



*Family
update*

Sept. 10
2001



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MARION ANGELL
1009 State Rd. 173
Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

GRANNY?

GRANNY ANGELL

GRANNY ROSE ANGELL ---

From your 6 Children, 16 Grandchildren, 30 Great
Grandchildren, YOU NOW HAVE

Great Great Grandchildren to the tune of 19 boys
14 girls

33 of them -33!

Brooke Goodgame, Born in March 2001, daughter of
Lori (Angell) and Bo Goodgame, of the Dallas, Texas Branch
was the only new arrival of 2001.

But more to come in 2002.

Tammy & Brad McMillen going for it again, looking good.

Debbie and Steve Roesel looking forward to a sibling for
Casey.

WEDDINGS

A MAY Wedding. At Califon United Methodist Church, friends and family saw Megan Clark Rountree and Matthew Jonathan Verger tie the metrimonial knot. Megan's sister Carrie and cousin Abby Bleck were part of the wedding party.

The Reception was held at The Farm, under a huge tent, with food, music and fun. Lots of family. They love these Good reasons for gatherings of the Clan.

IN AUGUST, ABIGAIL CAROLINE BLECK and CLARK SPENCER BAKER were married at the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church, Califon, N.J.

What a Great Wedding Procession. 11 youngsters led the way. All nieces and nephews of Abby and Clark. Half hers and half hers, give or take a "youngun".

Megan Rountree Verger was a member of the wedding party. Abby's brothers, Bob Bleck, and Russell Bleck, along with cousin Jaime Bleck were called upon to participate in a reading. Very much a family affair.

The Reception was held at the Hunterdon Learning Center, outside of Califon. A pretty place on top of a hill out in the countryside. Lots of room for the numerous children to stretch their legs, while inside there was some enthusiastic dancing going on. Another Good reason for a clan gathering.

January 3, 2002

Marian Angell
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Dear Marian Angell,

Allow me to preface this letter by thanking you for including me in the "update". My birthday is October 29 1977. I work as a Territory account Manager for Strauss Discount Auto. In lameness terms I am a salesman who gets businesses to repair their company cars at our ninety-three stores. I have been a salesman in the automotive aftermarket for five years.

Megan and I have known each other for about eight years. We began dating about three years. I proposed to her in Cancun last October.

Fondly,

Matt Verger

To add Aunt Marion...thank you as well for sending a note...I would have called but then this seemed a lot easier. I knew that Matt would have no problem talking about himself but it's a little harder for me.

We are coming around to our first anniversary this year, which seems to be flying by so fast. We have been having fun and it seems as nothing has changed except for the whole ring thing.

I have been being the housewife for the last few months...November I think...and its been interesting. I have been polishing up on my cooking and cleaning. We decided that I would leave my job at Prawnco because of the commute, which was an hour and a half each way. We had also planned to take our first steps in buying a home on the eastern shore of Maryland. After the incident on 9-11 we have had to put things on hold considering that aren't that many buyers out there at this time. We are hoping by spring we will have sold our condo and be looking for a new home.

So as always I am looking for the update about the rest of the family and thank you for inquiring about ours. I hope all as well.

Love,

Megan Verger (Rountree)

P.S. Thanks for the stamp



Extra, Extra

Report from Abby and Clark, recived minutes before
print time. Thanks, Abby.

Clark Baker, from Vermont, Born May 9, 1977.
They met at Syracuse, both attending college there.

Clark is an internet consultant, and part owner of
2 on-line companies.

Abby now a reporter for CBS TV in Ft. Myers, Florida.

Their new address is on the current address sheets
included in update.

Abby says " We had a whirlwind Christmas visit up North--
about 48 hours with each of our family, But at least
we got to see everyone"!

And they would love to have everyone visit them in
Naples, says "it's beautiful here! We don't miss the
snow at all!"

acbleck @ hotmail.com
clark @ forepoint.com

*The
Boston
Angells*

With these lists we commemorate 2001, a year of sorrow and beauty, terror and hope, fear and courage. We Angells wish you more of the things you love in 2002.

