

THE HILTONE

HILTONIA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Hiltonia Association

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Trenton, New Jersey 08628

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

ELECTION DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

General Membership Meeting 121 Buckingham - 8:00 PM Nomination of Officers

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

TCCA Dinner - Romeo & Juliets "Roast Arthur Holland" Call 392-6036 or 393-3416

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Hiltonia KOFFEE KLATCH 10:30 to 12:30 - MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Watch for flyer!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

HAPPY HANUKKAH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

HOLIDAY PARTY 212 Renfrew - 8:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY Can you help?

Call Terri Castro 396-3916

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WATER AGAIN, SEWER AGAIN

Were you surprised by your last water/sewer bill? Do you understand your bill? Do you know when your next bill will arrive? Bill Guhl, City Business Administrator, took time from his Acting Mayor role to explain the answer to these questions and then some.

Water: The water is suppose to be billed quarterly (every 3rd month) and is based on a rate of 1,000 cubic feet. Since there are 365 days in a year, we should be receiving a water bill based on approximately 91 days usage, 4 times a year. But from 1981 through the last bill, the billing cycle ran the following length of time in days: (exact dates may vary by street)

2/26/81 - 6/2/81	96
6/2/81 - 10/23/81	143
10/23/81 - 1/26/82	95
1/26/82 - 4/23/82	87
4/23/82 - 8/3/82	102
8/3/82 - 11/5/82	94
11/5/82 - 2/24/83	111
2/24/83 - 5/23/83	88
5/23/83 - 8/2/83	71
8/2/83 - 9/22/83	51

The bill should arrive within six weeks from the date the meter is read. The variation in days indicates that we are not on a quarterly schedule and the worse is yet to come. After having received a bill in September, we will be receiving another bill for approximately 51 days in November. This bill will be arriving when the meter should have been read. The explanation for this is simple. If our meters were to be read the first week in November, the bill would not arrive until mid-December and payment not due until mid-January. That means that these revenues would be credited in 1984. By squeezing in a bill in 50 odd days, those revenues will be credited in 1983. This will prevent the Water Utility from showing a deficit in 1983. If the Water Utility shows a deficit for 2 years in row, the funds must come form the City's General Fund.

The water utility rate is based on two calculations. The first is the ready to serve charge which is based on the size of the pipe that comes into the house. For example: a 1" pipe will yield you a usage charge of \$22.10 per quarter (91 days). This rate should be pro-rated if the number of days is different than 91. This proration is done on a daily basis. Was it done on your last bill?

The second charge is the usage charge which is based on a rate of 1,000 cubic feet. That rate is \$3.87 for the first 7,000 cubic feet and \$3.53 for anything over 7,000 cubic feet.

These are the rates that were in effect as of November 1983. The City has just petitioned the Bureau of Public Utilities for another rate increase. Though the Bureau of Public Utilities does not have a say in the rates charged to City Users, those rates generally follow what is granted to the Suburban Customers by the BPU. It is possible that we could be facing around a 25% increase in water rates by July.

Sewer: The Sewer billing cycle is based on the four calendar quarters -- January - March, April - June, July - September and October - December. The current billing rates came into effect in January 1983.

The sewer utility rate is based on two calculations. The first calculation is the ready to serve charge. That residential charge is \$2.78 per calendar quarter.

The second calculation is the usage charge which is based on a rate of 1,000 cubic feet of water used. That rate is \$10.70.

A problem exists in that the ready to serve charge covers a calendar quarter while the usage charge uses the cubic feet of water used in the water billing quarter.

Example (dates from last billing cycle): Water Service Dates 5/23/83 - 8/2/83 Sewer Service Dates 7/1/83 - 9/30/83

This date discrepancy is not shown anywhere on your bill. It means that you paid your sewer bill for 7/1/83 - 9/30/83 based on water usage from 5/23/83 - 8/2/83. This accounting procedure can wind up costing you when you sell your house or if there is another rate increase.

