Others may sit around absorbing the sun and sipping mint juleps (or whatever people of leisure do), but we at C-E-F and our member librarians have a busy summer ahead of us and we're about to fill you in on the details in this latest, action-packed issue of the Trailblazer.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1983

Our annual meeting will be held on August 8 at the Officers' Club at the Plattsburgh Air Force Base, hosted by the Air Force Base Library, with special thanks to Librarian Betsy Baldwin.

The speaker this year will be Peter Spier, renowned author and illustrator of children's books. Mr. Spier was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, but grew up in Broek-in-Waterland, the birthplace of Hans Brinker of the Silver Skates. He now lives on Long Island.

Mr. Spier's achievements are too long to list in their entirety, but I'll give you some of the highlights of his career. He won the prestigious Randolph Caldecott Medal (which is awarded annually to the most distinguished picture book for children in the United States) for Noah's Ark in 1978. His The Fox Went Out On A Chilly Night had been a Caldecott Honor book in 1962 and was also selected as an ALA Notable Book for the same year. Tin Lizzie (1976) was cited for excellence at the American Institute of Graphic Arts Book Show. He won the Christopher Award in 1970 for The Erie Canal. Several of his books have been Junior Literary Guild Selections. He has also been a contributor to Reader's Digest and to Time/Life Books.

This meeting promises to be a unique opportunity for aspiring authors of children's books, as well as a fascinating afternoon for all of us. Mr. Spier will speak on how he writes and illustrates his books. A selection of his books will also be on sale at the meeting, with Mr. Spier on hand to autograph them.

You won't want to miss our
Annual Meeting this year, so mark August 8 boldly on your calendars! An extra invitation is attached to this issue.

Mr. Spier's apperance is made possible with support from Poets and Writers, Inc. which is funded by the Literature Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

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COUNTY FAIRS

Once again C-E-F will be visiting all the Clinton, Essex and Franklin County Fairs. As usual we will have one of our big red bookmobiles open for viewing by the public. Films for children will be shown in our red and yellow tent and there will be drawings for free new books donated by Friar Tuck Bookstore, Pyramid Mall, Plattsburgh. We will also be having our traditional used book sale (from five cents to a quarter) - this year's is our biggest and best selection ever!

Our schedule is:
Clinton Co. Fair Friday, August 5
Franklin Co. Fair Monday, August 15
Essex Co. Fair Friday, August 19

HOW A BOY AND HIS PET CHICKEN HELPED SALVAGE MY FAITH IN HUMANITY

This talk about fairs prompts me to tell you of a small event which occurred last year following one of these fairs. We had just finished packing the tent and loading boxes and other C-E-F paraphernalia for the trip back to Plattsburgh. Several of us decided to go down to the grandstand to catch the Children's Day parade.

It was one of those long, almost dreamlike, summer evenings. There was a feeling of expectancy in the air - that happy type of restlessness I remember feeling as a kid, which I haven't felt often since. Whole families were lined up along the cordoned-off racetrack waiting for the parade.

First, came a line of lovingly polished classic cars and I had a sudden attack of age as I realized that I was an older model than many of those being shown. A Thunderbird convertible reminded me of junior proms, ruffled dresses and carnations and I thought, once again, on seeing some relics of the thirties and forties, that it was a shame running boards had become obsolete.

Next came the animals and their owners: big, proud teams of Belgians and Percherons; oxen; teenagers, in cowboy and cowgirl outfits on horseback; and little kids dragging recalcitrant pigs and goats along on leads. A gentle looking woman sat in a pony-drawn cart, surrounded by small children and cradling a black lamb. There was an unruly heifer which knocked off her blue ribbon, then defecated on it, in her struggle for freedom. She may have been best of breed, but she was no lady.

Then came (for me) the high point of the parade. He was a small boy, probably seven or eight, dressed in a clown suit, topped by a slightly crooked painted face and yarn wig. He was carrying a fat, red hen wearing a tiny, starched white sunbonnet. His name was called out over the loud speaker and he held his extremely well-behaved chicken aloft for the crowd to see. As he did this he backed into an older boy, also in a clown suit, who was sent sprawling in the dust of the race track. The little kid just grinned and continued displaying the hen, which remained completely calm throughout everything. I was absolutely hysterical with laughter by then - tears were beginning to roll down my cheeks,
and at some point, before I realized what was happening, for a moment, the tears became real. Here I was in the middle of a crowded fairground crying over a happy little boy and a chicken wearing a hat; I think it had to do with living in a high-tech society and losing innocence or something along those lines. Because I didn't want to be taken for a manic-depressive, I got myself under control in short order, but that brief, poignant moment has stayed with me. We may be lacking a lot of things in the North Country, but out there in small towns, on farms, scattered in little pockets all over the place, this area has a certain indefinable something for which the big cities might well envy us. This isn't a rural heaven; life can be overwhelming and hectic for us too — but every once in a while we get a breather. Every once in a while there are those moments dazzlingly beautiful in their simplicity.

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Our Annual Meeting on August 8th at the Officers' Club, Plattsburgh Air Force Base, will be a fine opportunity for us all to get together. Our host is Mrs. Betsy Baldwin, Librarian of the Air Force Base Library. Come and meet Peter Spier, a great illustrator of children's books and a very warm and friendly person. His books will be on sale, at a discount, and he will autograph them for you. See you there!

Legislation for libraries did not proceed as far as we would have liked. Pilot programs are extended for another year. We are expecting the Governor to sign the bill authorizing libraries to accept voluntary salary reductions for the purchase of tax sheltered annuities. We will continue to work hard for our legislative proposals, which still have a year to run. Thank you, Senator Hugh Farley and Assemblyman Edward C. Sullivan for your tireless efforts to improve libraries through legislation.

