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## Four Board Seats Open; Candidates Must file Now

Four seats will be filled during School Board elections on April 3, and candidates have until 4 p. m. tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 22, to file petitions that will place their names on the ballot.

Petitions may be picked up from Board Secretary Diane DeBree at the school.

Three of the terms are for three years and one term is for one year.

Incumbent Board members Cynthia Horowitz and David Cooper have expressed their intentions to run again. Board member Norman Nahmias has said he will not run for School Board election this year.

A fourth vacancy exists because no appointment has been made to fill the Board seat resigned by Hortense Socholitzky. Board President George Katz appointed Horowitz and Cooper to

fill vacancies that occurred in 1978. Katz said he is reluctant to make a third appointment so close to election date.

March 5 is the last date to register as a voter for the school election. Registration can take place at the Borough Hall before 3 p. m. or at the office of the Monmouth County Clerk of Elections in Freehold.

A public hearing on the school budget is slated for March 15 at 8 p. m. at the school. The budget is also part of the April 3 ballot.

March 27 at 3:30 p. m. is the last date and time for receipt of applications for absentee ballots from the Board Secretary (448-2798). Anyone who cannot meet this deadline may apply in person before 2 p. m., April 2 at the County Election Clerk's office.

Voting will be at the Roosevelt School from 5 p. m. to 9 p. m. on April 3.

## BUDGET HIKES NECESSITATE REFERENDUM

By Bob Clark

On Monday, Feb. 12 the Borough Council introduced a proposed municipal budget of \$183,072.63. At the same time the Council announced that a special referendum would be held on March 5, to allow the voters to decide whether the 1978 budget may exceed the State

mandated 5% limit on spending increases.

A town meeting will be held in the Borough Hall at 8 p. m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27 to explain to the public the need for the increased expenditures. Without voter approval the municipal budget appropriations with the 5% "CAPS" could increase by no more than \$4,150. The

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Letter to the Editor

## Tighter School Budget Urged

I attended the January School Board meeting because I realized that this would be the meeting in which the budget would be proposed, the budget which on March 15 will have a public hearing. To my dismay, I found that I was the only person in the audience. There was no reporter from this or any other newspaper attending this meeting. Therefore I would like to inform my fellow taxpayers about a few things they otherwise might not know and not be able to question on March 15.

Presently, the school possesses a "free balance" of about \$28,000. This is a savings account, which is not needed for the upcoming budget. There also is plenty left of the inflated budget which must be spent before June. The yearly budget is so well-padded, that last year there was enough money left to carpet most of the school rooms. This year, I understand, a trampoline for the gym will be bought, and the upgrading of our school playground to the tune of \$10,000, was seriously considered. Obviously, our school at this time is the town's nouveau riche cousin.

Two avenues of spending don't seem to have been explored enough:

1. While in the past, we taxpayers simply had to help support our school with ever-increasing taxes, the situation now has changed. Our town is badly in need of funds for the upkeep and repair of its roads, water and sewer system and other vital services. Since even the School Board and the children in its charge live in this town, why couldn't the Board see fit to take, let's say \$5,000, each year for the next few years from the free balance, and ask the town for that much less? It sure would help the taxpayers, and it is being done in other communities.

2. But if spend we must, why not at least spend on educationally sound pro-

jects? Our sixth, seventh and eighth grades do not get an education which compares favorably with other schools in the state. Their curriculum does not offer a foreign language, nor typing, home economics, woodworking, or instrumental music. Why not, if so much money is available in the budget that, year after year, one has to think of ways to spend the surplus.

Yes, it is time for a tighter school budget than will be presented on March 15! It is time the Board of Education began to put a cap on the administrator's pay raises. It is time the Board stopped having two teachers for 21 children in the combined first and second grades. This is a luxury no school can afford. I am sure that there are other cuts in the budget which could be made so that the children of this town get a sound education but their parents get some relief in their tax burden.

Ilse Riesenfeld

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# State Extends Zoning Deadline

By Bob Clark

In a last-minute move to prevent development crises in several New Jersey communities (including Roosevelt), the Legislature extended from Feb. 1 to May 31, 1979 the deadline for enacting new zoning and other development ordinances in accordance with the State's Municipal Land Use Law.

Roosevelt has relied on two annual extensions of its old zoning ordinance while the Planning Board worked to complete the Borough's Master Plan, which was officially adopted on Nov. 16, 1978. The Land Use Law requires that the zoning ordinance, capital improvements program and official map be based on the land use element of the Master Plan. The Planning Board is expected to resume work on the draft zoning ordinance this month.

Meanwhile, at its Jan. 29 regular meeting the Planning Board approved plans for a new house to be built by G & M Contracting Corp. near the swimming pool on the southern side of Pine Drive. Approval was made subject to compliance with setback requirements.

The Planning Board also received and classified two subdivision applications from Frank D'Amico. The Board classified as a minor subdivision D'Amico's request to subdivide an 83-acre tract near Ely's Corner on Rochdale Ave. into three lots of approximately 11, 10 and 62 acres.

