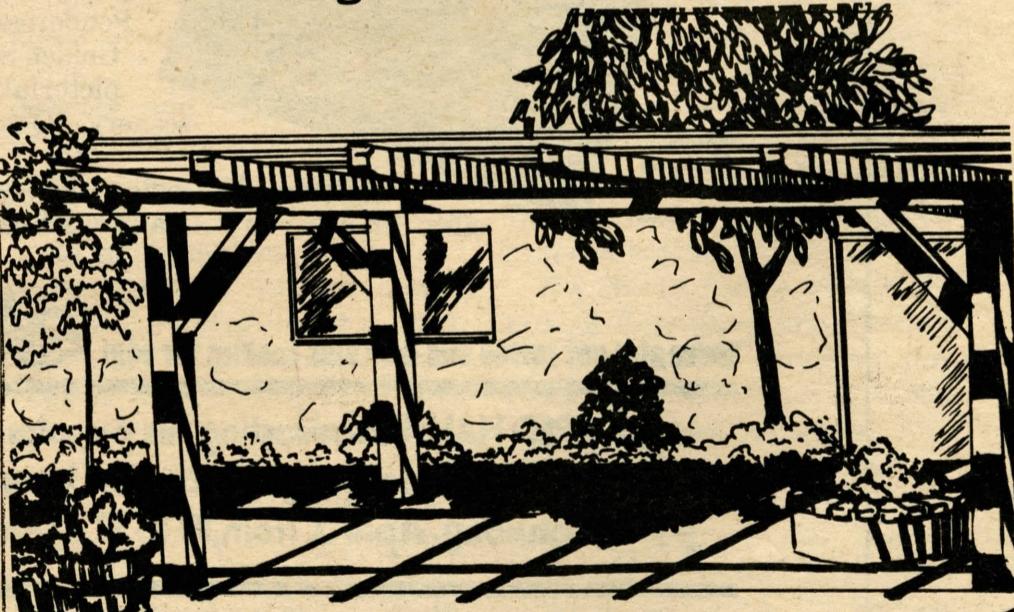
Valley Conference on Aging and was Barry Goldwater Jr's Senior Intern in Congress.

The second speaker, Sandi Bush, served on the Committee for Education and Training. She is a resident of Camarillo. Her committee made many recommendations. Some of the more important ones drew attention to the following concerns: (1) The need for more research on the aging process; (2) Education Training for those who want to re-enter the job market; (3) encouragement of action by the private sector; (4) better training for medical personnel treating seniors; (5) education of the general public as to the aging process. Mrs. Bush is a registered nurse and has held numerous offices in the California Parent Teachers Association.

Barbara Garcia-Weed, a resident of Ventura, said that no major legislation will come from the 1981 Conference, but there is a realization of the fact that Seniors are a major political force. She was critical of the Reagan administration ac-

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March 26:--John Lauten, former General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District, will focus on the proposed Peripheral Canal

April 30:--Michael A. Doyle, Assistant Commission Representative for Southern California, will describe the workings of the California Public Utilities Commission. How do rate increases win approval? How can the public best present the case against rate increases?

May 21:-- Third Anniversary Luncheon. Tickets available at the March meeting.

Forum Meetings are held the last Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the A.R. All Villagers and their guests are welcome.

**In Memoriam**

John Jamerino
V. 7

Esther Buccieri
V. 28

Glyn Price
V. 24

Cia-Weed is an expert in the field of Geriatric Fitness and member of the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Council on Aging.

Joe Gaynes, former L.V. Association Director and member of the Ventura County Council on Aging, acted as interlocutor and asked each of the delegates questions to elicit further information regarding the Conference.

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tions—the last minute appointment of 500 delegates and the firing of the executive. However, she said the Conference adopted 600 well thought-out recommendations. Mrs. Gar-

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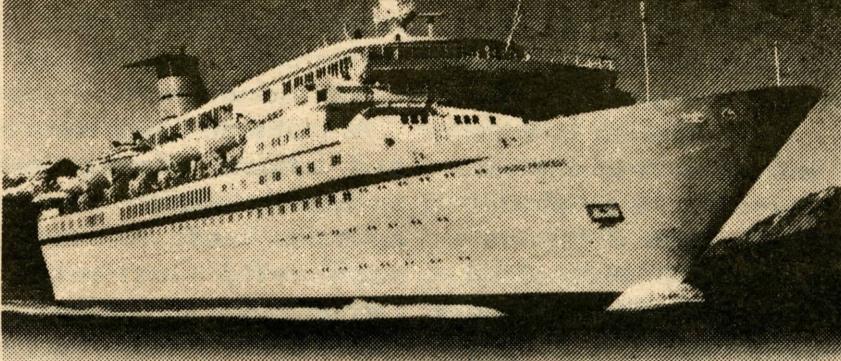
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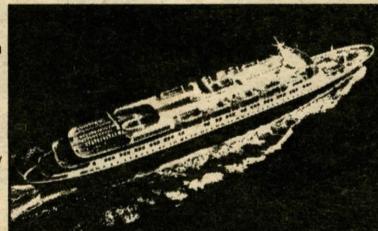
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Profile: Your Neighbor, Paul Ruch

By Jeanne Carlson

Surely life offers few greater satisfactions than when a person discovers, early, an occupation that offers interest for a lifetime. If one also finds that this is an occupation in which he or she can succeed and have a vital career, the satisfaction is doubled. Such a fortunate person is Paul E. Ruch of Village 7, a Consulting Meteorologist, whose specialty is long-range weather forecasting. He is backed solidly by his charming wife, Dorothy, who types, keeps myriad meticulous records, and helps constantly to make his work smoother.

Before an open fire in their gracious home, the Ruchs (pronounced "Ruke" as in Bernard Baruch) told about their partnership in meteorology.

Both Paul and Dorothy are from Akron, Ohio, where they met and married. Paul, was, at this time, a pilot for the Goodyear blimp. Akron is, of course, the headquarters of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. Paul held both a hot air balloon license and a blimp pilot's license. This was during the early thirties when there was a good deal of interest in blimps and dirigibles. It was through his flying that the pilot

developed a great interest in weather forecasting which is, obviously, vital to a flyer. He recognized immediately that meteorology was to be his great fascination.

At that time, there were only two schools offering formal study of the subject in the United States. These were the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and California Institute of Technology. Paul earlier had gone to MIT for a B.S. in engineering, and continuing to work for Goodyear, asked for a transfer to Los Angeles. There, still a blimp pilot, he worked his way to an M.S. at Caltech in meteorology. He then joined the faculty of CIT and taught meteorology until 1948. By that time, he was an associate professor.

Cloud-seeding, the increase of rain by the feeding of silver iodide crystals into susceptible clouds, was the big new interest in post-war weather studies. So in 1948, Paul left teaching and joined a group of colleagues to form a consulting firm specializing in cloud-seeding and general meteorological research. In 1951, this group moved to make its headquarters in Denver. They were on call all over the world. There



Photo by Dave Miereanu

Dorothy and Paul Ruch

was work in Mexico, Canada, many parts of the United States, and the Near East.

The Ruchs went to Spain for three years. The Spanish were building an important dam across a rather weak river, the Alberche. The dam-builders were hoping to increase the amount of water carried by the river; consequently they called for cloud-seeding.