THINGS WE LOVED

- Freedom
- Reunions with friends & family
- Harry Potter
- LEGO & GameBoy Advance (Robert, age 11)
- American Girl Dolls (that's Felicity in the photo with Mersina, age 9)
- Clarinet (Mersina) & Trombone (Robert)
- Soccer/Baseball/Tennis/ Tae Kwon Do/ Skiing/Swimming
- Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts
- Joey (Mersina's imaginary dog)
- Robert onstage in the Wizard of Oz
- Cooperstown NY & Williamsburg VA
- Getting cards & email from you
Rob: angell@mediaone.net
Paula: pangell@mediaone.net
- Rob's consulting business: 508-647-9679
(Strategy/Financial/ Interim Executive)
- Sherborn library (Paula's on the board)
- Having YOU in our lives!

THINGS WE DIDN'T

- People who hurt others
- Intolerance
- Homework
- Tonsillectomy & sleeping in the recovery room (Robert in July)
- Cleaning the house (you already know this if you have visited us)
- Telemarketers calling at dinnertime (or anytime)
- Missing you



*The
Taper
Angels*

The picture is of our 4 grandchildren. The oldest three are Noah (5), Lauren (9), and Chad (7). They belong to Cindy, our daughter, and Chris Fess. The baby is Brooke (9 months) who belongs to Lorri, our youngest daughter, and Bo Goodgame. The Goodgames are shopping medical residency programs to decide where he will be for the next four years. Cindy is in Little Rock and her husband is a financial advisor for investments and long term care. She works part time in her church. Our son Marty is still single and is promoting scholarship tax credits to various state legislatures. Al retires in 2 1/2 years, and is working hard and still loving what he does which is a real blessing. Lynn helps him with various projects, travel or office things, and also enjoys visiting the grandchildren whenever time allows. We seem to travel a lot, business and pleasure, so our life is not a whole lot of routine. This year one of the big trips will be to Africa to join Lorri and Bo at the end of their two-month mission in a hospital in Kenya.

Our love to you all. May your New Year be abundantly blessed by Him for whom we celebrate this season.



*The Three Wise Men
(as perceived and photographed by Sue at Moab National Park in Utah)**

To all of our Friends and Relatives:

Due to the many changes in our lives this past few months, we decided to send out a combined Christmas letter, change of address and status update - - all in one!

Our first huge change was to reach retirement (NOT OLD) age. Tom retired a year ago September and I in April. We went out to California to order an RV which would be ready for pickup in October. After having some fun sitting around, reading and doing crossword puzzles, we did a few fun trips to Atlanta and North Carolina.

As people on a "fixed income", we took advantage of a golf offer at Sea Trail, NC - - and fell in



love. Tom is standing at the front door looking out to the 16th par three hole! We went home and talked to Linda and Jay (now engaged - for those who might not have heard!) about buying our Story Book Farm home. They were as excited about that as we were about the one in North Carolina.



We then headed to California to pick up our Lazy Daze RV. We spent three wonderful weeks meandering back across the country (three days in Utah - what a BEAUTIFUL place!!) stopping in NC to confirm purchase of the house.



After a special Thanksgiving with messages from many of you, we loaded up a 5x5x8 U-haul with all of our worldly possessions (left all of the old furniture with Linda!) and headed south. We now have most of the boxes unpacked, most of the new furniture has been delivered - and we are now just sitting here waiting for "y'all" to come visit!

Sue and Tom King
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Sunset Beach, NC 28468
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*Thanks for all the
goodies. We even used
some of the "rubber" stuffing
our new drawers here!
Thanks too for being
part of our special
Thanksgiving
celebration!
Love Sue & Tom*

*Tom perceived it as the Three Tallman Warriors!

Travels

When 2001 hit, Bob Angell hit the floor running. Figure of speech of course, but he did not stay put very long.

In January, Bob and friend Mary were off to the British Virgin Islands, where they rented a 45' catamaran, and sailed out of Tora Tora there. They shared the boat with one other couple, the Captain and the cook. Lovely weather, lots of eating and drinking, just living the good life. They went snorkeling and really enjoyed it, despite Bob getting half the Caribbean Ocean in his ear, and having to visit a Doctor to slurp water out of drowned ear.

In March Bob and Mary took a Panamanian Cruise out of Ft Lauderdale. Checked out places like Key West and Jamaica.

In the summer Bob went to Cooperstown, N.Y., where he met Rob and family for a great visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Once Bob had his new 37' Bounder Motor Home in his eager hands, and they learned how to use everything, got packed up, and ready to go, they were off.