The Board classified the second application as a major subdivision. Two tracts, owned by D'Amico and Leo Libove, south of Robbinsville (Nurko) Road would be divided into four 10-acre lots, one 12-acre lot and one 16-acre lot under the proposed subdivision.



## BLOOD DRIVE INSURES COVERAGE FOR COMMUNITY

The Annual Roosevelt Community Blood Drive, in association with the Central Jersey Blood Bank, resulted in 36 of 48 blood donors being accepted to give blood.

The generosity of those donors will give our community blood replacement coverage for the next year.

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad wishes to thank all those who helped in the Blood Drive.

If you need blood replacement, please call June Counterman.


**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**TO EXPLAIN**  
**REFERENDUM**  
  
**FEB. 27, 8 p.m., B.H.**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

To all taxpayers:

In accordance with Revenue Ruling 76-45 of the Internal Revenue Service, a portion of your water and sewer bill paid, as applicable to interest, repairs and maintenance, can be treated as a real estate tax deduction.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage Deductible</u>
1978	64.3%

Example:

Amount paid in 1978 - \$240 x 64.3% = \$154.32 - amount deductible.

Howard L. Prezant  
Treasurer

### YOUTH GROUP TO SERVE SUNDAY BRUNCH FEB. 25

The Youth Group (N.C.S.Y.) of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt is sponsoring a brunch Sunday Feb. 25 at the Synagogue.

Bagels, cream cheese, eggs and coffee will be served between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to funding youth activities and to help needy children.

### PEDDIE SCHOOL PRESENTS FREE JAZZ CONCERT FEB. 25

The Peddie School in Hightstown will present a jazz concert Sunday, Feb. 25 from 3 to 5 p.m. in Geiger-Reeves Hall.

The lineup will include three men who are widely recognized as all-time giants of jazz: Doc Cheatham, trumpet; Jimmy Knepper, trombone; and Buddy Tate, tenor saxophone.

The supporting cast will be made up of men who are widely acclaimed artists in their own right, including Carmen Toggio, one of the stars of the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis band; and a rhythm section comprised of pianist Chuck Folds, a brilliant exponent of the Fats Waller style; Jack Six, long-time bassist with Dave Brubeck; and drummer Tony DeNicola, a veteran of several top big bands, who now teaches at Trenton State College.

The concert is free and open to the public.

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### TELEPHONE NUMBER CORRECTION

We made an "ash" of ourselves when we gave an incorrect number for the sweep last month. The correct number is (201)-446-7500.

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## PTA Sets March 8 For School Board Candidates' Night

By Barbara Boyles

Are you interested in meeting the School Board candidates? On Thursday, March 8 the P. T. A.'s monthly meeting will be a candidates' night.

In the past a panel discussion was used to present the candidates' views. A more informal presentation of allowing candidates and residents to mingle while enjoying coffee and cake will be used this year.

Please join us to hear the candidates at 8 p.m. in the Roosevelt Public School.

### ROOSEVELTIANS ENJOY SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT PRESENTED BY LOCAL MUSICIANS

By Ilse Riesenfeld

The Roosevelt Community Band gave an hour-long concert Feb. 11 in the Borough Hall. Ten musicians played music that was well received by the fifty people who attended.

The selections were a mixture of old and new songs, TV music, folk songs and dances. Solos were offered by Debra Jelinek on the piccolo and by Lora Canape on the euphonium; Ed Goetzman, violin, and Leo Libove, mandolin, played string duets.

Members of the band, besides those named above, are Roy Gottiaux, drums; Mannie Koffler, tenor saxophone; Stefan Martin, clarinet; Ilse Riesenfeld, piano; Erv Rips, oboe; and Arthur Shapiro, alto saxophone. This group plays together for its own enjoyment and the entertainment of others. It meets at the Riesenfeld home for practice. Anyone wishing to join should call 448-4529.

# Princeton Class Helps Planners

By Bob Clark

At the invitation of Mayor Leon Barth, a class from Princeton University's School of Architecture and Urban Planning is studying the Borough for six weeks. The students will prepare a hypothetical plan for future development of Roosevelt, concentrating on the area east of North Valley Road designated "Future Residential 3" in the Borough's Master Plan.

The class, under the direction of Professors Michael Munson and Walter Bor, surveyed residents over the Feb. 10-11 weekend to obtain background material and attitudes on growth. On Feb. 8 the class met in the Borough Hall for a discussion with Planning Board Chairman Ralph Seligman. Mayor Barth and Pearl Seligman also attended and participated in the discussion.

Mr. Seligman reviewed the social and planning history of the town, including how founder Benjamin Brown obtained Federal funding for his dream: a self-contained agro-industrial community, populated mostly by Eastern European Jews freed from the drudgery of New York City garment factories.

Seligman described the failure of the original garment factory and cooperative farms, but emphasized the experiment's success in meeting its "general aspirations," if not its "specific goals." He noted the prevailing "summer camp" social atmosphere of the fledgling community where "doors were open, and people met and talked about issues, and children were everybody's children."

In the planning area Seligman commented that Roosevelt served as a "laboratory experiment which worked"

and which, "in its way, could serve as a model for Federal housing programs." He decried the lack of attention paid to the original plan during the scramble to transfer Federal ownership to private interests which were unaware or unconcerned that they had inherited an innovative plan.

