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Council News

by Aaron Datz

It was a busy summer for the Roosevelt Borough Council. There were new ordinances, rate changes, personnel changes, and other assorted activities. This report will be only about what transpired at council meetings and not what might have been said at agenda meetings or at other formal and informal meetings.

As we all know, the water/sewer rates have gone up to \$47 per month. Members of the public (at the July meeting) asked questions about metering and other possible ways of reducing the tariff for some smaller users. Bernie Leefer promised an answer to the metering problem by January.

In August, Hood Products, a chemicals manufacturer, applied for a certificate of occupancy for the factory building now owned by Mrs. Barth. The council requested information regarding the safety of the operation and is now studying the application.

A five- to seven-year program for road repair was announced and a \$26,268 contract granted for the first phase to Harris Bros.

Lou Esakoff reported that the

new garbage contract will contain provisions for recycling paper and metals. The council passed an ordinance requiring recycling to be instituted.

A new fence ordinance was introduced over the objection of Leefer and Chasan.

A revision of the cemetery ordinance was introduced; it was necessitated by a reportedly ineligible burial. The revision assesses a heavy fine and possible jail sentence for fraudulent affidavits regarding eligibility for a plot in

the Roosevelt cemetery.

Carol Watchler announced that there would be a celebration in Roosevelt of Eleanor Roosevelt's 100th birthday on October 13 and 14. The council donated \$500 for this event (over the objection of Mr. Chasan).

The council approved the purchase of the land for the extension of Farm Lane (abutting the Roosevelt Senior Citizens project) from Dr. Notterman for \$4500. The money will come from Community Development Block Grant funds. There was a tie vote, with Counterman, Watchler, Metzger

voting for, and Chasan, Leefer, and Esakoff voting against. Mayor Hepner cast the deciding vote for.

The council again acted on the changing of the name of Cemetery Road. In July the council approved a name change to Homestead Lane. In August an eloquent plea by Leslie Weiner caused the council to rethink its decision and it changed the name to Eleanor Lane in honor of Mrs. Roosevelt. There were objections from Leefer and Chasan.

As was stated earlier, the summer was also rife with personnel changes, viz:

Harold Haught replaced Peter Berlinrut as Building Inspector. The Mayor and council thanked Mr. Berlinrut for 11 years of service to the community.

Wilbur Loftus was retained as special police officer until the end of the year.

At the July meeting Peter Warren and Bob Clark protested Mr. Warren's dismissal as dog-census-taker. The council insisted they were justified

in his dismissal.

David Teich, who was hired as an assistant to Tom Karpick in July, resigned in September. He will, however, continue to operate the water/sewer plant on weekends.

Connie Herrstrom was replaced as an alternate on the Planning Board by Al Malach.

Jack Yudin and Lorraine Scalph were appointed as crossing guards for the 1984-85 school year.

Tom Karpick, our only full-time employee, has received, finally, and happily, a full license to operate the water and sewer plants. Mr. Kowalsky, who was the licensee until now, will continue to act as a consultant to the borough.

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Dog Census Taker Dismissed

by David Brahinsky
co-editor

In April, 1983 and again in January, 1984, the New Jersey Department of Health sent a notice to the Borough Clerk for the attention of the Mayor and Health Officers making them aware that adjacent states are experiencing an increase of rabies in wildlife and domestic animals. The notices recommended that the town take all possible measures to prevent the transmission of wildlife rabies to domestic animals and the general public by identification of dogs through canvassing, licensing of the dog population, and immunization of all dogs and cats against rabies. The second notice stated that the department believed it necessary to conduct an annual house to house dog canvass to identify unlicensed dogs and provide follow up to assure compliance with the law.

Rooseveltian Peter Warren was hired by the council as Dog Census Taker at an annual salary of \$100.00, but during this summer he was relieved of his duties. The reasons for this action were cited in a letter to Mr. Warren, viz; (1) that he failed to perform a door to door census, (2) that he refused to process necessary paper work so that summonses could be issued to violators of dog license requirements, and (3) that he selectively and arbitrarily sent violation warning notices to some but not to all who had failed to obtain dog licenses at the time.

Mr. Warren is of the opinion that the council did not handle the situation correctly

and, more generally, that the way it dealt with this problem is indicative of the way the council has been operating in general. On the other hand, the council, as represented in this case by Deborah Metzger, Chair of the Safety Committee, and Mayor Freda Hepner believe that the matter was handled properly.

