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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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# BOOK FARM REVIEW

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## EDITORIAL

"BE IT ENACTED...IN CONGRESS  
ASSEMBLED "

Laying on my desk are three U.S. Congress bills which I consider of major importance, all having a great effect on the way we live. Within the next month, all will be a year old. And as I write this New Years Editorial, the resolution of this paper is to see that they are enacted.

One bill is HR 2600, introduced by Congressman James Harvey of Michigan. The bill concerns itself with "more effective means for protecting the public interest in national emergency disputes." In the 20 page bill, guidelines are established which would serve purpose during the settlement of a labor management dispute. The bill would protect the public from long and harmful strikes. I am convinced that if England had such a law, it would not be suffering its bitter problems--or at least the problems would be of less tension. Because HR 2600 is so important, I ask you to write Washington for a copy, read it, and make up your mind.

S. 326, introduced by Senator Harrison Williams, Jr., of New Jersey is another important act. This bill would put money into Mass Transportation lines around the country to help bring bus lines, railroads, subways, etc., out of bankruptcy and into working order. With the energy crisis, we will be relying more and more on mass transit, and it is time we made a move to improve the program.

S 747 I have already written about Senator Philip Hart's Gun Control Act on Handguns. But as yet, nothing has been done on the issue. That in itself is a crying

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## WOODGLEN-MILFORD TIE

Woodglen's first annual Football Tournament was played on Woodglen Field, Sunday, December 16. The cold afternoon of 22<sup>nd</sup> F., combined with snow and ice, made the games rough, cold, and exhausting. Players' hands were visibly cold and red and spectators huddled around a bonfire to keep warm.

In game # 1, the Milford A.A. went against the Hunterdon Review Sports. The contest was pretty much one sided as Milford was up in front the whole game. Scoring for Milford were Bob Bachman, Jeff Lenke, and Don Swell ( with two ) as the MAA won it, 28-7. Lowell Snare's Sports scored once in the first half as Leon Cronce came up with a TD reception. But that was the Sports only score.

In the Second game, hometown Woodglen went against Glen Gardner Tavern. This was a hard fought game. Woodglen won 14-2, but was held scoreless in the second half. Richy Bleck had two touchdowns in the first half to give the WAA its winning points, but the GGT was tough, and later dropped QB Chip Angell in the endzone for a 2 point safety.

In the third game, a big upset. In a game between the Bissell A.A. and the Lebanon Leopards, Bissell lost face, losing 44-28. Bissell started out looking like it had an easy win with three touchdowns from QB Angstadt to Jim Johnston. When the 1st half was over, Bissell was winning 21-14. But in the second half, the Baynton, Falk, Bell, Likus defense fell apart. The Leopards moved, and in the end, Bob Tanase's TD catch was too late, the Leopards winning it, 44-28.

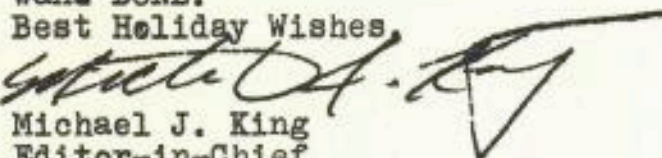
Next came the semi finals. Milfers got a bye to the finals and Woodglen

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## EDITORIAL cont.

shame. We need Handgun Control. I think we should help bring it about. I say that Congress has got to get moving on these issues. If they don't, Congress needs some reorganizing this November. Remember that 1974 is an election year. The entire House of Representatives is up for reelection, as is 1/3 of the Senate. And so, while I have established our New Years Resolution, I think yours should be to get involved. Let your resolution be to work towards getting the things you want DONE.

Best Holiday Wishes,

  
Michael J. King  
Editor-in-Chief  
Story Book Farm Review

The annual weekend before Christmas reunion of the King family was hosted by the Will King family on December 23. Joining Will, Mary, Karen, Carol, and Scott were Tom, Sue, Mike, Linda, Tommy, and Ethel King along with Joe and Fran Bechtle. The reunion was highlighted by a fine dinner, Tiddely Wink Tennis, Ping Pong, etc. The night before, Will, Mary, Ethel, and the Tom Kings attended a bluegrass music festival in New York City.

Subscriber Ben Kirkland was sworn in as a member of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders on January 2, 1974. Kirkland, who defeated Mr. Kyle Kiederling in November, will serve a 3 year term.

Chip and Gail Angell and Roger and Anne Cooley threw different New Years Eve Parties December 31. The Angells had a gathering of Story Book Farmers and Woodglennites. The Cooleys had a small group gathering of 3 couples.

Senator James Abourezk (D-SD) reports that the average annual

## WOODGLEN-MILFORD TIE cont

got to play the Leopards. During this game, Tom Ferguson showed expertise as the games star defensive player. Through his efforts, and that of a fine offense, Woodglen was sent to the finals. In a big game, Scoring for Woodglen were Tom King ( courtesy of Richy Bleck's forced lateral on the 3 yd line ), Richy Bleck ( at the end of the first half ) and Ernie Zobian. The Leopards saved face only by a last quarter TD as the WAA won, 21-7.

