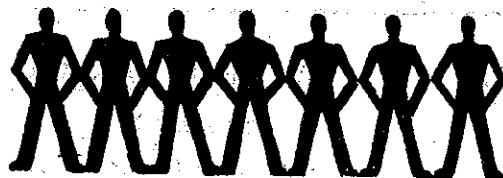


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VILLAGE NAME

We have had a request from Farrell, Pa. asking how the village that our folks come from in Italy got the name of Settefrati. Father Marsella, the present archpriest of the village did a scholarly work in this field. He looked up ancient books and manuscripts in the libraries of the Abbey at Monte Cassino and in the Vatican and then wrote all that he found out in a little book called *The Madonna of Canneto (La Madonna di Canneto)* published by D'Amico, Sora, 1939. The facts mentioned below are taken from this book.

About 293 years before Christ was born, the Romans went to war against a city named Comino where the Sannities, an Italic tribe, lived. Almost everyone in the city was killed, but those who could get away ran into the mountains where they started little villages of their own. One of these is the one we know today as Settefrati.

Around 529 years after Christ was born Saint Benedict and his monks, operating from their monastery at Monte Cassino nearby, traveled about these villages in the mountains to tell the people about Christianity. It was then that the village became known by its present name which means the Village of Seven Brothers. It was given this name in honor of the 7 sons of St. Felicita who were burned to death in Rome around 164 A.D. because she would not give up her Christian faith. Before that time the village was known as Vico which in Latin means "hamlet".

PHONE

After begging the telephone company for almost a year, the Bulletin finally got a telephone. The number is FAirbanks -4-1081.

Don't hesitate to phone in the news!

CLUBS UNITE

Four social organizations of our group in Stamford, the Capt. Alessandro Venturini Society, the 7 Brothers Social Club, the Women's 7 Brothers Social Club and the Maria SS. di Canneto Society have formed a board made up of eight persons, two members from each society. This board will meet from time to time to plan activities. The idea is to work together for the general welfare and enjoyment of our folks. The officers of this board are - President: Mr. Achille Vitti; Secretary: Mrs. Rose Pia and Treasurer: Mrs. Louise Rustici.

At their first meeting the board decided to have all societies join together in a Bingo Party for the purpose of raising funds for Our Group Bulletin. This is splendid news indeed. We are deeply grateful to the board and society members and sincerely hope that this will be the beginning of a new era in which all our clubs will work together.

NUNS

There are four nuns in the village in Italy who do all they can to make life a little easier for the folks over there. They help the poor and the sick and take care of kiddies while their mothers are away working in the fields.

Before the war they used the school building to carry out their activities and received some things in the way of food and clothing for themselves and their wards from families that had a little to give. They were bombed out of the School House during the war, however, and now none of the families have anything to give away. They ask our folks here in America if they would help.

If you have anything in the way of an old
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HENRY ERDEY

Mr. Erdey is a relative through marriage. He and Claudia's oldest sister have been married for over 25 years now and have brought up six wonderful children (5 of them girls!).

Well, we send the Bulletin to all our friends so that they might know what we do in our spare time and Mr. Erdey has been getting a copy right along. He shows it to everyone who comes into his shop and actually found a man from Abruzzi who knew our village and had attended the August festival there.

Henry, of course, had never heard of this little village before. As a matter of fact, his parents came from Hungary and he was brought up in the Jewish faith. But he felt that the idea of a group like ours keeping in touch with each other was a wonderful thing. What is more, he insisted on contributing \$5 to the Bulletin so that it may not die.

