

EAST HAMPTON VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION
EAST HAMPTON NEW YORK

TO: BOARD MEMBERS
SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT

OCTOBER 29, 1976

Neighborhood House has been a very busy place in the time that has passed since our last meeting.

Our Ladies' Service Club continues as in the past to meet each Thursday evening. Busy with their usual suppers, special projects, rug work, along with interesting handwork and business of the moment, they keep alive the interests and roots at The Neighborhood House - past, present, and future, contributing generously with their yearly donation and rummage sales. It has often been said that they are a very good group of ladies - the backbone of Neighborhood House. They are!

Our St. Matthew's Guild of St. Luke's church, meeting bi-monthly except through the summer, add dignity and depth in meaning along with their generous donation to the House. Most of these ladies are also members of our Service Club.

Our Boy's Scout Troup and basketball groups enjoy the privileges of our gym.

Our ballet classes are held on Saturday and are slowly increasing in the number of those involved since the start of a competitive new ballet group in the village last year.

The East Hampton Boys' Club met throughout the summer, along with many other groups who used the Neighborhood House during the summer months because of the austerity emergency at the schools. These additional programs included a meditation group, exercise classes, and a keroti class. An evening scuba divers' class met through the summer for the second year.

The June meeting of the L. V. I. S. was held here and I have received many favorable comments concerning this, while attending the meeting and afterwards.

The East Hampton Garden Club was faced with the unexpected emergency of - suddenly - the need of a place to meet for a very important meeting to which out of town guests had been invited. The emergency was met and much appreciation was expressed by more than a few of the members. Along with this I received a very nice letter from Mrs. Steele, President of the Garden Club.

I also received a letter of appreciation from Mrs. Parr concerning the use of our chairs, and shortly thereafter another from Mrs. John Putnum, - the former referring to the L. V. I. S. Fair and the latter the annual Horse Show. I shall read these letters at the close of my report.

Our chairs are used continuously for many functions including various school programs and the Lions' Club barbeque.

Both bridal and baby showers continue to be held as has been in the past.

The Hampton Waters and the Settlers Landing Groups were back again for their yearly meeting.

The Lions' Club has done some significant repair work on our outdoor ball court, and I understand that they expect to be back to finish up when their time permits.

Our Nursery School is presently very busy with registration of thirty-four and a general daily attendance of twenty-seven.

Some time ago I received a check for \$200.00 from the L. V. I. S. along with a letter which I personally explained to Mrs. Usher. The letter, written by Mrs. Light, president of the L. V. I. S., expressed the desire of the L. V. I. S. that this check be used toward the benefit of our nursery school, such as - quote "for the purchase of suitable tables for the children". While at one of the meetings of the L. V. I. S. which was held at the Methodist Church Hall I happened to notice that the table used by Mrs. Light appeared to have adjustable legs. Investigating later I found this to be so, and did express the thought to my friend whom I was with that such table would be perfect for our children at the nursery school. I do not know how

it was revealed to the members of the L. V. I. S. Board, for certainly I did not speak loudly concerning the matter. We have discussed this at various mothers' meetings, and it is possible that through one of them this knowledge was passed on. In any case, the letter was addressed to me personally. I answered with another in sincere appreciation and wrote that I had turned their donation over for future consideration by our Board.

Due to fire department rulings our front door may have to be replaced. Along with this an exit light must be lit at each door at all times. I have spoken to Mr. Bates and have been informed by him that this is not a complicated matter and will not incur too great an expense. The front door to our main room is the only door actually involved. The other doors already have lighted exit signs, and merely need to be put on one main switch. At present the only way to keep them lighted is to loosen bulbs in other lights which are at this time still connected to the exit lights.

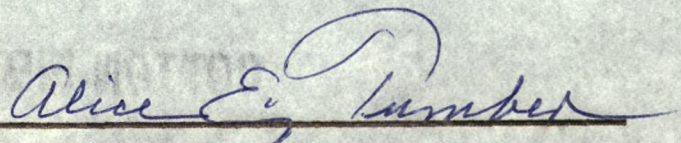
We have made some changes to hopefully counteract the need for a new door. Instead of opening inwardly as before, it now opens outwardly. This Mr. Tumber was able to do with much time and very minimum expense. Our porch was in very poor shape also, and by bracing it from underneath he has been able to at least hold off the building of a new floor or base for some time ahead. I have thoroughly discussed this with Mrs. Usher, and for the time being at least this present added support will serve. As soon as time allows Mr. Tumber will build a storm entrance outside in order that this change he has made be feasible for the coming winter. He had just finished putting in some long needed shelves, and has spent countless hours on many improvements and needs both indoors and outdoors here at the Neighborhood House. The garden space in the area of the former little house has been made a reality by his continued work and dedication. There is much ahead to be done which will add immensely to the betterment of all that is here.

With the exception of the window boxes, the flowers and plants here on the grounds have been paid for by Mr. Tumber and me, not only because of the beauty added, but also because this is one way of advertising the fact that there is a special warmth and uniqueness

involving whatever is within the walls at this house by the side of the road which promotes conversation, interest and investigation. In consideration of all the effort and dedicated work that has been needed on the part of all-past and present, not the least of these yourselves and all who have in the past worked with you, Mr. Tumber and I have felt from the beginning that this should be the most beautiful place on Three Mile Harbor Road. Certainly the beauty of the work it has done and keeps doing has long ago reached far ahead into the future.

Mr. Kiernan, director of the East Hampton Boys' Club, in his interest in the needs he observed when I approached him, regarding his boys in the use of the gym door while the porch was being strengthened, came to me with a check for \$150.00 along with his check for the use of the house. The first check he gave me was followed by another this year. Both checks were made out to me personally and with them he stipulated the fact that he wished to make this donation for the building of a new porch which I had mentioned as hoping for in the future. I asked Mrs. Lester's advice as to how to handle this situation, upon receiving the first check since we had already had our Board meeting and she advised me to keep it and bring the matter up at our next meeting. Since we did not have a meeting, I have since received the second check which I also have for safe keeping, until such time as this meeting and further directions, from you.

As you arrived today you have no doubt noticed the flag and pole which is now in the front of the grounds. This Mr. Tumber has donated for the added beauty and honor of the full meaning of all that inspires here at Neighborhood House. We are both, and always have been, missionary people. All that we do is done first for the joy of the possibility of helping to add to each day a little bit more of some kind of good in a work that we feel is needed and lasting. In closing, I would like to thank all of you for the dedication and work you have persisted with in the cause which you have helped so much.



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Neighborhood House

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