The new sewer rates have provided more than ample sewer funds and will in fact provide a surplus. This surplus is sent to the general fund and is **NOT** set aside for the Sewer Utility or to lower sewer rates.

As residents of Trenton and users of both the sewer and water utilities we ought to be concerned with their accounting practices. The City should

- 1. Get us on a quarterly cycle which is consistent and with all meter being read four times by Mid-October. This would insure that all payments would be collected by the end of the year. This is a good practice for the City. This would also enable the customers to plan their own budgets which is not possible with current practices.
- 2. Stop mixing the quarterly period for water meter readings with the calendar quarters for sewer bills. The sewer and water if billed together with the sewer bill based on water usage ought to use the same quarterly period. We should be paying for our sewer usage when it occurs not during a ready to use period. It would simplify the City's bookkeeping.
- 3. Stop adjusting the meter reading schedules. If they cannot be read, then they should be estimated like so many are anyway. An all out effort should be made to remain on a workable schedule. The name of the game should not be robbing Peter to pay Paul.
- 4. Look at the high sewer rate and how much of a surplus it yields. Surpluses are not necessarily bad if they are invested for a rainy day instead of spent as the need arises. In this case the surplus is applied to the General Fund to keep the property tax rate lower.

Editor's Note: If for some reason your bill has been estimated over the past several quarters, you may have paid more than you owed because of the new rate and your new meter. If you have any questions, contact John DeLorenzo at 989-3055.

All the meters that were installed when the water lines were upgraded in August/September 1982 are capable of being read from the outside. Has your meter been connected properly? Mr. Guhl, have you got an answer to my question. Your reply is welcomed.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Omar Bashiti of Hilvista has opened a new restaurant, Casablanca, at the intersection of Route 31 and Route 518 in Hopewell. Omar is owner-chef of the restaurant which specializes in mid-eastern cuisine. Best of luck to Omar, his wife, Helen and children, A.J. and Nadia.

Gloriann Kyte of Cadwalader will be installed as Regional Treasurer of the Trenton Region of the Diocesan Council of PTA at St. Joachim's on November 10th.

Toddler Village which is owned and operated by **Doris Smith** and **Mary Innocenzi** of Cornwall has a new location. The Day Care Faciltiy which includes kindergarten has been moved to Lexington Avenue which is near the International House of Pancakes on Parkway Avenue. If you would like information, call Doris at 396-4732 or Mary at 393-0658.

Since **Bill Thursby** of Buckingham retired several months ago, he and his wife, **Kate**, have been "In and Out" of Trenton.

Other traveling neighbors included Ken and Gloriann Kyte and children, Randi, Amy and Bobby of Cadwalader who visited Bar Harbor, Maine and New Hampshire. Upon their return, Bobbie and Chuck Shelingoski and children, Scott and Susan of Buckingham left for a New Hampshire vacation while Al and Betty Harf and daughter, Caroline, of Cadwalader left for Bar Harbor, Maine. Denise Mortimer of Stuyvesant was also in New Hampshire.

Florida was also a popular vacation spot for John and Marion Vogler and son, Tom of Buckingham, John and Peggy Connolly and sons, John Edward and Rory of Renfrew and Toni and Stan Jedynak and daughter, Allison of Stuyvesant. Disney World was on all their agendas.

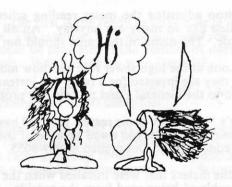
While we had Hiltonians in Florida, Ann and Levi Purdy of Cadwalader had a visit form Ann's brother and his wife who traveled from Florida. Also visiting from Florida was Richard Topper, brother of Bob Topper of Buckingham.

Pat Flores, of Renfrew spent a good part of the summer in Europe. On her way back she was passed by Brann and Ellen Wry of Buckingham on their way to Germany and John and Greta Lamb of Cadwalader on their way to Denmark. Can't count Bob Topper's trip to Sweden since it was business.