The class will consider a number of questions raised at the meeting, including the following: How can the Borough finance its three local budgets - school, municipal government and water and sewer utilities? Are "clean" commercial or industrial ratables a realistic revenue source for a small community located relatively far from major transportation arteries? Would additional residents allow more efficient utilization of the grammar school's staff and excess capacity? Would any such benefits be offset by high school tuition? Would new residences help to pay for maintenance of the water and sewer plants without adding significantly to the cost of other services? When a Rooseveltian says he wants "managed" residential development, what does he mean? - i. e., 20 houses over 10 years, 80 houses over 10 years, or something else? Can the economic viability of Roosevelt be preserved in a way that will also preserve its small town character?

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## CLARIFICATION

Pages 8 and 9 of the January issue combined information on Borough Council meetings in 1978 and 1979. Therefore votes described as unanimous did not necessarily mean approval by absent Council members or those taking office in 1979.

# Committee Helps With Juvenile Cases

By Arthur Shapiro

One of the least known governmental services provided in town is the Roosevelt Juvenile Conference Committee, a local arm of the Monmouth County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court (JDRC).

Basically, the committee has the responsibility for helping juveniles who commit minor offenses which are not harmful enough to require adjudication but which cannot be overlooked by the community. Its purpose is to confer with juvenile first offenders and their parents, thereby avoiding a Juvenile Court hearing and a possible delinquency record.

Through the court's use of its 360 New Jersey Conference Committees, a large percentage of complaints filed in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court are diverted and disposed of, allowing courts to deal with serious and repeat offenders. Twenty-one percent of all delinquency complaints in Monmouth County were heard by conference committees during 1976-77 and 1977-78.

Appointment to the committee is made by the Judge of the JDRC. In Monmouth County Judge Leo Weinstein holds that post. The Roosevelt Committee has consisted of June Counterman, who functions as secretary, Steve Grossman and Arthur Shapiro.

Since its inception in January of 1977, the Roosevelt committee has conferred on 14 cases. In only one of the fourteen did the complaint originate in Roosevelt. All were official charges of juvenile delinquency. They were referred to us by Monmouth County Probation Department, which generally provides a caseworker to attend and observe committee pro-

ceedings.

If a Roosevelt juvenile is arrested for an act of delinquency anywhere in the state, and it is determined by the presiding judge that the case be best dealt with at the community level, the case is referred to the Roosevelt committee.

Our secretary invites the juvenile and his parents to meet with the committee. Although the conference is voluntary for both the parents and the child, the case may be referred back to the Probation Department if the invitation is refused or the committee's recommendations ignored.

One-day training sessions are offered to committee members by the County. Topics such as interviewing techniques, methods of dealing with cases, understanding the juvenile court process, understanding the troubled adolescent, and seminars in alcohol and drug abuse are offered.

Although the confidentiality of cases must be maintained, it is important to make the community aware of our existence because of the committee's current potential for growth. Appointments are for a three-year period.

## FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ARNOLD OLSEN, FORMER RESIDENT, HELD IN MILLBURN

Rooseveltians and the Borough Bulletin express condolences to the family of Arnold Olsen, a former resident, who died recently while on a visit in Arizona.

Mr. Olsen and his wife, Rhoda, who survives, moved from Roosevelt to Colonia several years ago. Funeral services were held last week in Millburn.

Other survivors include two daughters Pam Nina and Jane Myre of Philadelphia; a stepdaughter, a stepson, and a sister.

# Dancers Square Off

By Lynn Frank

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor lack of heat kept the Roosevelt P.T.A. from having a wholloping good time at its Feb. 10 Valentine Square Dance. The dance was originally scheduled for the R.P.S. gym, but due to a heater malfunction at the gym, the dance had to be either cancelled or moved. The Roosevelt Synagogue came through and we squared off there.

Fred Fields of the Princeton Squares had us literally dancing our feet off under his expert calling.

Charming decorations and delicious refreshments all added to a delightful evening. A special note of thanks must be added to all those who worked so hard.

## LILLIAN WARREN VISITS ROOSEVELT FROM HER TEMPORARY HOME IN CAIRO

Lillian Warren, formerly of Roosevelt, recently visited here after living 2 1/2 years in Cairo, Egypt.

Mrs. Warren attends the American University in Cairo, where she is studying history, architecture and Arabic toward a B.A. degree.

Husband Peter Warren, an international economist working on a project for the Egyptian government, could not leave his work for a vacation, but he promised to write a story for the Borough Bulletin in the near future.

While visiting in Roosevelt, Mrs. Warren was the guest of Lynn and Melvin Friedman.

## COJOC SPONSORS WRITING CONTEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Council of Jewish Organizations (COJO) of the Windsors will sponsor a Young People's Creative Writing Contest in conjunction with an April 22 Commemorative Program in memory of those who lost their lives at the hands of the Nazis during World War II.