Mr. Warren decided that the most efficient method of carrying out his duties would be to phone residents who had not registered their dog, and that eventually, via this method he would be able to complete the task. He points out that he was able to have 30 additional dogs registered after the deadline of January, 1984, and that he had sent out notices to several people who had ignored a reminder that they continued to be in violation of the Dog Canvass Ordinance (#22-4).

The council, however, was not satisfied with his method and results as there still remained at least five violators. Furthermore, according to the council, one dog reported dead was seen running loose around town. Mr. Warren was instructed to conduct a door to door census and was reminded that such a method is included in the Dog Census Taker Job Description. He was also asked to issue summonses to violators.

Both the council and Mr. Warren agree that he did not carry out a door to door census. Mr. Warren states that one reason he did not do so is that such a method is not stipulated in the Dog Canvass

Ordinance or in the state regulation (#4:19-15.15). He states that he did not want to issue summonses as the Dog Census Taker is not empowered to do so. Thus he would be in violation of the law. Ms. Metzger states that this was eventually taken into consideration and that Mr. Warren was instructed to fill out the proper paperwork and that the summonses would be issued by the town policeman, but that Mr. Warren did not comply with this instruction. Finally, the council did not feel that the Dog Census Taker should send warning notices to some residents (we have learned that four or five were sent out) and not to others (the Borough Clerk states that one resident was not sent such a notice).

As can be seen, the conflict was not one of goals but of method: Mr. Warren believed that, given the nature of Roosevelt, the fact that he was basically a volunteer putting in a great deal of time and effort for the money, and that he had come to understand the problem through his on the job experience, he was in the best position to determine correct procedure. The council, on the other hand, felt that the problem was not being solved properly and that a house to house census was necessary.

Another bone of contention concerns the way the council communicated its wishes and decision to Mr. Warren. According to Mr. Warren, the council sent him a "peremptory" (i.e., final, dictatorial, dogmatic, or imperious) letter telling him, as he puts it, to quit or be fired. Given the voluntary nature of the job and the time and effort he had put in on it, he felt this to be totally uncalled for and we presume

insulting. We, of course, were not privy to communications that went on prior to this letter and so cannot determine what led to it. Mr. Warren claims that when his response was read at a council agenda meeting -- a response he admits was equally peremptory -- one council member pointed out that the council's letter was not the first letter sent by the council that was harsher than it should have been.

A second letter was sent to him by the council in which it was stated that any offense that may have been caused by the first letter was unintended and in which the above-mentioned reasons for his termination were given in greater detail.

Mr. Warren claims furthermore that, as far as he could tell, the situation had not been discussed by the Safety Committee and that the committee did not know if the census had been effective or not. Ms. Metzger disagrees with Mr. Warren, claiming that the committee had been kept informed of the progress of the census by the Borough Clerk.

No matter which party we find more at fault it seems clear that the real culprits are those who fail to have their pets registered, licensed and vaccinated. Must someone be bitten and become infected before the seriousness of the situation is recognized?

Neighbors

The Pluck of the English

by Adeline Weiner

There are at least two good reasons for initiating a regular column about the doings of interesting individuals in our town: Knowing about important events in the lives of our neighbors is plainly a large part of what constitutes local news and therefore can scarcely be a matter of indifference to a community newspaper. Furthermore, our town (or is it every town?) has an abundance of people to whom interesting occasions and incidents appear to happen.

We therefore plan to devote adequate space to reports about borough dwellers, their work, achievements and gratifications. We, of course, look to individual readers to keep us informed of all the news that's fit to know.

Gloria Hazell is talking about her work in a rapid flow of run-away phrases: "It's world-wide, you know. Parents Anonymous. Started in California. In 1971. I ran the NJ Hot Line. Have to take a break now and then or else burn-out." Gloria had seen an ad on TV, 11 years ago, in England, an ad that engaged her urgent attention. At that time she and her three children were victims of physical and verbal abuse from a violent and alcoholic husband. She obtained the assistance of PA without which she could not have broken away. Three years later she married Andrew Hazell, a computer operator, who, over a year ago, settled the family, including a fourth child, young Andrew, in Roosevelt.

Gloria's ebullient, charmingly accented speech alternates earnestness and amusement. "Andy and I are members of the State Executive Board. I organized a huge Happy Day outing for all the PA kids in NJ. Raised great gobs of food and toys. Out in Bricktown it was. Andy does a lot of training of people to handle the phones. He's awfully good at it. But the Hot Line is a frustrating job. You have to know what you're doing. We can't just tell people who call what they should do. We have to help them see it themselves."