Then came the finals. Woodglen vs Milford. It was predictable that the game would be tough. And it was also predictable that this touch tournament would get treacherous as the fields was now covered by a layer of snow atop ice. And after 4 quarters and 8 minutes overtime, the score was the same as when the game was started: 0-0. Hard fought though the game was, the tournament ended in the dark, and the trophy unclaimed. When Milford and the WAA meet again, I would expect a real doozy of a football game.

Mike King made it 3 in a row this 1974. Dressed in a rain coat and rubber snow pants, Mike jumped into the pond on New Years Day and thus was awarded the trophy for getting in first. The only other contender for the award was Bob Bleck, Jr., who ran across the field through the 40°F air temperature, unbuttoning his shirt, getting ready to make his jump. But King made his jump first, his third time consecutively.

Tom and Sue King threw a party on December 29 to celebrate the holidays. Among the guests were From Woodglen: Josh and Karen Rich, Roger and Anne Cooley, Bob and Shirley Angell, From Bissell: Chirlie Boynton, Mr. and Mrs. Fra Bell, and the Paul Likuses. cont.

salary for top oil executives is 304,414 dollars in year 1972.

## KING PARTY

From Milford: Gino Van Benthysen, Don Yowell, Jeff Lenke, Debbie Yoner, and Al Castner.

Christmas is usually thought of as a time the family gets together for a small dinner gathering as the group enjoys the holidays. But on Story Book Farm, the gathering usually means a group that has trouble fitting into Bob Angell's House on Upper Story Book Farm. And the reputation of that party was served well again this year. The Angell, Bleck, Rountree King, and Grabau clans enjoyed Christmas dinner in groups. Much the same as Thanksgiving, Margi Rountree joined her parents, Herbert and Frances Rountree, in hosting the Rountree, Grabau King dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bleck, Sr., hosted the Bleck clan. The Robert Angell, Jr. family served Marion and John Angell, and the Chip Angells hosted Mrs. Emmett Angell, Jr. After their respective dinners, everyone converged on the Bob Angell house, all coming for and getting a large celebration. The Robert DeWitts also came calling at the party. In other Christmas celebrations, Ethel King joined the Will Kings for Christmas dinner. Josh and Karen Rich played host to the Roger Cooley family and Eleanor DeWitt.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Steve "Buster" Kennedy             | 15 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Lib Gould                          | 7 <sup>th</sup>           |
| Ricky Grabau                       | 22 <sup>nd</sup>          |
| Bobby Bleck                        | 25 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Rusty Bleck                        | 12 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Lynn Angell                        | 15 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Ethel King                         | 14 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Caroline Bleck                     | 20 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Andy Bleck                         | 28 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Doreen Bleck                       | 30 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Bruce Hart                         | 16 <sup>th</sup>          |
| Anniversary Richy and Teresa Bleck | December 12 <sup>th</sup> |

Best of Luck to Mr. and Mrs. Mel Plotinski, recent newlyweds.

## BLECK, GRABAU PULL STEVE RICH OUT OF POND

The snow a day earlier had excited all Story Book Farmers to go sleigh-riding. So to see Jennifer Angell and Steve Rich going down Shack Hill on a sled was nothing strange. But when Angell got to the bottom, she realized she couldn't stop the sled in time to miss the pond. With a quick turn, little Steve Rich of Woodglen fell off the sled and on to the ice. As he moved to get off, the ice cracked and Rich fell in, the water close to a height of 3 feet. Rich, 5, was seen by Ralph Bleck and Calvin Grabau who were standing nearby, and pulled young Rich to safety.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This paper does not have a very large circulation (for its size staff, and available machinery it does) and it does not carry a very large amount of power. But what the aim of its Editorials is is to get what subscribers it does have to take enough time to get stirred up and interested in the issues it puts forward. I consider that the prime goal of any paper. But I don't see this interest taking place. I wonder how many will write to Washington for a copy of HR 2600. I wonder if my Editorial will stir someone into writing about needed Mass Transportation. I wonder if people tell their Congressmen that Defense spending is too high, or that we don't have a strong enough Handgun Control Bill. I wonder how many people will stay in their homes and worry about the energy crisis instead of writing to Washington to state your opinion. I think that I could ramble on for three pages and still not get anyone to do a blasted thing about what is wrong in America so that it might be righted. Blast it, I think that no matter how small a paper, it should be able to stir some enthusiasm into its circulation. I see 1974 as the year of the American citizen. So lets get the show on the road. Sound off. Lets hear from somebody. The Editor.