His itinerary follows. Sounds like a fantastic trip!!!!

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Ms. Marion Angell
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Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

Dear Marion,

As you asked, I am sending you a brief summary of our Motor Home adventure. We left Bloomsbury on September 10th.

- Stayed Hickory Hills Campground in Bath (near Corning), New York. As we were getting ready for a day of sight seeing, we saw the WTC tragedy on TV. Like everyone else, we remained glued to TV not believing what we were seeing. Finally, we resumed sight seeing and drove around Lake Keuka, passed a number of wineries (had lunch at Glenora Winery overlooking the lake; toured Watkins Glen waterfront. The next day we visited a NYS fish hatchery, Curtis aviation museum, The Bully Hill restaurant, winery & museum. Visited The Corning Glass Museum and Rockwell Western Art Museum (many Frederick Remington pieces).
- Hills Family Campground near Lake Erie. Toured area along Lake Erie; went for a bike ride. The next day took our bikes to Presque Isle (a state park).
- Chaparral Campground in Salem, Ohio. We met Mary's brother Tim & his wife Shirley in Boardman, Ohio for dinner. The next day we drove to Holmes County (Amish & Mennonite country). That evening Tim & Shirley came to MH for dinner.
- Enon Beach Campground (50 miles West of Columbus); visited Wright Patterson Air Force Museum & met Mary's friend Nancy in Columbus for lunch.
- Bean Blossom, Indiana (near Nashville, Indiana) - Home of blue grass. Campground was started by Bill Monroe and is the site of many Blue Grass festivals
- Casey, Ill - KOA campground
- Sundermeir RV Park, St. Charles, MO on KATY trail. Timmie & Jim Wiant joined us for lunch in MH. Toured historic St. Charles. Took metro link to Mississippi River Front. In St. Louis, we went to the top of the Arch; Union Station; the Old Court House and the Zoo and Art Museum in Forest Park. Went for bike ride on KATY trail. Went to Oktoberfest festival in St. Charles (Parade & many craft vendors)
- Grain Valley, MO Trailside RV Park (near Independence & Kansas City, MO. Visited Harry S. Truman Home & Library. In Kansas City, went to Steamboat Arabia Museum. (The Arabia was a steamboat that sunk in 1856 and was recovered about ten years ago.
- Cedar Valley RV Resort in Guthrie, OK. (Near Oklahoma City) Visited The Ok City National Memorial Center (April 19, 1995 bombing of Murrah Federal Building) Being only a month after the WTC tragedy, it was a moving experience and difficult not to make comparisons. Also, took trolley tour of OKC, walked through Botanical Gardens, Omniplex (hands on science museum) OK State Fairgrounds where we saw a Dog Show and watched team calf roping. Saw tribute to Patsy Cline and had steak dinner at Mickey Mantle's

- Returned to Guthrie, toured Masonic Temple and Guthrie museum. Walking down the main street, we ran into the middle of a gunfight. After the shooting stopped, we talked with the participants, who belong to a club and stage gun fights every week. Then we went to a play "Diary of Anne Frank"
- Dallas Destiny RV Park, Denton, Texas Went to Texas Book Depository & top of Reunion Tower and walked around down town Dallas.

Toured Texas Speedway (NASCAR racetrack, which included a ride around the track.

In Fort Worth, we watched a cattle drive down Main Street (a dozen longhorns, who make the trip twice a day for the benefit of tourists). We enjoyed walking around Old Fort Worth, which was a major cattle stockyard & meat packing center until the early fifties.