She goes on to describe her own recent attack of burn-out that sent her on an indefinite leave of absence. She felt much restored after a seven-week visit to England with young Andrew along, spent mainly at her mother's house just outside London. After six months away, she can't wait to get back to work. She laughs with surprise at the strength of the appeal the job has for her no matter how dispirited she gets.

In her breezy, energetic way, Gloria talks about the need to understand that parent abusers are themselves victims of abuse. "They are not sadistic. They mostly require counselling and help rather than punishment." The police, she says, tend to bear down on child abusers. PA, however, understands that such people are in a real sense hurt themselves and often want help to control their violent behavior. "Every case is different though. There are no

formulas. That's what makes the work so exciting -- and so wearing."

Gloria speaks simply and directly of the obligation to share her case with those who feel trapped and hopeless. Her mother, she says, calls it "showing your dirty linen in public", but Gloria insists she doesn't mind if it helps allay others' misfortunes. Her children, she feels, are doing progressively better: first by escaping that early disastrous household; then because of her marriage to Andy who has gradually won the confidence of the older children; and, finally, owing to the benefits of living in Roosevelt. She is fervent in her gratitude to the Roosevelt School staff who discovered that one of the boys was struggling with a handicapping dyslexia, that is now, due to remedial attention, largely overcome. Both Hazells are enthusiastic about the local parent-children, parent-parent self-help groups.

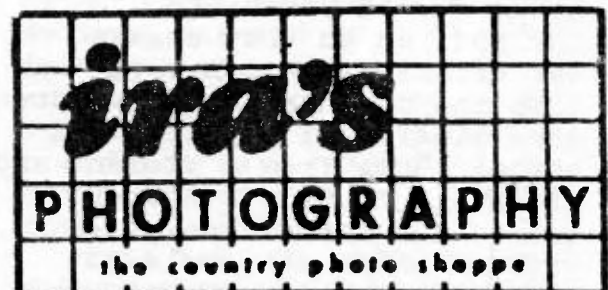
As Gloria talks about the family's plan to move to Farm Lane in the Fall (fully accomplished by press time), she muses: "Andy loves it here the best of any place. I still feel attached to England somehow. I like Roosevelt. It reminds me of home, quiet and tranquil." Then with a shy smile, "But I do still feel English."

When her husband receives his Green Card that will allow family members to have legal work status in the US, Gloria Hazell will be able to take the "paid job waiting for me" with NJ Parents Anonymous. Her daughter Petula, 17, a striking look-alike to her attractive mother, will also be able to

get work in aid of a college career. Having recently won a county-wide writing contest, Petula has spent the summer studiously absorbed in learning creative writing and illustrating, on her own. John, 15, wants to be an architect and Matthew, 14, is passionate about baseball and things mechanical. Six-year-old Andrew much impressed his grandmother's English friends with his reading skills.

In spite of the grim experiences of personal abuse, unhappy children and intense emotional distress, Gloria believes that all in all she has benefited from adversity. "I've changed a lot. I've learned a lot." Then she adds with a sunny grin, "You have to love what you're doing, haven't you?"

She is rested and happy and ready to return to her challenging job undaunted by obstacles that would discourage anyone less dedicated, such as no pay, no easily accessible transportation and temporarily, no phone at home. Those conditions to Gloria are par for the course. One is left immensely cheered by the gallant courage and vivid good humor of an affable but hitherto somewhat shadowy neighbor, living right next door.



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Nature Trails

by Bob Clark

I recently found out that it would not be terribly difficult for a few individuals, dedicated to a few week-ends of effort, to restore many of Roosevelt's "garden city" attributes. I made this discovery while "constructing" a path ("nature trail?") on the green acres land parallel to Lake Drive and Route 571 running from Spruce Lane (the gravel road astride Footlight Farm) to within a lot's width of South Valley Road.

Perhaps the chief reason for our town's listing on the state and national registers of historic places is its community site design. The German-born architect-planner, Alfred Kastner, adapted the Garden City concepts espoused by Ebenezer Howard of England to the needs of Jersey Homesteads (later Roosevelt). The town adopted the "superblock" scheme first utilized in 1929 in Radburn, Fair Lawn Township, Bergen County, by designers Clarence Stein and Henry Wright. The superblock concept attempts to keep pedestrians and motor vehicles from interfering with one another. The living and sleeping sections of the houses face commons or park land, while the service rooms face the roadways.