Our wettest travelers were **Betty Walton** and her daughters, **Chris** and **Beth**, who took to inner tubes on the Delaware.

And lastly, to the shore went Greg and Doris Smith and daughters, Dolores, Lauren and Sara of Cornwall, Barbara and Larry Welle and sons, Jud, Jonathon and Joshua of Buckingham, Joe and Judy Priest and children, Nikki, Damon and Jordan of Stuyvesant, Toni and Ned O'Connor and son, Sean, of Cadwalader and Joan and Stu Anderson of Kensington.

Cathy and **Bob Paci** of Cadwalader had a visit from Cathy's nieces who came to Trenton from the Virgin Islands.



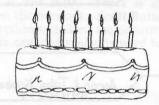
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

August

Lauren Smith (4), Derrick Milner (3), Amy Kyte (7), Sean O'Connor (14), Paul Cirillo (6), Kathleen Doyle (5), Seamus Doyle (5).

September

Adam Castro (5), Kim Topper (15), Jonathon Welle (6), Jessica Milner (6), Caroline Harf (2).



October

Bobby Kyte (5), Joshua Welle (4), Scott Shelingoski (4), Amy Stellitano (7), Jud Welle (9), Dolores Smith (13), Jennifer Carmine (1).

November

Marissa Martinez (4), Joseph Pukala (3), Rory Connolly (2), Robin McCombe (2), Rene Cirillo (8), Daniel Zwillenburg (5), Robert Paci (15).

ELECTION POSTERS

The Hiltonia Association passed unanimously a motion to support the proposed City ordinance pertaining to election posters. This ordinance offers some control on election posters. Anyone who is going to hang election posters must obtain a permit and must remove the posters within two weeks following the election or face a fine. The ordinance was passed by City Council.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Tropitone patio chairs (6) and (1) chaisse lounge. Companion ottomans (2) and (3) side talbes with (1) cocktail table. Mistletoe green with white webbing. Original value approximately \$1600. Will sacrifice at \$600.

Also, picnic table with (2) benches at \$25.00.

Phone Charles at 393-4390 for inspection.

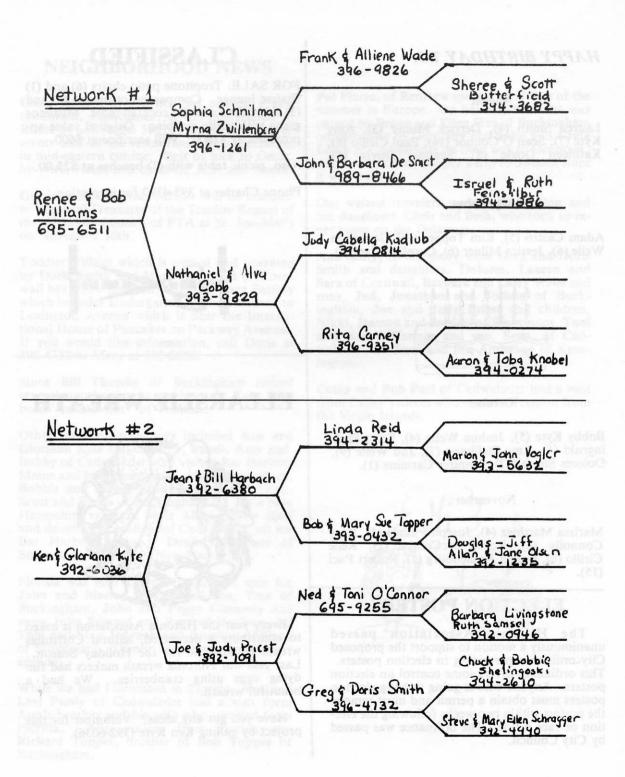


ELLARSLIE WREATH



Every year the Hiltonia Association is asked to contribute a decorated, natural Christmas wreath to Ellarslie for the Holiday Season. Last year our Hiltonia wreath makers had fun dying eggs using cranberries. We had a beautiful wreath.