- I-35 Waco, Texas visited Texas Ranger Museum, Armstrong Browning (Robert & Elizabeth Barrett Browning) Library on Baylor University campus, Dr. Pepper Museum and The Branch Davidian Church.
- Longhorn RV Park, Austin, Texas Went to Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.
- Buckhorn Lake RV Resort Kerrville, Texas Nice park. This was the first park that had tennis courts ! We finally got to play some tennis. Toured LBJ's Ranch Could not go into his home since Lady Bird still has life rights. In Fredericksburg, we went to Adm Nimitz Museum of WW II in the Pacific. The next day drove to San Antonio to see the site of The Alamo and The River Walk. Had Thanksgiving dinner at RV Park.
- Lost Alaska RV Park, Alpine, Texas Appropriately named, we were snowed in for three days. Alpine is about 100 miles north of Big Bend National Park. After it stopped snowing, we drove towards Big Bend stopping at Warnock Education Center; Lojitas Trading Post (which has elected a beer drinking goat as mayor for a number of years ; a ghost town; ate in a little restaurant called "When Pigs Fly" Unfortunately did not have time to drive into Big Bend. After returning to Alpine, we went to McDonalds Observatory to view the Texas Sky.
- Hacienda RV Resort, Las Cruces, New Mexico Toured Historic Old Mesilla (Historic Buildings dating from 1850/ Billy the Kid was captured and tried here); visited Biosphere 2 (originally housed a small group who attempted to live in a completely controlled environment. They lasted only a short time. Columbia University in 1996 assumed direction of the educational, research and public programs). Took the Border Jumper (trolley) into Ciudad Juarez from El Paso; Visited The White Sands Missile Museum and The White Sands National Monument (gypsum sand dunes); went to Farm & Ranch Museum; saw LARGE dairy farms (thousands of milk cows).
- Voyager RV Resort, Tucson, AZ Park had a Christmas Concert. Day trip to Tombstone, AZ Saw the Bird Cage Theatre, The O.K. Corral (site of famous gunfight between Wyatt & Morgan Earp, Doc Holliday and the McLaurrys & Clantons; and the offices of the Tombstone Epitaph (famous Old West newspaper)
- Palm Creek RV Resort Casa Grande, AZ Finally, we have arrived at the park where we plan to stay until February 1st.

Hope that the above is OK. As you can see, Mary and I are having a good and multi-faceted adventure.

Bob
Bob - A Great Adventure
Thank You!

Travel cont.,

In February, family friend, Ambiele by name, celebrated his wife's 60th birthday by inviting 22 people to join them in Italy for a birthday party. On him.

Tom and Sue King, Linda and fiancée Jay were among the attendee's. The party goers were from Belgium, Florida, New York and New Jersey. Quite a birthday bash!!!!

Later, Tom, Sue and Linda reciprocated by inviting the same group to the Kings for a 7 course dinner.

In February, Margi Rountree and Tim Wahrer took a Caribbean Cruise, which they enjoyed very much. Lots of great food and sightseeing. They also went snorkeling. I didn't hear any mention of water in the ear on this cruise. It did occur to me that the rest of us were probably out shoveling snow about that time.. Yech.

In late spring ? Janet Bleck left for her annual trip to Ohio to visit a school chum. Her car took seriously ill just short of her destination. After 2 nights in a motel, only to be told "We are not sure what's wrong with the car", she was a tad discouraged. Crippling along to Dayton, she passed an auto dealership, that just happened to have a silver PT Cruiser. A PT Cruiser had been the object of her desire for some time, so she took this as a sign. It's meant to be. So there in midtrip, she traded the ailing Taurus in on that silver PT Cruiser. Way to go, Jan.

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Most of the summer was planned around 2 weddings. Which was great fun for everyone. Lots of work for Bob and Soe and Rick and Carolyn, but worth it.

October had a flurry of travels

Andy and son Nate took a weekend trip to Florida to visit Abby and Clark.

Kim and Nate flew to San Diego to visit friends. Nate seems to be a frequent flyer at 4 yrs. of age.

Tom and Sue King flew to California to pick up their Motor Home. Then took the scenic route back.

Rick & Carolyn and friends flew to California for Rick's Navy Ship Reunion. They rented a car to take a leisurely trip back.

Bob Angell had left N.Y. in Sept. and was on his way West.

As it happened, all three groups wound up in the State of Kansas at the same time.

Via cell phone communications the three tried for a rendezvous, but Tom & Sue were around Topeka, Ks. area (where they enjoyed a great steak dinner), Bob was farther West turning South into Oklahoma., and Rick somewhere in the middle. Kansas is a large state, lots of miles there, but Tom & Sue and Rick and Carolyn did manage to play catch up and keep company for awhile.

Holidays

Though the family is spread out over several states, there are mini gatherings scattered about.

For example, while Tom and Sue King hosted the Farm Thanksgiving dinner, there were groups in:

Florida, Ryan Bleck heading for his Mother's in Tampa, and joined there by cousin Abby and Clark.