However, the Ruchs had barely settled in Spain when suddenly they were called to Israel for consultation. There on Thanksgiving Day, they met with Ben Gurion for tea. He wished to know if cloud-seeding could be the answer to Israel's historical aridity. He was

convinced, and the following year, Israel set up a program for operating in and training workers for the system.

Then back to Spain went Paul and Dorothy, and over the period of their three years there, the water supply for the dam was actually increased. Since the pay set-up had built-in incentives for success, this was a bonus.

Although a good deal was heard about cloud-seeding in the 60's, lately it has drawn little attention but operations are still going on. At last report, the Edison Company and other utilities were still conducting cloud-seeding work in

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Ruchs Profile

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the Sierra. The government is sponsoring research.

Meanwhile Paul and Dorothy were raising a son and a daughter. Paul II grew up to enter UCLA and to graduate in meteorology. He then went in to the Air Force as weather officer and finished two years with a rating of captain. Daughter, Shirley, attended and graduated from the rival of her father's school, Occidental.

Together with his son, Paul went more expansively into a different phase of weather-study, long-range forecasting, that had always been one of his primary interests in the field. Father and son developed a new system based on their own private discoveries within mathematical principles. This was done entirely on their own without any assistance from government, business or any other source. The new system was so successful that he left his group firm and formed his own service, as Paul E. Ruch, Consulting Mete-

orologist, in 1963.

The ability to predict weather action has been a hope of mankind since historic man appeared on the earth. Many societies developed systems dependent upon magic. Rain dances, talismen, ceremonies, all were employed. Many groups designated special rain gods to be propitiated by bribes and sacrifice. All primitive communities have realized their need to understand and anticipate the action of the elements and to receive the advantages either of precipitation or fair weather as necessary.

Historically, weather has been the deciding factor in a great many of the events of man. The Bible has many such instances and we are advised "not to build our houses upon the sand". Battles and fortunes have been lost or won by weather. Napoleon was beaten by the terrible Russian winter; General Eisenhower called D-Day only after extremely careful consultation with meteorologists. Noah, of course, had the help of a Supreme

Forecaster but even so, he might have been glad of more consultation.

Man, when faced with the elements, had only the recourse of adapting after the fact, but even this was not always successful. He needed accurate prediction. Many individuals studied weather by observation and many institutions of learning kept records. The U.S. Weather Service was developed by the Signal Corps shortly after the Civil War. The importance of air mass and frontal analysis was discovered just after World War I. We have had our weather satellites for twenty years. Nevertheless, there has been little improvement in forecasting although much more information is now obtainable and communication has improved markedly.

People reading this may be surprised that Paul has no laboratory. Not a single rain gauge or thermometer is necessary. Masses of data are the heart of the Ruch system. It is the constant study of past re-

cords, carefully interpreted through mathematical formulae, that gives the Ruch method an astonishing 80% to 85% success rating. Research is now under way to raise this rating soon to 90%.

Long Range forecasting is defined as predictions covering at least a year in advance which also include month to month and day to day forecasts with comparisons to normals and extremes. Businesses such as the construction trades, professional sports, aviation and navigation, and all forms of agriculture need this ability to plan ahead.

Two examples of such need are very close to home. Walter Weed, Director of Landscape Maintenance for L.V., has received forecasts from the Ruch system for the last two years and says that they have helped him enormously both in long and short range planning. The astonishing rate of success has made it possible to arrange the work for his crews so that on wet days, his men men are

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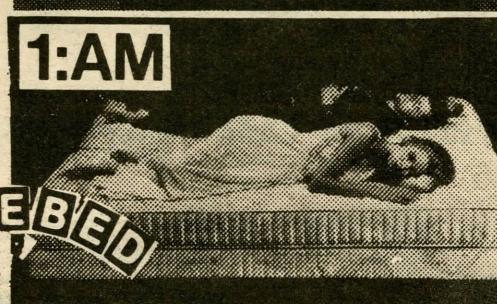
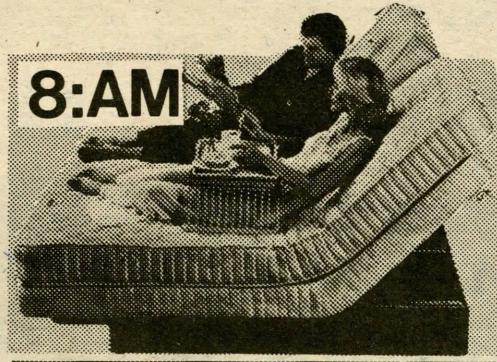
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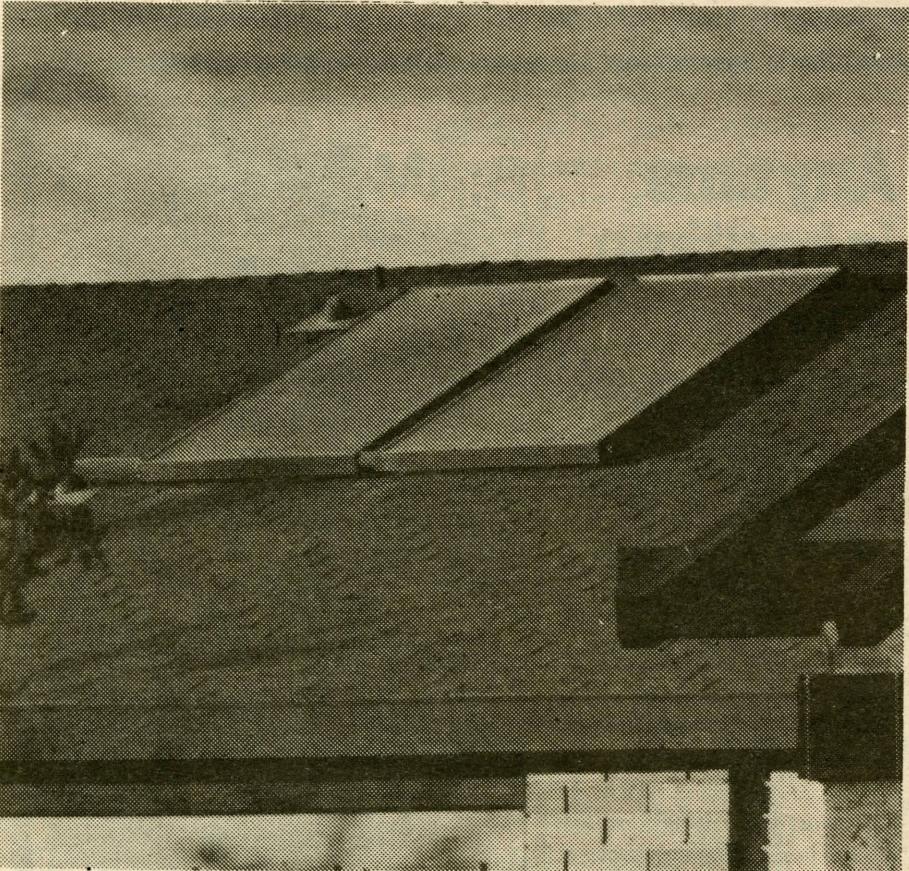


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By Jeanne Carlson

Women's Club went all Irish for the March meeting.

After Tillie Boyd, accompanied by Roselle Mayfarth, gave a beautiful performance of "God Bless America", business was touched on lightly because of a special program arranged by Daisy Bien.

