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Noble Horizons Due To Open Next July

By Richard Hayward
With only minor delays and other problems hampering construction of Salisbury's Noble Horizons housing for the elderly, the project's superintendent is confident that the first 26 occupants will be able to move into the facility by July.
This is encouraging news for the initial residents, who recently were selected from a long list of applicants. They range in age from 64 to 93 years and all are residents of the Towns of Salisbury and Sharon, according to Mrs. Thomas R. Wagner, chairman of the Noble Horizons committee.
Noble Horizons is located north of the Town of Salisbury off Lower Cobble Road between Routes 41 and 44. Ultimately, the project will include some 40 cottage-clusters plus a community center with residential facilities and a restaurant.
The project, which will be managed by Church Homes, Inc., is privately financed with the interest from an 8 1/2 million dollar bequest of the late Mrs. John Noble of Sharon.
Bertand Simard, job superintendent at the construction site, appeared confident and proud of the work so far. "As of this week, we're on schedule," he said, as the roar of dump trucks and bulldozers echoed off the hills surrounding the site.
"We're waiting for interior wallboard for five of our cottage units. We also need more cedar shingles for the roofs. But my men are busy, and work is going fast," he said.
It is already possible to envision the final result on the largely-wooded 66 acres of the project. Peaked, jutting roofs poke through treetop branches, with carpenters hammering shingles into the slatted rooflines. Other carpenters line up the rough-sawn redwood beams to form the exterior trim of the cottages. Chestnut brown stain was being applied to other exterior panels.
Fiberglass insulation was installed in most of the cottages earlier this month after electricians completed their tasks.
Masons and painters are waiting to begin interior finishing, as concrete floor slabs

cure inside the buildings. Further landscaping on trucked-in topsoil will take place as cabinetmakers and other specialists begin their work.
A dogleg-shaped pond is being excavated in the northeast section of the facility, near the location of the projected community center building. This facility is due for completion in January, 1973. Wood chips from trees which had to be cut down will be recycled into a walkway that will ring the water. Altogether, more than seven miles of amesite blacktop sidewalk will wind through the area.
Mr. Simard said all electrical connections to the cottages will be routed underground. Heating also is electrical in all buildings. Water and sewage utilities will come from the Village of Salisbury.
The first residents of Noble Horizons will move in as construction begins on the community building. According to Mrs. Wagner, these persons applied for housing here for various reasons, but many mentioned in their applications that outdoor maintenance of their present homes was becoming too much of a burden. Others said that climbing stairs also was becoming too taxing.
Jeter and Cook, architects of the project, spent considerable time designing the Noble Horizon buildings in a contemporary style which would relate appropriately with the 18th and 19th-century structures in the Town of Salisbury.
The architects, who have designed other projects for senior citizens, have been careful to plan buildings which would not dwarf or overpower their tenants.
"Older people like the comfort of a snug, well-planned environment... a place to feel at home," Mr. Jeter told a Salisbury group recently.

Pinter Plays To Be Done At Hotchkiss

Three one-act plays by Harold Pinter, *The Dumbwaiter*, *The Collection* and *A Slight Ache* are scheduled for production by The Hotchkiss School's Dramatic Association the evenings of March 10, 11 and 12. Students and faculty members will appear in the works which, like all Pinter plays, are alternately funny and baffling.

Pinter, a master of theater, films and television, is probably best known for his plays *The Caretaker* and *The Homecoming*, and his film scripts for *Accident* and *The Go-Between*. This past fall the New York production of his most recent play, *Old Times*, won praise from all the major critics.

Christopher Welch, Hotchkiss master who is directing the one-act plays, says "they never cease tantalizing and they never cease entertaining. However ambiguous the dramatic situation may be in any of the plays, the underlying sense of people responding to forces they can't direct and often don't understand provides a unity and an urgency far more important than the surface ambiguities."
All three plays will be given each evening in the Hotchkiss auditorium, starting at 7:30. Seating at the performances will be limited to approximately 150. The public is invited to attend, without charge.

G.I. JOB TRAINING
Secretary of Labor J.D. Hodgson has raised the 1972 goal for job or training placement of Vietnam-era veterans to 1,038,000.

ATTENDS INSTITUTE
Paul Corcoran of Community Service Inc. in Lakeville attended the Sales and Product Development Institute held Feb. 7-11 at the University of Massachusetts. This was an intensive one-week training course in product areas of the retail lumber and building industry. It was jointly sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education at UMass, and the Northeastern Retail Lumbermen Association.



A LARGE CHORUS... of townspeople and Hotchkiss School students and faculty have been rehearsing for a performance Saturday night of Haydn's Mass No. 2 in C, with orchestra and soloists. Shown at the piano is Robert Barrows, master in music at Hotchkiss, who will conduct the Mass.

Daytop Rehabilitation Centers Described At Rotary Meeting

A Waterbury community leader and a former heroin addict explained to members of the Salisbury Rotary Club Tuesday how a new drug rehabilitation program has had remarkable success.
George Fehrs, one of the organizers of the Central Naugatuck Valley Drug Help Corp., told Rotarians that the program, operating through Daytop centers in Seymour and Waterbury, achieves a 95 per cent rehabilitation rate by contrast with only 1 per cent at the Federal drug hospital in Lexington, K.Y.
Mr. Fehrs is manager of the Southern New England Telephone Co. office in Naugatuck Center and lives in Waterbury.
Daytop care costs only \$2400 per person per year, by comparison with \$8600 even to keep an offender in jail, he said.
Gregory Palmer, a 20-year-old self-described former addict from Stamford, told of his experiences with a series of crimes

leading up to arrests for armed robbery and for sale and possession of heroin before he learned of the Daytop center in Seymour.