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## Editorial

### CONGRESS SHOULD FACE LAST YEAR'S ISSUES

Last year at about this time, the President began to have the feeling that he had been mandated by the people so highly that he could proceed through his Presidency without worry, following his own course. At that time, he began mass impoundment of funds, an operation which I criticized highly last year in this same column as totally unfair to the nation's taxpayers. The President also appointed as Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Roy Ash, a very contestable choice. But Congress had no authority to approve the questionable appointment. So on both issues, Congress decided to take action. In the Senate, Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. introduced an Impoundment Control Bill, which was cosponsored by more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the United States Senate. Also introduced was a bill requiring that all appointees of the Office of Management and Budget be approved by the Senate. Both bills passed the House and Senate, both were vetoed by the President, and both vetoes were SUSTAINED by the Congress. But once again, I rise in support of the bills. As we have seen, the President recently impounded 3 Billion dollars in appropriated funds from a water treatment act; thus the need for the impoundment Control bill. And with Government men elected, non confirmed officials revealing wrong doing every day, it is important that the powerful Management and Budget Office come under Senate scrutiny. These issues should be of major concern to the American public. So once again, I call on you to contact your Congressional representatives and urge action on these

## Milford Takes It

Woodglen's defense cracked in the last moments of the Woodglen Invitational Touch Football Tournament of 1973 as the Milford Athletic Association under Coach Gene Van Benthysen took the trophy. The Tournament was originally played December 16 but was postponed (the first that is) until Super Bowl Sunday (see January '74 Issue).

Woodglen held an early lead when in the second quarter, Josh Rich made a line plunge for a 7 point TD. When the half ended, Tom King was out with his 3rd consecutive pulled hamstring (3 pulls in 3 games) which is a new WAA record, and Josh Rich's WAA was winning 7-0. But when the Bleck brothers lost what little effectiveness they had, Bobby, Richy, and Tommy, along with the Green and White, were doomed as Milford took over. QB Bob Bachman threw 3 passes in a row to star receiver Don Towell for a touchdown. With a tie score, Milford sent in a tough defense, which took pleasure in knocking down or intercepting Josh Rich passes. When the 4th Quarter, the decider, came on, and when the WAA failed to advance, Milford was in charge again. With 2 minutes to go, quarterback Bachman went on Defense and intercepted a Rich pass. Returning to offense, and 1 1/2 minutes to go, Bachman found 1 Castner and drilled him a pass, Castner coming up with an important first down. Then came a Castner catch 10 yards from the endzone as the clock ran out. But according to WAA rules, the Milford team had the right to finish its series of plays. So on the next play, with time expired, Al Castner was again ready, and he caught the touchdown pass as Milford won, 14-7.

Will and Mary King of Spring Valley, New York, spent 5 days in the

## EDITORIAL continued.

Two very important issues. In an election year, Congressional leaders and members will be pushing for action, so your work now can help.

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Editor-In-Chief  
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## KING elected LT. GOVERNOR

On January 24, 1974, in a delegate meeting of six schools from the 8<sup>th</sup> Division New Jersey District, Key Club International, Michael King was elected Lieutenant Governor of that division. The Lt. Governorship is a high ranking position in District organization. King, a member of the North Hunterdon Regional High School Key Club, was elected by an unannounced margin, including North Hunterdon's President, Robby Angell. Key Club is a boy's high school action organization in association with Kiwanis, International.

Lynn Angell is a player on the Lebanon Township School Girl's Basketball Team which has yet to be defeated. Lynn was also a member of the school's softball team last year.

Barbara Dressell was a guest of Will, Mary, Karen, Carol, and Scott King for one week (January 26 through February 3). Miss Dressell lives in Minneapolis, and is Mary King's sister.

On Super Bowl Sunday, there was a Super Bowl VIII party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Bell. Attending were members of the Woodglen and Bissell troupes. The Bells are from Bissell. At the party, during half time, Bissell had the misfortune of watching team movies of one of its 1973 football appearances against the Woodglen Athletic Association.

Lail Angell-Birthday- Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Bleck-Birthday- January 6<sup>th</sup>

## FROM THE EDITORS DESK

Dear Subscriber:

I realize I should probably confine my opinions and notes to the Editorial section, but once again I have something else to talk about. (1) I would like to acknowledge that we have received letters from the following in response to our last From the Editor's Desk, or concerning the last Editorial: Janet Bleck, Art Stober, Steve Kennedy, Harvey Hansen, and the Hon. Ben Kirkland. (2) I would like to note that 1 ream of nine-graph paper (500 sheets) has climbed to about 2dollars and 75 cent and that as of March 5, postage rates will jump 25%. Therefore, subscription rates will now be fixed at \$ 1.50. We regret we can no longer hold down the price. (3) There is an energy shortage but there is also a paper shortage. Prices on paper have skyrocketed, and paper supplies are becoming less and less available. Therefore, I am calling out to you in the hope that after you read your newspapers--including this one-- you recycle it. Many organizations are recycling, and I am sure that you can find a place to recycle your papers. But let me remind you that throwing away paper is like throwing away gas- sooner or later the supply becomes depleted.

Thank you. The Editor.

The Woodglen pulled a big upset over the eyes of the Bissell hockey team on January 26 as the WAA won it, 6-4. Tom King scored one goal and set up to others. But that was overshadowed by the fact that he had made a beautiful ballerina jump over a defending player to break his cheek. But Mike Rothpletz's words did not keep King out, King returning 10 minutes later to set up the forementioned 2 winning goals. Also scoring were Josh Rich, J. Heddmann, B. Donahoe, for Woodglen and Charlie Boynton (2) and Rick Frutchey (2).