The ideal is to devise a community where a pedestrian can start at any given point and proceed on foot to schools, stores or places of worship without having to cross a street used by automobiles. In Radburn this ideal is assisted by numerous pedestrian walkways, overpasses and underpasses.

In Roosevelt the ideal has drifted severely off course due to the lack of sidewalks or pathways across open space and the absence of pedestrian overpasses at key points, such as Route 571. Although Roosevelt need not turn its commons land into manicured parks, it can return a long way toward its historic foundations by creating a system of nature trails and pathways.

It occurred to me that one of the best tools to demonstrate my point was a riding lawnmower. Since the "experimental tract" behind my house had been stripped of topsoil in many places, I was aided in my venture by a distressing lack of mature trees. Environmentalists on the verge of palpitations will be pleased to learn that only noxious weeds, honeysuckle and poison ivy succumbed to the whirling blade. I also found sufficient space between trees in the occasional locust forest to satisfy my conscience on all counts. Moreover, I was pleased to discover that, by and large, my neighbors had refrained from discarding yard trash or rubbish on Roosevelt's heritage.

I realized that the job was easy and hoped that similar projects could be sponsored all over town. For example, a stroll along Empty Box Creek certainly rivals a walk down Farm Lane as a means of access to the Roosevelt Deli from the Solar Village. It occurred to me that we had better hurry while there were still people in town able to appreciate the

fact that commons land should serve as more than a gigantic tangled fence. This urgency became clear when a couple of kids, upon spying the newly-created path, asked my wife if the person who "owned" it would let them use it.

It turns out that an official sponsor does exist: the Roosevelt Park and Shade Tree Commission, chaired by Rod Tulloss. The Commission, which meets the third Thursday of every month at 8:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, kicked off the planning for nature trails at its September 20 meeting. At press time ideas concerning locations of trails, plant identification and introduction, protection of bird habitats, erosion prevention obtaining federal literature and removal of crowded trees were scheduled for discussion. A guest speaker was invited to attend. Tulloss indicated that 35 to 40 people had already expressed an interest in helping with the project.

The nature trail efforts would be coordinated with clean-up activities organized by Ed Cedar and Carol Watchler. Successful spring clean-ups occurred on public land along Pine Drive and the bicycle path to the school.

POLICE BLOTTER

During the beginning of June Homestead Lane residents had a car battery taken from their vehicle during the night. The perpetrator opened the hood of the vehicle which was parked in front of the residence, and cut the battery cables and removed same. The case is still being investigated by Tpr. Mike Anthony.

On June 25, 1984 Tprs. Bean and Mayo responded to a possible burglary in progress on Clarksburg Rd. Upon the troopers' arrival, they apprehended a Lake Drive juvenile still in the residence. Same juvenils was being charged with burglary and criminal mischief, and was later released to parents.

On July 9, 1984 the Roosevelt School experienced damage to the garage door on the maintenance shed. The bottom panels were damaged extensively, and it was also noted that numerous residents were at the school on July 4th for the Independence Day party. It appears the damage occurred between the 4th and the 9th, and the case is still under investigation.

On July 18, 1984 Lake Drive residents experienced a burglary of their home; however, nothing of value was taken. Several juveniles were seen in the area about the time of the burglary, and the case is under investigation at this time.

On July 22, 1984 Homestead Lane residents experienced a burglary of their vehicle while it was parked in the driveway. The cassette tape player was stolen along with numerous cassette tapes. This case is also under investigation.

A Weekend with *Eleanor Roosevelt*

by Ann Baker

President Harry Truman called her The First Lady of the World and considered making her the vice-presidential nominee in 1948. In the end, Truman chose Senator Alben Barkley as his running mate. That pragmatic decision, however, did nothing to diminish the fact that Eleanor Roosevelt was the First Lady of the World. Her work on behalf of the newly-formed United Nations earned her the love and esteem of people around the world.

Residents of Roosevelt, New Jersey know that our town was re-named after the death of President Roosevelt in 1945, having been previously known as Jersey Homesteads. This was one of many homestead projects developed by the New Deal administration of FDR to encourage economic recovery from the Depression.

Eleanor Roosevelt took an active interest in the homestead communities, visiting many of them and acting as their advocate in the nation's capital. In this respect, Jersey Homesteads was not unique.

Mrs. Roosevelt's last visit to our town occurred in 1962, only a few months before her death, when the Roosevelt Memorial was dedicated. There is still a significant portion of our population who remember this great event.