His immediate motivation, he said, was to keep out of jail, but as a result of his work in Daytop gradually he began to feel that he wanted to change.

He told of encounter group sessions in which participants are encouraged to vent their hostilities without resort to violence or drugs, and of other group sessions in which they are asked to take stock of themselves and why they have wanted to use drugs.

Gradually, he said, they

School Lunch Menu

Lunch menus at Salisbury Central School for the week of March 6-10 will be:

Monday: lasagna, cabbage and raisin salad, Vienna bread and butter, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: corned beef hash, buttered carrots, cheese sandwiches, pudding, milk.

Wednesday: baked chicken pieces, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, bread and butter, cake, milk.

Thursday: chicken-riced soup, egg salad sandwiches, fruit, milk.

Friday: baked beans, hot dog, lettuce with Russian dressing, brown bread and butter, fruit, milk.

replace their old values and start to reenter the community, with supervised visits to their homes after nine or 10 months and then full-time jobs while they continue to live at Daytop. The centers are staffed by former addicts.

Some 30 or 40 persons have completed this sort of rehabilitation in Seymour. Mr. Palmer explained. After they leave Daytop centers they are encouraged to stay in touch with their friends in the program even though they are completely reintegrated into the community.

Mr. Fehrs noted that "tremendous improvement" had been achieved in the extent of the marijuana and heroin problems in 13 towns in the Waterbury area as a result of the efforts of NARCO — centers which refer addicts for help, work in rehabilitation and carry out an educational program.

Previously, he asserted, 500 to 600 heroin users in the area had been stealing an average of \$125 a day to finance drug purchases — amounting to a crime bill of nearly \$23 million a year.

He told how intensive efforts over the past 18 months have raised a budget of \$185,000, to refurbish an old hospital building made available by the city and to operate the program.

Slides illustrating the program were prepared with the help of the Southern New England Telephone Co.

Snowmobile Club Forming

About 40 snowmobiling enthusiasts met Monday night at the Lakeville fire house to discuss the formation of a local snowmobile club. The president and vice-president of the Connecticut Snowmobile Association were present to help the new group get organized.

The group plans to promote safe and responsible use of the popular recreational vehicles. Members hope to find land for authorized snowmobile trails, which they would maintain and patrol themselves.

A committee of 12 was named to work out a set of by-laws before the next meeting, which will be on Thursday, March 9. Members are John Bonhott, Gerald Brammer, Dan Brazee, Peter N. Brazzale, Ed Carter, John Dufour, Dave Godding, Len Godding, Austin Lovett Jr., Fred Reel, Robert A. Smith Jr. and Edward Waldron Jr.

The March 9 meeting will begin at 7:30 at the fire house.

Property Transfers

Farrell W. Bushing Jr. has bought a 1.18 parcel of land, formerly owned by Robert Ashman, from William Ford, trustee.

BANTAM YOUTH CHARGED

Thomas C. Olsen, 18, of Prospect Mountain Road in Bantam will appear March 9 in Torrington on charges of operating under the influence of liquor or drugs, and disregarding a stop sign.

The youth was arrested Dec. 26 in Cornwall, and brought before an 18th Circuit Court session Torrington, Feb. 23, where a continuance till March 9 was granted.

Salisbury Calendar

(note: ++ indicates admission charge)
Thursday, March 2: 8 p.m., Republican Caucus, Town Hall.
Friday, March 3: 3 p.m., World Day of Prayer ecumenical service, St. Bernard's Church, Sharon.
Saturday, March 4: 8 p.m., ++concert of music by Haydn and Bach, Hotchkiss auditorium.
Sunday, March 5: 4:30 p.m., concert of music for organ and brass, Congregational Church; 7 to 9 p.m., ++public skating, Hotchkiss rink; 8 p.m., Unitarian fellowship, home of Mrs. Lucie Murray, Lakeville.
Monday, March 6: 8 p.m., ++opening film in film series for March of Dimes, Central School lower building.
Tuesday, March 7: 8 p.m., Salisbury Central P.T.A., school cafeteria; 8 p.m., Marine Corps League, White Hart Inn.
Wednesday, March 8: 7 to 9 p.m., ++public skating, Hotchkiss rink.
Thursday, March 9: 8 p.m., special town meeting, Town Hall.
Friday, March 10: 7:30 p.m., three one-act plays by Harold Pinter, Hotchkiss auditorium; 7:30 p.m., Housatonic Color Camera Club workshop, Hotchkiss science building lecture hall.
Saturday, March 11: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., food sale for college visits by group of black students, Lakeville Food Center; 7:30 p.m., three one-act plays by Harold Pinter, Hotchkiss auditorium.
Sunday, March 12: 7 to 9 p.m., ++public skating, Hotchkiss rink; 7:30 p.m., three one-act plays by Harold Pinter, Hotchkiss auditorium.

P And Z Hearing On Reid Petition

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 14 on a petition of Gordon S. Reid for a revision of a formerly approved subdivision of Robert F. Mack Mr. Reid's request, which will be heard at the Town Hall at 8 p.m., is to return a six-lot subdivision to the status of a single lot of 3.8 acres.

The property in question adjoins other lands owned by Mr. Reid on the west and north, and is bounded on the east by Porter Street and the Thompson property, and on the south by the Solan and Morgan properties. Descriptive maps are on file in the Town Hall.

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