Theresa Bleck-Birthday-January

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## EDITORIAL THE 1975 NIXON BUDGET

To say the least, I am shocked at the new budget introduced in February by the President. In two words, I can announce my opinion of it--too high." 304 billion dollars with an 11 billion dollar deficit is plainly too much. I look at it this way: if we are to move out of a period of inflation, we must adopt a balanced budget, we need sensible Federal spending, and we have to put our dollars toward useful projects.

In 1972, the President asked for a 250 billion dollar spending ceiling. Later, it was asked by the President to be extended to 275 billion. But the President has now outdone himself again with this wild 304 billion dollar budget. I think that Congress should take steps to reduce the payments. Here are my suggestions: Cut the Defense budget so that US Servicemen in Europe are paid for by the NATO Allies they protect. If this does not arise the men should be withdrawn to the United States. Foreign Aid should be eliminated with the small exception of emergency relief as determined needed by the Secretary of State with the advice and consent of Congress. All military equipment GIVEAWAY practices should be dropped so that the United States pays only for its defense, and not the benefactor and financial wizard of world policeman. I however, suggest that allies have the right to buy at NON subsidized prices, military machinery. I think that spending in the ranks of the State Department's Ambassadorial Palaces can be reduced. You will remember the article I wrote about Stewart Alsop's book "The Center," chapter; "The State of State." Yes, right now,

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## ROUNTREE WINS

Frances Rountree, who in 1973 was elected to fill an uncompleted term on the Lebanon Township School Board, was elected to a 3 year term ending in February 1977, on Wednesday, February 13. Mrs. Rountree ran in a field of four, listed 4<sup>th</sup> on the ballot, campaigning for one of 3 seats open. Frances is the only woman on the board, is serving her second year, but served many years on the Wayne township school board.

## SURPRISE ROGER

Roger Cooley's property now possesses a barn. Mr. Cooley had constructed a barn to keep his cows in, as well as farm equipment. The barn has 3 temporary stalls which will be improved when the opportunity arises.

Ralph Bleck, who teaches at Lebanon Township's Woodglen School is conducting a teacher's training program. The project teaches interested teachers from more than 12 school districts various craft and extracurricular projects. Mr. Bleck maintains the project is working well.

## COLLECTIONS

During February, Shirley Angell and Sue King participated in a fund collecting drive for the Heart Fund Association. Mrs. Angell collected along Lebanon Township's Hill Road, while Mrs. King collected on Story Book Farm. Meanwhile, as part of a Key Club project, Rob Angell and Mike King raised money for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. The boys collected in Lebanon Township, Califon, and High Bridge, along with a number of other Key Clubbers.

Pat Holbrook, the actor, studied 10 years before staging his Mark Twain act.

EDITORIAL continued  
 we must work to have a ballanced budget. My suggestions would definitely move us toward that goal. President Nixon's will not. The choice is yours-- inflation or budget deflation.

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Surprises, Surprises for Roger Cooley! Roger was at work in his office. His wife, Anne, is inside their home. Several workers are outside building the Cooley's new barn. Roger's cow, being fattened for the slaughterhouse, is in the pasture. Up looks worker A and sees the cow, whos growth had been the love of Roger's dreams, giving birth to a calf. Worker A points this out to Worker B, who notifiys Mrs. Cooley. Roger receives the news at his office, and is a little startled. But Mr. Cooley looks at the fact realistically. He lost \$25 and gained a \$ 200 calf. Questionable but profitable economics.

## PERSON OF THE MONTH

This time around our Person of the Month Award and Golden Worker Award goes to ( nepe, not golden John Angell, who has receive innumeral golden awards, but )

CARL BRANDT

who at last we saw him, was balancing on a ladder, staining the livingroom beams at the Chip Angell home. Gail Angell's father has proved very valuable since his arrival at SBF last year. He worked hard on the Angell's new house to get it built, was involved in many projects in the Angell's behalf, and as Herb Rountree will vouch for, plays a mean game of checkers. Congratulations Carl, and good work.

Rick Rountree passed his marking period at Troy College with straight A's.

## LETTERS

Dear Michael: I enjoy the Story Book Review and I liked your January Editorial. (1) Something should be done at the national level about Labor disputes, involving emergency situations. I will have my hands full bringing about a sensible solution to negotiations with county employees. (2) I am for strong control of handguns. (3) I am working actively to improve Mass Transportation. Moreover, some kind of transportation must be provided for Hunterdon County. I have something less than "MASS" in mind. Keep up your good work in 1974. Ben Kirkland.

Mr. Kirkland is a freeholder for Hunterdon County.

## 50'S PARTY

On February 23, Mrs Josh Rich and his wife, Karen, threw a back to the 50's party at the Califon Firehouse. Invited were friends from Lebanon Township, Bissell, and Milford. The party had various dance contests. Rick and Carolyn Rountree won the jitterbug contest. Tom and Sue King won in the twist contest. The evening was a very good duplicate of the 1950's.

