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Cultural Exchange Teacher Visits Hampton



The Baldridges traveled to Chicago's Field Museum. Pictured left to right is Jennifer Baldridge, Sayuri Tashiro and Heather Baldridge. (Photo by Georgia Baldridge)

by Randy Baldridge

A Japanese cultural exchange teacher spent the month of December in Hampton. Sayuri Tashiro (pronounced sigh-u-dee with accent on the dee) is an accomplished musician and artist who works for the Yamaha School of Music. Contact was made through an organization called S.T.E.P. which is an acronym for "Sowing Together for Earthly Peace". Hampton's music instructor, Mr. Mark Bressler, was responsible for her visit.

As host family, we undoubtedly benefited the most from her stay. November 30th, Georgia, Jennifer, Heather, and I set out to the Quad City Airport to meet Sayuri. Mr. Bressler and his parents were there also. Her flight was delayed about 2 1/2 hours and she ended up spending nearly 25 hours on airplanes. Between that and the 13-hour time difference, the pretty young woman looked shell-shocked as she got off the plane. Imagine the courage it took to fly halfway around the world and trust your needs, safety, and comfort to total strangers who could not understand one word of your language! Later we learned that her parents were very worried and did not want her to come to America. It seems like the Japanese news media blares constantly about our violence and problems suggesting that our country is a dangerous place.

We put her up in our family room, which allowed her a private bath. A desk, dresser, queen sized futon bed, recliner, and her own TV sort of rounded out the "Hampton Inn" Hampton version! We all learned to knock and ask permission to enter what became Sayuri's room. Next morning, we got to know each other better and it was fascinating to learn that Japan is actually an archipelago of thousands of islands, four of which sustains most of their population. Sayuri lives on the 3rd largest and southernmost main island of Kyushu. Many smaller islands surround Kyushu and stretch south to Okinawa. The climate in southern Japan is much like north central Florida complete with orange trees. It rarely gets below 40 degrees and Sayuri had only seen snowfall once and so our Christmas Eve snowstorm was a real treat. Her hometown, Oita (oh-e-ta), is on a bay in the Pacific Ocean and has a population of about 450,000. So she found herself in a harsh cold climate in a land flatter than any she had ever seen (Japan is mountainous) and 900 miles from a sea! Knowing that Japan is on what geologists call "the Pacific Ring of Fire", a series of volcanic and very unstable land, I asked her about the subject. She casually mentioned that there is an active volcano just 20 miles from her home. How active? - It recently belched some gases that killed three hikers. Naturally, I had to bring up earthquakes. In her wonderful, slightly clipped English, she said, "Earthquakes? Oh, yes. Good year - five - bad year - ten, maybe." Then she shook the table a little to demonstrate the

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Hampton PTA News

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year! How about challenging yourself a little more this year. Get involved in the PTA. PTA is a great way to get involved with what is going on at school, make new friends, know what your kids are up to and just a time to meet with other parents. We meet the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Free baby-sitting is provided. Next meeting is February 2nd. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Sherri Wells at 496-2884.

Congratulations go out to the 5th grade class. They had the most parents attend the last PTA meeting. The class gets \$10 to spend for their classroom. Thanks to all the parents that showed up. We would like to see more teachers; they do count as two. Come o the rest of the grades; get your parents to come. Then you could win, too!

Santa's Workshop poster winners were: K-2nd Korynn Vershaw, 3rd-4th Ben Boore, and 5th-8th Kelly Champion. The winners received a \$10 gift certificate to the Mall.

Cultural Arts day is coming up soon. We still need more people for this committee. The committee helps plan and organize this fun and interesting day. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Rae Benzon at 496-2823.

Gang Awareness Meeting

Are you concerned about the gangs in the surrounding area? Are you worried that your child may become involved in a gang? Could there be gangs in Hampton? Could you recognize a gang member? If these questions concern you, come to this meeting.

Hampton Project Success has asked Delano Gilkey to come speak to parents about Gang Prevention Intervention. It will be a 90-minute meeting at St. Mary's Church in Hampton, on February 24th at 6:30 p.m.

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Publishing Deadline is the 15th of the Month !!!

Cancer Society Sells Daffodils

by Kathleen VanHooreweghe

Daffodil Days are coming! The American Cancer Society's annual celebration of spring will take place **March 18th**. Yellow daffodils will appear on restaurant tables, on bank counters, in offices, homes, hospitals, and nursing homes. The daffodil is the universal symbol of hope and a brilliant reminder that cancer is survivable.

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Hampton Students Eligible for Vocational Grant

by Barbara Smith

High school seniors who graduated from the Hampton Elementary School are encouraged to apply for "**The Barbara and Fred Smith Vocational Grant.**" To qualify, you must be enrolled in the UTHS area vocational center. Contact your counselor or vocational teacher for an application.

Letter to the Editor



Dear Editor,

Porters is more than a drugstore. It is an atmosphere and an attitude. Located in Hampton on Hwy. 84, it sits behind the Citgo gas pumps. The windows hold of the old-time general store. This drugstore has it all... signs advertising merchandise for sale.

The atmosphere is that candy, magazines, over the counter medicines, bait and tackle (the worms are fresh), fishing licenses, food, coffee, hot chocolate, soft drinks, and booths to sit in to eat, drink and visit with a friend. There is a grocery section and some automotive items. The shelves are stocked with all kinds of items for each upcoming holiday - now you'll find Valentines for your loved ones. Soon you'll see the Shamrocks and Easter items. Also, there are movie rentals, cards, novelty gifts, and film developing. And gerbils - Yep! Gerbils - Not sold, but given away to interested parties. We encourage interest!!!

The staff is friendly, courteous and helpful. They like their jobs and it shows. Customers are treated like folks dropping by for a visit. No one hurries, but things always get done. Everyone likes the boss and they are supportive and loyal. Who holds it all together? **DICK PORTER** - Dick created the attitude and the atmosphere developed from there.

Dick worked at Quinn's as a pharmacist and in 1978 bought that drugstore. He operated the store under the Quinn name until 1993 when he built at the present location. When asked why he stayed with the "old-fashioned" type drugstore, his answer was "to meet community needs". He is one of a diminishing breed... the independent druggist.

Dick knows the first name of every customer who comes to his window. He jokes with them, laughs at himself, takes time to answer questions, calling doctors, or drug suppliers if need be. He will see to it that prescriptions are delivered to someone who can't make it down to the drugstore.