The contest is open to school children of all faiths and ages in the area. All writing styles are encouraged -- poetry, essays or short stories -- on the themes relating to the Holocaust. Entries should be limited to a maximum of 350 words and submitted no later than March 16 to Ms. Wendy Genck, 3 Cambridge Way, East Windsor, N.J. 08520.

Judging will be by a panel of religious leaders and COJO committee members, and the winner will be announced in local newspapers by Thursday, April 5.

A prize of \$25 will be awarded to the winner. All entries must include the name, age, address, phone number and school affiliation of the writer.

## LIBRARY DISPLAY DEPICTS HOLOCAUST

Facts and photographs about the Holocaust are the subject of an exhibit on display at East Windsor Library through Feb. 27. The exhibit will be at the Hightstown Library Feb. 28 - March 7 and at Twin Rivers Library March 8-15.

Prepared by Yad Vashem, the National Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem, the exhibit provides a realistic glimpse of Nazi persecution.

The exhibit is being sponsored by the Council of Jewish Organizations of the Windsors, which also plans a Day of Remembrance on Sunday, April 22.

# Editor Did What Others Talked About

By Elly Shapiro

It was definitely Kismet that brought me to a PTA meeting in the summer of 1977 at which the idea of a town newspaper was broached. I had always been a "closet" writer, and here I was about to get an opportunity to express myself.

From conception till now, our inspiration and one of our hardest workers has been our editor, Sue Ann Jones. Her professional expertise has caused the involvement of many talented people.

Sue Ann and her husband David are moving to Columbus, Ohio. Because we will all miss her sorely, I'd like to dedicate this space to Sue Ann. My food column will return next month.

Warmth, humor, patience and her willingness to share her knowledge endeared Sue Ann to us all. But no attribute was more highly prized than her ability to meet her own two-hour time limit on our newspaper meetings. It was nice to receive a personal note every month, even though we all knew it cut into her already non-existent spare time. And sometimes the contortions she had to go into to work her New Jersey Monthly deadlines around ours must have been cause for panic. If so, she never let on. She pulled us all to-

gether to make a good newspaper. While others "talked" about starting a paper, Sue Ann did, and the result is in your hands now. Sure, everyone helps, and we'll all try to continue to pull together after she moves, but we're going to miss you, Sue Ann!

Y'all come back soon, you hear?!!!!

## P. T. A. SPONSORS SUPPER IN HONOR OF GROSSMANS

The P. T. A. will sponsor a covered dish supper this weekend in honor of Steven and Jo Ellen Grossman and the contributions, in many volunteer roles, they have made to Roosevelt.

The Grossmans are moving to Parsippany next month to be closer to Steven's work.

The covered dish supper will begin at 7 p.m. at the Borough Hall. Those planning to attend should contact Judith Goetzmann (443-4948) so that adequate table space may be arranged.

## Lakin Demonstrates Computer Learning

By Barbara Boyles

Those who attended the February P. T. A. meeting were treated to a local guest speaker. Bruce Lakin of Valley Road spoke about computer-assisted instruction.

After an introductory explanation anyone who wanted to was able to try the computer himself. It was an informative and enjoyable evening.

## RICHTERS WELCOME THIRD DAUGHTER

Marlene and Joel Richter, Howell, are the parents of a third daughter, Venessa Summer, born Jan. 13 at Ocean County Hospital. The Richters' other daughters are Meredith, 4, and Tiffany, 2.

Grandparents are Shirley and Nat Richter, Tamara Drive, and Rose Schneider, Ocean Township.



# The Mural and the People

Editor's Note: This is the second of three parts about the town's mural.

By David Herrstrom

A woman, who lectured Ben Shahn on the "boommunistic implications" of the Washington murals he was working on at the time, finished her harangue by announcing that her family had fought at the Battle of Lexington. "Mine," Shahn retorted, "fought at the Battle of Jericho."

He was always concerned about the impact of his art. A rigger, who had worked on the steel construction of the Washington building, remarked: "Good job, bad, good job; that stone carving out in front ain't got nothing to do with anybody." But Shahn learned not to romanticize "The People's" feeling for art. Chagrined by the construction crew that had just torn down a mural at Rockefeller Center he and the Mexican painter Diego Rivera had worked on for weeks, Shahn asked them how they could do such a thing. One replied without hesitation, "For time-and-a-half I'll tear the damn building down."

Shahn believed, nevertheless, that "There's power in the brush!" Perhaps it was not always political power, though his work, including our mural in the school, has that certainly; but he delighted in the power that comes of art, as the rigger implied, having something to do with people. This is an unpredictable power, at time working the reverse of what we might expect. "You see Einstein walking down Nassau Street," one long-time Rooseveltian reflected on his childhood experience, "And the next day you see his face on the wall in school. It gives him importance." On one hand, the mural is

the maker of heroes. On the other, it's "like the triangle!" You have to go around it but you don't see it. Most of the time the Roosevelt mural plays on the periphery of our consciousness, if at all. Young Eric Shapiro tries to describe a friend, casually saying that he "looks like the man standing behind Mr. Plungian in the mural."