Our best wishes to Roberta Cade from SALS who will be Director of Library Development starting September 15th. We're behind you, Roberta!

We are pleased to see this particular appointment made. We wish that the State Library would be authorized to fill its other vacancies. They have been losing staff continually for the past few years and we are concerned at the serious effect on the Interlibrary Loan and other programs on which we depend.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director
ROBERT FLORES RETIRES

Bob Flores, for many years Chief of the Bureau of Regional Library Services, retired in May. Under his direction the public libraries and library systems in New York State grew to their present size and strength. We appreciate all that Bob has done for New York State's libraries and wish him and his wife well in his retirement. He will be missed by all of us.

Stanley A. Ransom

GRANT RECEIVED

Among several grants received by C-E-F was $500 from Meet the Composer, Inc., to assist in funding the appearance of Walt Michael and Company, string band players, on July 16th at the Plattsburgh Folk Music Festival. This festival is sponsored jointly by the C-E-F Library System and SUNY Plattsburgh's Center for Lifelong Learning.

Stanley A. Ransom

TRUSTEES IN THE NEWS

Mary G. Leggett, who retired last winter from her position as Adult Services and Public Relations Consultant, is back in a new role. Recently, Mary was appointed to the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System's Board of Trustees. We know that, with her many years of experience in the library field, she will be a tremendous asset to the system.

Mary is Vice-President of the Council of Community Services, Board Member and Chairman of Public Relations for the American Diabetes Association, serves on the Town of Plattsburgh Republican Committee and is a member of the Town of Plattsburgh Bicentennial Committee.

Welcome to the Board, Mary!

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Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library Board Trustee Mary Gonyea of Bloomingdale was recently named Citizen of the Year at the Annual Meeting of the Saranac Lake Chamber of Commerce. Politicians on hand for the ceremonies were: U.S. Congressman David Martin; State Senator Ronald Stafford; and Assemblymen Andrew Ryan and Anthony Casale, as well as numerous local elected officials.

Referring to the Citizen of the Year, Chamber President Roy Kristoffersen cited her volunteer work which began in 1943 with the American Red Cross and the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She was active in the Red Cross until 1976. Her work with the V.F.W. Auxiliary continues.

She is entering her 25th year as Treasurer of V.F.W. Auxiliary Post #3357 and is a Past President of that organization. She has been District Chairman of the Voice
of Democracy" program for 25 years. The latter involves competition among students in Grades 10 through 12 encompassing schools from Franklin and Saint Lawrence Counties.

Her other activities include: Historian of the Town of St. Armand since 1959; Trustee of the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System for 14 years; Past Senior Regent of the Saranac Lake Moose Lodge; and Chairman of the Town of St. Armand Republican Committee for 15 years.

Mary Gonyea is the ninth recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award, given to recognize those who have devoted time and service to the Saranac Lake area and its betterment. The award was created by the Chamber of Commerce in 1975.

Congratulations, Mary!

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MALONE IN JUNE - WHAT WE FOUND THERE

We recently decided to do a series of articles on our member libraries, occasionally featuring a different one in the Trailblazer. Because Wead Library In Malone is celebrating its centennial this year, we thought this would be a good starting point. Also, this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of that beloved book, Farmer Boy, by Laura Ingalls Wilder. As many of you probably know, Almanzo Wilder, Laura's husband, was born on a farm near Malone and Farmer Boy is the story of his childhood years there. A commemorative celebration was held by the Franklin County Historical and Museum Society May 27-29, featuring an authentic Almanzo Wilder Dinner, vignettes from Almanzo's life and an open house at the Franklin House of History.

We traveled to Malone to research the project and had a truly lovely time. Even nature cooperated with us, giving us a beautiful summer's day to explore the back roads in search of the old Wilder homestead.

Our special thanks, however, go to those wonderful people who helped us so much. Dorothy Smith, a distant cousin of Almanzo Wilder, gave us a large chunk of her day, telling us the Wilder family history and giving us a tour of the Franklin House of History, which contains a replica of the Wilder kitchen (mentioned so often in Farmer Boy), a miniature of the Wilder house as it must have looked during Almanzo's childhood and other interesting memorabilia of the Wilders and the book. We were enthralled by the Franklin House of History, which was filled with gorgeous antiques. It provided a gracious trip back into the nineteenth century and it was with regret that we returned to the twentieth.

Our thanks also to Una Stewart and Dave Minnich of Wead Library - to Una for her hospitality and to Dave for patiently answering our many questions.

Carol Bedore and Mary Hopkins

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Fiftieth anniversaries are a time for reflection, review and celebration; this year the so honored is a delightful tale of a farm boy in Northern New York. Laura Ingalls Wilder's Farmer Boy was first published in 1933 and was an immediate success. Her husband Almanzo's descriptions of his boyhood home near Malone, in the year 1866, supplied the background material for this children's story. This book rings with familiar place-names for anyone living in the North Country - Saranac, Hardscrabble Hill, Trout River, Franklin Academy and Malone itself: Malone on Independence Day with crowds gathering in the three cornered square to hear speeches while the band plays "Yankee Doodle"; Malone in the fall when "Manzo's" milk fed pumpkin wins first prize at the County Fair. But more than just the places, this is a loving tribute to the family living in the red farm house on the banks of the Trout River. Here the Wilder family gathers together for breakfast: Mother, Father, Royal, Eliza Jane, Alice and Almanzo who is almost nine years old. And what a breakfast it is - oatmeal with maple syrup and cream, fried potatoes, sausage and gravy, golden buckwheat cakes with jam and jelly, and to top it all off, a piece or two of apple pie. The chapter circles the year and as each season is revealed through the eyes of the child you realize that the truth of this book is that love, honor and integrity were the strong threads that bound this family together.