Dick often employs children of his employees, working around school schedules, giving boosts in self-confidence and self-esteem. There is genuine caring for employees and customers. He puts in long hours to assure quality service to the community. His latest service is to offer free blood pressure screening every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A satisfied customer,
Claudette Jones

Great River Trail Construction Set To Begin

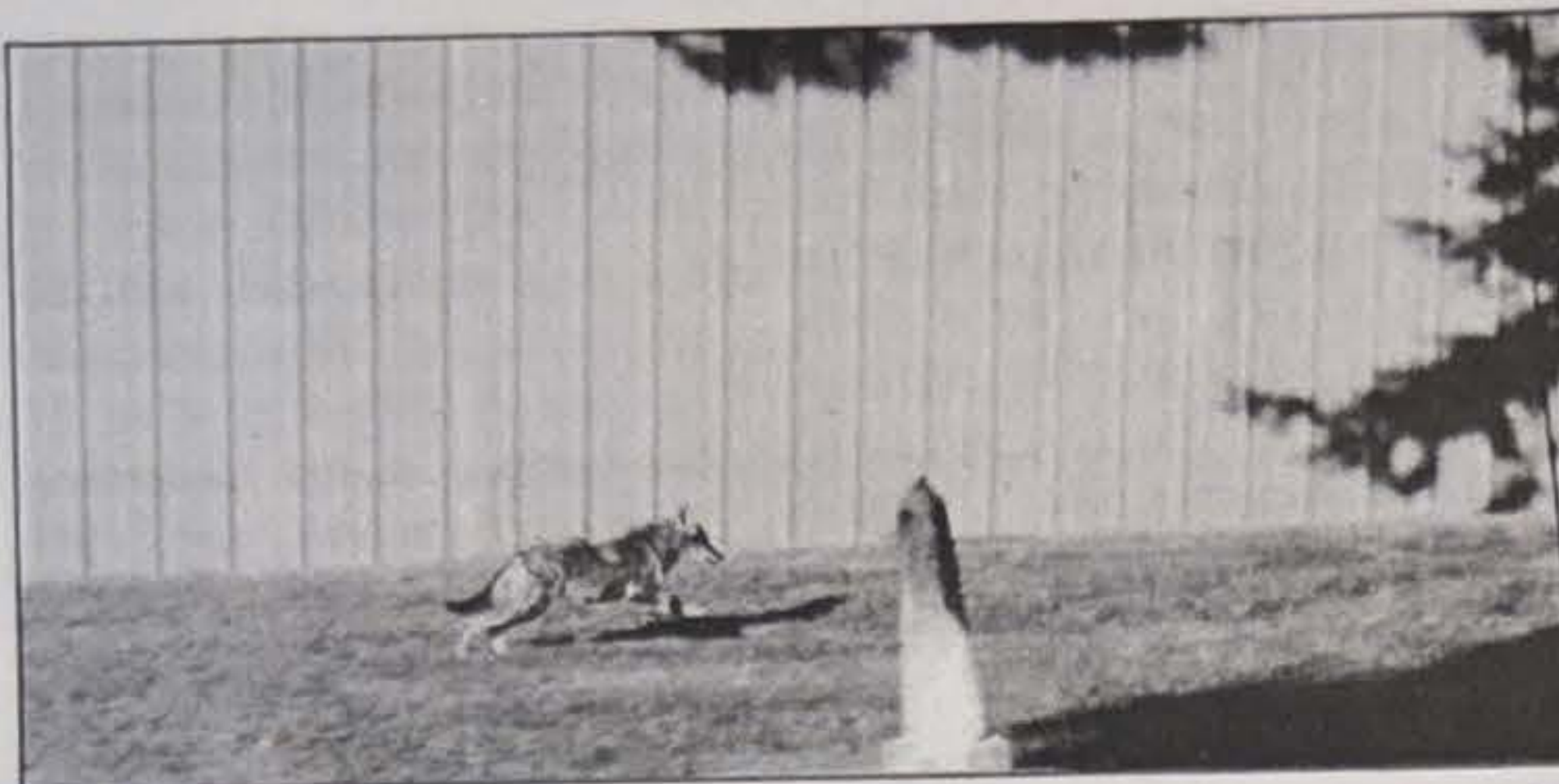
Work will begin this Spring to complete the great River Trail within the corporate limits of Hampton, Rapids City and Port Byron, Illinois. The Bob Prohpet Construction Company, Sterling, Illinois, recently was awarded the construction project in a bid letting by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The Prohpet Company bid of \$796,265.96 included 5.7 miles of asphalt and some concrete trail, 3 bridges, signage and a restroom facility. The three communities entered into a Cooperative Agreement in the application process. Each village will pay its proportionate share of costs.

The project is funded by the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (80%), Illinois Department of Natural Resources (10%) and local communities (10%). Later this Spring, bid letting will be held for the Rock Island County portions of the trail to the Whiteside County line.

According to Vern Gielow, president, Great River Trail Council, "Optimistically, we look forward to successful completion of all segments of the trail throughout Rock Island County in 1998. Much depends on remaining technical considerations and weather conditions throughout the construction season. Whiteside County has completed its section of the trail and a limited amount of work remains to be done in Carroll County. When there is 'light at the end of the tunnel', we look forward to a celebratory Grand opening.

We owe a great debt of appreciation to many federal and state agencies, county and local governments, Bi-State Regional Commission, 3M and private citizens. The Burlington Northern Railroad must be singled out for cooperation in enabling vital easements along its trackage in Northwestern Illinois. We are now in the 11th year of Great River Trail development — a long time — but only a short time based on many trail projects which have stretched into decades."



HAMPTON COYOTES - One of the unique features of living in Hampton is the abundance of wildlife that inhabit the area. Fox, wild turkeys, deer and bald eagles are a common sight. Most recently a family of coyotes can be seen roaming the wooded and remote areas of town. The camera caught this one near the maintenance building at the cemetery. They have been spotted in and around the Orchard Park and Hampton Woods Additions, the cemetery and Illiniwek Park near the ball diamonds. Coyotes eat mostly mice and other small rodents and rabbits. Common fears are that they will prey on cats and small dogs but as a general rule, they move wherever their preferred prey is plentiful. If we leave them alone, they will leave us alone.

(Photo courtesy of Howard Mason)

Spring Is In Sight Let The Countdown Begin...

Winter will reach its halfway point at 3:01 a.m., EST, on February 4, 1998. At that time, 44 days, 11 hours and 54 minutes of winter will remain until the spring equinox arrives on March 20.



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magnitude. (I thought to myself, volcanoes, earthquakes, Red Chinese Army 60 miles away, and mom and dad Tashiro were worried about her coming here!?!")

Sayuri went on to face the challenge of making presentations to all the grades of Hampton Grade School from kindergarten to 8th grade. She explained that the Japanese alphabet is composed of three writing systems. KATAKANA and HIRAGANA each have 46 characters; KANGI has 3,000 characters in common usage. She delighted the children by writing their names in Japanese. As with our alphabet there are many styles and Sayuri is also a highly skilled calligrapher. Brushes are used to achieve graceful curves and taperings, which make each character a small composition.

Most popular with the younger children especially was the art of origami. Origami is the art of paper folding and an ancient skill in Japanese culture. Starting with a square sheet of paper she could create all sorts of creatures and shapes simply through clever folding. As one views some of the finished works it was difficult to conceive that they came from one square sheet of paper.