The town of Roosevelt joined other Americans in 1982 to honor the 100th anniversary of the birth of Franklin D. Roosevelt, with a weekend celebration that featured a visit from Curtis Roosevelt, grandson of the First Family, and now on the permanent

staff of the United Nations.

1984 is the 100th anniversary of Eleanor Roosevelt's birth on October 11, 1884, and Roosevelt, New Jersey plans to join other Americans who are holding numerous celebrations around the country. The weekend of October 13-14 will be full, with a variety of events in town to celebrate the memory of this great American woman.

Knowing that Mrs. Roosevelt enjoyed square dancing, a square dance is planned for Saturday evening, October 13. Called by Steve Schnur, the group Hold the Mustard will provide music for a variety of fun country dances. Music-makers are Dan Beerbohm on clarinet and tin whistle, Barbara Greenberg on fiddle, Paul Prestopino on banjo and guitar and Eric Scott on piano. Hold the Mustard and caller Schnur are in demand throughout the East, playing the Northeast Corridor from DC to Boston.

On Sunday there will be a tree-planting ceremony, and Cemetery Road will be re-named in honor of Eleanor Roosevelt. A special exhibit will be on display at the school, including a film highlighting Mrs. Roosevelt's contributions and accomplishments toward a more just and peaceful nation and world.

The Sunday afternoon program at the Roosevelt Memorial will include a dramatic presentation/reading of Eleanor Roosevelt's writings and speeches. Major political figures have been invited, including Senators Bill

Bradley and Frank Lautenberg, and vice-presidential candidate Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro. State Senator Wynona Lipman will speak on Eleanor Roosevelt's commitment to expanding rights for women and minorities in our society.

A celebration of Eleanor Roosevelt's life is particularly timely. International antagonisms and social polarization within our own country make her a model for all who are struggling to fulfill the American dream of liberty and justice for all. In a 1939 speech to the Daughters of the American Revolution (one short year before their refusal to allow Marian Anderson to sing in Constitution Hall), Eleanor Roosevelt made a plea for "a patriotism that will mean living for the interests of everyone in our country and the world at large, rather than simply preparing to die for our country."

E. ROOSEVELT CELEBRATION

For a historical display on October 14, when our local commemoration of Eleanor Roosevelt's 100th birthday will take place, we need personal memorabilia, letters, articles, cartoons, printed material, photographs, etc. If you have any material that will illustrate her life and work and her connection with Roosevelt, and are willing to lend it for the display, please contact Evelyn Datz, 448-1811.

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School Board News

by Herb Johnson

It was my first assignment as a Borough Bulletin reporter. Cover the Roosevelt Board of Education Public Meeting on July 5, 1984. We just had a great graduation at the school about a week before. I expected a short meeting. Not so. After some involved preliminaries, the board presented eleven reports, on twenty subjects; voted eight actions; and recessed at 11:14 to go into closed session. This non-paid group sure does a lot of work for our school!

Present were Chair Mary King, Debbie Allen, Margaret Katz, Jeb Shahn, John Burkhart, Bernie Suttake, and Art Unger. Assisting the board were staff members; Secretary John McLaughlin and Dr. Stanley Sussman, Principal.

Views that the minutes were too brief were expressed by three members, continuing an appeal for improved coverage from a previous meeting. The secretary asked for written guidelines, which the chair then asked Mrs. Katz and the Personnel Committee to prepare. The minutes were tabled for enlargement. How's that for a rare start?

Four pages had been given to me by the secretary already; a detailed agenda for the meeting, Dr. Sussman's chart comparing '83 and '84 Grade Equivalent Scores in 10 areas for all 8 grades of students, and a two-page document entitled "Evaluation of Board Secretary," which had its second reading and was approved.

The principal's report pointed out that the seventh

graders this year scored "52 months" (or 5.2 years in terms of schooling) ahead of the national average in math and one category of language, while they scored only "30 months" ahead of the average as 6th graders in 1983. The fourth graders were 9 months ahead of the national average, and scored lower this year than previously in 9 of the 10 categories. More info was requested for the next meeting.

When the principal reported that he found 4 inches of water in the middle of the roof and he would ask a plumber to clear the drains, Mr. Unger urged that regular clearing of the drains be scheduled for the school's maintenance employee.

Welcome to the new school. The PTA thanks everyone for their support in the past. We hope to see new faces at our next meeting.

We welcome all new ideas and suggestions for our future PTA projects.