For some the mural is "part of the landscape;" for others it is the "roots of American society," the "past for me." Growing up with it insured one thing, however: It's not sacred. Art Shapiro remembered, simply: "My friend Jimmy's father delivered the oil, Frankie's father delivered the milk, and Jonny's father painted the mural." But another former R. P. S. student is still haunted by the "strength of the hands" and the "houses with peaks." He always wondered he says, if Roosevelt houses were originally intended to have peaks? Was this a prophecy?

Artists, of course, look at the mural the way a carpenter would look at a finely built room; he's interested in how it's put together. Jacob Landau's work is not influenced by the mural, but he regards it as a "great American work of art." He takes pleasure in its skillful "penetration of space" and most of all in its tremendous "honesty," in short, its "lack of bullshit," a criticism Shahn would have appreciated.

Stefan Martin can't get away from its "monumentality" and still learns from the "form of the trees and the individual faces." As a kid he delighted in recognizing the "real" people, but this gradually gave way to a fascination with "the interaction of nature with figures and buildings." Not all "the People" have

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Principal's Letter

# "Reading Through the Arts" Begins

Dear Friends,

We've begun another aspect of our arts program this month. In conjunction with the "Learning to Read Through the Arts" program sponsored by the Guggenheim Museum in N.Y.C., our students have begun a course in film-making. All the students will get a chance to make a film. Mara Alper is the filmmaker who is working with our children and our teachers.

The program will last for 16 weeks. During the first eight weeks, the second graders and the sixth, seventh and eighth graders will be working on their projects. They will be writing stories, deciding on what type of film they will be making and filming. At this point a number of animated films are in production along with some live action films and a video program. The first, third, fourth and fifth graders will be involved in the program during the second eight weeks.

The program is designed to help children understand more clearly the nature of film presentations which they see all the time. It also encourages them to write and to develop many skills associated with the kind of films they are making.

Those of you who attended our "Values in America" day last month were able to get a glimpse of learning at R.P.S. Our first and second graders have learned a great deal about the town of Roosevelt and its origin; our third and fourth graders have learned about the world of work, our fourth and fifth graders have done an extensive study of a very important region in our state - the Pine Barrens. Our sixth, seventh and eighth

graders have studied Martin Luther King, Jr. and his work as well as the contribution of science to our society. The classrooms reflected the great amount of work done by the students and their teachers. It was a successful day.

Winter always brings with it the inevitable problems of bad weather, bad boilers, difficult decisions in terms of school closings. The decision to close school is a very serious one. I'm certainly aware of the hardships this decision can produce. On the other hand, the school has to provide the best education it can for the children in town. When conditions make it impossible to provide a safe and comfortable place for children to learn, it is incumbent upon me to make the decision to close school. I do not do this lightly or without very careful consideration to all the variables affecting this decision. I thought it important to let you know my feelings about this.

For those of you concerned about our children attending Hightstown High School, you should know that our eighth grade orientation process has already begun. We've received a written decision from the Commissioner of Education which states that he retains jurisdiction over the matter until 1982.

I'll again encourage your inquiries about the school so that I can respond to you through this column. Thanks for your time and interest.

Lew Gantwerk

# Grades 1 and 2 Research Roosevelt

The first and second grades at R. P. S. have been interviewing long-time Roosevelt residents in order to find out about the history of Roosevelt. Here is a small sample of what we learned.

Roosevelt used to be Jersey Homesteads.

Roosevelt used to have a few little trees that dropped their seeds, but now got bigger.

Roosevelt used to have lots of mud, but now there's less mud because there's roads, houses and grass.

Roosevelt used to have eight farms, but now it has houses.

Roosevelt's Britton House used to be like a hotel, but now it's the Mueller's.

Roosevelt children used to ride a bus to Allentown to go to school.

Roosevelt used to have names of roads that were Co-op Extension, Factory Drive, Co-op Circle, but now they are Pine Drive, Oscar Drive, and Tamara Drive.

Roosevelt used to have a big factory and a farm to support the people, but now Roosevelt people have other places to work in Roosevelt and out of town.

Roosevelt children used to get 25 cents an hour when they worked, but now they get more.

Roosevelt used to have lots of children, but now it has a lot more children.

Roosevelt used to have one person in the school graduating, but now there are nine.

Roosevelt people used to get rides to the movies, but now they have cars.

Roosevelt used to have houses that have flat tops, but now some of them have pointy roofs and some don't.

Roosevelt Public School used to have six classrooms, but now it has seven.

Roosevelt used to have a noisy old-

fashioned fire truck, but now it has a new truck.

Roosevelt used to have the first fire-lady (Mrs. Morris Chasan), but now she makes cookies.

Compiled By Students

## SCIENCE STUDIES TIED to SOCIAL VALUES

By Iris Uklist

On Jan. 26 the 6th, 7th and 8th graders attempted to show how our lives have been enriched by the diverse work of some of our great scientists. The students demonstrated how one scientific achievement led to another.

Through experiments they demonstrated uses of the compound carbon dioxide in soda, fountains and fire extinguishers.