Georgia. The Grabau's joined Wendy & Lance Miller, Wendy's Mom Joann Rountree and, of course, baby Ethan for Thanksgiving dinner

In Boston, Rob & Paula Angell hosted Thanksgiving Dinner for Lynn Angell, David Wiant family, David's sister Ann and family and some friends.

Rob and Lynn alternate as hosts at Thanksgiving. Was Boston's turn.

Meanwhile, back at the Farm, Tom and Sue were enjoying the last "Tom and Sue" hosted Thanksgiving, with poems and stories sent to them from all over. They've only been doing this for 25 yrs. or so and there were a lot of memories to share. And lots of tears escaping down cousin Sue's cheeks. Young Tom was up from Georgia for this event, and I could swear I even saw a lump or two being swallowed by him!

Linda King was there of course, and the family tradition will now fall on her shoulders. She seems to be looking forward to it.

Tim and Gina Bleck hosted the Post Thanksgiving Dinner the Saturday after Thanksgiving - carrying on Grandmother Brown's tradition.

The meal was beautiful and delicious, as usual. Tim makes Grandmother Brown's hot rolls and her pies. He will not let anyone else do the baking. And of course, the multi-talented Tim does a great job.

Unfortunately, Helen Brown could not attend. She was in the hospital having a broken bone in her back "cemented" together. Then she spent some time getting rehabilitated!!

Tammy also missed this years dinner. Her 20th school reunion was that weekend. Since there's only one of those, you go to the reunion.

20 Yrs! Good Lord! It was only yesterday, she was in first grade, worrying over a lost mitten!

Granny Bleck, (Aunt Caroline to some of us), did managed to attend. After sailing through surgery, then radiation, she was subjected to a lengthy session of pain and frustration, finally diagnosed as tendinitis of the arm.

She is much improved. Out cutting brush by December.

Midst the Holiday rush, taking time to do something special.

Rob and Paula down from Boston to visit friends that time had not allowed for awhile. Also stopped to take Aunt Marion out to lunch. Rather than separate the young cousins, Robert, Curtis, Mersina, Sarah and Phoebe, All 5 came with us. They were good and we had a great time.

Janet Blecks Mom got to come home for a few hours Christmas Day. Daughter Norma and family fixed dinner, got Mom home, and daughter Janet greatly surprised Helen by miraculously appearing for Christmas. Jan, after checking out what Santa had brought Nate and Kelly, raced up from Maryland to be with Mom for the Christmas dinner. Then we were all treated to Christmas Carols with Janet at piano, sister Norma on flute, and Norma's husband, Bo, on the oboe. Very enjoyable. Helen had to be back at the rehab-care center by bedtime, but was a happy lady to have spent the day at home with family.

Rick and Carolyn Rountree threw their annual Christmas Eve party for family and friends.

Christmas night, Catherine and John McCabe invited all for dessert, and the traditional annual reading of Gramp Angell's Candle who longed to live.

The Ohio Blecks, and Kentucky Blecks, Bob, Sue and children, Rusty, Lori and children, gathered at Lynn Bleck's early Christmas. The group had left an enthusiastic Christmas greeting on Marion Angell's answering machine. Thanks guys.

Marion A. went to niece Lynn Angell's house Christmas A.M. to check out the kids presents and enjoy David's blueberry pancakes. A very good cook, David.

Tom and Sue King got a bit lonesome down in N.C., and came back to the home front for Christmas.

Gail Angell, also home for Christmas, staying as long as possible. Suspect she really misses the grandchildren.

New Years day at Caroline Blecks, the younger generation taking on the work.

For all that is modern, Tradition has a firm foothold.

Tidbits

Chip and Gail still busy at the Brooklin Inn. Winter a bit slower, enabling Gail to come home for Christmas, and stay awhile. Several family members have visited the Inn, including Bob Angell, Janet Bleck - among others. Even Al and Lynn Angell from Texas had occasion to pop in.

Kim Bleck did an Aids Benefit bicycle ride in June. 330 miles, from Raleigh N.C. to Washington, D.C. They stayed nights in tents, they had portable hot showers which were great, porta potties which were NOT and some hilly country that was pretty hard on the bod. But they made a fair amount of money for the cause.

In January, Jaime Bleck's Basketball team, the "Maroons" were playing John Hopkin, in Baltimore. She had her very own fan club showing up. Tom, Doreen, Tommy and some friends traveled down, Tim Bleck went from Hopewell, N.J., the MARYLAND Troops - Andy, Kim, Nate, Tammy, Kelly and Janet all drove over to cheer her on.

