

Merry

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New

Year



Claudia Bobby Paul

HOME COMING

by Giuseppe Pellicci

Every year after the lazy winter and the smiling spring full of hope have passed, Settefrati becomes full of expectation ... It awaits its "festa" and the return of its children who come back from far away lands where they emigrated in search of a better life, to breathe for a short while the healthful air of their native hills. Already in the month of May one begins to hear from the lips of many the names of those who will return and people begin to speak of them and discuss them. During the first days of July there is a great to do by the young masons who become improvised white washers for the occasion. Every home must have its face washed say the old patriarchs of the village. In many taverns the great demijohns of good wine lie full and content in the company of a preserved ham or two jealously guarded for this occasion. The freshly harvested wheat gathered on the threshing floor is ready for the mill and will be made into the little fragrant and savory loaves of bread. In short, everything is made ready for a hearty reception.

This year Giovanni Vitti, the son of Cirillo and his family from Paris were the first to arrive followed by Antonio Vitti with his family and Annunziato (better known as Peppaccio) from Lyon, France. Also from France came Palmira Fanoni and Rosina Buzzeo with their families. After these came the Americans upon whom more attention was showered because of their dollars and cigarettes. We saw again, after many years, Orazio Malizia, Fortunato Terenzio, the forever cheerful Michele Fanoni who resembles President Roosevelt and Miss Giovanna Macari who no longer has that timid air of a girl of our village but the aspect of the perfect American Girl.

Then also from France came the poet and sculptor Adolfo De Vecchis and Vincenzo Tamburri with his family. The latter had been missing from the village since 1915 and had not seen the "festa" since 1895. The last to come from France was Gerardo Vitti with his young children Andrea and Ughetta.

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Job Hints

The following information comes from the New York State Employment Service. It may give you some ideas if you are looking for a job or planning to get a better one.

The Service reports that there have been many jobs lately in the following fields:

advertising display	paper boxes
bookbinding	typist
confectionary	stenographer
toys and sporting goods	salesperson
cosmetics	coin machine
costume jewelry	serviceman
furniture	electric phono-
lighting & store fixtures	graph machine
plastic fabrication	repairman

There were some jobs they could not fill because there weren't enough persons who could do the work. In other words, there is a great demand for persons who can do or learn the jobs which follow:

Industrial

experienced amateur	upholsterers
winders	1st class auto
auto body and fender men	mechanics
glaziers	printing & bind-
electricians	ery workers
radiator men	glass blowers
metal polishers	furniture workers
paper box workers	metal spinners

Building Trades

pipe-fitters	linoleum layers
elevator repairmen	roofers
floor scrapers	bricklayers
oil burner installers and repairmen	lathers

Service

beauticians

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Notes

We had a letter from Mrs. Joseph Carcusa of Stamford, the former Christine Pompa, in which she expressed gratitude for the Bulletin. In the August issue she found an old photo of her mother Josephine and one of her brother Anthony "better known to the 69th Street Gang as Twinkle". She sends her love to the 69th Street Gang.

We also had a letter from Richard Acciavatti of Mt. Carmel, Pa. We had met Richard in Stamford last February while he was visiting with his aunt Mrs. Loretta Pia on furlough from the Navy. Richard was discharged in April 1947 and is now taking the pre-medical course at Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove, Pa. under the G.I. Bill.

Richard's mother, Mary, came to America from the village when she was 1½ years old. She came with her mother, the former Loretta Frattaroli and her father, Cesidio (Joe) Conetta. He writes that his grandmother, that must be the former Loretta Frattaroli who probably left the village about 40 years ago, wanted to know which branch of the Macari family this guy Paul comes from -- and of course we wrote him right back. Richard says all his folks enjoy the Bulletin.

On November 16, 1947, Miss Frances Macari, daughter of Mr. Antonio Macari and of the former Elisabeth Gentile, now deceased, became the bride of Mr. John Pyle, CRM, USN. The couple spent their honeymoon motoring across the country. They will stop at the bridegroom's paternal home in Texas and then on to San Francisco, Calif. From there they will go to Honolulu where Mr. Pyle will be stationed for two years.

FROM QUEENS ... Onorio Palombo Reporting ...

Geremia Socci has opened a Fruit and Vegetable Store at 47th Avenue and 104th Street in Corona.