We studied the alchemist, the early chemical workers who led the march to modern day chemistry. In many ways science has succeeded in discovering their elixir to prolong life (the alchemist's dream). However, the price of progress has not always been advantageous. Chemicals that were meant to do good have been abused. Many deaths have occurred from the misuses of drugs and alcohol.

As young scientists they are beginning to realize the problem of deciding how discoveries and their practical applications are to be used. This is where the values we hold as people guide our use of science. Thru education we can begin to develop a value system based on caring about others and improving the quality of life for all people.

## Values Day Stirs Pride

By Irv Rose

You could feel the pride and love emanating from the audience toward the children during their performances at Values Day at the Roosevelt School. Everyone in the community able to attend seemed to be there. The school, always a center of community activity where people come together in good fellowship, recaptured that feeling on Jan. 26.

Each class and each child contributed to the festivities. Parents swelled with pride as their children performed on stage. Older folks, whose children used the same stage were in the audience to help "root" for the newer crop of Roosevelt children. They weren't disappointed. Even though the program may have seemed long, a sense of continuity was generated from generation to generation. All the children were our children; the program was our program; the school was our school and the children's future was our future.

### SCHOOL STAFF TAKES FIRST AID COURSE

The school staff, on their own time and at their own request, is participating in a Standard First Aid Course given by June and Bill Counterman at the school.

The Board of Education has encouraged this and is supporting the course through the purchase of the books and pamphlets. Instruction by the Countermans has been thorough, detailed and comprehensive. Those of us participating in the course feel we're learning a great deal.

## Skiers Triumph Over Cold, Ice

By Gail Kovacs

The day was cold, windy and short on sunshine as students in grades 3-5 arrived at Ski Mountain on Feb. 2.

In fact, the powdery snow produced by machines there blew away as fast as it was applied, leaving mostly ice exposed.

So it was wonderful to watch the determination and perseverance exhibited by the children, some of them on skis for the first time. They certainly had their share of falling down and getting up. (Getting up can be unbelievably difficult.) From the third graders up through the eighth, they had a common bond - a totally new experience in movement. After all, who is accustomed to moving around with 5' long boards attached to boots that feel like Frankenstein's re-jects?

That new experience was our intended purpose. As an extension of the physical education program we wanted to offer them a chance to try a sport they otherwise might not have the opportunity to try.

Soon after we arrived, the children were given their equipment and grouped for classes. The lessons were 1 1/2 hours of trying and falling and getting up and climbing and "wedging" and stopping. There were new types of lifts to be conquered, too: The "pong tow" and even a chairlift.

Enthusiasm must have won over exhaustion because it was difficult to get the students inside to eat lunch and they went right out again, ignoring even pin-ball machines in the warm indoors.

Despite uncooperative weather, I know the ski trip was a success by the number of times I heard, "Aw, c'mon - one more time?" when it was time to go.

# Author Turns to Canvas



By Pat Kaye

Edwin Rosskam is painting his autobiography.

In a series of 10 oil paintings that line his living room walls, Rosskam has begun to recapture people and moments from his past.

Many Rooseveltians know Rosskam as a writer, editor, photographer and filmmaker. He is an artist, too.

Educated at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Rosskam's works were the subject of a one-man show in Paris (then his home) in the 1920's.

The paintings that have begun to tell his life's story are a personal collection that Rosskam claims will not be offered for sale or public showing.

Frustrated over a writing project recently, Rosskam got out his old friend, the paint brush.

He closed his eyes and let the images come from his memory: a governess viewed through the bars of his crib, mourners lined up against the bullet-rum wall where their relatives died in a massacre, the empty face of a friend after shock therapy.

Rosskam's formal training shows through in portrait-perfect lace and beautiful doves. The color of the face -- or the absence of color -- sets the mood for each picture.

In some pictures the central figure is surrounded by vague borders, a reminder that the subjects are recollections from the past rather than studies of the present.

There is irony in the intricate detail of a birch tree that shares a canvas with an image of an informal, friendly Ben Shahn.

And there is humor. "The ugliest man in the world," Rosskam says, describing his portrayal of his uncle.

Rosskam claims there is a little crudeness in all his works. "This is more like a churning out of myself," he explained. If he struggled to stick with a specific style, he says, "I'd be a little phoney, and I want these pictures to be honest."

Why is Rosskam reserving these works in his home? He is not a shy man. He has been published and praised and has withstood a deluge of criticism from some neighbors over his novel "Roosevelt".

"I've had a series of successful lives," Rosskam explained. "Finally you get tired and don't want to struggle any longer against people. I don't mind struggling against canvas or a blank piece of paper."

The pictures alone are fascinating, and each gives rise to a story that Ed will share with a friendly visitor.

But 10 pictures are just a few "chapters."

What about the mental images from the three years he spent on the South Sea Island of Raiatea, developing photographs in his thatched roof hut on nights when the moon was new?

What about those tense days in Puerto Rico after the massacre when he went there in spite of civil unrest because, as he says, "it was a job worth doing"?

Rosskam acknowledges that his memoirs are incomplete. "There's so much in my head," he said. A lifetime of images and experiences takes time to record, whether on paper or on canvas.

