

TEEN TALK By Vincent Natale

The years of adolescence are exciting years of discovery. New horizons present themselves in what appear to be an unbroken chain of uncertainties and frustrations. These tender years of making the dramatic bid for adulthood can be as smooth or as choppy as you make them. You are the captain of your ship of adolescence and the enchanting seas are dominated by your thoughts and actions.

Teen years should mean more than mere physical development. No doubt you have heard the biblical passage, "Not in bread alone doth man live." In this sacred gem we see an invitation to seek out those things in life which make us truly humane beings.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Nobel Peace Prize winner, who forty-six years ago abandoned a distinguished career to establish a jungle hospital in French Equatorial Africa, personifies our case in point. His words will echo for all time: "Seek to do good, somewhere. Every man has to seek in his own way to make his own self more noble and to realize his own true worth. You must give some time to your fellow man. Help those in need of a helping hand. For remember, you do not live in a world all your own. YOUR BROTHERS ARE HERE TOO." His is a splendid example of how "Not in bread alone doth man live."

"What does all this mean to me?" you ask. It means to make the most of the talents you have been blessed with — it means to make your teen years a time of true and positive self discovery — it means to put your best foot forward — it means to be humble — it means to love, respect, obey and appreciate your parents — it means to cultivate a love for God and country — it means to obey the laws of your community — it means to grow intellectually, spiritually, socially and emotionally — it means to live in such a way that you are a glowing example of what millions of heroic Americans have fought and died for on blood scarred battle fields all over the world — it means to be a good American.

Yes, your teen years can be a wonderful time in your life if you will remember, YOUR BROTHERS

PRESIDENT'S DIARY By Adele Gerity

Nov. '60 — Active and interested in civic work in Astoria, feel it's time to do my share in Sound Beach. Elected to the board and at first meeting voted in as Vice-President. Am I surprised.

Jan. '61 - Finding out what a great job Paul Jensen did. Lot of advance details to work out, but Paul is a cheerful guide, and his wife Clem is helpful. Gave me menu and cost of refreshments for meeting. All that food to prepare and just a few helping.

April - Pres. Riccon ill, forced to resign. Board voted me in as President! Am startled but game. With the help of experienced past Pres. Ted Nasdahl and re-elected V-P Paul Jensen, I'm sure I can make a

go of it; at least I'll try very hard.

May - Though a summer resident here for thirty years, I am finally really learning about our community problems. Studying maps, zoning regulations, by-Sunday morning - Paul Jensen and I trudged through sand along cliff from east to west A dismaying trip. Severe winter storms ramps. caused tremendous damage. East ramp stairs gone, upper stairs undermined. A gaping hole in Shore Large section of west ramp bulkhead torn Drive. away and lower stairs gone. The seas gobbled up the back-fill and a part of the sand-bank. We returned weary and concerned over the cost of the needed repairs. Hope members join early, so we have funds to work with. Another Sunday - With Paul again, we inspected Community House. Granted permission to young folks to run a dance. Wonder if we can find a volunteer to handle a teen program. A Friday - Took hike with Jeff Hammer to inspect area beyond west ramp. Again viewed all the damage that must be repaired. Jeff will handle. A stinging sand storm gritted in our teeth and eyes but energetic Jeff kept urging on. We're lucky to have such a thrifty spender. Sunday again - with Joe Ferraro to determine what to do about that discouraging Shore Drive 'hole'. The summer calm sea is our bitter enemy in winter; been devouring our park land for years. Decoration Day -Guests in the garden, dinner cooking, Paul at the back door - no water at the Community House. Al



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umn. Called Jeff to change water basins. Phone aringing. Yipe! And Help! Beginning to understand why that dear group of men on the Board elected me. None wanted this job, the rascals.

June - Friday morning - With Jeff to Club House. Cesspool cover broken, flagpole halyard stuck. Arranged for repairs. Friday evening - Talked with Betty Hering. Dues slow coming in. Can it be the \$2 increase? How sad to deprive themselves of our beautiful beach for so little. I'm sure warm weather will gather them back to us. Saturday morning -With tolerant dear husband, Arthur, erected sign at west ramp asking for patience about repairs. Mail brought permission from Father Le Page of St. Louis De Montfort Church to take bank-dirt at church grounds to fill road 'hole'. What a happy community spirit; am grateful. Sat. Evening - Board meeting. Am planning to lean on our resident members a lot; they are johnnyon-the-spot in case of trouble. Monday morning - To the 'hole' this time with a contractor to estimate cost of filling. Friday night - Again to the 'hole' to estimate the cost of oil topping. (I see that dang 'hole' in my sleep.) I shudder at this added expense. A Saturday - Another Board meeting. About seventeen grand people show up. All credit to them for leaving guests and family to iron out community problems. By this time, if I ever hear any criticism of dues cost, or laxness on the part of volunteers, think I'll be unlady like and sound off. Sunday - Over my mad when I see all the nice folk walking down both our new stairs and relaxing on the beach. Saffron's police guards all set to greet us. Otto Claus will have baskets ready for our litter. Rudy Kuntner's beach ropes will soon be ready to safeguard our children. The gentle waves lapping, inviting a cool dip. Waves that chuckle at me now and I hope are repentant of all the trouble they cause us. This being president has been a rough few months, but Sound Beach is worth it. What next?