The house, still stands among the beautiful maples, no longer red but white and too small it seems to contain the many loving memories of that pioneer family. But with book in hand on a clear summer's day, you can almost hear the sounds of the Wilder family at work and play.

Carol G. Bedore

MEMBER LIBRARY PROFILE: WEAD
LIBRARY, MALONE

It must be something of a rarity for a library to be given as a Christmas present, but that's exactly what happened in the case of the Wead Library, which was Mary Kasson Wead's gift to the Malone Village School District in 1881, although the formal presentation ceremony was held in February of 1882. The original building, located at 16 Elm Street, was given in memory of Mrs. Wead's husband, Samuel Clark Wead (who was the first president of the Malone Village School District's Board of Education), and her son Colonel Frederick F. Wead (who was killed at Cold Harbor, Virginia during the Civil War) and was "dedicated to the use of the public for the promotion of knowledge and morality". Mary Kasson Wead was also the new library's first librarian.

In 1928-29, it was determined that the old building had become inadequate and the Board of Education purchased the original Wead homestead, on the corner of Park and Elm Streets as the site of a new facility. It was decided to retain the Wead name in the library's title, in gratitude to that family. George Whipple, clerk of the village school district, was librarian at that time.

The new building was constructed in 1932 (at the cost of 75 thousand dollars) and opened to the public in the spring of 1933. Louisa M. Merrit, then librarian, moved the collection from the old building with the help of area school children. It is interesting to note that another Frederick Wead of Boston, a cousin of the Malone Weads, was the architect who designed the present
ALMAMO WILDEB'S CHILDHOOD HOME, AS IT APPEARS TODAY.

AT THE SITE OF THE OLD WILDER HOMESTEAD, THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ERECTED BY THE COMMEMORATIVE MARKER.

FRONT ENTRANCE OF WEAD LIBRARY.

LIBRARY STAFF AT THE MAIN DESK OF WEAD.

LIBRARIAN DAVID MUNCH AND ASSISTANT.
building. He seems to have been a man ahead of his time, for the library was built with several features which would have been innovative in the thirties, including a walk-in vault, a stack ventilator and a humidifier.

David Minnich, Wead's present librarian, began in 1957. During his administration, Wead Library received its provisional charter, in 1970, and finally its absolute charter, granted by the Board of Regents in 1975.

In 1978, expansion again became necessary and construction of a new wing, financed by a federal grant, was begun in 1979. The new wing, completed in 1980, now houses the fiction, biography, large print book and art print book collections. Wead Library's book collection numbers approximately thirty thousand books and the library averages an annual circulation of sixty thousand. As he was giving me his statistics, our favorite punster, Dave Minnich, quipped, "with thirty thousand books we are definitely not spineless."

May 20, 1983 was chosen as the date for the library's centennial celebration, marked by a special open house and the serving of refreshments.

The next day something occurred which I think provided an appropriate footnote to the history of Wead Library.

Dave recounts, "On Saturday, May 21st, while silently thinking unkind thoughts about the amount of bulk mail received in the course of a day's mail delivery, a piece from a Connecticut bank caught the eye. Fortunately, it was first class mail. It was notification of a bequest to the Library, complete with a bank check. Katherine Howes Wead, a relative of the same Wead family so instrumental in founding the Wead Library in 1881 had passed away at the end of March, 1983, and in compliance with the terms of a trust, the trustee was forwarding to the Library's Director the amount so stipulated in the Trust for the benefit of the Wead Library, and as an unrestricted bequest. The amount involved was $25,000.00. It was worth reading both the figures and the words to be sure they agreed! While the ultimate decision on what to do with these funds rests with the Trustees, it would seem as though one possibility would be to invest the funds for future income, keeping two thoughts in mind: the funds are not restricted, and, also, something like this happens but once in a century, if then. It certainly is nice to know that the Wead family has kept their 'library progeny' in mind, and that the interest in this region and its people is still with the family."

Mary S. Hopkins

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The NYLA Annual Conference will be held October 19-23 in Buffalo. We encourage new librarians to attend this conference and to join NYLA in order to keep up with what's going on in New York State and as a means of supporting libraries at the state level. We think it is especially important to join the Public Library Section of NYLA; it is the largest section (with 914 members) and works hard to obtain support for public libraries.

Some of the long lasting benefits of NYLA membership are:

* PERSONAL CONTACT with those involved in library activities
* PUBLICATIONS including subscription to NYLA Bulletin
* LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY on state and national levels
* LIBRARY DAY in Albany to meet legislators, Governor’s staff, and other decision makers
* CONTINUING EDUCATION programs to keep you up-to-date
* REFERRAL SERVICES Conference job placement and on-going Jobline
* SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS to qualified applicants
* INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM concerns studied by a special committee
* SECTIONS, ROUNDTABLES, COMMITTEES provide channels for involvement in your particular interests.

At the June 23, 1983 Board of Trustees Meeting the Board approved a $100.00 stipend for a member librarian to attend the Annual Conference of the New York Library Association.

Selection of the person to receive the $100.00 grant will be made by drawing at the C-E-F Annual Meeting August 8th, at the Officers' Club at Plattsburgh Air Force Base. One must be present to win.

Eligible for the drawing are those member librarians who attended the Workshop held on April 18th, The Reference Approach and the Book Expo held on May 20th.

For further information contact Stanley Ransom or Mary Hopkins at Headquarters.

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**HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS**

**LEE SALZMAN REPORTS:**

Carol Bedore and Lee Salzman were fortunate to be able to attend part of the Vermont Library Association Conference held at the Living Learning Center on the University of Vermont campus. It turned out to be a lovely day not just in terms of the weather, but also because of the hospitality shown to Carol and Lee by their Vermont hosts. Aside from the programs they attended and the exhibits they visited, the highlight of their day was the viewing of a film entitled "Not a Love Story". The System is in the process of obtaining this film for preview by other staff members and representatives from local organizations.