Have you got any ideas? Volunteer for this project by calling Ken Kyte (392-6036).



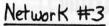
CRIME WATCH

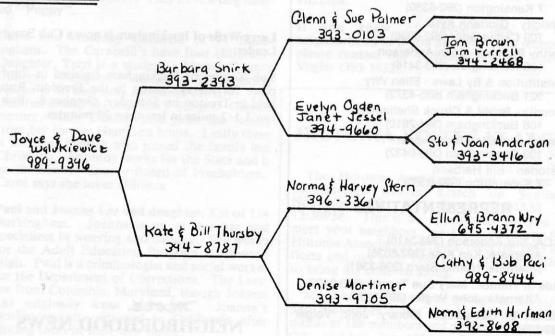
At the September 13th General Membership Meeting, Ken Kyte, President reported that up to July there were no crime problems in Hiltonia but in August and September eight bikes were stolen, five came from one garage while two neighbors, feeling helpless, watched. Another bike was taken from a porch during lunch time. The break ins that have occurred were during the early morning hours.

Bobbie and Chuck Shelingoski have taken over the Security Committee. The new Crime Watch Network appears in this issue. If you want to be added, please contact Bobbie or Chuck at 394-2610. There is still plenty of room on the network. Scott Butterfield who is Vice President chaired the Security Committee until the new chairpersons were found.

The last crime in Hiltonia was a break in and entry. The occupants walked in on the thieves who then jumped out of a second story window and fled on foot. Entry was made through a first story window which was broken. This information was passed down the network within minutes of the crime. If the Network can pass this information along quickly, there may be some added benefits. If the person you call is not at home, make his calls for him.

Remember, keep watching out for your neighbor and yourself. The more eyes, the more secure.







EXECUTIVE BOARD

Civic - Evelyn Ogden

10 Buckingham (394-9660)

- Janet Jessel

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Hospitality - Marion Vogler 107 Buckingham (393-5632)

Membership - Linda Reid 212 Renfrew (394-2314)

Program - Denise Mortimer 1490 Stuvvesant (393-9705)

- Jean Harbach

7 Kensington (392-6380)

Publicity - Gloriann Kyte 109 Cadwalader (392-6036)

Worthy Projects - Joan Anderson 108 Kensington (393-3416)

Constitution & By Laws - Ellen Wry 121 Buckingham (695-4372)

Security - Bobbi & Chuck Shelingoski 108 Buckingham (394-2610)

Special Projects - Bob Topper 103 Buckingham (393-0432)

Historian - Bill Harbach 7 Kensington (392-6380)

REPRESENTATIVES

TCCA: Stu Anderson (393-3416)
Alternate: Ken Kyte (392-6036)
Alternate: Norma Stern (396-3361)

Pride In Trenton: Mary Sue Topper (393-0432) Alternate: John Vogler (393-5632)

Friends of Cadwalader Library: John Volger (393-5632)

"Good Things Are COOKIN"

The Hiltonia Association would like to put together a Cook Book which can be sold at Heritage Days. The Cook Book will feature H'ordeurves and Desserts. So get your thinking caps on and be prepared to share in the fun.

Joan Anderson (393-3416) and Mary Sue Topper (393-0432) are co-chairing this project. If you have any questions or if you think you would like to help with this project, call Joan or Mary Sue. Forms for recipes will be prepared shortly.



Larry Welle of Buckingham is now a Cub Scout Leader.

Bob Topper of Buckingham finished in third place for his age group in the Freedom Run held in Trenton on Saturday, October 8. Bob ran 3 1/2 miles in less than 28 minutes.

More NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



WELCOME TO. . .