## TRAILER SHOW

Sherwood Mobile Homes had a trailer show at the start of February. The show was set up by Chip Angell and John Angell. Some 10000 letters went out to inform the public of the show.

## INCOME TAX

Herbert Rountree is doing income taxes again this year. Mrs Rountree works for H. & R. Block Inc., 4 days a week, and also is his own employer under appointment.

Herbert Rountree is married, and has worked hard for his grades. Rick is a Navy veteran and is majoring in

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## KING WILL RESIGN

### EDITORIAL

#### A LESSON FROM DR. SEUSS

You probably did not watch it as it was a program not usually associated with adults. But two weeks ago, CBS TV put on a Dr. Seuss special which I think should have attracted more adults. The special was called the Lorax. Through the clever imagination of the writer, the point was constantly made that we should save our environment. Seuss's characters included a person who in the dreams of getting rich selling Thneeds, cut down all the trees. In doing so the businessman forced away all the animals. As workers chopped, a wise man called the Lorax kept on telling the businessman what he was destroying, and the Lorax always spoke for the trees. But the stock market went higher, the businessman got richer, and his business was expanded. He built super highways and larger plants. He continued to cut trees for his Thneeds. But then the last tree was gone. The factory halted and workers drove off. All except the businessman and the Lorax. The Lorax looked at the businessman, and then at the bare stumpy hills, and then stared at the businessman. Leaving an inscribed rock, the Lorax lifted his tail and flew off through the one small hole in the smog. A small boy came along and read the rock many years later. The rock said unless, and asked the businessman what an unless was. With tears in his eyes, the businessman told the story of the Lorax. Then he said to the boy, here take this seed. This is the last tree seed. The businessman said, "now take good care. Give it fresh water and then

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Mike King, editor of the Story Book Farm Review since it was started in August, 1969, has announced that effective Volume 6, Number 1 in August 1974, he shall resign as editor and that at that time the publication shall discontinue. King issued the following statement:

"Effective August 1974, with the publication of Volume 6, Number 1 completed, I will resign as Editor in Chief and publisher and reporter for the Story Book Farm Review.

"In all my years, the Story Book Farm Review has played an influential part in my life. To leave it is a task I have not looked forward to.

"However, in July, I shall have put out 5 years of service, some 60 issues. I think that with the 61st, I am entitled to take my leave.

"I hope that in my years as editor, my readers have found that youth are capable of some extraordinary feats. I will not say that this paper was ever great, or that it represented excellence; I will say that I was never disappointed in what I was able to do with it.

"I leave with regrets, and hope that with the ending of this publication, I can leave installed in the memories of my readers that for more than 5 years, they were able to look to us as the source of information."

With that, King ended his statement. The publication will accept no new subscribers, and will not cancel any subscriptions from now until August.

"We have nothing to fear but fear itself." FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

EDITORIAL continued  
 give it clean air; let it grow,  
 but take good care; for you hold  
 the fate of the very last tree."  
 Then the businessman shut his  
 window shutters with a crack, and  
 the program ended, with the hope  
 that if the trees grew back, the  
 Lorax and his friends would very  
 soon come back. The program left  
 this point-- The businessman was  
 industry progressing too fast.  
 The boy was this generation, my  
 generation, holding the fate of  
 the world in his hand. The Lorax  
 was our conscience pointing  
 us the right way. If we are smart  
 we will listen for once to the  
 Lorax who "speaks for the trees."

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## ANGELL, OUTSTANDING

At the Key Club District Convention at Mt. Airy Lodge in Pennsylvania's Mt. Pocono, Robby Angell was awarded the Outstanding President's Award from Division 8. Angell was selected as the outstanding President by outgoing Lieutenant Governor Bill Stafford of the division. Rob's North Hunterdon Regional High School Key Club was chosen as Outstanding Club, again awarded by Stafford. The club's secretary was awarded Outstanding Secretary in the Division. The club's treasurer received recognition as the club raised its membership by more than four, part of the International's organization's 4 More in '74 campaign. Mike King, also at the convention, was sworn in as the new Lieutenant Governor of Division 8. The Division encompasses some 8 different high schools stretched in from west to central New Jersey.

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 Box 36, Califon, N.J. 07830  
 Roger Cooley in new business.

## Rountree Honored

Herbert Rountree of Story Book Farm who is the drama critic for the Hunterdon Review, was honored in a recent issue of SAY, a local newspaper dedicated to the arts. In the one page article, facts are recounted concerning his life as an actor as a young man, some of his drama school colleagues, and his general life connected with the theatre.

## Lynn Angell, Team, Win

Lynn Angell helped her team, the Lebanon Township Girls Basketball team, win the championship for this area. Angell, a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader, is in her second year playing for the girl's basketball ~~squad~~ team at Lebanon Township.

## Weisses Back from Vacation

Nick and Catherine Weiss are back from Florida vacation where they visited daughter Jane and her husband. From there, the Weiss's extended their vacation to include a visit to Bermuda before returning home. The Weisses are retired and living in Greentown, situated in the Pocono mountains.