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Carol Bedore, John Crager, Lee Salzman and Dick Ward visited Adirondack Correctional Facility to inform them of how they can utilize the System in providing library services to their inmates. Our staff was pleased to see how much the inmate clerks had already been able to accomplish, including the formation of a card catalog and a very effective charge-out procedure. Their biggest concern was how they could acquire materials on inter-library loan.

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Lee Salzman returned safe and sound from the ALA Conference in Los Angeles. Lee reported that she had her doubts about how things would turn out since on the first day of her stay, the roll-away bed decided
to roll up with her it it! Fortunately, such mishaps were far outweighed by the Conference itself. She was particularly impressed with the exhibits and the amount of information that she was able to obtain that will assist in planning library programs. Lee was also pleased to report that the all-day program on establishing job information centers in which she served as one of the speakers proved to be extremely successful.

Lee Salzman
Assistant Director/
Head of Outreach

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The books on tape that the System has been able to purchase thanks to our Coordinated Outreach Services grant have received a very positive response. More tapes are being ordered, and a detailed catalog should be available before the end of 1983. The portable print enlarger we obtained is currently being used by a visually impaired Plattsburgh resident, and he is very pleased with its operation. The demand for large print books is constant, and we anticipate an increase in our acquisitions to meet the demand. Numerous other projects are underway, including increased efforts to serve local nursing homes.

Lee Salzman
Assistant Director/
Head of Outreach

JEIC NEWS

Among the new titles at the Job and Education Information Center are Mail Order Know-How by Cecil Hoge, Sr., Telesearch by John Truitt, the Writer's Resource Guide, The Computer Careers Handbook by Connie Winkler, and the Directory of Financial Aids for Women. As always, these titles, as well as any of our other materials, may be borrowed through the C-E-F Interlibrary loan department.

Currently, the staff of the Center is involved in updating our Local Employer Resource File. This file serves as a reference point for job seekers to companies that might hire workers for specific jobs. Included on each card are the name of the employer, the address, phone number, number of persons employed, job titles the employer might be looking to fill, and any conditions for employment (such as "Experience necessary"). While we cannot guarantee that there will be a job available, the Employer File does serve as an aid in the job search. Examples of some of the headings that searchers may use are "Clerical", "Management", "Mechanical", "Sales", or "Seasonal". At present, we are concentrating on the immediate Plattsburgh area, but hope to be able to survey other areas in the tri-counties eventually.

We have recently distributed a list to all of our member libraries of the serial publications that the Center receives. It is hoped that this will prove useful to patrons. Forthcoming will be a list of sources to contact to receive State and County Civil Service Announcements for your library. If anyone has any other suggestions for information we could share, please contact the center at 563-8370.

Kathie LaBombard
JEIC Librarian

Claudia Ball, Librarian at Minerva, reported that her circulation was up and was looking forward to a busy summer.

Chalice Dechene, Librarian at Tupper Lake, was away on vacation, but her assistant, Jeannette Wood, gave the C-E-F visitors a tour of the library.

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Mary Hopkins will do a program of book reviews at the fall meeting of the American Association of Retired People on October 12.

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A Workshop on The Reference Approach: Energy, Ecology and Health was held on April 18, 1983 at System Headquarters. Richard Ward was moderator. Lee Salzman and Mary Hopkins covered the portion of the program dealing with health questions, exploring basic reference sources in the area of medicine and drugs. Richard Ward gave a general talk on the reference interview and discussed how to tackle various reference questions. In the field of alternate energy sources, he posed certain questions which he has handled in the Reference Department and demonstrated where and how he arrived at the answers. John Crager also discussed alternate energy sources, with his main focus being on wood as fuel, a very pertinent subject, as so many people in the North Country have turned to wood during the past few years because of the soaring costs of petroleum products.

Stanley Ransom spoke on the problem of acid rain, a controversial subject, which has recently become very important both here and in Canada. He showed slides on the heat pump and solar houses.

Rod Saunders from WCFC-TV spoke on the Reading Rainbow Club, a television series designed to introduce children to books in an exciting way (which is now being shown every morning at 10:30 with a 5:30 p.m. repeat; the entire series will be repeated starting August 1).

I especially liked the segment which featured kids reviewing books for other kids.

The following featured selections have been supplied to the libraries participating in the Reading Rainbow on PBS channel 57:

Arthur's Eyes
*Bea and Mr. Jones
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash
Digging Up Dinosaurs
The Gift of the Sacred Dog
Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport
Gregory, the Terrible Eater
Liang and the Magic Paintbrush
Louis the Fish
Miss Nelson Is Back
Three by the Sea
Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe
Tight Times
Ty's One-Man Band

* Bea and Mr. Jones will be delivered as soon as it arrives from the publisher.

In the afternoon, two films were shown - Grass on the Roof, about underground houses, and Holistic Health.

There was a tour of Plattsburgh
Public Library and JEIC. Kathy Cayea of the PPL staff demonstrated the use of the Kurzweil Reading Machine, a device which interprets printed material for the blind (it speaks in a strange computer accent somewhere between Mexican and Pakistani).

The day ended with free book drawings.

A Book Expo, sponsored by C-E-F, was held at the auditorium of Plattsburgh Public Library on May 20. Representatives from several leading publishers were there displaying their books. Book reviews were given by Stanley Ransom, Richard Ward, Marie Chauvin and Mary Hopkins of the C-E-F staff and there were hourly drawings for free books.

Carol Bedore, Head of Acquisitions, chaired the program and was in charge of all arrangements.