Gertie Dorward, Corresponding Secretary read a note of thanks for the new flashing emergency bars for the patrol cars from Security Chief Reimer. She also read a request for assistance in helping the new firehouse to obtain some needed furniture.

Membership Chairwoman, Kay Varley announced the new total of 357 members, (but her goal is still 500 for this year).

Sonya Prager, who is in charge of arranging 200 Easter treats for the Children's Ward

and Geriatrics divisions of Camarillo State Hospital, asked for donations of green plastic strawberry or tomato baskets. She needs at least 120 more. Donations of cookies are also requested. The baskets will be packed Tuesday, April 6, in the MPR., during Workshop.

President Beverly Peck, presented a tentative budget for the year to be studied and voted on at the April meeting.

The main attraction of the day was a program of Irish dances. With the first notes of the contagious music, it was even noted that a good many men sneaked in to watch. First, the Marguerite Abdelnour Dancers, working for the day under the title of "Leisure Village Shamrocks", presented three lively group dances. They had even arranged green-and-white costumes.

Fifteen-year-old Jackie Probst, a Camarillo resident, is a champion Irish dancer. Last year she placed 17th in compe-

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Womens Club

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tition for the title of World's Champion Irish Dancer in Ireland. She will be competing again next month in Ireland. She has won the "Western United States" championship for the last three years, and has won over 60 trophies and 100 medals. It was easy to understand her honors when she performed. Her grace, her astonishing leaps and kicks, together with her charming traditional posture, had her audience leaning forward intently during three numbers, a reel, a hornpipe, and a step-clog.

The 10 and 12-year-old O'Sullivan sisters, also from Camarillo, performed two graceful duets and then joined Jackie in a finale.

The April meeting will be the traditional Easter Parade. Members are asked to arrange fanciful Easter bonnets to wear in contest for the title of Prettiest, Funniest, Most Unusual, and Most Original Hats. Prizes will be awarded by a panel of famous judges. Earl Cunning-

**GEM AND MINERAL CLUB**

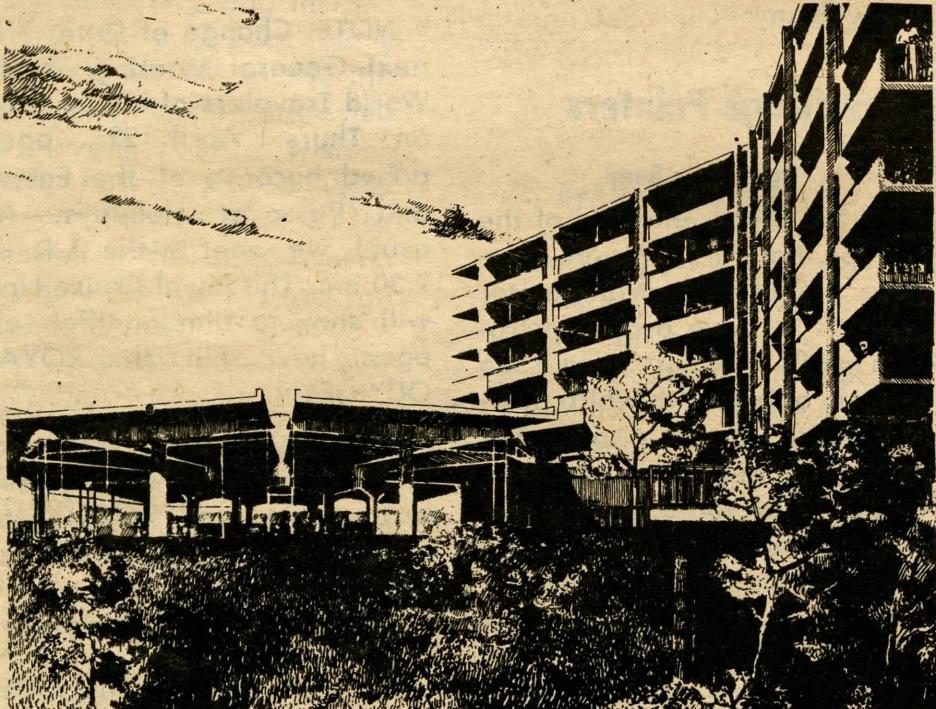
Club President, Jack Bennett, spoke on the subject "Metals and why they occur as minerals in nature" at the Gem and Mineral Club's March meeting. He explained the lower energy level of metals as minerals, indicating that many things in nature tend to be a little lazy.

A field trip is being sponsored by Grieger's to their facility in Pasadena on April 2 for members of the Gem and Mineral Club. The trip will include a visit to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Hall of Gems and Minerals.

ham will provide piano music for the program. We hope Millicent Hofmann will wear her traditional hat again.

Don't forget Workshop, every Tuesday, 9:30 in the MPR.

Trading Post needs help, too, with your donations.

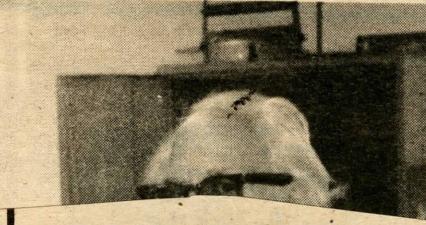
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By Millicent Hofmann

Roles have been assigned for the Rhythmlette show, "Musical Caravan - '82", to be given the evenings of April 30th and May 1st. Rehearsals are now in progress.

Tickets, at \$2.00 each, will be on sale in the Recreation Office beginning April 2nd, during the usual ticket sale hours.



BOOK REVIEW GROUP

By Jeanne Carlson

Instead of a program of reviews, the March meeting of Book Review Group was a field trip to the Doheney Memorial Library at St. John's Seminary one of Camarillo's most important but little known cultural centers. Forty two people attended, divided into two groups, each accompanied by a college lecturer.

The library, although small, houses many exquisite rarities. Foremost in the collection is a Gutenberg Old Testament, plus many other manuscripts dating back to the medieval period. In addition, there is a group of Remington paintings and a whole room of historic California materials. Mrs. Doheney's additional gifts of antique furniture and personal collection of glass paperweights (mostly French) are worth the trip alone. The jewel-like weights are exquisite. The grounds of the seminary are beautifully landscaped and the hill-top view is spectacular.

Book Review's excursion was meticulously arranged and coordinated by Betty Tytler who was busy for a month with lists, reservations, and car-pools.

The April 19 meeting of Book Review will have a theme of "Spring". Elizabeth Williamson, a published poet of L.V., will read her own poems on this theme. Please try to come.

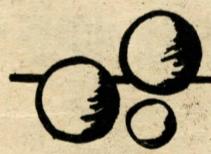
WE IT TO RSELF VOL

By Nick Dahl

R.V. Club is counting on Vice President Jim Oeswein and his wife Jerrie to tell us about their trip to New Orleans and the Mardi Gras at our next meeting.

We meet every third Thursday in the MPR At 7:30 p.m. with coffee, cookies and a movie.

When an RV owner returns to LV about midnight after a long day's drive only to find a car parked in his assigned space, tempers can really flare. This is understandable. Security Patrol has to check the tri-colored pin chart and the RV records to verify an unassigned space. Then he tries to placate the irate driver and get him or her to park in the unassigned space until the owner of the trespasser's vehicle can be verified by a call to DMV the next morning. This has happened several times and is uncalled for. Security has the legal right to call a tow truck to remove and impound the car until the tow bill is paid. We bring these problems up at our meetings but are not reaching all the RV owners in the village.