## Rountrees Visit

The Allen Rountree family visited Story Book Farm and Jo Ann's parents, the Charles Aldons, in March. At the farm, daughters Debbie and Wendy split up ownership of SBF livestock, Debbie taking Herbert and Frances Rountree's collie, Wendy taking the famous retrieving poodle Susie. The Angells enjoyed their visit but were forced back to Wisconsin because of colds.

Ethel King is back from Florida  
 Construction has started on Richy  
 Bleck's new home

Joe Townes back from Florida  
 Moses Rountree writing book of poems.  
 Mike Hughes recovering from operation.

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## EDITORIAL

### HURRAH FOR SENATE ACTION

I was happy to see the recent action by the U.S. Senate to disallow an increase of 776 million dollars to the 1974 Fiscal year budget for more Defense appropriations to South Vietnam. With economic problems, internal crises, trust in government at an all time low, etc, can we really afford to make enormous military handouts? I say no, and I am indeed happy to see that the Senate agrees. In the future years, I look forward to reductions in expenditures by the Federal Government in the State Department Bureaucracy, Foreign Aid of monies and military equipment, of high flying Defense Budgets. I want to tax reform to block up some of the tax loopholes that let millions of tax revenues disappear before they are ever collected. I am glad to note that the Senate has taken action to curb high and unnecessary appropriations in one area, and hope they move on to reductions in some of the others.

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As I believe there are many other issues which should be brought up I have tried to keep away from commenting on the Watergate Affair. However, I must in this issue. I was glad to see the President release some transcripts. I think that he made the right decision. However, I do not think this answers the subpoena as it was presented to him. Concerning the tapes, I do NOT recommend, nor do I believe that they should be brought out by subpoena. I do not believe that the checks and balances system allows the Congress to bring out confidential conversations made in the White House.

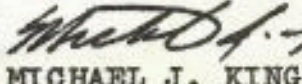
## EASTER

The Easter Bunny made his annual visit during April. Story Book Farm children enjoyed the yearly hunt for eggs which they had colored the day before. All the children involved stopped off at the Farmhouse to hear Herbert Rountree tell a story or two while the Easter Bunny hid eggs. When he had finished, and Mr. Rountree was done with his stories, Tanny, Timmy, Andy, Rusty, and Bobby Bleck; Mike and Tom Ferguson; Jeremy, Catherine, and Jennifer Angell; the whole gang, stormed outside to hunt eggs. After the hunt was all over, Margi, France, and Herbert Rountree, the Ten Kings, and John and Marion Angell were hosted to Easter dinner by the Robert Angells. The Robert Bleck, Mrs. played host to the Chip Angells, Carl Brandt, the Tom Fergusons, Ralph Bleck, Bob and Sue Bleck and the kids, Richy Bleck, and the Ten Blecks.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

18<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Roger ( Anne ) Cooley  
19<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Robert ( Shirley ) Angell  
21<sup>st</sup> Mrs. Thomas ( Sue ) King  
26<sup>th</sup> Mike King\* \*

I am convinced that conversations between the President and his aides should be kept confidential. This opinion will most likely be tested in the courts. To set you straight on my position, I have difficulty believing or trusting the President, and would like to hear the tapes to straighten out the Watergate mess. The tapes definitely hold the truth to Watergate and the Presidents involvement. However, I believe that the only way that Congress will hear them is by consent of the President.

  
MICHAEL J. KING

### **RICHY BLECK HOUSE**

The Richard Bleck's new house on Story Book Farm is going on nicely as the entire house is now enclosed. Bob Bleck, Sr. is the chief mason, constructing his stonework on two sections of the house. Richy Bleck has already built what he termed "a necessity," a sandbox.

Bobby Bleck III has made a Little League baseball team, the Astras. Also on the team is Josh Rich of Woodglen. Also playing Little League this year are Calvin, Bobby, Ricky Grabau. Calvin is on the Indians, Ricky plays for the Dodgers, and Bobby is on the Phillies.

### **TRIP TO FLORIDA**

Caroline, Calvin, Ricky, and Bobby Grabau made a three week trip to Florida along with Theresa, Troy, and Ryan Bleck during April. The Grabaus visited Disneyworld, spent time on the beach, and visited their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Johnson. Theresa was visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cardoso in Tampa, along with other relatives in the area. The group left on Wednesday, April 12 and arrived home about three weeks later.

### **RUNS TOWNSHIP EASTER EGG HUNT**

Ralph Bleck as chairman of the Lebanon Township Recreation Committee, ran the Easter 1974 Egg Hunt at Voorhees State Park. Ralph was assisted by helpers in the 8th Grade of Lebanon Twp. School, including Linda King.

Seeing as one Paul Likus never responded to a challenge by Robert Bleck Sr., notice is hereby given that a second challenge to a game of tennis is hereby given to the said Likus. The challengex

### **COOLEY, EXECUTIVE WITH MARICULTURE**

Roger Cooley of Woodglen is an Executive with Mariculture, Ltd. which raises and sells giant sea turtles. Cooley is Marketing Director of the company which operates out of Grand Cayman Islands on the British West Indies.