The way he feels made us feel good and we thought we'd pass it on to you. It also makes us feel that if there were more men like Henry Erdey around we wouldn't have to worry about atomic bombs falling on us suddenly.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q: I'm thinking of studying to be a Weather Man. Can I get some information about this?
- A: Yes. Send 5¢ (not in stamps) to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. Ask for the Occupational Brief METEOROLOGIST, WD, No.31.
- Q: Can I go to school in N.Y.C. under the G.I. Bill to learn to become a Baker?
- A: Yes. The Culinary School of N.Y., 135 E. 58 St. the Iridor School, 831 Lexington Ave. and the Manhattan Baking & Cooking School, 210 W 82 St. Write to them asking for their literature.
- Q: I'm going to a school where I'm learning how to make eye glasses but I dropped out of H.S. in my last term. Do I need a license and a high school diploma to get in this business?
- A: That depends on the type of work you intend to do in that field. Write to the Director, University of the State of N.Y., Albany, N.Y. asking him to send you Handbook for Higher Education No. 28. It is free. This will give you all the information you need.

If you have questions about jobs, schools, careers, business -- or any others related to getting ahead -- send them in. We'd be glad to get the information for you. THE EDITORS.

BULLETIN REPORTERS

Our Group Bulletin will be as interesting as you make it. Everyone is interested in who is who and who is doing what among us. Most of us are so busy earning a living that we can't get around to visit. The Bulletin will keep everyone in touch. Send in your ideas, your questions, interesting items about our folks and clubs in your neighborhood. Everyone is a Bulletin Reporter!

Notes... From Stamford .. Mr. and Mrs. Don Rustici became the happy parents of a daughter, Peggy Anne, on Dec. 26, 1947. This makes two girls for Papa Don and Mama Virginia. Don, by the way, who is Radio Announcer for Station WSTC, was a member of the committee in charge of the Friendship Train campaign in Stamford.

The Maria SS. di Canneto Society of Stamford recently made a pilgrimage to Morristown, N.J. to visit the home of the nuns of the Sacred Heart Church parish. This is a beautiful place with a church, a school, picnic grounds, outdoor stations of the cross and a cemetery. On their way home the group stopped to take part in an outdoor festival in honor of Saint Michael.

Incidentally, the men of our group are invited to join the Maria SS. di Canneto Society. Their help and advice is desired in the affairs of the organization. A committee of two men from N.Y.C. who attended the October meeting to take up a collection for St. Lucy have already joined.

Mrs. Joseph Carcusa, the former Christine Pompa, was elected President of the Sacred Heart Rosary Society.

Last November, the body of Cpl. James DiPreta, son of Mr. & Mrs. Vincent DiPreta of 90 Avery St., arrived in Stamford for burial in St. John's Cemetery. He was a Marine and died in action in the Pacific area in 1943.

Miss Mary Carella, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Carella of 13 Stillwater Place was recently married at the Sacred Heart Church to Mr. Laginesi, son of Mr. & Mrs. D. Laginesi of 18 Park St. The bride is a graduate of Stamford H.S. and Short's Secretarial School. Her husband graduated from the J.M. Wright Technical School.

On Dec. 23rd last Mrs. Anna Tamburri of the Flora Dress Shop gave a Xmas party for her employees and friends. Among the guests were three young ladies who recently came from the village -- the Malizia, Vagnone and Antonucci girls. Were they surprised to see Santa Claus come in with his sack on his back and hear the band play Santa Claus Is Coming To Town!

When the war came the sons of Mr. & Mrs. Guido Pia were both working their way through college. Now, Anthony, who was a captain in the Infantry, is back at the Univ. of California studying Criminology. His wife, the former

ose Vitti, daughter of Mary and the late
 eter Vitti of New Canaan and their son are
 ith him. Albert, who was a captain in the
 ir Corps, is also married and has resumed
 is studies in Forestry at the University of
 ew Hampshire.

even sons of Pasquale Conetta and the former
 ose Pia have organized the Seven Brothers
 ontracting Corporation of Stamford. to build
 adly needed homes. Build 'em seven at a
 ime boys!

le hear that the young people of our group on
 he West Side of Stamford are doing some
 wonderful things. Let's hear from you!

From Here and There ... Carmine Morga, son of
 Mr.&Mrs. Louis Morga of Queens, was married
 to Miss Laura Nezza on April 4th. They will
 make their home at 94-23 54th Ave., Elmhurst.

erard Macari, son of Louis Macari and the
 former Grace Gentile of Flushing, has recent-
 ly graduated from high school with honors.
 He was President of the Hi Y and made fre-
 quent trips to Albany to represent this or-
 ganization.