Janet and Patrick Doyle of 126 Buckingham. The Doyles' have four children. Colleen is 16 and attending Notre Dame High School. Twins, Kathleen and Seamus are 5 and in Kindergarten at Blessed Sacrament and P.J. is 20 months old. The Doyles' arrived from Levittown. Pat was born in Dublin and works for Barton and Cooney. They have a dog named "Puppy".

Carol and Anthony Carabelli of 11 Buckingham. The Carabelli's have four children. Daughter, Terri is a student a Mercer County College. Daughter, Vanessa is 9, daughter, Janine is 10 and son, Anthony, Jr. is 7. The children attend St. Joachim's School. Carol's mother, Mary Denito, also joins the family from her former Hamilton home. Lastly there is the dog, Muffin who joined the family last Christmas. Anthony works for the State and is on the Mercer County Board of Freeholders. Carol says she loves Hiltonia.

Paul and Joanna Lee and daughter, Kai of 114 Buckingham. Joanna is an art teacher and specializes in weaving and batique. She works for the Adult Education Program at Trenton High. Paul is a criminologist and social worker for the Department of Corrections. The Lees' are from Columbia, Maryland, though Joanna was originally from Montclair. Joanna's mother recently returned to California after visiting them in their new home.

Bill and Michele Guhl of 204 Buckingham. The Guhls' have two daughters, Meredith is 8 and in 3rd grade at Blessed Sacrament and Christine is 4 and goes to the Covenant Nursery School. Bill is the Trenton Business Administrator. The Guhls' have been busy fixing up their new home.

Phil and Lisa (Elfers) Caton of 117 Kensington. Phil is a planning consultant and Lisa works in New York City. The Catons' are in the process of restoring their new home.

Chris and Doug Harman of 12 Kensington who left Hopewell and moved to Hiltonia on September 1. Chris is a TWA flight attendant and Doug is a teacher at the Hun School.

Steve Rosenthal and his wife, Eileen Kirlin, of 205 Cadwalader. Steve moved to Trenton two years ago from Long Island and Eileen came from Philadelphia in January and loves Hiltonia.

If you know of anyone new in the neighborhood or if you have moved in recently, please contact our Welcome Wagon, Marion Vogler (393-5632).

HILTONIA KOFFEE KLATCH

The Hiltonia Association will sponsor a Membership Koffee Klatch on Sunday, November 20, 1983 from 10:30AM to 12:30PM. This is an opportunity for you to meet your neighbors, meet the nominees for Hiltonia Association officers, meet the 1983 officers and pay your 1984 dues. You're invited to bring the children along.

Membership bills will be going out the early part November. The membership for 1983 stands at 188 members and we hope to increase that number for 1984. Don't forget the membership dues are \$7.50 per person over 18.

From the President. . .

As this year draws to a close, I'll be ending my second year as Association President. Looking back, I'm convinced more than ever that the opportunities afforded by our organization have played a major role in binding us together as a neighborhood. We have welcomed newcomers, pressed for City services, celebrated holidays together and provided a forum for discussion of controversial issues. With all our successes, there continues to be new issues which impact our neighborhood and many activities which deserve our involvement.

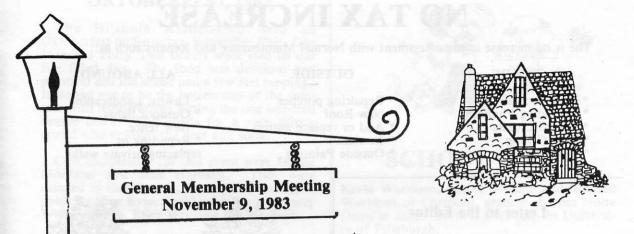
With the help of a very able and dedicated Executive Committee, I have been able to successfully guide our association through many of the issues which were considered important by the Association. Perhaps the one small disappointment in my two year tenure as President, is not being able to develop a wider interest in our Association and participation of our members and non-members. Hiltonia has by far, the largest paid membership of any Trenton Civic Association. We have a potential to improve not only Hiltonia, but significant aspects of the City Government as well. We have supported many charitable causes, but can still offer more assistance to our neighbors in securing their homes and maintaining their properties. We have sponsored many neighborhood social events, but still could participate more widely in City sponsored events. In short, we are successful but can be much MOTE SO.