Mrs. Robert Bleck has a new sheep at Story Book Farm. Mrs. Bleck, who used to have a flock, has not had sheep in the last 5 years. Instead, her sister, Mrs. Herbert Rountree, has been raising sheep. Caroline's new sheep has necessitated a new fence, which is being put up near her tennis court, behind her house.

A team of softball players from the Woodglen A.A. and the Milford A.A. has joined a YMCA softball league. The team is sponsored by the Pattenburg House. The team has played two games, winning both.

### **JEAN TAYLOR DIES**

Mrs. Jean Taylor of Clinton Township died of Cancer at a Hunterdon County Nursing Home on Friday, May 3. Mrs. Taylor moved here from Ohio to join daughter Lynn Bleck when she built her house. Mrs. Taylor had been living with her daughter and grandsons Bobby and Rusty before her cancer got worse. She died at the age of 55.

Mr. Robert Angell and his family hosted a visitor from India during April. The man was part of an exchange program worked out in cooperation with Rotary International. Mr. Angell is a member of the North Hunterdon Rotary Club.

was given last year when Likus, playing in the Woodglen-Bissell softball game, called Bleck, who was catching for the team, "Old Methusela." Bleck retaliated with a comment he could beat Likus at Tennis any day of the week.

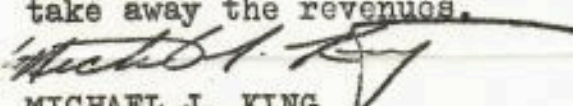
# STORY BOOK FARM REVIEW

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## EDITORIAL

### A TAX CUT ?

I have looked over the recommendations that some men in Congress have made concerning tax provisions, and am shocked to see that many have advocated a cut in tax rates. I can simply not understand this type of position, except that this is an election year. I favor a balanced budget, not deficit spending. I favor cuts in a wasteful defense budget. I consider it a necessity to abandon the "bribe for friendship" Foreign Aid program (I am sorry to note that Sen. J.W. Fulbright, an advocate of lowering Foreign Aid spending will not return to the next session.) And what about the terrible bureaucracy in the State Department that Stewart Alsop wrote of in his book, The Center. But even if we were to get these things taken care of, a tax cut would totally reduce the effectiveness of taking away the wasteful programs. I say work for a balanced budget; close tax loopholes, and work for reform in the tax structure. But before we get it, don't take away the revenues.

  
MICHAEL J. KING  
Editor in Chief  
Story Book Farm Review

Once again, with June, comes Tennis Season. Thomas King has used a mini machine roller to pack down the original clay court. Bob and Richy Bleck have been working on the court too. And now, the clay court tennis season at Story Book Farm has started. Enjoy.

## AMY KING JOINS FAMILY

Amy Marie King was born on May 10, 1974 to Bridgete and Tom King of Whittier, California. The girl weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20½ inches. Grandparents Ed and Joan King are happy to have a girl in the family, as are parents Tom and Bridget.

## WORK FOR RITTENHOUSE

John and Marion Angell, Rick and Carolyn Rountree, Bob, Shirley, Rob, and Lynn Angell, Lib Gould, and Michael King were all involved as volunteers in the Rittenhouse for Congress Committee. They worked on a major mailing, a fund raising auction, a publicity motorcade, storefront and parade side information distribution. Oscar "Bill" Rittenhouse lost the Democratic Primary Race to Mrs. Robert (Helen) Meyner.

## MEMORIAL DAY NEWS

Memorial Day weekend was a busy one. Sal and Ida Aprea and friends from Plainfield, N.J. were guests of the Robert Grabaus. Ethel, Will, Marg, Karen, Carol, and Scott King of New York state visited the Thomas Kings. The Grabau and King groups mixed together on Memorial day for a big softball game.

## TEAM IS 4-2

The Pattenburg House Softball Team, made up by players from the Milford A.A. and Woodglen A.A. are now 4-2. Coached by Gino Van Benthysen and Don Yowell, the team faces tough competition in the YMCA sponsored tournament. It is a slow-pitch league.

"The Buck Stops Here" - Harry Truman

Progress at the Richy Bleck house is moving along steadily. The fireplace of stone has been completed by head mason Bob Bleck, Sr. Move in date is still up in the air. Theresa Bleck speculates sometime in August. However, Bob Bleck has made a dinner bet that his son and daughter in law will be in by the end of July.

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Grabau....May 1  
Bobby Grabau, Jr...May 8

Story Book Farm's Grainery will be occupied by Rick and Carolyn Rountree by the end of this month. Rick Rountree has been busily making improvements on the exterior of the house, painting it and now putting on a deck. Presently, the Rountrees live at Bloomsbury, New Jersey, next door to R+L Computers, run by Robert Angell, Jr.

The Robert Grabau family have announced that they will hold their 3rd Annual Praise the Lord (PTL) Picnic on July 20. This is held annually by the Grabaus, and is highlighted by the singers, The Messengers.

Once again, Story Book Farm has been host to a variety of school picnics of Lebanon Township School. Coming down for a day, children from the local school, enjoy a day of activities and a cookout organized by their class.