The faculty tried to work her into their schedule and was most helpful. Mrs. Pam Robinson and Mrs. Lee Hanseman invited her to dinner. Dr. Paquette took her to a Rotary Club meeting and Mr. Gipson kindly and generously provided one of the highlights of her visit by flying Sayuri in his personal plane to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She was impressed with the flat farmland of our Midwest and took 45 minutes of videos. As host family, we tried to show her all we could from Porter's to Quinn's to Stones Apple Barn to the Iowa and Illinois Visitor's Centers and Overlooks. We included the Blackhawk and Putman Museums, Augustana's Messiah, and drove up to the Mississippi Palisades, Galena, and Dubuque. A weekend in Chicago included the Renoir Exhibit at the Art Museum, the Field Museum, the Hancock Observation Deck, and shopping at Water Tower Place.

Our Christmas traditions and decorations were important to her. She participated in selecting our Christmas tree at Stone's and enjoyed decorating the tree. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were extra special for having her with us. Georgia's family had a big Christmas Day gathering and Sayuri enjoyed the warmth of a large American Family Christmas. She charmed everyone by playing Christmas Carols, writing their names in Japanese and teaching the children (and adults) origami. She had wonderful gifts for us all.

In our home, Sayuri prepared delicious Japanese meals and tried to teach us to use chopsticks. Japanese music tapes that had a dreamy new age quality accompanied meals. Speaking of music, she played all our favorite Christmas carols on our little Casio Keyboard. Her specialty instrument is a twin-tiered Yamaha Organ with bass line foot pedals. So she was a bit restricted by the school's piano and certainly by our undersized keyboard. Many hours were spent with our girls playing a Japanese game Ohajakee (oh-haj-a-kee) which is a game played with flattened glass button like objects; learning Japanese words and phrases and trying their hand at origami. Our favorite was "Good Morning" which is "Ohio"! It was easiest to say. Jennifer and Heather taught Sayuri how to play pool, card games, and Nintendo 64. She loved the Nintendo 64...it brought out the "kid" in her.

Our food seemed to interest her, especially the prices. At Hy-Vee for instance, she was very surprised to see potatoes on sale for \$1.00 for a 10-pound bag. Through the slight language barrier, we gathered that food is 3 to 5 times as expensive in Japan. A good number of hours were spent shopping at Southpark Mall and as mentioned earlier Water Tower Place in Chicago.

And what had to be the fastest 30 days of our lives, we returned Sayuri Tashiro to the Quad City Airport on December 29th. We tried to hold back our tears telling ourselves how good it would be for her to be back on her semi-tropical island home in the Pacific with her mom and dad, hearing Japanese language surrounded by familiar things. It did not work, the tears came. And so we saw her off, reflecting upon what we had learned and experienced intending to phone and write, wondering if we'd ever see her again.... Sayanora Sayuri. ANATAGAINAKUTE SAMISHII (We miss you!!!!)



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Dawn Shaffer, a long time resident of Hampton, is entering her sixth year as a daycare provider. She calls her business "Dawn's Place". Conveniently located two blocks from the grade school, Dawn offers care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and works with ages from 6 weeks and up. The only active licensed daycare in Hampton (at least to the best of her knowledge), she provides a safe caring environment. Besides the state requirements of passing home inspections, finger printing, and background checks, Dawn had to take courses in CPR and First Aid. However, her best credentials are her own two well-mannered children who are great students too. If you need daycare, check Dawn's Place.



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February 14 - Betty Eggerichs
February 14 - Shannon Williams, Love Grandma
February 16 - Nancy Toalson
February 23 - Trudy Coder
February 23 - Mid Sonnenburg, Orion, IL, mother of Georgia Baldrige
February 28 - Jennifer (Fern) Nelson, Peru IL, spouse of Merlin Nelson, Jr.

Anniversaries

February 22 - Happy Anniversary Charles and Margaret Williams, love Mom.
February 27 - Tad and Sherri Coder, formerly of Hampton
February 28 - Francis (McNeal) Karr, Sarasota, FL, formerly of Hampton

Illinois Legislative Changes

Due to recent legislation, bills for electric and natural gas service will include a charge of 40 cents per month that will be forwarded to the State to supplement federal funding of low-income energy assistance programs and 5 cents per month that will be forwarded to the State to promote development of renewable energy resources, clean coal technology and energy efficiency. These charges are added to the BASIC SERVICE charge.

For nonresidential customers, bills for electric and natural gas service will include a charge of \$4 per month that will be forwarded to the State to supplement federal funding of low-income energy assistance programs and 50 cents per month that will be forwarded to the State to promote development of renewable energy resources, clean coal technology and energy efficiency. These charges are added to the BASIC SERVICE charge.

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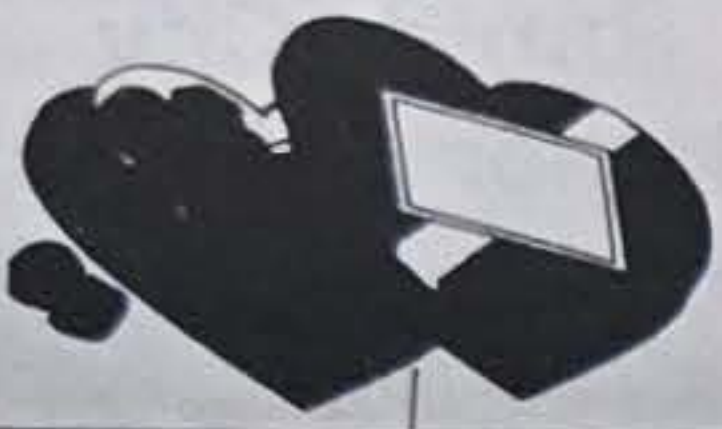
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1	Groundhog Day 2 PTA 6:30 pm School Library	Fire Dept. 7:00 pm 3 Special School Board Meeting 8:00 pm	4	5 Youth Committee 7:00 pm	6	7
8	Village Board 7pm 9	Fire Dept. 7:00 pm 10 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm	11	NO SCHOOL 12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Valentine Activities @ School 1:00 pm	14 Valentine's Day 
15	16 President's Day	Fire Dept. 7:00 pm 17	18	19	20	21 3 Soup Supper Hampton United Methodist Church 4-6 pm
22	Village Board 7pm 23	Fire Dept. 7:00 pm 24 Gang Awareness Meeting 6:30 pm St. Mary's Church	25	26	27 Student Progress Reports Go Home.	28
						

*Try a thing you haven't done three times.
Once, to get over the fear of doing it, twice,
to learn how to do it. And a third time to
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The State Of The Village

By Scott H. Newberg, President,
Hampton Village Board of Trustees

Preparing this report, it is evident the Village of Hampton moved forward in 1997 and met many of its goals. But, it will be apparent projects do not always match up with the calendar. Consequently, many 1997 plans will see completion in 1998 and some beyond. This is a reflection of a cautious approach by our village administration and is guided by a close attention to fiscal responsibility.