Jaime's team also played at N.Y.U in New York and a "whole bunch of farm folk" made the trip in to see the game.

Young Tommy's summer baseball team was 2nd in finals.

Tom Bleck is trying his hand at writing screenplays.

Doreen busy teaching. Word is, she is very good at what she does

Just in case, there's anyone who's unaware, Tim Bleck did those neat invitations for Abby and Clark's wedding.

Carrie Rountree is now a Special Ed. teacher at N. Hunterdon High School. There are some autistic, some slow learners, and some handicapped in the mix. A challenge, but Carrie enjoys it.

more tidbits

Ryan Bleck used his motorcycle for transportation to his Mothers in Tampa, Florida, Thanksgiving.

Brother Troy was back in N.J. spending the day with the farm folk at the Kings. Noticed him worrying a wee bit about little brother running into nasty weather. I started worrying a lot! We have some great young people, in the family, and none to spare! Worked out o.k., thankfully.

At the post Thanksgiving dinner in Hopewell, the dinner table became a story table.

Andy telling of a hockey game, where the goalie (Ryan), got hit in the head, literally dropping out of sight for a moment. The players big concern? "Now what do we do for a goalie"!

Ralph Bleck telling of driving with Jeremy, Andy & Tim in an ole Studebaker. The car door swung open and Jeremy fell out of the car on Hickory Run Rd. Kind of a nerve wracking moment! All o.k. Maybe it's hereditary. Caroline Bleck had similar moments.

Ralph's story of playing crack the whip and friend Charlie Bacchus going into stone wall - oops - Charlie's out, what do they do? Bob B. says to brother Ralph "just call his Mom and tell her Charlie wants to come home". So they did. Guess they figured it was her problem now.

Did you know young Ralph Bleck had to go into the Farmhouse first because older brother Bob was scared of the place. Sorry Bob, but certain family members throught it was time that information got out.

Beside's - I still remember being suckered by the skyhook story.

How gullible is Marion? pathetically so!

and more tidbits

Catherine Angell McCabe has a new Home Business. She is teaching Hypno Birthing and Child Birth Education classes for women and their birthing companions.

Tammy Bleck McMillen drove up from Maryland to take lessons. It will be interesting, come February, to get Tammy's take on the end result.

Christopher Angell is now teaching Pro tennis at Mendham House and Raquet Club. He is back at the house on Hill Rd., with Catherine and John.

A fun tidbit from Catherine. 'Son Jack, 2½, is attending her old Alma Mater. Happy Face Nursery School in Califon.

Got a real chuckle from that one.

Discovered Margi Rountree had hidden talents. After telling the story of me (marion) moving my Dad's old lamp, and plugging it in, with immediate fiery results (which sent Marion racing 1. to the power box to turn off the main power switch, and 2. call an electrician to see if she had ruined the wall outlet, which she hadn't). Margi volunteered to rewire it for me. I should say Tim volunteered her and she concurred. Seemed like a neat idea, wiring the Clan and the Farres family together.

She did wire it, and I am happily using Dad's ole lamp once more, without fear of burning down the house. Thanks again, Margi!

Ralph Bleck's group has perfected a 6 balloon glow., up from 4 balloon's. They added an extra burner, just for the "glow" shows. They now have 11 pilots, 11 balloons, and 3 balloon ports. Ports are at the Chalet and Perryville Inn, both a few miles from Clinton, N.J. and a new one, Mrs. Browns bed and breakfast in Frenchtown. It is actually a largish farm at the B & B, so there is plenty of room. Ralph owns one balloon, the Pumpkin, the others are pilot owned. Ralph just manages the group.

For those who forget to check yearly update for new addresses,
a list of new locations since 1997.

