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CANNETO

According to an ancient legend, a Lady resplendent in celestial beauty whose eyes shown brighter than the sun appeared before a shepherdess named Silvana in the Valley of Canneto high up above the Village of Seven Brothers. She commanded the trembling girl to go to the Pastor of the village and tell him that the Mother of Christ wanted a church built in that valley.

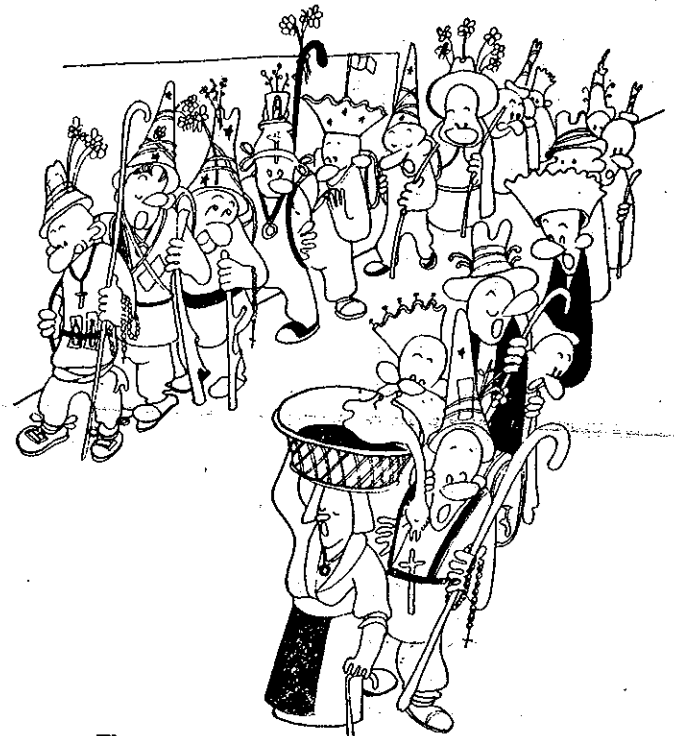
The girl said that she could not abandon her sheep because she had to take them down to the plain to drink as there wasn't a drop of water to be had up there in the mountain valley. Thereupon the Lady touched a stone with her prodigious fingers and suddenly there bubbled up a fountain of fresh water from the ground. It flows among the flowers of the valley and then gathering momentum it cascades over boulders down the mountain to form the stream known today as the Melfa.

The church was built and to this day it can be reached only by a footpath through the forest. Every year, since time immemorial, from the 18th to the 22nd of August about 50,000 pilgrims from 150 different villages go there to pay homage to the Madonna. Their journey is an act of devotion to their faith, their ideal of brotherly love and of peace among men.

These are festive days in the village! The pastoral country-side becomes a sea of humanity. Everybody is out to have a good time. There are masquerade parties, contests, fireworks, and plenty of food. For four days and nights the town vibrates with excitement and song.

No one who has ever been there ever forgets it. That's why, come the 18th of August, our folks who were brought up in the village get the urge to have a feast!

COSTUME PARADE



The pilgrims shown above come from a town called Colli al Volturno. The cartoon depicts their bid for the costume prize at the festival in 1946.

This magnificent group picked every flower from the mountains nearby to decorate their hats! But the flowers were not enough! They added everything else they could find: leaves, colored pieces of string, newspaper clippings, images of the principal Saints, English keys, American padlocks, photographs of friends, notebook covers, buttons, chicken feathers, pieces of bread and watermelon rind -- all arranged in a remarkably artistic manner. But, in spite of all these singular attractions they fell short of winning the prize! (Taken from BITTER-SWEET CHRONICLE by Alphonse Capocci in CANNETO 1946).

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RESPONSE

Our first issue brought a response of one dozen letters. Everyone wanted to see it continued. This desire was expressed in concrete form by the financial support reported below.

This is fine community spirit!

SEND US THE NEWS!

Remember, if you don't send in the news we can't print it! Choose two or three people in your area to collect items and have them sent to us by the 8th day of each month. That's the deadline when all news items and advertising material must be received.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Alberico Anserici Society sent \$25 with the statement that they will contribute this amount every year. The Maria SS di Canneto Society of Stamford sent \$25 and the Seven Brothers Social Club of Queens sent \$10 with the notation that they will contribute \$5 toward each issue. In addition, we received \$15 for advertising and \$4 from four subscribers.

Last month \$12 more than that reported was spent in order to mimeograph 250 additional copies. For the present issue, expenses were \$10 for a mailing permit, \$66 for printing and \$10 for postage. The following is a complete financial report to date:

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| Bulletin income | \$ 79.00 |
| Bulletin outgo | \$ 124.00 |

If you enjoy reading the bulletin and would like to see it continued, send \$1 per year to help pay for the cost of printing and mailing.