## Jewish Family Service Aids Teens, Parents

Printed Upon Request of Rabbi Jay Jacobs

When children are young, they listen with breathless admiration to their parents. Young children consider their parents paragons of virtue, and try to be as much like them as possible.

By the time those children become teenagers, the situation has changed. They leave their rooms in a mess and come in at 2:00 a.m. They seem immune to broad hints from parents about neater appearance, cleaner rooms, and earlier hours.

At that point some parents seek counseling from Jewish Family Service.

They've read all the books and articles about allowing their teenagers to develop independently. They want to be good parents, and they want their youngsters to have ideas of their own. On the other hand, they feel quite hurt that the youngsters, who admired them so much only a few years ago, suddenly seem to be oblivious to their good opinion. What should they do?

Some parents find it easier to be insistent on relatively minor matters like making the bed before going to school, and very difficult to be firm in relatively vital matters like study habits or not going into an unsafe neighborhood late at night, or repeated crash diets which might be seriously harmful to an adolescent's health.

Family counselors have found that parents are often so afraid that their children won't listen anyhow, that they don't dare to give their opinion anymore. The same parent would not hesitate for a moment to give an opinion at a dinner party or a P. T. A. meeting, when there's a fairly good chance that no one is listening either. But somehow it hurts more to be seemingly ignored by one's own children.

Family counselors have also learned that a teenager may look as if he were not listening when he is. Sometimes he's trying to find out whether his parents are really willing to set standards and insist on having them kept. Sometimes he may even be looking for an excuse to behave in a way he knows to be right, while protesting all along that his parents are totally unreasonable. He may be quite tired of his hairstyle, but it's so much easier to tell his friends that he had to get a haircut because his old man is a square.

A parent who insists on acceptable behavior is, of course, taking a chance that his youngster won't listen. He is also taking a chance that the youngster will listen and still insist on going on his own way. But parents who expect to be listened to usually are. And children have a fantastic ability to discover a basic uncertainty in a parent... and at the same time, to know when the parent means what he is saying.

So, whether they listen or don't listen, they still know what's important to the parents. And if the parents find it impossible to communicate their feelings and ideas to their children, the whole family might be able to use professional help. And that's what Jewish Family Service is for.

Counseling help is available locally through the Jewish Family Service's Windsors branch office (443-6233). The Jewish Family Service is supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Trenton, the Delaware Valley United Way and individual contributions.

# BUDGET HIKES NECESSITATE REFERENDUM

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proposed budget calls for an excess of \$27,720.36 over the \$4,150 limit.

The main increase is an \$18,575 bill from R.J. Hicks Co. for repairs to Borough roads ravaged by the rough winter of 1977-78. The rest of the increase is attributable to a \$2,226.71 deferred appropriation for the CETA Program, \$2,000 for the Capital Improvement Fund, a \$500 increase in the Borough Clerk's salary, \$1,000 more for the annual audit, a \$1,500 increase for legal fees, a \$1,000 contingency in case Federal funding of the CETA Program is not continued, approximately \$2,320 for increased utility bills, \$600 for the fire department and \$1,500 for trash removal.

In other budget action, following a public hearing the Council decided to allocate \$5,569.89 in revenue sharing money to the buildings and grounds category to aid in the construction of a utility storage building and to improve sanitation facilities at the Borough Hall.

Under the proposed budget the Borough's overall tax rate is expected to decrease by eight cents per \$100 of assessed value. Although the municipal rate will increase by nine cents and the county rate by four cents, the school tax rate will decrease by 21 cents due to a slight decrease in the school appropriations and increased State aid. Thus, the owner of a house assessed at \$40,000 will pay \$32 less property tax in 1979.

The good news about the overall tax rate was somewhat tarnished by the prospect that water and sewer utility rates may have to be increased from \$20 to \$30 per month in order to make emergency water and sewer plant repairs and to finance the Borough's share of Federally funded water and sewer system improvements, including construction of a back-up well and sewer system repairs ordered by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The budget was published in full in the Feb. 20 edition of the Asbury Park Press.

## Laurie Altman Plays at Famous Jazz Club

Rooseveltian Laurie Altman, winner of the Mason Gross Fellowship in music, has been invited to perform weekly at the Tiffany Lounge, formerly "Lanzl's," 41 Liberty St., in Trenton. He continues the tradition of great jazzmen such as Miles Davis, who have preceded him in performing at this standout club. Altman's trio, which includes drummer Bill DiMartino and bass guitarist, Rooseveltian Jonas Lenda, will alternate with the well-known jazz saxophonist Richie Cole.

Further information may be obtained by calling 394-9303.

The Mason Gross Fellowship has enabled Altman to begin work on his opera, Vanuck, Vanuck. Having composed a variety of music other than jazz works, including sonatas and choral pieces, he is looking forward to working in an operatic medium, employing renaissance music and a libretto which he describes as a "kind of medieval farce." He expects to finish, approximately, on that ceremonial occasion for us all - April 15.

## ORLANDO, Landau Perform, Record With Nightflyers

By Andrea Maida

Those who were at Good Time Charley's the first weekend in February enjoyed the foot-tapping, knee-slapping dancing music of Ron Orlando and Nightflyer. They were joined by special guest Paul Prestopino.