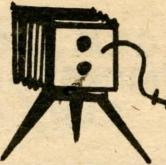
BOCCE CLUB

By Zita Wayne

The Bocce Club held a delightful and entertaining evening on Thursday, February 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the A.R.

After a short business meeting, we had the pleasure of being entertained by the Vocal Duo of George Goldfarb and Miriam Schwarz, singing "It's Nice to Have a Man Around the House."

This was followed by the vibrant and mellow tunes of Hal Hughes and his musical saw. To top off the evening's entertainment, a fitting finale was presented by Kay Collier and her High Steppers tap dancing with viracity and verve.



CAMERA CLUB

By Charles Poszel

Camera Club's president Gene Spellinger and I attended a meeting of the Thousand Oaks Camera Club with a representation of the Camarillo Camera Club early this month and after viewing their method of competition which included some slides from our club also, Dr. Rankin MacIntyre's entry was right up there with the best. Hal Ellis, the president of the Southern California Camera Council, (S4C) judged the slides. We have arranged a competition between the three clubs wherein fifteen slides will be entered from each club and 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded. The winning photos will be published in color in the local newspapers as well as a certificate of merit given to each winner. More on this later.

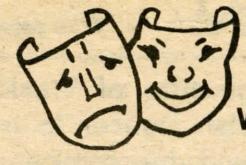
Our trip to the orchid farm is set for March 31st next and all are welcome

Village Painters

By Carmen Read

At the March meeting of the Village Painters, Miriam Harolde, the gifted portrait painter from V. 6, gave a demonstration in oils. She portrayed a sea captain of old, with white flowing beard, a red pirate's hat and a twinkle in his eyes. An audience of some 50 villagers were enthralled by the speed and beauty of her performance.

At the April meeting (first Wednesday, 12:30 PM, MPR) a demonstration on painting flowers in oil will be shown by Marion Jayne, club president, to usher in the Spring. Everyone is welcome to these demonstrations. We, of course, would like you to become a supporting member of the Village Painters, whether you are an active artist or an interested observer. The \$1 a year membership entitles you to join us on trips of interest and jubilee at our parties.



VILLAGE PLAYERS WORKSHOP

By Millicent Hofmann

Because the annual L.V. Assn. Town Hall meeting was held on the Players' meeting night, the entertainment planned for that evening was postponed, to the next meeting. The offering was a reading of the 2nd and 3rd scenes of "Dear Me --The Sky is Falling!", directed by Phil Aaronson, with the following cast: Izz Abrams, Daisy Bien, Amy Puro, Bea Schonberg, Dolores Tribich and Ruth Zupa.

Readings are still in progress for the choice of a play to be given by the group next Fall.

**WORLD TRAVELERS
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By Lee Edwards

NOTE: Change of Date: The next General Meeting of the World Travelers of L.V. will be on Thurs. April 22., postponed because of the Easter and Passover Holidays. As usual, we meet in the A.R. at 7:30 pm. The Royal Cruise Line will show a film on their elegant new ship, the ROYAL ODYSSEY.

We are planning a super-special 4-week cruise on this luxury ship, one sailing date only: November 26 departure, return December 23rd, with a fabulous cruise itinerary.

For all further details, come to the April 22nd, meeting.

Last chance to sign up for either of our two ISRAEL trips. Best value ISRAEL TRIP for the budget minded: Twelve nights (14 days) hotel accommodations in Israel; 6 nights Jerusalem, 1 night Galilee and 5 nights Tel Aviv. This trip leaves Los Angeles May 3rd, and features full Israel breakfasts daily, six days sightseeing in Israel. Price per person, including air fare \$1,505.00

Billiard Club

By Joe Carfagna

At the General Meeting of the Billiard Club on Tuesday, February 23rd, we were pleased to have Jim Dobbins, our past president, advise the members that there was a possibility of acquiring custom-made pool tables at a far lesser cost than that previously investigated. A committee composed of Russ Sievert, Joe Levinson and Ronnie Neiss will pursue this matter at the earliest opportunity.

Russ Sievert is to be highly commended for his excellent work in maintaining a well organized Tournament set-up and method of play. He also keeps the billiard room furnished with all the supplies and repairs in a manner that makes it a pleasure to shoot pool or play billiards.

Any member needing tournament tickets for play or additional ones for replay see Russ, Tony, Stew or Joe. See bulletin board for detailed information regarding Tournament.

Stew Siers is giving instruction in 8 ball pool each Friday from 8:00-1:00 AM in the Billiard Room to all interested new players. Anyone wishing to learn how to play billiards can contact me at 484-9983 for appointment with Joe Levinson who has volunteered to be the instructor of the billiard play.



INDOOR
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GARDEN
CLUB

By Sylvia Malkin

Springtime, to gardeners, means itchy fingers, and sometimes itchy feet, so the April 8th meeting of the Garden Club will be a visit to the Bonsai Show and Demonstration at Los Angeles Exposition Park

Sign up with Barbara Campbell (987-2464) or Gladys Gray (494-7883). The bus ticket is \$6.25. Lunch will be arranged but at our own individual expense. Do join the group.

We will leave the Rec Center at 9 A.M. and return in the late afternoon.



Photo by Charles Posse

In spite of what you may think, it isn't only the women who get into ceramics as Harold Lee and Al Pachter demonstrate.



THE
CERAMIC
CLUB

By Charles Posse

Program people apologize for the no show of Patti Lurie. Her automobile was disabled preventing her from getting here. Our versatile program chairman Joe Poliak showed a

film about Ukrainian Easter eggs. Though they are not ceramic, they are at least appropriate to the season.

At our April meeting, on the fifth, Marie Meyers will conduct a seminar on the techniques of ceramic sculpting. We will attempt to change the time of our meeting from the evening to afternoon hours, hoping to attract a larger membership and greater attendance.

Variety Guild

By Ethal Goldfarb

REHEARSALS, REHEARSALS, REHEARSALS is the pattern of the many participants in the up-coming 3rd Annual Production, REVUE of '82. Mark your Calendar. Don't miss this STUNNING April 1st, 2nd and 3rd at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday, the 4th at 2 P.M. Tickets at \$2.00 are available at the Recreation office Monday and Friday from 9 A.M. to Noon and Wednesdays from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M.; also through Bea Schonberg, 484-8509.

The February 25th Meeting planned by Roie Beck with Daisy Bien and Piff de Simone, was an entertaining celebration of George Washington's Birthday with the ladies wearing appropriate dress of the times.

Arthur Kates on Violin with Rawza Kates at the piano, presented "18th Century Drawing Room", based on a theme of Mozart's Sonata 1 for piano. It

was a delight.

"Mama" Roie and her mischievous daughters horseplaying were a very entertaining trio. Roie sang a parody of the "Marine Hymn". The audience had its chance to participate in an amusing reading by Roie, which brought many laughs.

Appropriately, there was a Cherry Pie eating contest. Hands held back faces in the pies, three courageous gents, Herb Schmidt, Frank Goldfarb and Jack Fosdick gobbled away, winding up with red noses, Jack the winner.