Robby Angell III will graduate from North Hunterdon Regional High School on Friday, June 14. Angell, President of the Lacrosse Club and Key Club, will attend Brown University in Rhode Island in the fall.

Last month we reported that Caroline Bleck had started to raise sheep again. Well, since then, she has fenced in a pasture, added a shelter, and put in 3 sheep. Their names were named by her grandchildren--the names: Gorgeous George, TAT ( for Timmy Tanny Andy Bleck ) and Lambchop.

A surprise for the Robert Blecks at the Blue House in May: the chimney of their home was struck by lightning. The lightning took off part of the cement which made the chimney and now provides a convenient resting place for the birds.

Tommy Bleck, the drummer for the Rock group " Family Affair " will play Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at:  
June - at the Fountain, Fairview, NJ  
July - at Cheateau Renaissance North Bergen, NJ (tues-sat )  
August at the Ramada Inn, Clifton, NJ Monday through Saturday  
September at Billy Budds, Fairfield New Jersey Wednesday to Sunday  
October at Gulliuens, Pearl River, New York on Tuesday to Sat.  
Tom played Drums for the recording group " The Platters " on June 2. On June 10, he backed up the Shinells. The group plans to record some of Tom Bleck's original material.

On Sunday, June 9, Woodglen and Bisseell went at it again in a softball match. Playing in Bisseell, the game was close all through as Woodglen won 5-4. Also playing were the WAA-BAA women. In a surprise win, the Woodglen girls won by one run. The only injury all day long went to Caroline Bleck who sprained her wrist and bruised a rib sliding into second. She was safe. Bisseell and Woodglen kids chose teams for softball, played in the river, and everyone enjoyed picnic lunch.

In recent months, I have, as a reporter, made it a priority to go to the Chip Angells' new home on Hill Road to check on developments. Since my repeated trips started, I have noticed that it has sometimes seemed to be developing with the speed of Kew-i-da Towers in Newark. At other times, it has moved swiftly, such as the speed of a racing car. During my observations, I have noticed that as walls went up, then were painted, tiles and carpets, baths and the stonework, as hammers and saws sounded off in the night, the house, all of a sudden, started to dazzle, and the feeling came to me that the Angells might still get to live in the place. Well, on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>, Chip and Gail, Jennifer and Catherine, Jeremy and Chris will, along with G'pa Carl Brandt, make the move. And although they will have to wait until October for their cabinets, and a couple carpets to arrive, they'll soon settle down to know the joy of their new Home Sweet Home.

by Michael King

Remember, The Woodglen Bissell games will be held on August the 10<sup>th</sup>.

WILL KING AND FAMILY WERE GUESTS OF THE TOM KINGS ON JULY 28-9.

Carl Brandt, Gail Angell's father has moved to Story Book Farm from his home in a Chicago suburb.

Richy Bleck is teaching tennis lessons, and has taken on these Story Book Farmers and neighbors. Lynn Angell, Calvin Grabau, Sue, Mike, Linda, and Tommy King, Karen Rich, and Mrs. Lukens of Bissell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson were up from Florida in July, visiting sons Bob Grabau (and family) and Harold Grabau and family. They spent weeks between the two families.

The Josh Richs have entertained a Fresh Air Child again this year. Mike (from N.Y.C.) came to spend several weeks in the Woodglen area.

On July 4, Richy Bleck and Chip Angell set off a big fireworks display on S.B.F. With Roman Candles and shooting rockets, a large group watched. It looked as though the displayers got a little scared a couple of times, but it was probably too dark to see Richy Bleck run behind a tree and Chip jump behind his car.

Rick Reuntree put up shingles to redo the roof on Story Book Farm's Farm House.

In May, Bob Bleck, Jr. and Zo spent one month touring Mexico. They went in Bob's car, using a tent at night for shelter. In their travels, the two got as far south as Guadalajara, but took in the Pacific coast also. Zo says that they liked San Blas the best. On their way to Mexico, the couple stopped to see the Alamo.

On June 27, Tom, Sue, Linda, and Mike King went to see the Broadway play "Sleuth."

#### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Robby Angell ... 5<sup>th</sup> of July  
Tommy King.....19<sup>th</sup> of July  
Timothy Cooley..15<sup>th</sup> of July

Friday the pony has been transferred in ownership from Lynn Angell to Jennifer Angell.

We received a 7 page letter from J.S. Kennedy of Michigan in rebuttal of our Editorial last month. Although the letter was too long to print, the Editor has sent a personal reply. We would enjoy receiving your comments--if we can, we will print them. Otherwise, you will receive a personal reply.



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Dear Mr. King:

Thank you very much for your letter and congratulations on your job with Senator Williams next summer. That sounds like a good way to reach your goal.

I also want to thank you for continuing to report and enjoy your STORY BOOK FARM REVIEW. Would you consider designing and selling me an ad in your paper? I look forward to hearing from you regarding that.

Happy New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

David C. Fuellhart  
General Manager, WPST

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P.S. We hope to begin broadcasting winning lottery numbers as soon as our lawyers give us the go ahead.