The highlight of the year was a visit to Hampton on July 15 by Governor Jim Edgar; the first time an incumbent Governor has been a guest in our village (to the best of anyone's recollection). The occasion was a grant award ceremony for portions of the Great River Trail including Hampton, Rapids City, Port Byron, Fulton and Savanna. The Governor's office issued a limited guest list which regrettably precluded inviting all of our residents to attend.

Hampton now has its first Planning Commission comprised of interested and dedicated residents. Under the leadership of a Bi-State Commission representative, guide lines were drawn. The Commission immediately went to work advising a number of proposals for the betterment of the village which it believes coincides with the wishes of the majority of local residents.

The construction of the 10th Street project got under way with the financial aid of an E.D.A. grant. The work will also assist development of the marina project.

A water study is work in progress. We are reviewing the entire system to create better water pressure up on the hill including the possibility of a new water tower. A new loop water line from Hampton Woods to orchard park is essential. We also want to remain in accord with current E.P.A. regulations and will make modifications if necessary.

The Spring flood proved our plan for coping with it successfully. An ongoing document first developed a number of years ago, it is kept current to take advantage of every resource becoming available to us. Of course, all thanks must go to the Fire Department, E.M.Ts., Police Department, municipal staff and everyone who pitched in to battle the Mississippi. Without these willing hands, little would have been accomplished.

The high telephone rates instituted by G.T.E., which serves the residents on the hill, are untenable. On advise of Senator Denny Jacobs, there is little we can do at this time. We will have to wait until telephone systems are federally deregulated. This possibility exists but will be contested by the phone interests. All of which is time consuming and expensive for our residents with G.T.E. service.

Our housing projects are moving, but have been slowed by the Hampton School Board's decision to raise tax levels to an extreme point. This action, in our estimation, was not in keeping with the best interests of Hampton residents or its ongoing developments. At best it was a profound lack of concern or cooperation by the school board. Given what I allege as an abrogation of convention, the Fall school board election and subsequent appointments remain highly suspect. As a private citizen, I will keep a watchful eye on the school board and its administrator for any possible irregularities.

Looking to the future, some projects are immediate for 1998 or longer in range. For example, we look forward to the completion of the

marina. It is a project we would like to see move along with greater speed than manifested in past years. Our patience and I might add, my temper, have been put to the test, but we are also aware of the economic and other benefits of the installation.

In 1998, we want to complete the village's comprehensive plan. This allows us to move our planning from our community corporate limits by a mile and a half. This is based on the very probable expansion of our community. It enables future use of property on an "as needed" basis.

We will be revising our building code ordinances to align with the local metropolitan plan. In conjunction with this effort, zoning regulations will be updated to be current with Illinois laws and regulations pertaining to lands termed as agricultural/residential. We will continue to pursue annexation of outlying areas.

Our Planning Commission feels the need for greater utilization of our large city park. With the completion of the Great River Trail within our city limits this year, we can anticipate many more people will use the pathway. An idea with merit is to have a physical fitness course located in the park. With various stations outlining exercises, it can prove to be a valuable asset to the physical health of our citizens and visitors.

The primary wish of the residents attending a Planning Commission public hearing is for a community center to be located in the park. We are seeking the services of a consultant to create plans for a building along with the road and parking lot serving it. Mentioning this gives me an opportunity to thank our churches for their generosity in allowing us to use their facilities for public events. It is greatly appreciated.

Another provocative idea presented in the public meeting is the need for good signage to introduce visitors to Hampton. Four such signs would be posted at appropriate sites on the major roads leading into the village. An extension of this idea was to make roadsides as attractive as possible to be representative of our community pride. As a Highway 84 gateway to the Greater Quad Cities, this has particular merit.

When the marina is completed, North First Avenue will be resurfaced with the help of T.I.F. funding. A water line will be extended to Fisherman's Corner to meet its need for city water and also to foster further annexation. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be responsible for payment of the line.

Another goal is to develop the site of the former restaurant situated on Highway 84. Some preliminary discussions without positive results have been held with a developer; more meetings are needed.

In general, 1997 was a fine year for the Village of Hampton. We hope 1998 will be even better. And that, too, is a wish we hold for every resident of our community. And, as always, we invite your participation in community affairs. Your help and support is valuable to us.



OBITUARY

Donald Cooper

Services for Donald R. Cooper, 91, of 414 1st Ave were held at Hampton United Methodist Church on January 21. Burial was in Hampton Cemetery.

Mr. Cooper died Jan 17 at Illini Hospital, Silvis.

He retired in 1965 after 35 years at Navistar Farmall Works, formerly Case IH, Rock Island.

Donald Cooper was born Jan 8, 1907 in Stromness, Scotland. He married Pearl Leslie in Rock Island.

Memorials may be made to Hampton United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; sons Donald, Orion, Gerald, Hampton, and David, Prophetstown; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ann Fraser, Whittier California.

ATTENTION Hampton and Rapids City Senior Citizens

The Hampton Police Department would like to organize a monthly "get together" at one of the churches for senior citizens. Some activities being planned are pot luck dinners, bingo and discussion of issues that effect senior citizens. If you are interested or have any ideas or suggestions, contact Sara VanHollebeke at The Hampton Police Department 496-9123.

Lee and Lee

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'Wittenmyer' Will Speak in Hampton

by Rocky Nelson

Wednesday, February 18th, at 7:30 p.m., the Hampton Historical Society, will hold their regular winter meeting in the basement of the Hampton United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited including non-members.

The program should be one of the best ever. We will have Annie Wittenmyer, who we are aware of as a person who had an orphan's home named after her, but whose career goes far beyond this. Ms. Wittenmyer served a very significant role in the Civil War, working with the U.S. Sanitary Commission, which was in charge of hospitals and care for the wounded. Her work actually brought her under fire, and she became acquainted with General Grant and other famous people. We are indeed lucky to have such a person talk to us. All Civil War buffs who read this should make plans to attend. (Actually, we will not have the real Annie Wittenmyer, instead we will have Carol Boomershine of Bettendorf who has made a name for herself with Annie Wittenmyer's portrayal.)

In the December issue, we left Francis Black 12 miles north of Keokuk still loading and unloading his cargo, and trying to protect his goods from the rain. He wrote a poem about his dismay of the performance of the steamer "Ripple". We take up the story at that point.

Wednesday, November 2, 1941, quite a calm morning. Got up steam and again struck a rock. Wind blew strong from the northwest. Got out an anchor, moved all freight forward, got her off the rock and lay at anchor. Two women on board with babies quarreled like cats and dogs. I advised them to fight a duel. The crew spent their time bringing wood from the shore in a skiff and capsized it on the way. Thursday morning got up steam again, struck a rock, cut a hole in her bottom. Anchored and repaired the damage. Warped over a bad place, got up anchor, crowded on steam and reached Montrose in Iowa, about dark. An official came on board as soon as we landed, backed with a dozen Mormons, with a warrant for the pilot for striking a man there at some previous time. The pilot told them that they must summon the town to take him, that he should kill several of them. They scattered and let the official alone. Something had to be done. The boat could not get up river without the pilot. The captain advised him to go on ashore and have trial while the freight was being received. I went on shore with the captain but no pilot was there. Great search was made in the town but no pilot was found. Learned afterwards that they blew off steam to drown the noises of the oars while he crossed the river (one mile).