A Workshop, The Care and Conservation of Antique Furniture, was held Monday, June 6 at C-E-F Headquarters. The speaker was Luis Neri Zagal, Conservator of Furniture and Wooden Objects for the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at Peebles Island Conservation Center, Waterford, New York.

For the morning portion of the program, Mr. Neri Zagal presented a slide lecture, showing different preservation projects he had undertaken.

The afternoon portion of his lecture featured methods of furniture preservation and materials which he commonly uses in his work.

The final portion of the program was a discussion of problem antiques brought in by the audience.

This workshop was funded in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts.

KODAK CAMERAS

The Citizen's Library Council of New York State arranged for the System to obtain three Kodamatic 970 L Instant Cameras under a program co-sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Company. These cameras have been given to Plattsburgh Public Library, Wead Library in Malone and Goff-Nelson Memorial Library in Tupper Lake. Patron response to this fine new service has been enthusiastic.

NORTHERN ADIRONDACK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, June 27 the Northern Adirondack Library Association held a computer workshop, Put Your Library On-Line, at the Plattsburgh Middle School.

Larry Garrow, who teaches Computer Science at Dannemora High School, discussed adapting data bases to the library. Theresa Adams, Librarian at the Saranac Lake Middle School, spoke on the TRS-80 and the school library program.
During the afternoon session those attending were given the opportunity for hands-on experience with various types of computers, aided by the morning speakers. Software programs were also on display.

Winners of the N.A.L.A. bumper sticker contest were also announced.

First prize winner, Howard Goodman with "Bump Into Me at the Library, Not Here", received a fifteen dollar gift certificate for Friar Tuck Book Store.

Second prize winner Carol Haley received a ten dollar gift certificate for her entry, "Stop Look Read".

The third prize, a five dollar certificate was awarded to Kevin Adler for "Book On Down to the Library".

Bumper stickers are still available from Karen Ricketson at Plattsburgh Public Library at one dollar apiece. Also, libraries may purchase bumper stickers to sell for their own fund raising purposes at 75 cents apiece.

A special award of a ten dollar gift certificate was given to Michael Sweeney for his entry which has become the logo for the N.A.L.A. T-shirt - "N.A.L.A. - Doing It By the Book".

I would like to end this segment of the Trailblazer by demonstrating that I am capable of humility. John Crager, that old wag, and I have a running (though friendly) battle over who can deliver the best insult to the other. John really got me this time. Here is the poem he wrote for me:

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Classifying the Trailblazer

Mary thinks her newsletter will last,
Like Paine's Common Sense of the past;
But the fame that she'd seek,
Will light the stove next week,
"Ephemera" is how it's classed!

John Crager 1983
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As if that weren't enough, John ominously handed me this biographical information on Tom Paine from the Oxford Companion to American Literature:

"Paine's last years in the U.S. were marked by poverty, ill-health, and ostracism. Malevolent persons of all parties, who feared his radical freethinking, accused him of drunkenness, cowardice, adultery, and atheism. He was buried on his New Rochelle farm when consecrated ground was refused, and in 1819 William Cobbett removed the remains to England, with the intention of erecting a monument to Paine. This was never accomplished, and after Cobbett's death the bones of Paine were lost."

Sic transit gloria mundi - and I'm going to think up a doozy for you, John.

Mary S. Hopkins
AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

Akwesasne Library celebrated National Library Week by introducing and promoting the National Library Symbol. During this week gifts with the library symbol were awarded to three categories of patrons in order to promote library use. The three categories chosen were: the 100th person to check out a book, the patron who returned the most books in one visit during that week and the patron who returned the oldest overdue book.

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Two consumer education classes have been held recently at the Akwesasne Library. One was Thoughts About Money, oriented toward basic budgeting and finance. The other was Stir-Frying, a popular subject which emphasized recipes made during the class.

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AUSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

Lucille Sheehan has retired recently as librarian, after many years of service to the community. Kathy Endersbee is the new librarian.

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A preliminary meeting led by Mrs. Nora Horstmyer was held to plan an organization to promote library services; a "Friends of the Library" group may be formed in the future, as the library enjoys the services of a fine group of volunteers.

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The Library extends an invitation to the young readers of the community. The rules are easy. After you sign your name to enroll, and have read five books, you are eligible to receive a gift book if your name is drawn. This is true for both a girl and a boy.

A party toward the end of the summer gives the members of the Summer Readers a chance to share their best book experience as well as goodies, a movie, and the drawing of the names for the gift book.

This is the Library's way of encouraging our young readers to come in this summer and get the library habit; to use the library for fun reading, to further an interest, to relieve a curiosity, to start a new hobby, to prove a point, maybe even to start a business!

You will be very welcome. Drop in and join the Summer Readers of the Ausable Forks Free Library!

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CHATEAUGAY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Recently the Chateaugay Memorial Library was the recipient of a $1,000 donation from the estate of Nancy Wood Dow. New shelves and a book truck, both much needed items, were purchased in her memory.

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There is a book sale now going on at the library! All books are 10¢ each.

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KEENE VALLEY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Keene Valley Library, ever on the alert to give better service to the community, is now subscribing to a sizable number of daily newspapers. With the price of newspapers ever on the way up, this is a real gift for the newspaper buff.

The Library also carries copies of telephone directories from New York City, Montreal, Albany and Burlington, Vt. These telephone directories are a real service to many—especially to business people. The Library is always a pleasant spot to spend some time, so go in and devour the news.

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SUMMER EVENTS IN KEENE VALLEY:

Lecture/Slide Program for 1983
Mondays at 8:30 p.m.
Free Admission

BAFFIN ISLAND - AN EXPEDITION: JIM WAGNER - JULY 25

During the Spring of 1982, Jim Wagner led a group to Baffin Island on a ski expedition which resulted in eight first ascents of previously unclimbed peaks in the far northern wilderness. Jim, the well-known manager of The Mountaineer, will detail the trip and present insights into the lives of those who live in this hostile environment.