Roie, singing "It's a Sin to Tell a Lie" accompanying herself on the Omnidisc with the brats Daisy and Piff miming, concluded a fun Birthday Party with red, white and blue streamers spinning around. The March 11th meeting had a preview performance of "High Moon" created by Jim Zupa. Pure Western hysteria.

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By Harold Wickham

Sunday evening, March 7, a large audience attended the return engagement concert performed by Bill Million, a teacher and professional organist. A diversified program was presented and apparently enjoyed.

The next meeting of the Club will be on Friday, March 26, at 12:15. Following a potluck luncheon, Officers for the ensuing year will be installed, as follows: Edith Kaiser, President; Virginia Moon, First Vice-President; Louise Herbert, Second Vice-President; Evelyn Garbe, Secretary; Marion Van Gorp, Treasurer. The musical theme will be "Songs of the 40s and 50s."

The Organ Workshop meets on the second Monday of each month at 10 A.M. and there is a practice session the fourth Monday at 10 A.M. Keep practicing!

All members are welcome to play at our meetings, whether beginners, intermediates or advanced.



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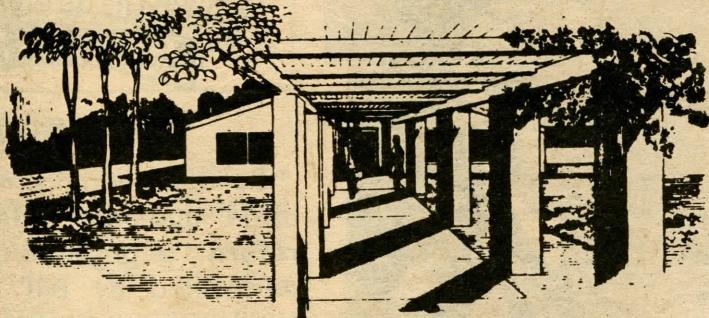
By Jane Gifford

The members of the L.V. Men's and Women's Golf Associations had a special treat at the 19th Hole Party of Feb. 28th. Arthur Kates and his Jazz Combo, consisting of Bill Marvel, Larry Killeen, and Gerald Robbins, gave a delightful program. A marvelous selection of music had us all tapping our toes, and encouraged many to dance.

This was a party we shall all remember with pleasure.

There are two special tournaments to be held in April. The Spring Holiday Eclectic, best 18 of 36 holes, will be played on April 7 and 14. The Medal Play Tournament is scheduled for April 28 and May 5.

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Activism

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clear Weapons Freeze Initiative, which now appears certain to be on the November ballot. More than 700 Villagers have already signed the initiative petition, according to a front-page story in the Camarillo DAILY NEWS of March 9th. Ruth Swartz (V. 38) and Bernie Firestone (V. 23) received prominent mention in this article.

Other issues that are certain to command the attention of Villagers are the effort of the Concerned Citizens to Stop the Prison (i.e., prevent the conversion to a prison of Camarillo State Hospital); the signature drive now underway to place on the November ballot a proposition for Handgun Control; and the debate over Proposition 9 on the June ballot, the referendum on S.B. 200, authorizing construction of a Peripheral Canal and other water facilities as units of the Central Valley Project.

Tomorrow evening (March 26th) Villager John Lauten, former General Manager of the

Metropolitan Water District, will discuss the arguments for and against the Peripheral Canal at the regular monthly meeting of the Current Issues Forum.

Citizen participation in civic and government activities is one of the reasons for the success of L.V. We are, as we once wrote, "a community--not a retreat." An "active" and concerned adult community, if you please.

Variety Guild

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The setting was a saloon with Roy Chryst on guitar and whistling throughout; the opening number was "Home On the Range". A Proclamation was read by Gus Cappello that anyone singing off key is to be fined, jailed, hung, or something. Singers and performers, Bea Schmidt as barmaid; Sheriff Jim Zupa; Ruth Zupa, unfaithful wife of the Sheriff; Bad Men Gus Cappello and Herb Schmidt; Doc. Frank Goldfarb; Judge Aaron Bonderman all did justice to their parts creating a "Drama" which at times produced laughter to the point of tears.

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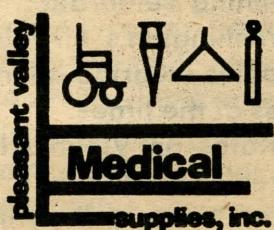
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| 6. Resident Services | 24,000 |
| 7. Charges For Services Furnished L.T.C. | 55,380 |
| 8. Other Income | <u>8,000</u> |
| 9. Total Income | \$2,636,367 |
| 10. Carry-over of Surplus | <u>138,170</u> |
| 11. Total | \$2,774,537 |
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VILLAGE SWINGERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB

By Romaine Lambert

The Village Swingers Square Dance Club celebrated its Eighth Annual Spring Fling on Sunday afternoon of March 7. Most participants agreed that it was probably the club's best dance to date. Jerry Schatzer managed to please everyone with his comfortable calling. Round dancers were able to do their thing before the squares were formed and between tips with the able cuing of Ron Ray. The continuous refreshments disappeared almost as soon as they were placed on the table, and no wonder. Who could resist the array of ethnic finger food and the good old American favorites. The hall was decorated in the international theme of the dance, with posters on intriguing places near and far. Members were so generous in their contributions that the club was able to award

forty door prizes. Yes, forty. The many efficient committees are too numerous to name, for all members were involved in some phase. Al Siegel expressed his appreciation and pleasure in a job well done. From the magnificent grand parade at the beginning of the event down to the last thank-yous in the individual squares, the afternoon proved to be a success.

We regret that at times a sad note must be introduced at our gatherings. At a recent meeting Al Siegel called for a moment of silence in memory of one of our members, Sherman Schochet. Our loving sympathy goes out to Phyllis. We said good-bye to the Alters, too, who have moved to Lawrence Welk's Trailer Park. Hank and Jane have been members for a long time and we will miss them but wish them all good luck.

Green was much in order on March 16th when Wyane called an All Singing Calls Dance to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. On

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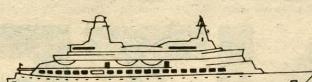
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Swingers

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March 30th guest caller will be Sam Atkinson of Pt. Mugu. Bruce Johnson of Santa Barbara will be with us on April 6th in lieu of Wyane's absence to attend Callerlab. Bruce was the Swingers' first Caller/Instructor and he has re-visited us many times.

Please NOTE: Our original calendar of events called for the hall to be dark on April 13th because of local elections. The election has been cancelled and the A.R. will not be needed for polling so there will be dancing as usual with general meeting and ice-cream social.

Another event coming up for which you might wish to mark your calendar is the A Square D Dance on Sunday, May 2nd in Oxnard. This is the event which features free admission to members when the Club pays a small fee.

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On Monday April 19th we will show a very exciting film, "The Last Epidemic".

This film deals with the consequences to Earth and all who live on it in case of Nuclear war. Physicians from the American Medical Association and physicians for social responsibility are speaking out against Nuclear arms and are asking the audience for their participation. Dr. Darien Morray is an M.D. at the Ventura County Hospital. He is the chairman of Physicians for Social Responsibility for Ventura County, and he will be present at the showing of this film and will speak.