Friday morning an officer served a writ on the Captain for a debt of \$40.00 for towing the keep up from Keokuk and tied up the boat. Had a trial at Montrose. The Justice, Lawyer, and Plaintiff's witnesses reminded me of the Barnegate Wreckers. The lean and hungry eyed knaves could have stolen a penny from a Blind Beggar's Hat. The evidence was so plain against them that the Mormon Justice was obliged, much against his will, to find the Captain indebted what he had agreed to pay, \$13.00. The Constable came on board with his bill of costs and \$6.50 making in all about \$20.00. Captain refused to pay the costs unless they were itemized. He went on shore to do it, the boat got underway and left him itemizing his costs.

Landed at Nauvoo, a Mormon town on the Illinois side and took on the pilot. A Mormon Preacher came on board at Nauvoo. He was happy to inform us that Brother Joseph (Smith) had sent him out to teach the world the only way of salvation. Some doubted his infallibility and desired him to curtail. He grew pugnacious and reiterated his Dogmas with most dogmatic doggedness. The lady that has the child that cries all the time had a fit today. (PS - she will have another child in a week or two. I hope it will not be so cross.)

Half past nine this evening struck a snag below Burlington which passed over the bow and ran up through the upper deck knocking down into the cabin. Women told to get ready to go on the skiff. I was playing a game of chess. Got my hat and went outside to reconnoiter and found she did not leak so went back and finished my game. Got clear of the snag and went to work repairing damages and in the course of the night got under way. Nothing material occurred Saturday.

So, we will leave Francis Black on the steamer, Ripple, wondering what more could happen. Next month, you will see what more could happen as we conclude Mr. Black's saga.



HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Superintendent's View of the School

"Great things in 98"

We have started the new year out with a sense of great things happening at Hampton School. Our building projects from this summer were completed on time and under budget. The roof replacement is finished with only a few punch items remaining, it also will be completed on time and under budget. We are set to let out to bid an exterior door project. All these projects are part of the Life, Health/Safety list of items to correct found in our ten year survey. The school looks great thanks to our dedicated custodians Al Kipp and Debbie Clark who made it sparkle for the students return from winter vacation. Our last portion of hall was painted to give our school a bright and clean look as you enter.

Our dedicated teaching staff are working on developing a pilot Student Assistance Program. This program will be able to reach out to student and parent needs that currently are not met. The School Board has appointed the Policy committee to work with the teachers to develop an implementation plan, and appointed Glynn Johnson as a Community Advisor.

Our School Improvement Team of Bev Hull, Jyll Baraks and Teri Storm are working with all teachers to develop recommendations to increase student performance in Reading in grades 3 and 6 on the IGAP Test. The School Board has assigned Kathy Kraft to be a liaison with the SIP Team and encourage community members like Jim DeBo to attend the early release days planned to work on these recommendations.

The Technology Team has re-written the Technology Plan for the school with greater community input thanks to Jim DeBo and Mikaela VanDieren and board member Joe Jordan. The Plan has passed the Rock Island Regional Office of Education review and the Technology Hub II with only a few minor changes needed. When completed this Plan will entitle Hampton School to \$45,000.00 to spend on implementation of technology in the school this year.

We are trying to improve communications with the community, teachers and Village Board. To date we have placed the School Improvement Plan in the hands of parents and attached the School Report Card issued by the State. These same items were put in the Town Crier in November. The SIP Team is working on recommendations to go out in a flyer soon.



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TO: _____ GRADE _____
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MESSAGE: _____

HTC Enlists New Staff Member



Suellen D'Hooge has volunteered to join our staff! Suellen lives with her husband Richard on Dennhardt Road. She works at John Deere Harvester, East Moline as a Secretary and also is on the John Deere Newsbreak! Newsletter staff. Her background includes editor of her high school newspaper and citywide annual essay contest winner, both in El Paso, Texas. Suellen has two grown children, Jeanne of Tucson, Arizona and Nathan of Chicago, Illinois.

Thanks for joining the staff!

If you would like to volunteer your talents, call Mike Toalson at 755-7591 or Michaela VanDieren at 755-1641.

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Hampton School is taking applications for Lunch Server and Preparation Aide for part-time for the remainder of this school year. This position includes set-up, preparation of food, serving food and cleaning up. A person with a sanitation certificate for food service is desired and a current TB test. In addition there is the possibility of additional hours substituting for the Lunchroom Coordinator. This is an entry level position which could lead to advancement by the end the year. The job hours are between 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with some additional hours as necessary. The position is to be filled by February 10, 1998. Please call superintendent Ron Paquette for more information (309 755-0693) or send a letter of interest, resume, and three references to the Hampton School, 206 - 5th Street, P.O. Box 230, Hampton, Illinois 61256. All applications are due by February 1, 1998.



The royalty is from left to right:

Prince - Ryan Raffert; Princess - Amanda Sedgwick
King - Scott Engeman; Queen - Mariah Hoffstetter
Duke - Jeremy Jacques; Duchess - Jackie Nino

Winter Wonderland Dance December 12TH

The 8th grade class sponsored a dance at the school on December 12th called "WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE".

Special permission was requested and granted (for this dance only) from the school board to let the 5th grade students attend. A total of 71 students attended. Music was provided by Hampton's very own "Master DJ and Visual Effects" which is owned and operated by Justin Miller.

This was a very special dance as the class set a dress code - instead of the usual casual dress of jeans and tee shirts the class dressed in more formal attire. It was a pretty sight to see - the ladies wore beautiful dresses (some short and some long), many had pretty upswing hair styles, and fancy shoes (however, the shoes didn't stay on very long). During the evening, the 8th grade voted by ballot for the dance royalty.



GARDEN TALK

by Barbara Smith

Valentines Day is just around the corner. Flowers are a nice diversion from candy. Many choices are available from the very expensive - red roses - to the more moderate prices of cut flowers or flowering bulbs.

The various varieties of flowering bulbs that can be planted outside this spring include pots of fragrant hyacinths, golden daffodils, or pastel tulips.

Surprise our sweetheart on February 14th! Don't forget, men love flowers, too!



MAKING "HAPPY MEMORIES"

...by Suellen D'Hooge

Rick Connor, Marriage and Family Therapist and Clinical Supervisor with The Youth Service Bureau of Rock Island County, resides in Hampton with his wife Tracy, son Colon and daughter Maggie. Rick has some helpful insights for surviving the winter months in a positive manner, and offers these thoughts....