James C. Pompa and his Democratic Organization have taken over the bar concession at the tavern where the 7 Brothers Club of Queens holds its meetings, 104-38 47th Avenue in Corona. This is a cozy log-type tavern where it's easy to relax.

Mr. and Mrs. Flaviano Ciotti were blessed by the arrival of a new grandchild recently, a boy to their daughter Ann and another daughter, Mrs. Virginia Greco, adopted a baby girl.

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IN THE ITALIAN EDITION

In the Italian edition of the Bulletin for this month you will find the poem "Natale" (Christmas) by Michele A. Buzzeo. This young man is the son of Antonio who lives on Victory Street in Stamford. He studied at Italian universities and has published quite a bit of poetry.

Some of the titles of his poems are: "Seed", "Evening", "Work", "The Shepherd", "Canneto" and "Siesta". He has written a book of verse describing the occupation of the village by the Germans during the war giving it as a title the German word "Caput". He calls another book of poetry "Pauses in a Dream" and still another "Bits of The Soul". His works describe life in the village.

Another poem of a different sort in the Italian edition for this month is written in the dialect and entitled "Settefrati e Settefratesi" which means "The Village of 7 Brothers and the People of the Village of 7 Brothers". It is written by Antonio Vitti a tailor who came to America about 25 years ago and now lives in New Brunswick, N.J.

His poem starts out like this:

Settefrati is a lost village
It is beautiful to those who were born there
Every spot reminds you of something
Either your mother, father or sweetheart

Then he goes on to mention all the places and families in the village. If you know the dialect, try to read it! We showed it to one of our boys and he said it gave him gooseflesh because all those names brought back memories of his parents.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Several people have volunteered to collect \$1 from families in their neighborhoods. These are Onorio Palumbo in Queens, Annunziato Gentile in Farrel, Pa., Bernard Tiani in New Canaan and Alfonso Tiani in Dearborn, Mich. Many families are sending in their contributions by mail.

Since the last issue, the largest contribution, \$10, was received from the 7 Bros. Club of Queens. Total receipts and expenses, including cost of the present issue are as follow:

Outgo	\$264
Income	\$223

the recent show, Riding High. She is the daughter of Louis Macari and the former Mary Gentile of Corona. Mildred graduated from Newtown H.S. in Feb. '47 and attended the Kaye Gorham School in Flushing for 11 years where she studied tap and toe dancing and acrobatics. Recently Mildred took part in a Night of Stars Program in which she appeared on the same program with Lana Turner and Gary Grant.

If you go to the Music Hall look for Mildred on the stage on your right. She's now in the show Snow Flakes. Go see her backstage!

JOB HINTS (continued from page 2)

Commercial

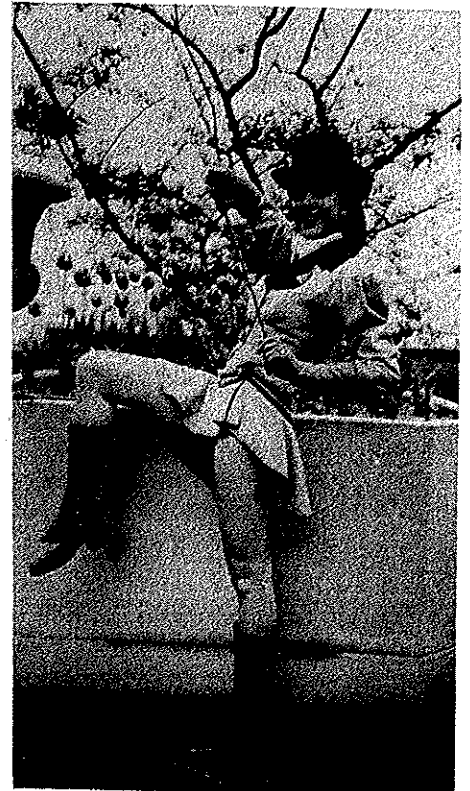
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beginning typists	

The best way to get one of these jobs (or any other job for that matter) is to find out which firms hire the kind of worker you want to be and the best way to find that is through the phone book. For instance, let's say you want to be a furniture worker. Turn to the classified part of the phone book (the red one for Manhattan) and look under Furniture Manufacturers. There you will find a list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all the companies that hire furniture workers. They hire them because they're in the business of making furniture. Then all you do is go to each one until you find one that will hire you.