This Videotape is in great demand, and we are happy that we were able to secure it for our monthly lecture. Mark your calendar and join us on Monday April 19th at 7:30 P.M. in the A.R.

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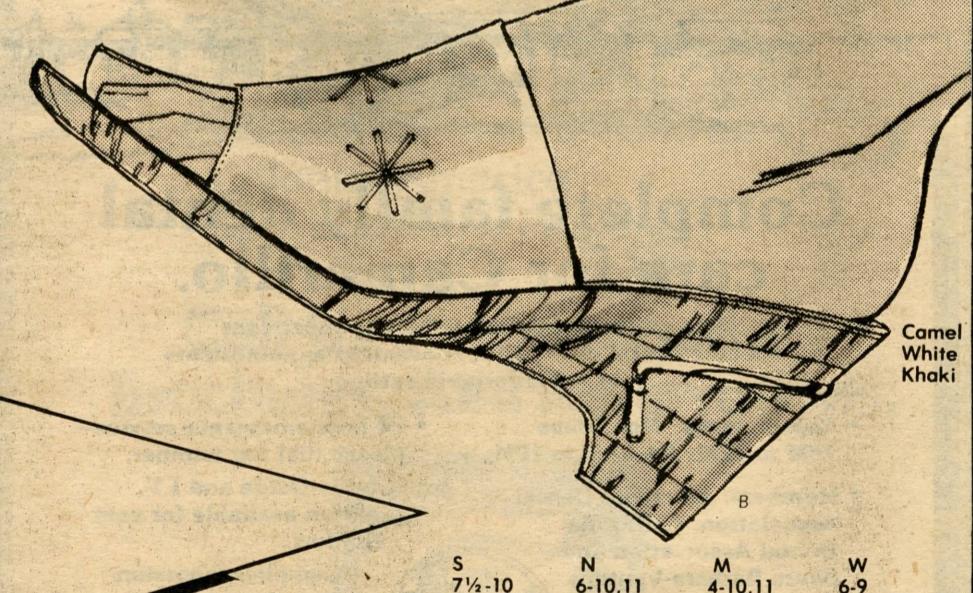
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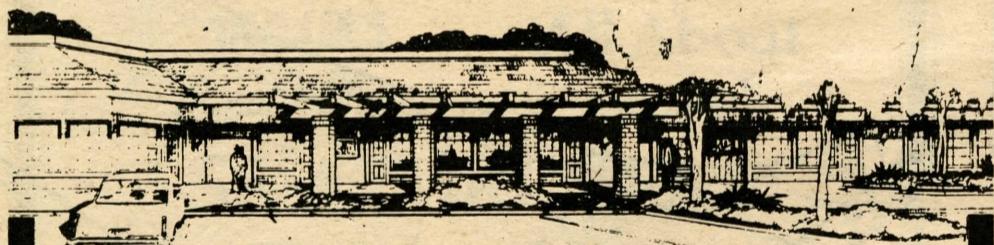
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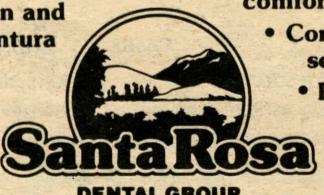
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By Ethel Goliard

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There he was. Woody Woodenschek tending bar, with a comment here and there, while a blend of Irish and good ole American melodies were offered by Bill Shasberger, Elaine Shainhouse, Millie Silberman, Kay Avery, Norm Friedman, George Goldfarb (and tappin' a jig too); Ruth Hart prefacing her song with a humorous Irish story, and newcomer Carol Fellman looking very continental, doing her bit of singing. Another newcomer

Bob Barrus added his Irish Melody, and Chorale Director Bob Riggs joined the festivities in song too. Such voices!

The "Irish" lassies, Helen Gold, Sophie Lebetkin, Mimi Kaufman And Rawza Kates tapped away to traditional Irish tunes.

Woody Woodenschek sang his favorite 'Harrigan' with colleens Gold and Lebetkin getting him to tap dance with them. A decided challenge to Woody.

How could an evening go by without McNamara's Band playing, represented by Arthur "McNamara" Kates, Jerry Robbins, Norman Fleming, Carl Lowenthal, Joe O'Neill and Rawza Kates? There they were marching down the aisle, tootin', drummin', with the cymbals clangin'. It sure was a pretty sight.

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The Chorale's segment of the

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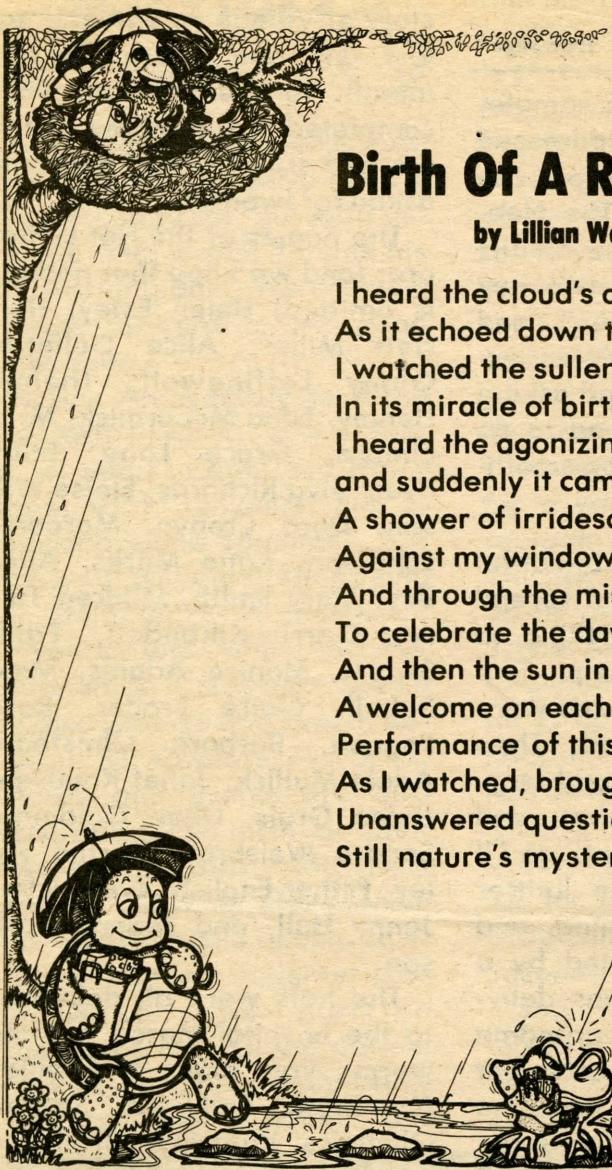
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Hats Off

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Jeanne, armed with sample, patterns, and yarn, addressed the Bazaar Workshop, the Women's Club, and The Needlers. Everywhere, the results were the same. The two key words were "children" and 'Special Olympics'. After explaining the project and asking for helpers, all she had to do was to keep from being smothered in volunteers.

Then an even more beautiful thing happened. Word spread and women began calling to ask if they could help. Two more batches of xeroxes were made and distributed. Then women would call and say, "I've finished my hat and there's enough yarn left, so I'll just make two." One knitter got sick before finishing, and her hat was completed by a neighbor. One hat was delivered by a brand-new grandma on her way to the airport to get a plane for Seattle to meet the new arrival. When the yarn ran out, many knitters supplied

their own. So this became a story of Village volunteers, not just any one group. In one month, forty-eight hats were completed in a rainbow of colors and sizes! (Pearl had only asked for twenty).