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ADIRONDACK WILDLIFE: THOMAS KALINOWSKI - AUGUST 1

Tom, a teacher at Saranac Lake High School, has had his work published in Adirondack Life and New York Conservationist. One of his pieces has been reprinted in the revised edition of The Adirondack Reader. In his slide/lecture, Tom will describe encounters with Adirondack animals and talk about how to go about seeing and photographing more wildlife while in the woods.

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WORKING FOR THE ADIRONDACKS: BOB QUINN - AUGUST 8

Bob, the new executive director of the Adirondack Mountain Club, will show slides of the Adirondack Park, suggesting some of the ways in which ADK will play a role in the Park's future. Viewers will be introduced to some areas of the Park with which they may be less familiar than the high peaks region.

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LATIN AMERICAN CONTRASTS - MACHU PICCHU AND THE GALAPAGOS: ED KERR - AUGUST 15

Ed Kerr, a summer resident of many years standing and a dentist in Glens Falls, will share the story of his trip to these exciting South American sites. Machu Picchu, discovered in 1911 near Cuzco, Peru, is the ruins of a great Incan civilization at an altitude of 8000 feet. The Galapagos, visited by Charles Darwin in 1835, were important in his work on evolution and feature unique wildlife and ecology.

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RUNNING A WILD RIVER - THE HUDSON GORGE: BEN WOODARD - AUGUST 22

Ben, well-known to many high peaks hikers as a wilderness ranger, is spending this summer in the Upper St. Regis wilderness canoe area. He will come out of the woods to make this presentation about rafting in the Hudson Gorge where he and his wife Peggy worked this spring as
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There is an older reader's, ages 7 to 12, Reading Hour, which began July 11th. During this time the storyteller will read the first book of a series through the course of the 5 meetings of the group. The objective of this program is to motivate future reading of books, that is, the rest of that particular series. This group will meet on Mondays from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

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The very popular craft program resumed on July 6th. Children ages 4 and up are welcome to attend. Sand painting, kite making and shell plaques are just a few of the interesting crafts to be made this summer. Crafts are being held every Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 - 4:00 for the months of July and August.

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Story Time, for children ages three to six, is being held on Thursday mornings at 10:30 for the months of July and August. Volunteer storytellers are also very welcome and needed.

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And last, but not least, movies can once again be seen beginning July 9th on Saturday mornings between 11:00 - 12:00. "Winnie the Pooh" will return by popular demand along with "the Mole" and his various antics, which children ages 4 and up should enjoy.

For more information on how to register for all the summer fun at the library, contact Karen Ricketson or Virginia Cassese at 563-0921.

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SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The Saranac Lake Free Library was host to a visiting author of children's novels.

Sandy Love, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, is the author of four books for children and young teenagers. She spoke to a group of children at the library and signed copies of each of her books which were put into circulation this week.

Love said she is working on another children's novel set in the Adirondacks. The story involves two young girls who get lost while hiking up Ampersand Mountain.

The woman author said it was a "survival story."

Love hopes to make her home in this area in the near future. She now lives in Yellow Springs with her husband Sam Young and four children.

Love is also the author of But What About Me?, Crossing Over and Dive For the Sun.

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In May, Librarian Joyce Meagher received a $600 donation to the Library from the Saranac Lake Rotary
Several events have already taken place in the Library's special membership campaign program, "Your Gift to Us: Our Gift to You."

The Friends Union String Band presented a Folk Music Concert Saturday, May 14, 8 p.m., in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library. The lively sampling of "old-time" music focused on dance tunes of the American Scots-Irish, and French-Canadian tradition.

The Plattsburgh group includes Jerry Supple who plays five-string banjo. Acoustic guitar is handled by Joe Bernard, and Rod Driscoll plays hammered dulcimer. Frequent visitors to the Saranac Lake area, the band has recently performed at the Fifth Anniversary Celebration of the Center for Humanities and Adirondack Studies at North Country Community College. They generally explain the background and history of each song and often encourage audience participation.

Driscoll, whose instruments were exhibited as part of the folk instrument show collected by the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System and the Clinton County Historical Museum, is developing a growing reputation as an instrument builder. Bernard, in addition to his musical activities, is the manager of a plastics plant in Plattsburgh. Supple is Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Chemistry at SUNY, Plattsburgh, and has served as Acting President for one year.

Prior to the concert, the Board hosted a Candlelit Supper for the staff, volunteers and those particularly interested in the library.

Mi Li Distin of Saranac Lake presented a slide talk, "Finding Roots in China," at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 26, in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library.

In the spring of 1982, Mi Li Distin, together with her husband William, visited China for a six-week journey. While in Hunan Province, she searched for and found her father's birthplace on the outskirts of Changsha.

She and her husband went under the auspices of the Ministry of Education. They had interviews with the Director of the Ministry of Education in Beijing and Directors of the Bureaus of Higher Education in the outlying provinces trying to establish guidelines to help Chinese students who would come to America to study.

"An American Design," the thirteenth annual children's art show, opened in May in the Cantwell Community Room of the Saranac Lake Free Library, and included works by children from the Bloomingdale, Lake Clear, Lake Colby, and Petrova Elementary Schools.

Virginia Jakobe, special teacher of elementary art, coordinated the show that goes together to make an American statement. One major section included a variety of pictures in crayon and torn paper of typically American items: an ice cream cone, a skiing scene, a motorcycle, luscious fruit, and a slim Dolly Parton!

Other parts of the exhibit

The patriotic highlight of the show was a torn-paper mural in red, white, and blue, resembling a huge American flag. Close inspection revealed a skidoo, truck, and rocketship.