Of course, if you're a veteran of World War II you know that the Government will pay the bill while you go to school to learn a trade or profession or while you learn a trade on-the-job. If you are interested, go to your nearest Veterans Administration Office.

Mildred, whose photo appears on the right, is a Rockette at Radio City Music Hall in NYC. Picture shows her in the costume she wore for

Do You Know
MILDRED MACARI?



HOMECOMING ... (continued from page 1)

Vincenzo Tamburri and Gerardo Vitti came in luxurious automobiles, but they do not scorn their recollections of early life in the village with all its poverty and sadness and joys; and neither have they forgotten their first adventures, not always happy, in foreign lands. Now they are calm and serene and have promised to return to the village annually in order to enjoy the healthy mountain air of Castellano.

I have had the pleasure of speaking with them and they were unanimous in their expressions of concern over the destruction suffered by the village during the war. They all remarked at having noticed a healthy development in the middle class and that the youth of the village has become modern.

Settefrati welcomes them and wishes each one a more prosperous future.

Festive time is all but over. Many have returned to their homes to carry on their work where they left off ... and with us remains the memory of them ...

In the harvested fields the stacks of stubble burn in the evening, in the taverns the demijohns lie on their sides sad and empty, and the tavern walls are bare and neat. In the vineyards, however, the bunches of grapes are already the color of gold and in the stalls the hogs grunt and fatten.

Magical winter which is not far away will mature anew the exquisite wines, prepare again the savory hams and guard in the bosom of the earth the precious seeds for bread. And when the fields become golden Settefrati will await them again ...

August 1947 (Translated by the Editors)

Dance

The 7 Bros. Mutual Aid Society of NYC is organizing a dance to be held in March at the Palm Garden, 306 W. 52 St., NYC. The younger members are making all the arrangements and introducing some new ideas.



There are going to be two door prizes and they're going to have a swell orchestra so that the young folks can have a good time. Individual boxes in the balcony will be rented.

The Dance Committee plans to make use of the Bulletin mailing list and send tickets with a circular to 1000 families.

From Queens (continued)

Another one of our boys, Tony Gentile of Corona, has quit his foreman's job with I. Miller, the shoe manufacturer, and gone into business. Tony has taken over the Twin Diner at 23-01 43rd Avenue in L.I. C.

The 7 Brothers Club of Queens is organizing a baseball team of young lads between the ages of 15 to 21. If you are interested tell your dad to turn in your name and age at the Club or drop a card to Tony Gentile, 51-18 102nd Street, Corona, L.I.

Miss Yolanda Terenzio, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Celestino Terenzio became the bride of Mr. Frank Obidienzo on December 7th, 1947. The couple will live at 102-36 48th Avenue.

Peter Soggi was recently operated on for stomach ulcers at Mt. Sinai Hospital in NYC. One evening before the operation they served macaroni for supper and Pete noticed that the young man sitting next to him was not eating it with relish. He asked him why and from there on the conversation went like this:

Y.Man: "Oh, these are not like the ones my grandmother makes."

Pete: "I see. Then I suppose your folks are Italian. Where do they come from?"

Y.Man: "I don't know the name of the village exactly. It's a small place in the mountains. I think the name begins with S".

Pete: "S! Is it by any chance Settefrati?"

Y.Man: "Yes, that's it! How do you know?"

Pete: "Where do you live?"

Y.Man: "Way up in the Bronx."

Pete: "Say ... then you must be the grandson of Pritinilla and the son of her daughter Cornelia!"

Y.Man: "That's right! Say, how do you know?"

Well, Pete knew because before the young man was born he lived in the same neighborhood as Cornelia did. As a matter of fact, Pete attended her wedding and still remembers the swell time he had. He also knew that Cornelia now lives in the Bronx and he probably saw a resemblance between the young fellow and his parents.

The young man was Chester Fabrizio who was in the hospital for a check up on a minor wrist injury he had while in the Navy and Peter is fast recovering from his stomach operation.

Mr. Thomas Terenzio and his wife, the former Loretta Fanoni, have left NYC to live in California. The officers and members of the 7 Brothers Club of Queens, of which Mr. Terenzio was secretary, wish them Godspeed.