During the long, cold days of winter many families are spending more time together. Family members, parents and children begin to feel "closed in" and isolated. It's cold, wet....people are stuck inside....and after a few weeks frustration, anger and arguments can build. These are normal reactions to difficult circumstances. Here are a few ideas for families to help these stressful times:

- **Review the rules for being a family.** Do they make sense? Are parents being over or under regulating? Too many rules can lead to rigidity and give everyone something to argue about. Too few rules can lead to chaos in the family. Could your rules be responsible for some of the disruption?
- **Review the consequence for following/not following the rules.** Acknowledge and reward cooperation....catch children doing the right thing! Praise and acknowledgment for good behavior tends to work better than just punishing negative behavior, and also helps draw families closer and increases cooperation.
- **Be careful not to reward negative behavior.** Clearly negative behavior needs clearly negative consequences, which in turn teaches self control. Avoid consequences that are more of a consequence for you than for your child.
- **Step back, relax and find ways to have fun!** Most of us work hard at trying to be good parents....maybe too hard. To avoid becoming short tempered, suggest simple "no cost" activities such as playing cards, eating supper together, playing in the snow, reading with each other, or even cleaning house together.
- **Think back to when you were a child or teen....**remember what it was that helped you feel close to your family. Most of us don't remember the price of gifts, or going to special events. We remember something small: a game of euchre, cleaning the garage with our fathers, or going sledding. Being close, having fun and doing simple, daily things together are the secrets of good parenting and are the glue that keeps a family together.

Should you feel immediate assistance is needed call the Hotline number (309) 797-1777. Calls are kept confidential. A Helpline for parents can be reached at (309) 757-8555 or 800-433-6644.

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Fitz-Vickroy

Jamie Brech Fitz, Oak Harbor, Ohio, and Nathan Ray Vickroy, East Moline, were married November 8, 1997 at Oak Harbor Alliance Chapel. Officiating were Rev. James Fitz and Rev. Ron May of Wildwood Baptist Church.

Attendants of the bride were Pamela Foster, Faith Smith, Aimee Barrett, Jeanne Garcia, Nicole Neu, Lacey Eitel, Stacy Osterhus, and Laura Vickroy. Attending the groom were Kurt Halverson, Randy Crouch, Jon Fitz, Ryan Johnson, Jay Fitz, Brian VanDeVoorde, Brian Lovern, Travis Rafferty, Clark Elsberry, and Bruce Smith. Flower girl was Desiree Garcia, and Ring Bearer was Cody Vickroy.

Parents of the groom are Suellen and Dick D'Hooge, and Don and Donna Vickroy, all of East Moline. Parents of the bride are James and Judy Fitz of Oak Harbor.

The bride graduated from Woodland High School, Fairfax, Okla, and is a Senior at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. Her husband graduated from Riverdale High School, Port Byron, and Moody Bible Institute. He is office manager of Big Idea Productions, Chicago, the producers of "Veggie Tales".

The couple honeymooned in Ohio and also plan an extensive honeymoon in Germany this March. They reside at 300 W. Hill Street, #508, Chicago, IL 60610.

Valentine Word Search

Hope you can find the following list of words. They are printed forward, backward, vertically, horizontally, and diagonally. The solution can be found on page 11.

Word List: BEMINE, CANDY, CUPID, DARLING, DEAR, FLOWERS, FOREVERYOURS, HEART, ILOVEYOU, SWEETHEART, YOURSTRULY

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School Receives Money from Credit Cards

by Michaela VanDieren

Metrobank provides credit cards with an added benefit that 1.0 percent of purchases will go to one of six area schools. Participants select one of the following schools: Hampton Elementary School, East Moline Elementary, Carbon Cliff-Barstow, Silvis, Colona-Green Rock, United Township High School or the seventh choice is United Education Foundation, which benefits all six of the previously mentioned districts. Since the programs inception the school received \$270 and the school will receive payments each quarter. The board decided to earmark the money for a specific purchase like computer software rather than just putting the money in the general fund. Anyone interested in using a credit card from Metrobank should contact the bank. The card has no annual fee and the present interest paid on unpaid balances at the end of the month is 13.9%. The variable interest rate is determined by adding 5.4% to the prime rate.

In other business, the school board discussed problems parents and students have encountered because the entry doors are locked after practice on Saturdays begin. If transportation has to be changed or a student arrives late for practice, there has been no way of contacting the practice. The solution was provided by Dave Wright. He has a remote phone with pager that he will donate to the school. The coach can have it in the gym during practice so in emergencies parents can be called or they can call the coach if needed.

The status of improvements on replacing glass with safety glass was provided. Safety glass is in place by the classroom doors. Trophy cases have not been done, pending possible replacement of the cases. The nurse's glass window that is hinged will be replaced by a slide by unit. The glass by Al Kipp's office will be replaced with gypsum board. Steve Podurst, a community member, has volunteered to serve on the buildings and grounds committee.

The board has approved Dr. Paquette's travel to the AASA's National Conference on Education Feb. 27- March 2 in San Diego. Dr. Paquette will be able to stay at a relative's home to cut down on expenses. The keynote speaker at the convention will be Bill Gates, founder of MicroSoft.

School Board Appoints New Members

At the December 9 Hampton School Board meeting, the board appointed Roger Braddy and Joe Jordan to complete the terms occupied by Braddy and Jose Diaz, both of whom had been appointed due to resignations. These two 2-year terms were not listed on the November ballot because of a misunderstanding of the law by the school board. Glynn Johnson, who was a write-in candidate in November, also sought appointment to the board. He was not selected by the board based on his answers to three questions. Braddy, Jordan and Glynn were interviewed by the board. The electorate on Nov. 4 had expressed confidence in Johnson with write-ins, only three votes behind the third-place candidate.

Funding for New Hampton Police Officer Will Come

By Michaela VanDieren

Hampton will receive a \$65,100 federal grant. The money will permit the hiring of a new officer for a three year period. The cooperative grant will require the village to pay 25% of the salary and benefits for a new officer. The grant will pay the additional 75% of salary and benefits. The Justice Department awards the grants from money provided by the 1994 anti-crime bill. Half the grants in Illinois have been awarded to small towns and rural areas. The program emphasizes community oriented policing.

Anyone wanting to apply for the position should contact the police chief or mayor to express an interest in serving Hampton residents as an officer. It is unknown at the time of press when the position will be available.



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Jamin With Jane

by Jane Nelson



Here I am back after a very busy Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year. How about helping me out with some bright ideas for this column. Call 755-0362 or drop me a note with suggestions about what you'd like to see here. My address is Box #68, Hampton, IL 61256.

Since my never ending task is clearing off the dining room table, I'll give you a column from junk I'm picking up to put away. You have to understand I have a very large Amana table that is 44 inches wide and 95 inches long. I could put in another leaf and make it a foot longer. Needless to say, it can hold a lot of stuff and is unusually full. I cleared it off yesterday and already I have about 4 projects started, (not counting this column).

This month I was really going to write about cookies, but since I can't (or am not supposed to) eat them, they lose some of their appeal. So here goes with some things cleared from the table top. First is a recipe from a potluck we had at my ceramics class. One of the ladies brought this bean dip and it was excellent.