The show was a tribute to America, to the many talented, hardworking young artists in the Saranac Lake school district, and to their imaginative instructor, Mrs. Jakobe.

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The Programs Committee of the Saranac Lake Free Library announced the opening of a watercolor exhibit Monday, June 13, in the Cantwell Community Room.

"American Landscapes," by Edward Glannon, of Roslyn, Long Island, included over 20 paintings of diverse areas of the country, including "Old Faithful" (Montana), "Hempstead Harbor" (Long Island), "Illinois Winter," and "Upstate Cabin" (Adirondack). About one fifth of the paintings were new and had not been shown elsewhere.

A photograph of Glannon's painting, "The Mother," is currently on display in the St. Marks in the Bowery church for an exhibit, "East Side in the 30's." Glannon's original oil painting shares a room with paintings by Whistler and Sargeant in the National Gallery in Dublin. In May, Glannon participated in a panel discussion at St. Marks, one of the oldest churches in New York City, which has become a social and educational institution, telling what it was like being an artist on the East Side 50 years ago.

The New York Times recently carried an article, "Portrait Restored with Slices of Bread," about an oil painting of Ralph Tubby that Glannon cleaned and restored.

This spring Glannon taught an Art Workshop in the Roslyn Adult Education program, and he served as scenic artist for Shenandoah, presented at Roslyn High School.

Asked what his recent objectives in painting are, Glannon said they are the same as they have always been. He wishes to pay tribute to the American land. His paintings are not self-expression; they are an attempt to express how the land feels.

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Dr. Edward Hixson, a Saranac Lake surgeon, presented a slide talk "Everest from the South" at 8 p.m., Thursday, July 7, in the Petrova School auditorium.

This spring, Dr. Hixson was a member of the German-American Everest expedition that successfully scaled Mt. Everest. He, however, did not reach the summit.

Among the group was Larry Nelson of Olympia, Washington, who became the first American climber to scale the highest mountain in the world without using oxygen. It took 11 hours to negotiate the final 728 feet during a snowstorm.

This was the second time in as
many years that the local doctor has tried to reach the mountain's summit. This year's climb, part of the Seven Summits Odyssey, was recorded on videotape.

In his talk, Dr. Hixson contrasted this year's expedition with last year's. He explained why the 1983 expedition was a great deal more dangerous, and discussed why he felt very positive about the trip, even though he did not make the final ascent and suffered some ill effects physically from the high-altitude climb.

Arranged by the Saranac Lake Free Library's Programs Committee, the $3.50 donation for the program jointly benefited the library and the German-American Everest expedition.

Ed Hale, Adirondack Correspondent for the Watertown Daily Times, was the guest speaker for the 76th Annual Meeting of the Saranac Lake Free Library, Wednesday, July 13, 8 p.m.

"Adirondack Journalist" included observations Mr. Hale has made about the Adirondacks - he has lived here for over 10 years and has visited the area throughout his life.

A 1950 graduate of Dartmouth College, Mr. Hale has a Ph.D. in Political Science, and has held various government positions, including Chief of Research for the State Planning Office. Most of his career, however, has been devoted to journalism. He and his wife used to own and publish the Lake Placid News.

Mr. Hale's experience in journalism and government has given him some strong feelings about this area and how it is regarded in the corridors of power. We are not so well informed as we think we are, Hale observes.

Mr. Hale's talk was preceded by a short business meeting and election of trustees.

Library officials further reported that the 1983 Membership Campaign has reached the 3/4 mark. It is hoped the goal of $20,000 will soon be attained. Donations may be sent to the library or left at the desk.

Still coming up are:

"Come to the Fair", the Friends of the Library Sale on Tuesday, August 9, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

and

"Cape Town to Nairobi by Bicycle" presented by Paul Kenyon, Thursday, August 25 at 8 p.m.

Children's Story Hour is every Thursday morning at 10:30.

SCHROON LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Schroon Lake Public Library is participating in "Check This Out", a program providing free instant cameras to public libraries throughout the United States. The cameras, which are from the Sun series, feature built-in electronic flash and one button operation. Sponsored by the Customer Service Division of Polaroid Corporation, the program is being offered in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA).
At the Schroon Lake Public Library, persons 18 years or older with a valid library card may borrow a camera for up to one week. Patrons must supply their own film. Only one camera is available, so first come, first served.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UPPER LAKE

Local poet Steven K. Mitchell read a selection of his original compositions at a poetry reading held at the library on April 4.

The Goff-Nelson Memorial Library will receive grants from the Franklin County Council of the Arts in upcoming weeks.

The local library will put the $1,000 it will receive to very good use, according to Librarian Chalice Dechene. The money will go for the cataloging of the library’s collection of historic photographs.

Mrs. Dechene said that although the library had received many historic photographs of the area from residents in recent years, more donations of pictures would still be welcome.

The grant money is funneled through the county arts council from the New York State Council on the Arts.

A Genetic Counseling Casebook, edited by Eleanor Gordon Applebaum and Stephen K. Firestein, M.D., was donated to the Goff-Nelson Memorial Library by Eleanor Applebaum. This book, published in May, provides a hard look at the realities of genetic counseling.

WELLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY, UPPER JAY

The Wells Memorial Library of Upper Jay announces its summer reading program for young people. Participants in the program who read five books before September 1, 1983, will be entered in a drawing for a new book. Two books will be awarded, one to a girl and one to a boy.

Please contact Mrs. Kathleen LeClair, librarian, for details and an entry form. Library hours are 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The telephone number is 946-2644.

WADHAMS FREE LIBRARY

The trustees of the Wadhams Free Library met and planned some summer activities, including an indoor and outdoor cleanup day on June 11 (rain date June 18); annual meeting and open house, July 12; and food sales on July 23 and August 20.