Meeting dates and highlights of programs will be posted in advance.

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Board of Education Report

by John Burghardt

The Board of Education would like to begin using the Borough Bulletin to make the community aware of important news and events in our school. The start of a new school year and some good news about our district make this an opportune time to begin these occasional reports to the community.

The good news is that Roosevelt Public School has earned an excellent report card from state education officials. The County Superintendent of Schools notified us in July of his impending recommendation to the State Commissioner of Education that Roosevelt be certified for a period of five years. "Certification" signifies that a district fully complies with state guidelines in a wide range of areas relating to program, curriculum, staffing, and facilities.

Certification has been granted after a rigorous monitoring process that began last January with a visit by staff of the state Department of Education. Their three-day review of our program resulted in satisfactory ratings in most areas. A few deficiencies were noted at that time, with the most important deficiency being lack of a curriculum in social studies. The state granted a six-month period to remedy the deficiencies. Since completion of a social studies curriculum had been scheduled for June 1984, it was possible to eliminate this and all other deficiencies in a timely manner, and to receive certification this summer.

The community has reason to be proud of our staff's accomplishment because this is the first time in recent years that Roosevelt's program has earned

full state approval. Furthermore, many districts have failed to receive certification this year under the new monitoring process, which Commissioner of Education Cooperman has instituted.

A second part of our report card is perhaps more gratifying because it reflects more directly the accomplishments of our students. The state Department of Education requires local school districts to set annual objectives aimed at improving their educational programs. These objectives must be related to the academic development of their students. Furthermore, the districts must submit to the state specific plans for achieving the goals and for measuring the extent to which the goals are achieved. The state then monitors district efforts. Last year the state insisted that goals be formulated in areas of academic weakness. Achievement levels had to be set so that meeting the objectives would constitute significant improvement.

At the beginning of the 1983-84 school year, Roosevelt adopted goals in the areas of social studies, reading, and composition. According to the County Superintendent's recent report, we exceeded the goals in social studies and reading, and achieved the goal in composition. More generally, as one reviews our students' performance on the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills, one notes solid evidence of improvement in all areas of basic skills. We are proud of the staff and children for these accomplishments, and for the hard work which they reflect.

July Fourth a Success

by Bill Counterman

The annual Roosevelt 4th of July celebration was outstanding as it usually is, and primarily due to one of Roosevelt's greatest assets - a tremendous community "esprit de corps".

A small group of dedicated planners, the Roosevelt 4th of July Committee, met several times in the first 6 months of 1984. Out of these meetings, the stage was set for the activities for the 4th of July celebration. The financial burden of the celebration was also surveyed. The 1983 celebration had operated at a \$700 net loss. The committee could not afford to have this happen again. Beer and the paid band were eliminated from the program. As usual, Roosevelt residents organized to take care of these areas. Local musical talent put together and presented an excellent musical program. The beer issue was a bit more controversial. A group of residents obtained the necessary approvals and commitments, then provided and handled the beer. The rest of the planning and activities fell into place and the day long community celebration occurred as can happen only in Roosevelt.

The activities started with a Runathon. Howard Kauffman, Margaret Schlinski, Cissy Porter, and June Counterman started the two age groups of runners and, upon completion, gave each runner a certificate of completion that included the time of his/her run. As the Runathon was taking place, others were busy setting up the area alongside the Roosevelt Public School to be used for

some of the afternoon activities. Those workers included Ralph Warnick, John Ord, Steve Scalph, Saliba Sarsar, Elias Sarsar, and Bill Counterman. That afternoon Bob Francis, the parade marshall, organized the paraders and got the parade rolling at 2 p.m. The parade circled around Tamara Drive, out Pine Drive, and then down Rochdale Avenue - ending at the war memorial rock with a patriotic ceremony led by Boy Scout Troop 116. Following a lively talk by Mayor Freda Hepner, the hot dogs and beverages were distributed. The hot dogs were skillfully grilled and served by Mel Friedman, Bob Clark, Phil Jaeger, Steve Scalph, Elias Sarsar, Nancy Warnick, Bob Francis, and Bill Counterman. The non-alcoholic beverages were dispensed by Ralph Warnick and June Counterman. The beer was handled by a citizens group headed by Laurie Altman. During this time, the decorated bicycles were carefully judged and the winners honored by Margaret Schlinski. While the adults were eating and reminiscing, Howard Kauffman and Margaret Schlinski led the children in various games. Irene Block and Sivvy Gale sold 50/50 tickets while Saliba Sarsar and Maureen Clark diligently sold art raffle tickets - both to help cover the expenses of the day. As the food and drink tapered off, the drawing and raffle brought some pleasant surprises to the winners. The musical program was skillfully presented by local musical talent headed by David Brahinsky.