The names of the Hat Ladies are: (and we hope that nobody is omitted) Helen Estey, Harriett Miller, Alice Gullette, Ginny Leffingwell, Thelma Henley, Edna McCormick, Mitzi Elmore, Grace Lane, Ethel Byer, Uiva Richards, Eloise Wilson, Dora Cronyn, Margaret Eckerson, Katie Marks, Alice Bay, Mary Smith, Mildren Tarry, Gerri Kikendall, Edith Swartz, Monica Adams, Mina Rebell, Claire Broder, Rose Fagnan, Barbara Olmstead, Adele Mullick, Janet Knudsen, Helen Gruis, Lilian Goldman, Sandra Weisbrot, Martha Foley, Esther English, Eva Prister, Jenny Hall, and Jeanne Carlson.

The hats were all delivered to the hospital March 9. Keep warm, you kids, and enjoy Mammoth and the Special Olympics. With love, from the women of Leisure Village.

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All Hart

By Ruth Hart

By the time this paper is published Woody will have retired officially, May 1st, but with vacations, etc. March 18 was his last working day.) We are now looking forward to the good times ahead.

Happy Anniversary to Anne and Jack Fosdick, V. 41, Feb. 19, 44 years; Kathy and Harry Stone, V. 1, 12 years, Feb 3; Ruth and Gene Spalinger, V. 4 March 13, 39 years; Rhoda and Ben Smithkin, V. 4, March 15, 35 years; and Mimi and Art Kaufman, V. 1, 44 years, March 16; also George and Evelyn Kohon, V. 33, 43 years, March 12. George and Evelyn are also celebrating the birth of their first grandchild, Matthew Ryan, in Sherman Oaks. Mimi and Art also had a double celebration, as their daughter Laurel Rose was married Valentine's Day to Joe Cohen, and they became grandparents again as they acquired two

more grandchildren through this marriage. We have another 50th Anniversary in the village coming up on April 16, Max and Dora Polley, V. 3. Happy, healthy days to all.

Jean and Paul Fox, V. 24 are off on a motor trip to Florida for three weeks. Abe and Corky Millman, V. 17 back from their trip to Florida where they attended a Bar Mitzvah (not Abe's, but a close relative of his). Max and Helen Lustig, V. 1 visited Scottsdale, Arizona for a week. Had a wonderful reunion with relatives from Chicago, and with Helen's sister-in-law who lives in Arizona. Sylvia Altes, V. 28, will be off to Communist China April 10th, for 20 days. Looking forward to hearing many interesting stories on her return.

Lotte Bauch, V. 20, will take a Mexican Riviera cruise April 17, for 11 days. Accompanying Lotte will be her granddaughter, Suzanne Bauch.

Jean Kornblatt, V. 6 is heading for Paris April 17th to visit her son and wife through May 25th. She will visit Amsterdam

in time for the flower festival, and on to other exciting places.

Larry and Esther Sawyer, V. 16, are home from their Caribbean cruise on the "Song of Norway". They invited their daughter Barbara and husband Harvey, who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary, to go along with them. They will be returning to San Juan in July, for Larry to conduct a seminar there.

With all these people traveling around the world, we still have lots of activity going on here in the Village, many shows coming up (hope you all enjoyed St. Patrick's Show), Variety Show opens April 1st, Rhymette Show April 30th and May 1st, so watch bulletins for ticket dates, some kind of entertainment to please everyone.

Had a yummy dinner for all the volunteers of Y.N.C.G. (that's the blood pressure people) the other evening in the A.R. How can one diet living in this village? By the time I head for Leisure Heaven they will have to roll me out.

If all you villagers have not seen the movie "On Golden Pond", make it a must on your list. Till next time: "People who think they know everything are particularly aggravating to those of us who do".

Birds of L.V.

By Charles Posse

The first week in March, Leisure Villagers were captivated by the large flocks of Cedar Waxwings that come to dine upon the abundant berries of our pyrocantha bushes.

The beauty of these little creatures fueled my imagination as they fed on the pyrocantha pomes outside of my breakfast window. I was intrigued by their lack of greed. They would stay to eat only three berries and fly away to a plum tree twenty feet away. Another would take its place to take the three pomes it could hold in its craw. There must have been two hundred of them feeding and milling about. This was the miracle of the world's bounty that can be shared by all.



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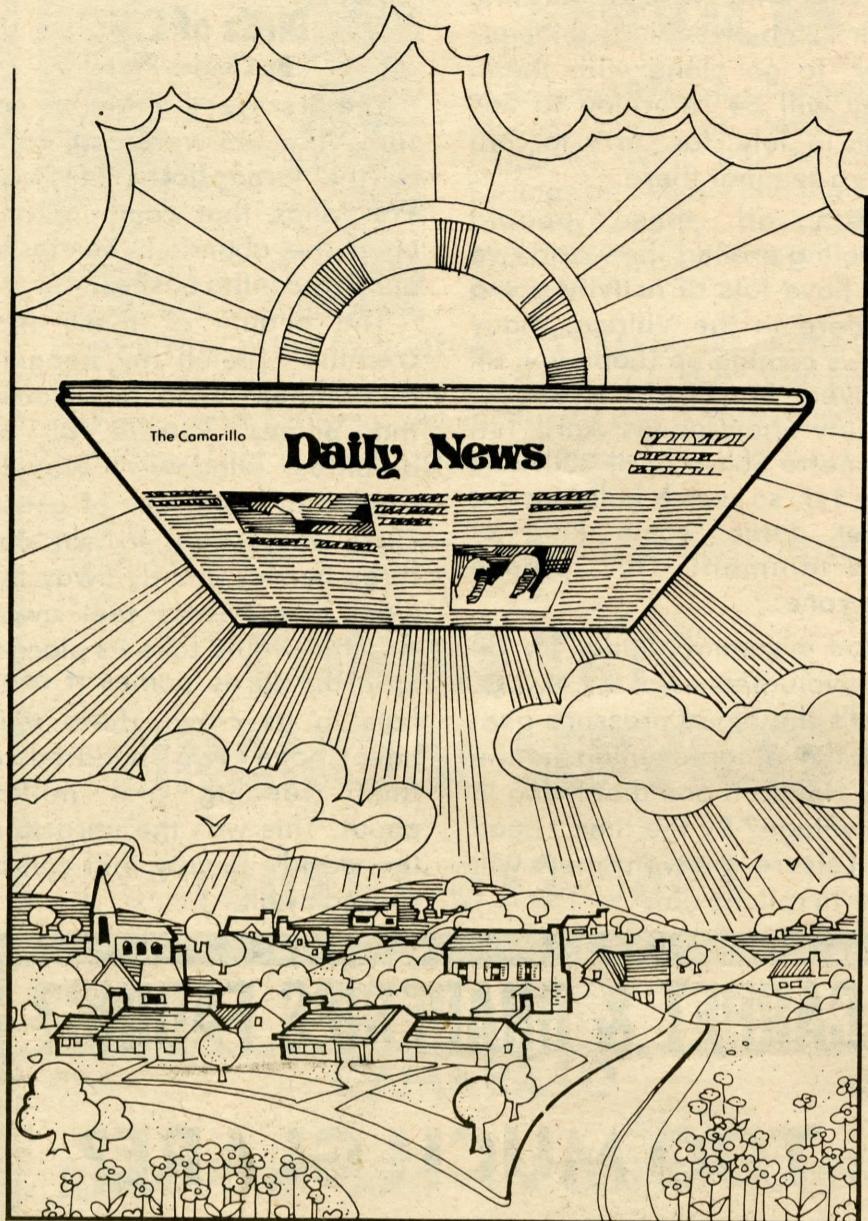
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Ruch Profile

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occupied with necessary indoor activities. Fertilizer programs can be planned so that valuable nutrients are not washed away. Watering schedules can be adjusted. Walter Weed says that these are the best forecasts he has ever been able to obtain. He also says that the Turf Council, members of the Southern California Landscapers' Association, rely on and have had the same excellent results by employing Paul Ruch.