The group, which features Jonas Landau on bass, combines the music of other artists with Orlando's original songs. Their music has its foundation in Rock and Roll, with styles drawn from country, blues and folk.

Orlando and Prestopino are co-producing a tape at the Record Plant, New York City.

The group was on a Cable T.V. spot

on Feb. 11 in North Jersey and Manhattan.

Performances at the Tin Lizzie, Rt. 27 between Kingston and New Brunswick are slated for March 2 and 3.

### THE MURAL AND THE PEOPLE

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been at one end or the other of this route. But whether the mural is "like the triangle" at our street intersection or its faces and spaces loom persistently in the consciousness, there is certainly "power in the brush."

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## BULLETIN THANKS P. T. A. REPORTER

The Borough Bulletin extends thanks to Jo Ellen Grossman for her work as P. T. A. reporter for this newspaper.

While we are sorry that Jo Ellen can no longer help to keep us informed about our sponsoring organization, we wish the Grossmans good luck in their new home in Parsippany.

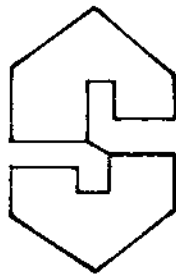
We welcome to our staff Barbara Boyles, who has agreed to write about the P. T. A. in future Bulletin editions.

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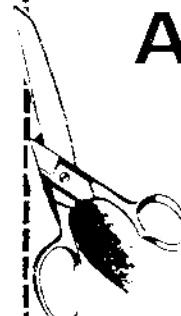
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FEBRUARY

- 21 Wednesday, 3 p.m. Parents Advisory Council, RPS.
- 22 Thursday, 4 p.m. Last date to file as candidate for School Board election
- 24 Saturday, 7 p.m. P.T.A. covered-dish dinner, Borough Hall
- 25 Sunday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Brunch, Congregation Anshei
- 26 Monday, 8 p.m. Planning Board Meeting, Borough Hall
- 27 Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. Early Closing, RPS
- 27 Tuesday, 8 p.m. Special Town Meeting to Discuss Referendum, Boro Hall
- 28 Wednesday, 8 p.m. First Aid Meeting, Borough Hall

MARCH

- 4 Sunday, 3 p.m. Deadline for register as voter for school election, Boro Hall
- 5 Monday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Special Election: Referendum, Borough Hall
- 6 Tuesday, 8 p.m. School Board Agenda Meeting, RPS
- 7 Wednesday, 2 p.m. Senior Citizens Meeting, Borough Hall
- 7 Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Bookmobile, Store Parking Lot
- 8 Thursday, 8 p.m. PTA-sponsored School Board Candidates' Night, RPS
- 12 Monday, 5 p.m. Copy Deadline. Send Bulletin copy to Pat Kaye
- 12 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Town Budget Hearing, Borough Hall
- 12 Monday, 8:30 p.m. Council Agenda Meeting, Borough Hall
- 15 Tuesday, 8 p.m. School Board Meeting, RPS
- 14 Wednesday, 8 p.m. Council Meeting, Borough Hall
- 15 Thursday, 8 p.m. Public Hearing: School Budget, RPS
- 16 Friday, 8 p.m. Poetry and Jazz, Borough Hall
- 20 Tuesday, 9 a.m. M.C.O.S.S., Borough Hall
- 21 Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Bookmobile, Store Parking Lot

The Bulletin Staff joins Roosevelt friends in sending get-well wishes to these neighbors:

Mei Adlerman, Harold Feigenbaum, Richard Mellor, M. L. Norris, and Ruth Weisberger.

Compiled by Lynn Friedman  
To report items for listing in the March calendar, call 448-5186 by March 12.

BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

NOTICE is hereby given that the District Board of Election in and for the Borough of Roosevelt will meet at the Borough Hall, North Rochdale Avenue, on

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1979

between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a Special Election to give the voters an opportunity to decide if the 1979 Budget shall exceed the 5% "cap." A "Yes" or "No" vote will be cast on the following question:

Shall the Governing Body of the Borough of Roosevelt be authorized to adopt the 1979 Municipal purpose budget MPB, notwithstanding that its "Final appropriation" exceeds the 5% increase limitations by \$27,720.36 as provided by Chapter 68, Public Laws 1976?

INTERPRETATION

A "Yes" vote will authorize the governing body of the municipality to adopt the budget which was introduced and published. Chapter 68 P.L. 1976 provides a 'cap' of 5% on the amount of increase, which can be exceeded "when approved by referendum." If approved by the voters, a public hearing will be held and this budget will be adopted subject to the total dollar increase over the 'cap' hereby authorized, in accordance with the Local Budget Law and the regulations of the Local Finance Board. Any amendment to the introduced budget shall not result in the above figure being exceeded.

Absentee ballots may be obtained directly from the Monmouth County Clerk's Office, Freehold, New Jersey. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the Borough Clerk's Office between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. weekdays, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays excluded.

Application for absentee ballots must be made not later than seven (7) days prior to the election date.

Elizabeth A. Johnson  
Borough Clerk