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to the members of my Executive Board over the past two years and offer my very best wishes for continued success to the incoming officers.

Ken Kyte
President



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9 at the home of Brann and Ellen Wry at 121 Buckingham. The Slate of Officers for 1984 will be presented. The nominating committee was chaired by Bob Topper. The other members were Norma Stern, Barbara Livingston, Bob Paci and Ellen Wry.

N.J. FORENSIC HOSPITAL (Vroon Building)

A new Vroon Buidling has been on the drawing board for a couple of years. In the past the association had a committee which was formed to keep on top of the new building. It was recently learned that at long last ground was broken for the new structure and that its new director is Dr. Vucola.

However, shortly after the ground was broken, funding for the project was removed from the upcoming bond issue for at least a two year period. So the Vroon Building is once again on the back burner. At this point in time it is not necessary to reactivate the Association Committee. If anyone knows of a change in status of this project, please let your Association President.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

At the September 10th General Membership Meeting the subject of commercial vehicle parking on Hiltonia streets was raised. A recent change in the City ordinance allowed the parking of commercial vehicles in Hiltonia. In order to return the law to its original form, the Association wi

The following motion was made and passed unanimously: "All commercial vehicles must be parked off the street and garaged between the hours of 8:00PM and 6:00AM". The next step requires that the Association prepare TWO petitions to have the law changed.

The first petition deals with the traffic ordinances and requires the signature of 50% of the registered voters in the A-1 residential zone (Hiltonia).

The second petition is for a change in the zoning ordinances and requires the signature of 50% of the property owners or residents.

If you are interested in signing this petition, it will be available at the November 9th General Membership Meeting, the November 20th Koffee Klatch or from any member of the Executive Board. If you want to help maintain the character of your Hiltonia neighborhood, please make an effort to get your name on both petitions if you are eligible.

NO TAX INCREASE

The is no increase in tax assessment with Normal Maintenance and Repairs such as:

INSIDE

- * New Furnace
- * Replacing Plumbing
- * Added Closets
- * New Ceiling
- * Wall Papering

OUTSIDE

- * Repairing porches
- * New Roof
- * Add or replace gutters
- * Insulation
- * Outside Painting

ALL AROUND

- * Lawns, Landscaping
- * Outdoor lights
- * New fence
- * Repairing or

replacing private walks

Letter to the Editor

The following is an excerpt of a letter that was submitted to the Editor. The writer will remain anonymous.

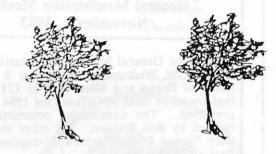
EXCLUSIVE TO:
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"Big Loppers Prune for Neighborhood of Friendly Slobs"

In this tree lined, azalea-bushed neighborhood of Hiltonia, it is nice to know that at least two of the neighbors care enough to lop off every offending branch or twig that has the audacity to stir beyond the well defined sidewalk line of the over 300 well scrubbed properties of what was once known as "Cracker Hill". This free service has been donated during the summer by two of the neighborhood's most devoted midnight gardeners who modestly wish to remain anonymous.

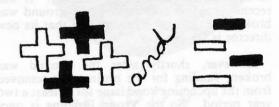




RE-EVALUATION

At the September 10 General Membership Meeting a lengthly discussion took place on Reevaluation. The final motion that was made and passed unanimously by the general membership was against re-evaluation and for tax reform.

PLUSES AND MINUSES



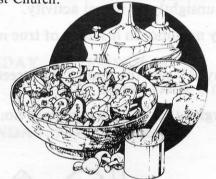
The Hiltonia Association has assets of \$1,848.59 as of October 4, 1983. There are still two outstanding bills from the Oktoberfest.