Notes...

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Buzzeo of the Bronx announce the marriage of their daughter Madeline to Mr. Robert De Maria of NYC. The marriage took place on July 9, 1947. The bride is a graduate of Theodore Roosevelt H.S. where she was Captain of the Swimming Team for several successive terms. The bridegroom is a scholarship student at Columbia College. For the summer they will remain in Branchville, Conn. where Madeline is a Camp Counselor and Robert is doing newspaper work.

Miss Audrey Clegg of Nottingham, England, will be married on August 23, 1947 to Mr. Patrick Buzzeo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Buzzeo of the Bronx. Pat met his future bride while serving with the U.S. Army in England.

On June 28, 1947 Miss Gina Di Benedetto became the bride of Mr. Livio Pellicci, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Pellicci of the Bronx.

The marriage of Miss Eleanor De Nardo to Mr. Angelo Macari, son of Mr. and Mrs. Librato Macari took place on July 26, 1947 in Stamford.

One of our boys, Phil Buzzeo of Port Chester, has opened a night club. It is called the 1-11 Club at 111 E 28 St. NYC.

Miss Jean A. Rustici, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Rustici of Stamford, was graduated from Smith College in June. She attended the Mary Burnham School for two years graduating with the highest award, the Burnham B. Jean attended Smith for four years and majored in Child Development.

Mr. Eugene Tamburri of Stamford has opened an inn in Holyoke, Mass. known as the Yankee Pedlar. Mr. Tamburri has also taken over the Hotel Hazelton in Stamford.

On August 9, 1947 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Macari became the happy parents of a boy, Robert. The minute he arrived he asked, "Hey, Dad! Am I in time for the bulletin?"

The oldest person in the state of Connecticut is an immigrant from the Village of Seven Brothers, Mr. Tiani, of New Canaan. He is 98 years old.



Summer Time Picnic Time!

The pictures of our folks on the right were taken on picnics about 10 years ago. How many do you recognize? (See page 4 of the Gazzetta Settefratese to find out who they are). Picnics and other events organized by our clubs this summer in celebration of the Madonna di Canneto are listed below.

ALBERICO ANSERICI SOCIETY: On August 24th, picnic grove in WOODLAWN PARK. Take East Side subway to last stop, Jerome Avenue. Get there early if you want a table!

CAPT. ALESSANDRO VENTURINI SOCIETY: On August 31st at the JUMBO FARM. Picnic. They're going to give away a refrigerator or a washing machine. If you want instructions as to how to get to the farm stop in at 23 Virgil Street.

SEVEN BROTHERS SOCIAL CLUB OF QUEENS: At this writing they had not yet completed their plans. Call 11-7-3837.

MARIA SS di CANNETO SOCIETY of STAMFORD: High Mass at the Sacred Heart Church at 11 a.m. on August 17th.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB OF STAMFORD: High Mass at the Sacred Heart Church at 11 a.m. on August 24th.



See you at the
Picnic!

CLUB ACTIVITIES ...

The Social Club of Queens is having a bocchia tournament. They challenge the champ of any other club to play theirs. This club, by the way, meets on the first Friday and third Wednesday of every month in the evening at 104-38 47th Avenue, Corona, L.I.

The Beef Steak Party of June 21st organized by this club was a great success. The place where it was held is like a country lodge. Jeremiah Socci cooked the steaks on an open charcoal fire and there was plenty of beer. Family groups gathered around tables listening to the music and visiting with each other. One table in the rear was particularly gay. Several old cronies there were swapping tales.

The Alberico Anserici Society of N.Y. is planning a big dance to be held in the fall, probably on Columbus Day.

Members and friends of the Maria SS di Canneto Society of Stamford went out on an outing by bus on the 20th of July. They visited the famous Saint Anthony Shrine in Long Island, that of Saint Lucy in the Bronx, and they visited the Church of Mount Carmel on 115th Street in NYC. The society also held a reception for Father Testa on July 27th to welcome him to the parish. Incidentally, they have collected \$172.45 to date to purchase a new dress for the statue of the Madonna di Canneto in Settefrati.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY ADDITIONS

Several of our folks sent in their names to be added to our business directory, but as you can see, this issue turned out to be rather a special one so that there wasn't enough space. No room for jokes either! We'll put them all in next time.

ADVERTISING

In order to help raise funds for publication and mailing, advertisements will be printed in this bulletin. The rate is 50 cents per square inch. This is the best way to keep reminding your friends that you are in business. Of course, advertisements from persons out of our group are also welcome. Send in your advertising material by the 8th of the month.

CORRECTION

In our last issue we reported that the Capt. Alessandro Venturini Mutual Aid Society of Stamford paid a benefit of \$3 per week for the 3 months after the first six weeks of illness. This is not correct. The correct amount is \$5.



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