Last December, Tom O'Brien member of the L.V. Board of Directors, was worried by the possibility of hard early winter rains before our flood control systems could be cleared of heavy silt deposits. He consulted Mr. Ruch and was gratified to learn that the month of December would be a dry one and that the whole winter would have below average precipitation. Both of these predictions have proved to be correct.

The Bank of A. Levy also employs Paul to prepare quarterly forecasts which they feature in their advertisements in a Ventura County Farm Bureau magazine, "The Broadcaster". These predictions for the benefit of ranchers and farmers in our area indicate temperature and rainfall departures from normal, three months in advance, as well as periods when dry weather or rain are expected.

For readers of "Inside Leisure Village", Paul predicts (as of November) that March and April will be rainier than usual with about two inches above normal, although we will still have a dry year.

Since Paul is constantly in demand as a consultant, his business and record systems are both growing, he is now prepared to give long range forecasts for the whole west coast. The work is at the point where a computer is really needed, but programming the enormous amounts of statistics needed would almost amount to another career.

Does Paul have time for hobbies? The answer, with a grin, was that he has ten antique

motorcycles, one dating from 1909, in storage, but has had no time to restore them. Dorothy Ruch (who he says does all the hard work while he just fiddles with a pencil), also confessed to having little time for anything beyond work except for a little knitting.

But when one's work is more fascinating than one's leisure, perhaps few outside interests are necessary. However, the Ruchs do have one intense, warm interest and that is pride and affection for their family. Daughter, Shirley, and her husband, Richard D. Shivers, have a daughter who is doing a "complicated job" in Washington, D.C.. Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ruch II, have a daughter in college in San Diego, a son in high school, and a son in pre-school. The younger Ruchs live in Tustin; the Shivers live in Pasadena. Paul Ruch II is not now working in meteorology but he was certainly part of the formation of the family enterprise since he is an excellent mathematician.

Paul and Dorothy have lived in L.V. for eight years (just missed being Pioneers). They find the Village ideally suited to their needs and have made a beautiful home here. By the fireplace, a large statue of a conejo (Spanish for rabbit) relaxes and naps. This is only right; the conejos lived here first and are a symbol of the valley home.

This writer was invited to visit the office in the house where all the forecasts are made. It was ranged, as one might expect, with shelf after shelf of records. On one wall is a family biography, an arrangement of license plates representing all their home places from the Massachusetts plate for a Model T Ford to licenses from Ohio, California, Florida, Colorado, and Europe.

Upon reviewing this story of a remarkable couple, one cannot help but be reminded of another couple, Will and Ariel Durant, who also worked so closely that they pursued one career. Our personal hope (and forecast) for Paul and Dorothy Ruch is "fair and warm, with blue skies."

Chorale

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program ended with Joan Woodenschek singing "Danny Boy" and "Little Bit of Heaven" in beautiful voice. The audience was then invited to sing some favorite Irish melodies as the cast danced and sang up and down the aisles. All got into the spirit. Wasn't every one Irish that evening?

A very special treat after intermission was the Sweet Adelines, Channelaires Chapter. Our own Villagers, Lucille Mattson, Ann Cappello, Piff De Simone, Roie Beck, Kay Avery, Terry Hernandez, Eldred Silva, and Helene Sanchez did us proud.

Light and sound was effectively handled by Art Kaufman, assisted by Max Lustig, with Woody Hart, mike in hand at the foot of the stage for the Chorale singers.

Our regular rehearsals continue every Wednesday evening, 7:30 P.M. What a joy to sing the medley from Gigi, Porgy and Bess and many more in preparation for our big yearly event in June.

American Youth**Concert**

By Lee Edwards

Thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Michael L. Tenzer who paid for transportation by bus to the Music Center in Los Angeles, 90 villagers were able to attend the American Youth Symphony for only \$7.50 for a center loge seat. Mrs. Tenzer is chairman of the Board of the American Youth Symphony and her husband is chairman of the Board of Leisure Tech.

The concert took place on Sunday night, February 21. With Mehli Mehta, conducting the orchestra, and featuring the eminent Violinist and Cultural Ambassador of Mexico: Henryk Szeryng.

Besides a heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Tenzer for making this memorable evening possible, we should also tip our hat to Oscar Kane of our Travel Committee, who not only gave up his holiday on Washington's Birthday to sell tickets for the affair, but also made sure we all got safely on the busses and

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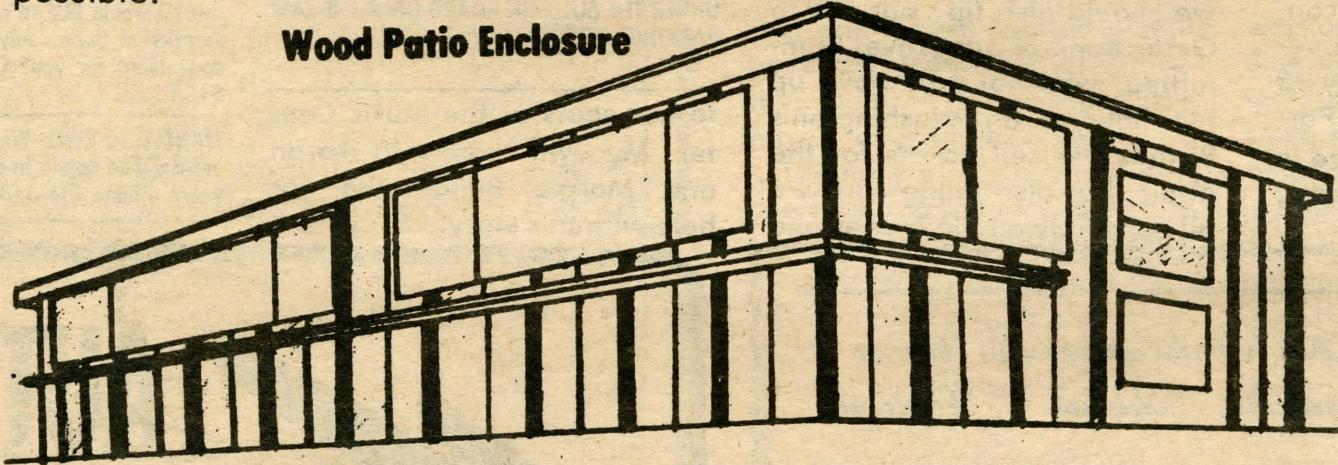
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