The celebration drew to a close with a spectacular fireworks display conducted by George Loyer, Bob Lewis, Fred Hard, Joyce Rodgers, Courtney Loyer, and Chris Heineman. The Roosevelt First Aid Squad and Fire Company stood by and assisted as needed throughout the day. Wilbur Loftus headed the safety efforts, especially during the night activities.

The Roosevelt 4th of July Committee wishes to thank all who had a part in this annual lively, patriotic event. There were many who contributed money, pieces of art, talents, and works of love - all of which helped make the day a tremendous success and helped keep Roosevelt the kind of community we have grown to love and want to see continue.

If you would like to join in the planning for the 1985 Roosevelt 4th of July celebration, contact Bill Counterman (President), Saliba Sarsar (Vice President), Nancy Warnick (Secretary), or June Counterman (Treasurer).



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Many of you will be pleased to hear that the squad will be commissioning Stefan Martin to do a second print. As was done with the first print, "The Tree of Life", there will be only 100 prints made. Sales should start in November.

On September 23, the Roosevelt First Aid Squad feted its retired life members at a special dinner at the Elks Lodge in Hightstown. Installation of new officers was also carried out. Congratulations.



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Religion and Politics in America

by Stavro Danilov

A historical synopsis

The issue of religion in politics is hardly a modern one. Its relevance and discussion thereof have ebbed and flowed in American cultural history and political thought since the early colonialization of the American continent.

While recognizing that religiousness does not necessarily mean adherence to the Biblical tradition or vice versa, it remains true that the Bible occupied a central role in this country's formative years. It provided a viable alternative to the "liberal tradition" upon which the foundations of American life have been erected. Yet in spite of this fact, the founding fathers opposed the inclusion of the Biblical tradition in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. For them, any religion's political claims were associated with persecution and the unhumanity of religious wars.

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution enunciated theories opposite to those of the Bibles. These doctrines speak, among other things, of the rights of individuals who are free in the state of nature rather than of their responsibilities within nature's order. For the founding fathers, political society represented a convenient setup intended to enhance private rights. Politics was meant to protect liberty rather than eliminate diversity for the good of the whole citizenry. James Madison, for instance, considered religious freedom as essentially private and subjective; that is, belonging to

"conjecture."

This is not to say that most founding fathers did not believe that religion was beneficial to civil society. This did not, however, constitute an open endorsement of it. In other words, religion was viewed more as mythology which supported rather than defined the moral and civil order. Thomas Jefferson subordinated religion to human freedom. For him, religion was no more than a civic bond or a unity of spirit necessary for the preservation of any political society.

Despite the safeguards against religious encroachments, religion and citizenship became closely related during the 19th century. The stories and language of the Bible became the most meaningful forms of public speech, specifying the limits of civic deliberation and political life. Slavery and the calamity of the Civil War, moreover, encouraged the application of the Biblical tradition to the task of reconstruction. Many Americans sought to bring community and religious doctrine into national political life. Whenever it proved inconvenient, however, religion was disposed with in favor of the ethics of industrial capitalism.

Although Biblical ideas and images remain planted in American culture during the 20th century, fewer and fewer Americans can recognize their source. Despite the recent surge in the political in-

fluence of religious fundamentalism, the constitutional injunction to separate church and state remains in effect.

America today

America today represents a house divided, fashioned by a multiplicity of private needs and wants and armed to the teeth with a sophisticated technology with high potential for domination and annihilation. Unlike earlier times, national secular interests are subject to the judgment: are they Bible-inspired or not?

We are in danger of pushing the debate over religion in politics to the point where the antagonisms can create a more than unsavory situation, that is, civil conflict. The several global conflicts, some of major proportion and most of which are based on religious or ideological insistence on the rightness of each conflicting party, betoken the danger to American society. The future lies not in dogmatism and extremism nor in indulgence of the obvious evil -- human beings hurting other human beings -- but in tolerance of others while realizing that they are the end product of religious and/or ideological conditioning or upbringing.

(Mr. Danilov, otherwise known as Saliba Sarsar, Ph.D., teaches International Relations at Rutgers University) Eds.