Catherine Angell McCabe, John, Jack & Matt.
571 E. Hill Rd., Califon, N.J. 07830

Christopher Angell,
571 E. Hill Rd., Califon, N.J. 07830

Lynn Angell - David Wiant, Curtis, Sarah and Phoebe
78 Center St.,
Clinton, N.J. 08329

Tammy Bleck McMillen, Brad, Kelly and soon to be released.
1343 Mayflower Dr
McLean, Va. 22101

Tim Bleck, Gina and Aislinn
47 N. Greenwood Ave.,
Hopewell, N.J. 08525

Russell Bleck, Lori, Rusty, Chelsea and Tanner
2576 Woodhill Dr.
Lexington, Ky. 40509

Abby Bleck Baker and Clark
2067 River Reach Dr.
Naples, Florida 34104

Robert Grabau, Shawn, Luci and Marley Francis
Now at Bob and Caroline Grabau's residence
4111 N.E. 7th St.,
Ocala, Flo. 34470-1035

Michael King, Marcia, Will and Emily
615 Tatum Court
Alpharetta, Georgia 30022

Linda King
1 Rountree Lane
Glen Gardner, N.J. 08826

Tom and Sue King
320 Crooked Gulley Circle
Sunset Beach, North Carolina 28468

Deborah Rountree Roesel, Steve and Casey
931 Jones Wynd
Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587

Megan Rountree Verger and Matt
56 N. Slope, Clinton, N.J. 08829

Obituaries

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Easton, Pa., Fri., July 9, 1976

Rites Held for Writer, Actor with Warren Unit

Memorial services for Herbert Rountree, 70, Story Book Farm, Woodglen, N. J., were held yesterday in Califton Methodist Church. Mr. Rountree died Tuesday at his home.

Mr. Rountree was a writer, actor and teacher. He wrote regular reviews for The Hunterdon Review.

Born in Wilson, N. C., he lived in Lyndhurst and

Wayne, N. J., before moving to Woodglen nine years ago. He was office manager of The S. B. Penick Co., Lyndhurst, for 25 years, retiring before moving to Hunterdon County.

He studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City before touring with a New York City acting company nearly 10 years. He acted in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" as well as Shakespearean pro-

ductions and, also taught acting at the Frank Lee Short School of Dramatics, New York City. He was a writer and director of children's plays, stories and poems.

He recently served as a private tax consultant and branch manager for H & R Block in Warren County.

Mr. Rountree was a trustee and treasurer of Califton Methodist Church and a member and performer with The Country Gate Players, Warren County.

Survivors include his widow, Frances Angell Rountree; three daughters, Caroline Grabau, Ormand Beach, Fla.; Susan King, Woodglen; Margaret, New York City; two sons, Allen, Fayetteville, N. C., and Richard, Woodglen; a brother, Moses, Gouldsboro, N. C.; three grand-

I had searched all over for those in 1966 for the
original family tree. John, of course, pleaded innocent.
He didn't know what I had done with them.
Where did they show up? Uh huh - In a folder in
the bottom of John's old desk in the shop. The last
thing to be cleaned out this spring. I can hear
him saying, sheepishly, "Umm - guess I forgot!"

Robert Bleck Sr., Musician Played With Name Performers

Robert Bleck Sr. was cut from a different mold, as Thomas Mooney, administrative principal of Lebanon Township school, put it.

At night he was a Broadway musician and during the day he was a janitor at the Lebanon school, Mooney said.

Robert Bleck Sr. died Saturday, Feb. 2, 1980 at his home on Hickory Road, Lebanon Township. He was 71.

As a Broadway musician, Bleck played violin and bass fiddle on stage and in the orchestra during the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. He played in two of Broadway's longest-running shows, "I'd Rather Be Right," and "Anything Goes."

He played in stage productions and big band radio shows with Jack Benny, George M. Cohan, Jerry Lewis, Dean Martin, Ethel Merman and Joe E. Lewis.

He also played in many of the most exclusive resort hotels, including the Biltmore in New York City and in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Beginning in 1958, Mr. Bleck worked at the school as a janitor but served many other capacities there.

"He was a part-time psychologist, teacher, principal, humorist, entertainer and full-time friend of every one of the children," said a teacher when he retired in 1978.

During that time, he also performed in many clubs in Somerset County and New York City.

Mr. Bleck was a member of the musicians union in New York City and Plainfield.

He was a founder and president of the Lebanon Township Recreation Association from 1958 to 1968. He also coached the North Hunterdon Little League for seven years.

Mr. Bleck was a tennis and softball enthusiast.

When he stopped playing softball in 1972, Mr. Bleck had the Woodglen softball team's highest batting average.

"He was just a fantastic person interested in his community and his family," Mooney said.

And the open house on Monday afternoon by the family reflected Mr. Bleck's diversity and interests.