Fiesta Cheesy Bean Dip

- 1 can vegetarian refried beans
- 1 cup salsa (your choice)
- 1/2 cup + 2 Tbsp. coarsely grated cheddar cheese
- (Reserve 2 Tbsp. of cheese and sprinkle on top after mixing)
- Mix all ingredients together in an oven ready bowl.
- Heat 20 - 25 minutes at 350 degrees.

It looks better if you cover it or stir after removing from the oven.

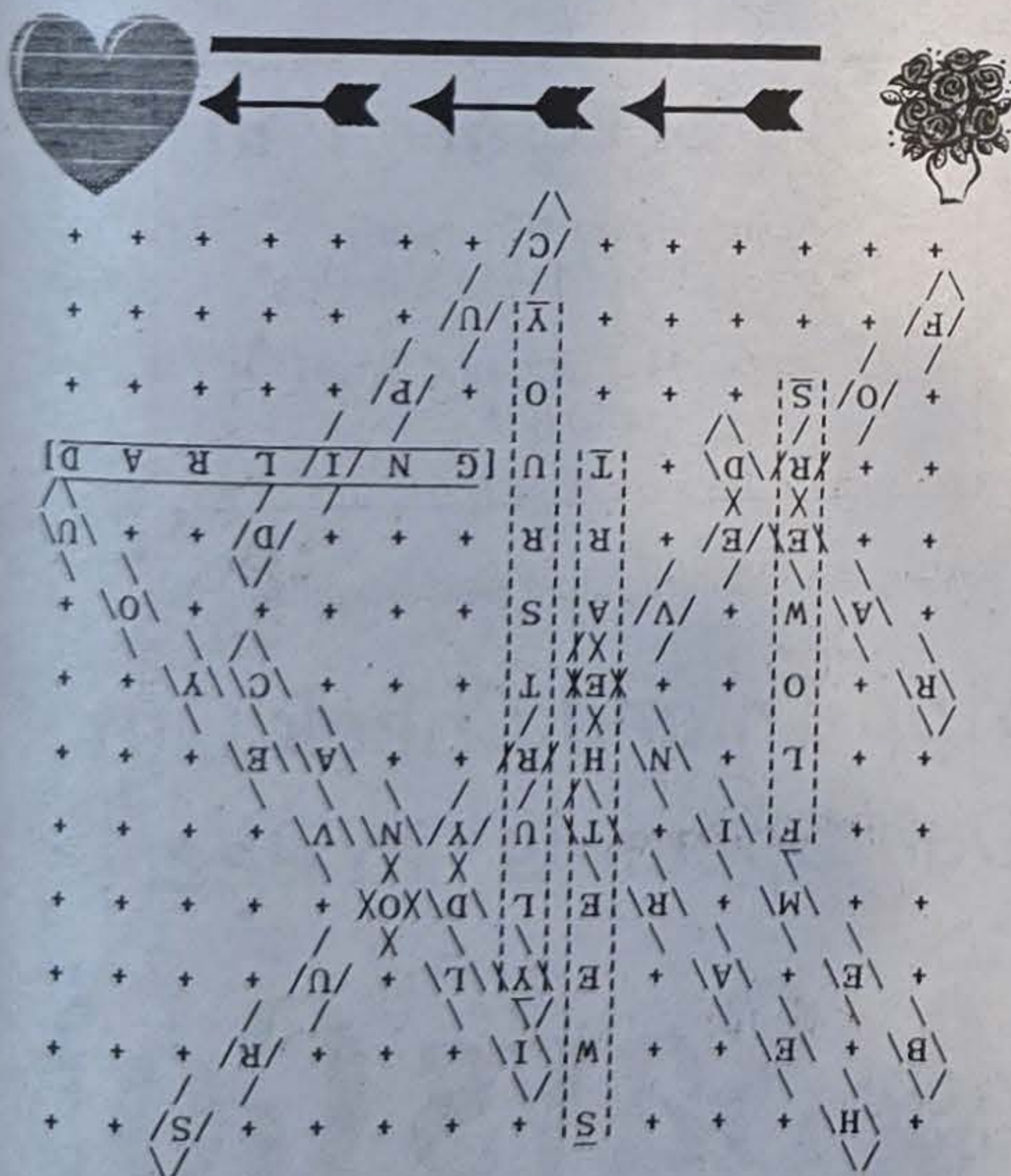
Serve with tortilla chips.

The following recipe I found in my husbands hand writing. I remember it was very good but I don't remember where we had it or when.

Pastrami Dip

- 1 pkg. Buddig Pastrami
- 1 clove garlic
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
- 4-5 green onions

Chop pastrami or snip with scissors. Chop onions, mince garlic and mix with Worcestershire Sauce in softened cream cheese. Mix in chopped pastrami and onions. Good served with crackers or potato skins.



SOLUTION: VALENTINES

Here is an old (1986) recipe from Velveeta.

Cheesy Spinach Party Loaf

- 1 - 1 1/2 lb. round sour dough bread loaf
- 1/3 cup Parkay margarine
- 2/3 cup chopped red or green pepper
- 1/3 cup chopped celery
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1 lb. Velveeta Process Cheese Spread, cubed
- 1 - 10 oz. pkg. frozen chopped spinach, cooked, drained, & squeezed
- 1/2 tsp. dried rosemary leaves, crushed

Cut slice from top of bread, remove inside of bread, leaving about an inch all around (a grapefruit knife that is slightly curved is great for this). Be careful not to cut a hole in the bottom. Cut or tear inside bread into bite size pieces. Brush inside of shell with 3 Tbsp. of margarine, melted. Place on cookie sheet with reserved bread. Bake at 350 degrees 20 minutes. Sauté peppers, celery, and onions in remaining margarine until tender. Add Velveeta and, over low heat stir until melted. Stir in remaining ingredients, heating thoroughly, stirring constantly. Pour into the bread shell. Serve with reserved bread, top slice and assorted vegetables for dipping (cherry tomatoes, dill pickles, cauliflower, etc.). Makes 2 2/3 cups. The bread that holds the dip is itself very tasty after the dip is gone.

A new book I just bought might make a good present. The title is "The Perfect Christmas". It has more than 40 gifts and recipes for a homemade handmade Holiday, 1997. Published by Loring Books, New York. It contains a recipe for garlic mashed potatoes. We had some at a wedding of Rocky's nieces at the Oakbrook Marriott this fall. They seem to be getting popular and these were absolutely delicious.

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

- Boil two bulbs of garlic 2 minutes and peel.
- Sauté gently. Process in a food processor.
- Make your mashed potatoes as usual and add the processed garlic. You will not need as much salt and pepper as usual.

Well, this was a tiny bit of what I cleared from the table. My table got cleaned off and we have had a few neat parties including one January 10th where we served four kinds of soup. Get ready for soup in March!