Mrs. J.B. Pyle, the former Frances Macari,
 has now joined her husband in Honolulu where
 he is on duty with the U.S. Navy. Frances
 writes that while they were driving through
 Texas what looked like a dog crossed in front
 of them on the road and she remarked that it
 was a large dog. "What are you talking
 about?" her husband wanted to know. "That was
 a wolf!"

Mrs. Rose Pia of Stamford writes: "Yesterday
 afternoon I was at my sister Jennie's home
 and we were reading that poem that Antonio
 Vitti wrote about Settefrati. It gave us a
 thrill because it sure brought back to us
 memories of our father the late Nazzareno
 Vitti who often used to mention all those
 names".

Good news! We've got a professional cartoon-
 ist in our midst. Tony Di Preta of Greenhart
 Road, Stamford is the man. He does work for
 various comic magazines and is also assistant
 to Lank Leonard of the comic strip Mickey Finn
 in the N.Y. Mirror. Tony has very kindly of-
 fered his services to the Bulletin so that
 you'll be seeing some real cartoons in these
 pages soon.

Support Your Group Bulletin!

NUNS (cont'd)

dress, sweater, pair of trousers or shoes --
 any article of clothing for grown ups or for
 children that you no longer need, they can
 give it to someone who needs it badly. If
 you have some old pencils, crayons, or note
 books - they can use them to teach the
 kiddies. Old copies of American magazines
 with all their wonderful pictures would be
 greatly enjoyed over there.

If you'd like to gather up some of the old
 things around the house that you no longer
 need and send them a package, this is the
 address:

Suore Preziosissimo Sangue
 Settefrati, Frosinone
 Italia

DANCE

The Seven Brothers Mutual Aid Society of
 N.Y.C. has planned a gala evening for Satur-
 day, April 24th. See the next page. They
 have hired a swell orchestra and are all
 set to see to it that everybody has a good
 time.

The purpose of the dance is to raise
 money for the Society's Mutual Aid Fund so
 that your \$1.25 will go for a good purpose.
 Not only will you have a good time dancing,
 however, but you'll see again the faces of
 old friends you thought you had forgotten
 and meet a lot of new ones.

Come to the dance! Bring your friends!

SENDS GIFT TO NUNS

After the regular January meeting of the
 Maria SS. di Canneto Society of Stamford, a
 social was held in honor of Jean Rustici,
 daughter of Mr.&Mrs. Joseph Rustici, at
 which she was presented with a check for \$25.
 Jean has decided to send the money to the
 nuns in our village to be used for feed-
 ing needy children.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Annunziato Gentile of Farrell, Pa. sent in
 \$23 which he collected from 23 families in
 that town. In addition, four persons sent
 \$5 each, two sent \$3 each, four \$2, and four-
 teen sent \$1 apiece. The score to date, in-
 cluding the present issue follows:

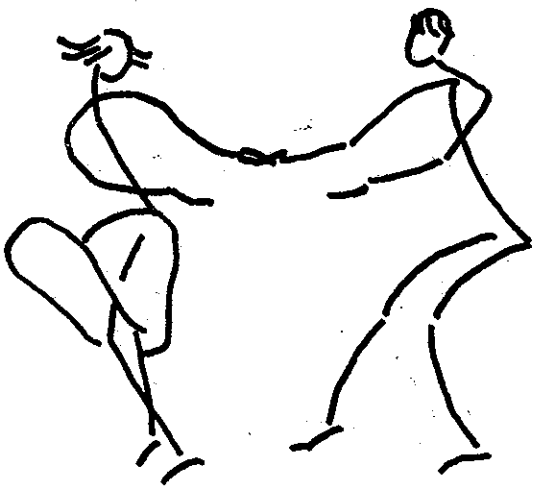
Outgo	\$327
Income	\$294



SATURDAY EVENING APRIL 24th AT PALM GARDENS 52nd ST. NEAR 8th AVE. N.Y.C

Go to the Dance!

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THE DANCE COMMITTEE