Five musicians from the area played Mr. Bleck's favorite songs for friends, relatives and colleagues, said Bill Sayre, president of the Plainfield musicians local. The musical tribute was part of the open house held at his home, called Story Book, on Hickory Road.

Chip Angell, a nephew, read the following passage written by Thomas Bleck, a son.

"However you knew my father, you were touched by him. He lived for the moment. He was in, enjoying life to its fullest, not waiting for tomorrows or regretting yesterdays, but making the best of the



Robert Bleck Sr.

The open house was the only service for Mr. Bleck.

Mr. Bleck was born in New York City. He attended the Bronx Conservatory of Music.

He lived in Lebanon Township for more than 40 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Caroline Angell Bleck; four sons, Thomas Z., Ralph H., Richard D. and Robert Jr., all of Lebanon Township; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Taylor of Beaufort, N.C. and Mrs. Gustel Bohning of New Hall, Calif. and eight grandchildren.

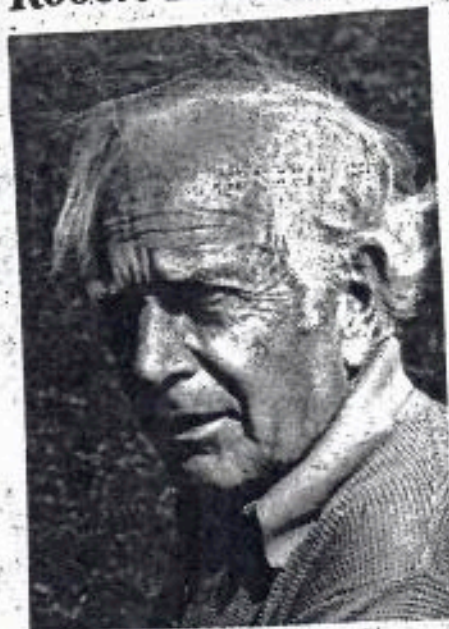
A son, Timothy, died in 1970. He had been a White House correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Donations can be made to the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad.

Obituary

Robert Bleck Sr., 71

Robert Bleck Sr., noted musician, died on Saturday, February 2, 1980. He was 71. He died in his Lebanon Township home on Story Book Farm where he lived for nearly forty years. A Broadway musician, Bleck played violin and bass fiddle on stage and "in the pit" during the era of the great New York City pit orchestras of the '30's, '40's, and '50's. Shows included two of Broadway's longest running shows, "I'd Rather Be Right," and "Anything Goes." He played in stage production and big band radio shows with such notables as Jack Benny, George M. Cohan, Jerry Lewis, Dean Martin, Ethel Merman, and Joe E. Lewis.



ROBERT BLECK SR.

A member of Musicians Local 802 of New York City and 746 of Plainfield, he played in many of America's most exclusive resort hotels including the Biltmore Hotel, Palm Beach, The Monmouth Hotel, Spring Lake, N.J., and the Mounds Club in Cleveland.

Locally, he performed regularly at the Ryland Inn, Fiddler's Elbow, Forsegate Country Club, Somerville Inn, Far Hills Inn, Bedminster Inn, and the Watchung View Inn before retiring in 1978.

He studied music at the Bronx Conservatory of Music, New York. He was founder and president of the Lebanon Township Recreation Association from 1958 to 1968. The organization was a fund-raising group involved in the purchase of library and athletic equipment for the school.

He was also a coach for the North Hunterdon Little League for seven years, starting in 1958, when the league began its minor league program.

An avid tennis enthusiast, Mr. Bleck played softball and baseball on independent teams throughout

his life, most recently on the Woodglen Softball team. A first baseman, he had the team's highest batting average when he retired from softball at 65.

Born in New York City in 1909, he is survived by his wife Caroline Angell Bleck (retired Hunterdon food stamp case worker), Thomas Z. (freelance musician), Ralph H. (Lebanon Township School teacher), Richard D. (Bethlehem Township School teacher), and Robert, Jr. (Vice-President, Common Sense Energy, Sergeantsville). A fifth son, Timothy, White House correspondent for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch died in 1970. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

The family requests that donations be sent to the Lebanon Township First Aid Squad, Glen Gardner 08826 in lieu of flowers.

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A familiar face to thousands of Lebanon Township children, Mr. Bleck was quite involved in community services and was that community's school custodian for