Laughter in Hampton

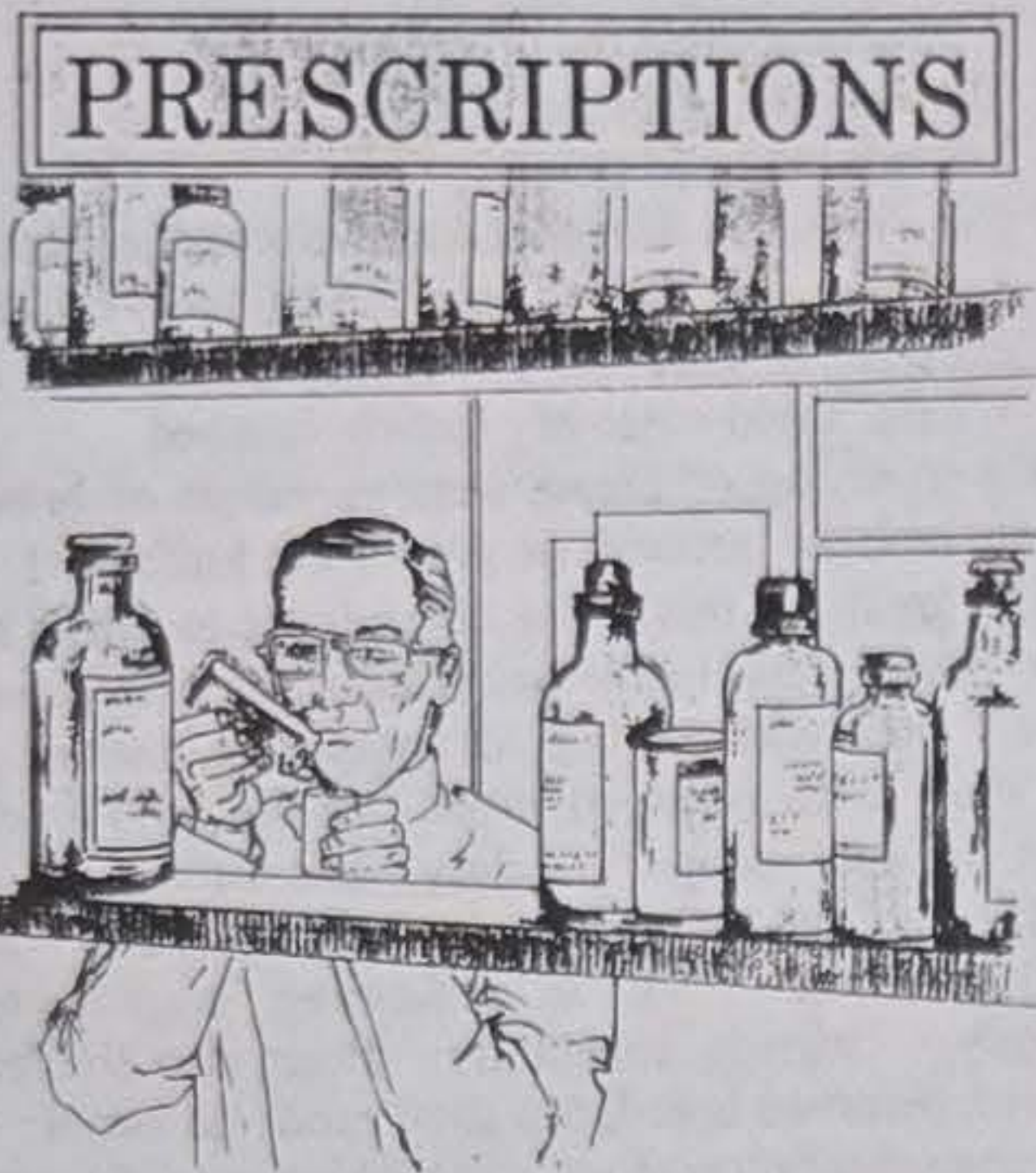
The scene is a newspaper office. The editor says to one of his reporters: There's a fire raging out of control west of town and I want you to get out there fast! And above all, get some good shots. If that means you have to hire an airplane, just do it! Don't worry about the expense.

So, the reporter calls the local FBO and orders a plane. He rushes out to the airport, spots a small aircraft with a young pilot in it, pulls open the door, jumps in and says to the pilot: Let's go, take off. As directed, the pilot takes off, gets up to altitude, and the reporter then tells him: See that fire raging to the west? I want you to fly over that and get down as close as you can. Incredulous, the pilot says: You want me to fly over that fire? Sure, the reporter says, I am a photojournalist and that's why I am here...to take dramatic shots of the fire!! The pilot looks over with a quizzical look on his face and says: You're not the flight instructor??!!??

SHORT QUIPS:

- Vanity Plates seen on a Mercedes Benz in California..... WAS HIS.
- Wealthy people miss one of life's greatest thrills.....Making the last car payment.
- The trouble with Sunday drivers is, they don't drive any better during the week.

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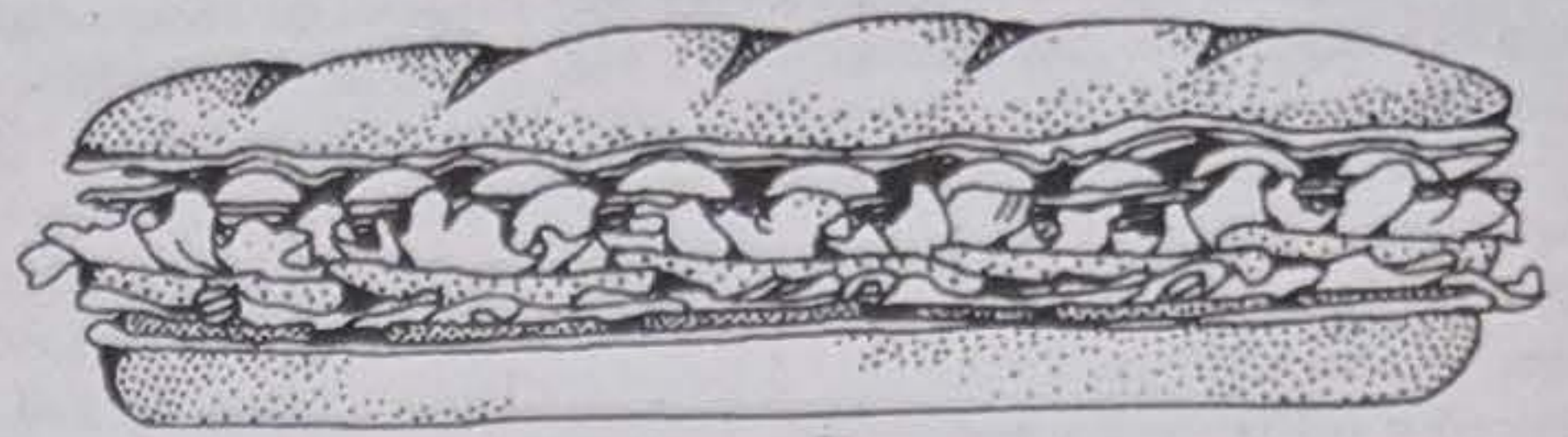


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