OKTOBERFEST 1983

The Hiltonia Association held an Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 10th. One Hundred Forty Two tickets were sold to our fun filled day. The food was delicious and plentiful and the music had a few feet tapping. It turned out to be the hottest day of the summer with temperatures hitting the one hundred degree mark. This made for a very thirsty crowd who enjoyed the beer and soda.

Co-Chairpersons for this event were Denise Mortimer and Jean Harbach. They were assisted by Rita Carney, tickets, Gloriann Kyte, publicity, Ken Kyte, liquid refreshments, Larry Welle, Set-Up, Ellen Wry and Bill Harbach.

Once again our neighbors, Bill and Maria Wegner provided their yard and Bob Williams let us borrow tables from St. Paul Unit Methodist Church.



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Mary Ellen Allen of 1 Kensington will be married on Saturday, November 19 to Dr. Burt Frohman and Mary Ellen's daughter, Pat, will be married in New York on Sunday, November 6.

Judy Corrado of 116 Renfrew is resting at home after a hospital stay. Get well soon!

Sympathy is extended to Sue and Glenn Palmer of Renfrew on the death of Sue's father, Abe Berkovitz of Buckingham on the death of his sister, Howard Waldron of Kensington on the death of his brother and Anne Thompson of Renfrew on the death of her father.



SCHOOL NEWS

Kevin Wortham, son of William and Mildred Wortham of Cornwall, graduated from Notre Dame in June. Kevin is attending the University of Pittsburgh.

Roberta Anderson of Cadwalader received her Masters of Education in Social Studies from Trenton State College.

Kim Topper of Buckingham, Kathy Lybarger of Cornwall and Kathleen Allen of Kensington were on the Honor Roll at Notre Dame High School for the past school year.

Congratulations to:

Bobby Vogler, son of John and Marion Vogler of Buckingham on his July 1st marriage to Jean Stransky of Neshanic. The newlyweds are residing in La Trobe, Pennsylvania while Bobby finishes law school at Duquesne University.

Phil Caton of Kensington who moved into Hiltonia several months ago, was married on October 1 to Lisa Elfers. The Catons' will take up residency in Hiltonia. Welcome!

Mary Lou Arminger of Cornwall was married recently. She and her new husband will reside in Hiltonia.

John McCormack, son of Dr. Ray and Mary McCormack of Buckingham on his recent marriage. John and his wife are residing in California where John is stationed in the service.

The Road to a Nice Neighborhood by Dear Abby

- 1. Thou shalt love thy neighbor, but not his wife, nor shalt thou covet thy neighbor's house or his car, or any other thing he owneth.
- 2. Thou shalt keep thy dog, thy stereo and thy lawnmower quiet while thy neighbor sleepeth.
- 3. Thou shalt borrow from thy neighbor rarely, and when thou doest, returneth undamaged and without delay that which thou hast borrowed.
- 4. Thou shalt not alloweth thy pets nor thy children to run amok, despoiling thy neighbor's lawn, flower beds and fence.
- 5. Thou shalt keepeth thy lawn green, thy fence painted and thy driveway uncluttered even as ye shall also keep thy vehicles in thy garage where they belong.
- 6. Thou shalt watcheth always for criminals and fires in thy neighborhood and guard thy neighbor's home and his property even as thy own.
- 7. Thou shalt not useth thy home for any unsightly or illegal activity.
- 8. Thou shalt always stand ready to help thy neighbor in his hour of true need, even as he does for thee.
- 9. Thou shalt not parketh they camper, thy RV nor thy van in the street where it blocketh thy neighbor's view and creatheth a safety hazard to all.
- 10. Thou shalt not hold wild parties or orgies that lasteth until wee hours unless thous shalt inviteth thy neighbor too.



IT'S MEMBERSHIP TIME AGAIN!
RENEW YOUR HILTONIA MEMBERSHIP OR ADD YOUR NAME
TO OUR EVER GROWING NUMBERS.