BOARD ROOM

Your Board of Directors announced recently some top-level executive changes. These changes were

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brought about by the premature resignations of Pres. William Riccon and Chairman Chester Greeley. Adele Gerity, V-P since last November, was elected President. Paul Jensen succeeds Adele as V-P. This is a repeat performance for Paul who resigned from this post-last November. Former Pres. Theodore Nasdahl has been named Board Chairman. Both Bill Riccon and Chet Greeley resigned on orders from their personal physicians.

In the future, all Board Meetings called during the period from May 15 to October 1, are to be held in Sound Beach. The purpose for this change is to relieve board members who are permanent residents from always having to make the long trip to N. Y.

Refuting a false rumor circulated in Town, Ted Nasdahl explained that there is no impending action by any governmental authority to take over our Beach: moreover, that under the existing laws this simply cannot be done.

The large hole on Shore Drive between St. James Road and Sound Beach Boulevard will be filled and covered with asphalt to create a foot path for pedestrians. It will not be opened to vehicular traffic.

The Board decided to continue restrictions which place a limitation on Club House activities. In effect this means no private parties will be permitted.

MAIL DELIVERY

You can now receive mail at or near your dwell-The U. S. Post Office Dept. has authorized a rural route for the village of Sound Beach. Identified as Rural Route No. 1, service was inaugurated on June 24. This route starts and ends at the post office in the square. A complete description of the route travelled by the carrier is on display at the post office and you are instructed to examine it before installing a mail box.

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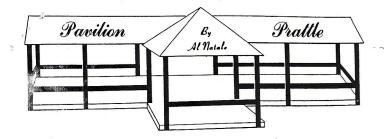
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A Special District Election of the qualified electors of the Sound Beach Fire District was held on May 1, 1961 at the fire house. This was in pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the S. B. Fire District of the Town of Brookhaven, adopted April 11, 1961. Notice of election was published in the Port Jefferson Times and posted in the district. The election was called for the purpose of voting on said resolution which called for the construction of a fire well including the grading, digging and improvement of the site and the purchase and installation of all equipment, machinery and apparatus at a cost of \$8000. The resolution was approved by the voters at that referendum vote and the amount is to be appropriated therefor and recovered by the levying of a tax on property owners in Sound Beach.

The worthiness of this project is not questioned here. Certainly a case can be made that the community should provide needed facilities when necessary. What we would like to emphasize is the importance of keeping alert. Special elections can be called at any time and you may want the opportunity to take some action to protect your rights.

Too many supposedly intellectually competent members of our organization display an arrogant contempt for those willing to carry the burden of office. Our management team is an efficient, hard working group who are second-guessed and blamed too often when they should be receiving our praise and understanding. Those of us who are less clever express our appreciation to the new officers, and the old ones too, for their generous contribution of time and talent and promise to give them our continued support and cooperation. It isn't a simple task that they have assumed voluntarily.

Did you know that four of the top posts in our Association are held by members of the hardier sex? This was called to our attention by an anonymous contributor who also sent along the following chemical analysis of a woman: Boils at nothing and freezes any minute; melts when properly treated; very bitter if not well used. Found wherever man exists. Possesses great affinity for gold, silver, platinum and precious stones. Violent reaction if left alone. Able to absorb a great deal of food matter. Turns green when placed beside a better looking specimen. Highly ornamental and useful in equalizing the distribution of wealth; probably the most effective incomereducing agent known. Highly explosive in inexperienced hands.

In a studied report of Paul Jensen's sub-standard lawn condition, a recommendation that substantial amounts of manure be applied was remedied when on Father's Day his closest admirer presented him with a baleful.

We rejoice in announcing that Mary Pizzoli emerged victorious and unscathed from her tortuous bout with Mother Nature.

A thing of beauty to behold - pretty Kay Koch in a slenderized size ten.

If you have time to spare ask Jack Garbarino about his European tour. If you don't have time ask Barney

Our good friend Tom Savarese is flying high these days. Commissioned an Ensign early this year, he is in flight training at Whiting Field, Mobile, Fla. His parents, Helen and Jim are just now recovering from the shock of his first solo flight completed successfully in April.

Shuffling off to Buffalo on a pair of roller skates, Tony Pellegrino placed seventh in the senior doubles dancing category at the New York State divisional roller skating championships.

The concession stands at both the east and west ramps are being operated this summer by William B. Mac Dowell. Everyone be good to him.

Your admiration for the excellent workmanship on the west stairway is a deserving tribute to Andrew Muller, contractor and builder of renown from Miller Place. He did a magnificent job.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schweble and daughter **Debbie** returned to Sound Beach to live. They will renovate and occupy the old homestead on Beacon Drive.

Mrs. Eugene Geoghan presented husband, Gene, one of our friendly advertisers and popular well-driller, with a new baby girl, their second child.

A boy, Jeffrey Adam Keller, was born to Adam and

Patricia Keller on April 7th.

Corser's Corner - A widow four times over had been married to a banker, actor, minister and undertaker in that order. In reply to a query from a friend as to the reason for her selections she replied, "One for the money, two for the show; three to get ready and four to go.'

Memo to Boots: To recognize one's own stupidity

is intelligent - not to, could be dangerous.

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