Plans are also being made for the great annual Rummage Sale, so spring cleaners are reminded to save their treasures. Arrangements for picking up rummage can be made by calling 962-4514 or 962-4478, or by inquiring at the Library.

The latest addition to the collection of Swan memorabilia at the Library is a framed enlargement of the photograph showing the business face of "H. Swan and Son". Joseph Kozma made this presentation and it added to the Library's objective of reclaiming some of Wadham's past
The Westport Library receives anywhere from 30 to 50 new books every other month and everyone is encouraged to look over the new orders.

A very successful open house and coffee hour was held in the library after the Memorial Services in the park Memorial Day.

The Margaret Stockton Room is available for meetings or get-togethers. The newly renovated fireplace and new chimney will be useful come winter.

Marilyn Trienen's Story Hour for children, ages 3 and 4, is on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

The pre-school storytime group had a special program and little graduation in June to mark the end of their year of participation. Parents and friends were invited and those in attendance seemed to enjoy the program. There was an end of the year trip and picnic.

A summer reading program will be held again this summer for a six week period starting on July 5. Call or visit the library for more details and registration is desired.

Mr. & Mrs. Festus Smith have kept the library supplied with fresh flower arrangements for the past several months.

The Paine Memorial Library held a summer exhibit featuring the work of artist Wayne Trimm. He is well known throughout the issues of Conservationist Magazine, where is employed as the art director.

His talk on July 8 was based on why "A Scientist Illustrates". Mr. Trimm has degrees in biology, wildlife management and forestry and during his lecture explained how the scientific approach is important in his work.

This was the first of the many interesting evening programs to be presented throughout the summer at the Library. These programs begin at 7:30 and are free to the public.

"The Ever Changing Adirondacks" an Art Exhibit by Susan Barth of Clifton Park was on display the week of July 11. Her work captures nature in its natural beauty.

Brian Couchey of Essex, will share "An Overview of Computers" in the second evening program at the Library, July 21, 7:30 p.m. Brian has a great deal of knowledge on the subject and truly enjoys using computers. There will be some computers available at this program for people to try out.
"Essex County: Past and Present" an Art Exhibit by Henrietta Conors of Willsboro - In this special collection, the artist has captured many buildings around the county that have either been destroyed or are in a changed condition at present. The public is welcome to view the exhibit July 23 - 30, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at no charge. A public reception will be held for the artist on Saturday, July 23, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Her work will be available for sale.

The first annual Old Time Folk-craft Fair will be held on the Library lawn between 11:00 and 3:00 p.m., Saturday, July 30. It will be a rain or shine event - to be held in the school if it rains. There is no charge to view the exhibits. Over 40 craft people will be exhibiting and demonstrating their crafts. Most will have items for sale. This is a celebration of things done well by hand. Food and other activities will also be available on the grounds.

On August 3 Melissa Ingelstrom of Whallonsburg will share her "Semester in Kenya". She has a most interesting slide/talk presentation about her experiences in Kenya and their life style. The program will be at the Library at 7:30 p.m.; the public is welcome at no charge. Reception time will follow the presentation.

"Archives Revisited; A Colorful Revival of a Bit of Willsboro's Past", is a watercolor exhibit by local artist Edwin Steeg. After viewing many of our old photos, he has captured the scenes on canvas in vivid color. The exhibit is open to the public on August 8 - 13, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A special public reception for Mr. Steeg will be held on Wednesday, August 10, between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

On August 17 at 7:30 p.m. Kitty Manning of Willsboro will speak on the "Sport of Luge: Its Joys and Rewards". She has enjoyed the sport for some time now and has been in active competition. No charge; the public is welcome. Equipment and other items will be on exhibit. Reception time will follow the program.

Special Needlecraft Exhibit - "Scenes of Essex" by Anita Simons. Ms. Simons is a long time summer resident of Essex. She is truly an artist with yarn. Her work will be exhibited for one day only between 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on August 20. Ms. Simons will be here for a reception between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

"Old Dolls and their Accessories" will be the subject of the exhibit by Helen Rosenkrantz of Willsboro. She has been a collector of dolls and all that goes with them and will share her love of collecting in this exciting exhibit. Open daily Monday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., August 22-27 at no charge. Helen will be here daily during the exhibit between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

WILMINGTON E.M. COOPER MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

A food sale held at the Little Super Market on April 27 raised $113 for the Library. Bea Lawrence helped
with the food sale, as she has done for many years.

A memorial fund was established at the Library in memory of Aden K. Lewis, who died on April 13, 1983. It is expected that a special section of books will be reserved in his honor.

The Wilmington E.M. Cooper Memorial Public Library was dedicated on Saturday, May 14. William J. Carr, Secretary of the New York State Board of Regents, addressed residents at the dedication. Stanley Ransom, System Director, also spoke.

A human chain of about 200 town residents moved books from the old library site in the Town Hall. Barbara Rothman, associated with the Whiteface Chamber of Commerce, worked out the idea of using volunteers to pass the over 4,000 books to their new location. She had read about a mid-western town which had done this. Librarian Adeline Jacques had the honor of placing the books on their new shelves. As part of the dedication she also broke a bottle of champagne on the Library's front steps.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
Mary Shaw Hopkins, Editor
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Caldwell Medal in 1978 for Noah's Ark. His other books include The
Fox Went Out On A Chilly Night, People and The Erie Canal. Besides
being the author-illustrator of 24 books, many of them award winners,
he has illustrated about 150 books by other authors. His newest book,
Christmas, will be published soon.

Peter Spier was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, but has re-
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Price for the luncheon is $6.50 including tip and tax. Reserva-
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570, Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901 on or before August 1, 1983.

We expect a large crowd as this meeting is being opened to the
public - so get your reservations in early while there is room for you!

NOTE: Cash Bar from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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