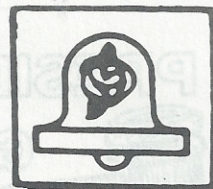


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ONWARD

When the Bellerose Library opened a little over a year ago, we were privileged to have Ms. Jean Dickerson assigned here as Branch Librarian.

Ms. Dickerson has been with the Queens Borough Public Library System since 1963 and presently holds the title Supervising Librarian. She obviously loves her job and enjoys the challenge each assignment presents. In a recent conversation, Ms. Dickerson stated she feels she is best able to serve when not in a branch long enough to stagnate. Incidentally, her longest service to date has been three years, with her shortest, three months.

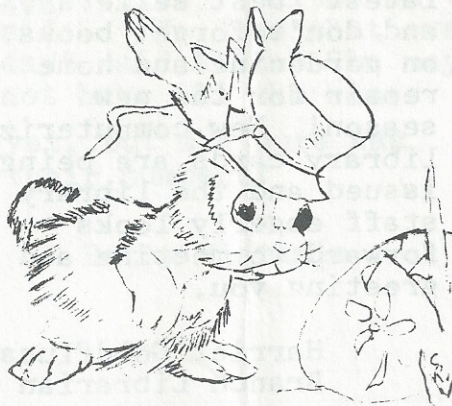
Transfer orders were sent to Ms. Dickerson to report to the Mitchell-Linden branch of the Queens Borough Public Library System early in March. Before she left she said she thoroughly enjoyed working in this community, so reminiscent of the small town she herself calls home. She was pleased to have finally received a window shade for the Community

Events Room which may in the future mean varied programs for us, hopefully even film presentations. However, with the current budget problems, staff cuts, etc., nothing is forthcoming.

Our loss is Flushing's gain and we wish Ms. Dickerson every success in her new assignment. It has been a pleasure having her with us for the past year and we appreciate all she has done on our behalf at the Bellerose Branch.

Betty Platania

*Happy
Easter!*



ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

On Sunday, April 22nd, the Colonial Farmhouse will be host to the first antique car show to be held in Queens County. This is being co-sponsored by the Colonial Farmhouse Restoration Society, Inc. and the Greater N.Y. Region, Inc. Antique Automobile Club of America. The event will include a flea market specializing in antique automobile parts. The hours will be from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. and there will be an admission charge. The farmhouse is located at 73-50 Little Nick Parkway.

Notice

THE NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

APRIL 5, 1979

AT 8:30 P.M.

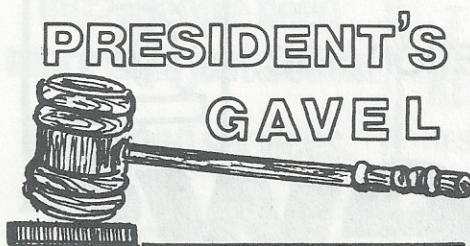
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"Welcome to Spring!" We look forward to its arrival shortly. At our next meeting I will be the speaker and will talk about organic gardening or how to raise vegetables on a shoe string - or should I say a milk container.

It is time to save your milk cartons, all sizes. Wash them out thoroughly, then cut the tops and bottoms off. Then flatten them and cut them in half so that you have a collar about 3 1/2" or 4". Store them flat fastened with a rubber band until you have about two dozen. Then proceed to make a seed flat.

Obtain a wine box from the local liquor store and cut it in half so that you will have two planting flats. Place a piece of plastic on the bottom large enough to come up to the edges of the seed flat. Place the cut containers in the seed flat until it is completely full. If there is any room left over, place strips of wood to take up the space. Fill each container with Formula B potting soil to about one inch from the top. Wet the soil and allow to stand for ten minutes. Press two to three seeds in each container. Put the flats in a warm, dark place until the seeds start to sprout. Move the flats to a sun or artificially lit spot.

When the seedlings are two to three inches tall, thin them out, leaving just one per container. See you at the meeting so that you can receive further instructions and information.

LIBRARY NEWS

With Spring in the offing, the library is taking on a fresh new look. If you want to be in shape for summer, be sure to take advantage of the Yoga classes to be held on Tuesday mornings from 11:30 to 12:30, starting April 3. Please register early as attendance will be limited.

Feature film programs for school-age children are being planned on a monthly basis and special programs concerning subjects of interest to the community will be announced shortly.

A School-Age Film Program will be held during Easter Week on Friday, April 20th at 2 p.m. for grades 3-6.

Our "New Books" section is expanding rapidly. Come and pay us a visit for the latest "best sellers", and don't forget books on gardening and home repair for the new season! New computerized library cards are being issued and the library staff eagerly looks forward to meeting and greeting you.

Harriet Goldfluss
Branch Librarian

NEW RULES

Rules for Teachers Were Posted by a Principal in 1872 in the City of New York and Reprinted Recently in the "Esso Manhattan":

1. Teachers will fill lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks each day.
2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's sessions.
3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual taste of pupils.
4. Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.
5. After ten hours in school, the teachers spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.
6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.
7. Every teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his declining years so that we will not be a burden on society.

8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.

9. The teacher who performs his labors faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of \$.25 per week in his pay providing the Board of Education approves.

SPOTLIGHT ON ALICE STAPLETON

As of Nov. 6, 1978 we have been privileged to have a school crossing guard assigned to 87th Ave. and Commonwealth Blvd. Appointed by, and working out of the 105th Precinct, Mrs. James Stapleton is the imposing figure in blue so joyously welcomed by Bellerose parents at this dangerous intersection. Mrs. Stapleton, the mother of three boys ages 7, 9 & 11, just loves her job. She said "the children are great." In fact, "the traffic is more of a problem" cites Alice. The students are well behaved and take instruction well.

Before taking her post, Alice was required to attend the Police Academy at 20th St. and Second Ave. in Manhattan for five days of training. Uniform requirements vary

by Precinct, but basically Mrs. Stapleton is supposed to wear navy blue. Only the hat, whistle, white strap and yellow raincoat were purchased at the Police Academy to comply with regulations.

Alice reports in for duty daily by phone to the 105th Precinct. Her hours at her post are 8-9 a.m., 11:20 a.m. - 12:50 p.m., 2 - 3:25 p.m. on all days when school is officially open, public as well as parochial. It is well to note that 87th Ave. between Cross Island Pkwy. service road and Commonwealth Blvd. is now officially closed to traffic during school hours.

Although she has never done anything like this before, our Crossing Guard is content in her present position and says "I just enjoy it." May I second the motion at our end and say "we enjoy having you." It's a pleasure to know we have so competent and amiable a guardian to catch the exuberant mites who slip off the curb a bit too soon or fail to see that car speeding along Commonwealth. Ooops, there's a tiny one who almost ran through her legs while I waited on the side. "He does that every day" said Alice--She may not have all the names yet, but she sure has their numbers!

Betty Platania

DINNER? DANCE?

The B.C.C.A. is considering organizing a dinner at either the Creedmore Farm House or another local establishment in late May. While the exact costs or menu has not yet been determined, we intend to keep the costs below \$7.00 per person. A limited bar will be available for beer, wine and some mixed drinks. The dinner will be on a Saturday evening and will be in lieu of the normal May general meeting. The Farmhouse is a local landmark of considerable interest and importance to the community and it is thus a suitable place to gather for a meeting. All members in attendance will be given a tour of the main house and a brief presentation on the history of the property. If you would be interested in attending this dinner please call Richard Hellenbrecht at 343-5397.

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