NUCLEAR NEWS

The efforts of N.J. Freeze Voter '84, the electoral arm of the N.J. Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, are moving into high gear this Fall. Volunteers are needed to do door-to-door canvassing, telephoning, stuff envelopes, voter registration and a myriad of other tasks to help maximize the impact of nuclear disarmament on the elections.

Canvassing is scheduled in the Hamilton area, where the largest number of registered voters in Mercer County live, on four Saturdays: September 15 and 29, and October 13 and 27. Princeton and East Windsor have already been extensively canvassed. In addition, there will be literature drops and telephone canvassing, as well as voter registration efforts.

If you can help with canvassing, tabling, stuffing, telephoning, typing or anything else, please call the Freeze Voter office at 921-3318. Both parties see New Jersey as a decisive, swing state, so get involved and help make the difference where it really counts -- in the ballot box!

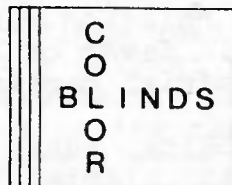
We will meet in Hightstown at 9 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church - One Mile Rd. Ext.

On Sunday, September 30 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Chaim, Village Road East, West Windsor, there will be two presentations and discussions:

(1) Effects of the arms race on children and families, with Hinda Winamer.

(2) Beyond War, with Anita Bash.

By Adeline Weiner, Chair - Roosevelt Nuclear Disarmament Committee.



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ACTIVITIES OF THE CITIZENS' GROUP

The Roosevelt Citizens' Group has now completed its first full year of activities, providing the opportunity for several dozen residents to help the community. The group is informally organized; everyone is welcome to suggest and organize worthwhile activities. Our only proviso is that activities be carried out with the approval of the Borough Council and in support of its policies.

During the past year, the most significant activity was the creation of various groups to strengthen family units; this will continue. Ask Neil or Lee Selden (462-0292) for information. The legal sub-committee has made worthwhile progress in eliminating obsolete ordinances and presenting to the council improved drafts of existing ordinances. Lawyers who wish to participate can call Bob Clark at 443-5883.

The first issue of the Roosevelt Community handbook is scheduled for distribution in October, as is an update of the long-awaited Roosevelt Phone Directory. Anyone not listed in the New Jersey Bell directory who would like to be listed in the Roosevelt Directory should call Lynn Friedman at 448-5186.

In March, the Citizens' Group carried out a door-to-door survey of income and family size. This was done at the request of the Mayor in order to apply for possible public funding of infrastructure improvements in Roosevelt.

Looking to our 1984-85 program, the group may work

along the following lines:

Organizing the second New Year's public meeting to socialize and introduce the mayor and council to residents;

Organizing the second pick-up of litter along the streets by wooded areas (about a dozen people participated in two springtime collections before being halted by poison ivy);

Working in one phase or another of the new Park Commission program (see the accompanying article on this program);

Supporting the proposed trash recycling program. On an experimental basis, two persons have agreed to work with a council member as resource staff. If this proves viable, additional support to alleviate pressure on council members is envisaged.

We have not scheduled a meeting, but if you think a meeting would be useful or have other ideas for us to set in motion, call me at 448-3717.

Peter Warren

Lewis Gantwerk - former principal of R.P.S. has completed his doctoral studies at Rutgers University and has earned the Doctor of Psychology degree. - Congratulations Lew.



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Activities in Monmouth County

by Gladys Nadler

Hiking, any one? Or would you prefer to learn about blacksmithing, art or music - or go on a bus tour to Bushkill Falls or a camping trip in the Caribbean?

These are only a few of the numerous activities offered by the Monmouth County Park System. The recently published 28-page "Calendar of Events" for Autumn 1984 lists them all.

The county park system maintains 16 parks and conservation areas throughout the county, including eight developed parks that offer a wide variety of activities for adults, children of all ages, senior citizens, and families.

The facility closest to Roosevelt, a mere 20 minute drive on untrafficked country roads, is Turkey Swamp Park on Georgia Road in Freehold Township. Replete with wilderness and a beautiful lake, Turkey Swamp has miles of nature trails, camping facilities, and picnic and playground areas. On "Turkey Swamp Park Day," Sunday, October 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be an arts and crafts sale, bluegrass and country western music, an autumn plant sale, canoe races, a nature scavenger hunt, a snake show, and other activities.

A little further down the road but still close enough, is Thompson Park, on Newman Springs Road in Lincroft, where the largest number of activities are held. Here you can tour an operating nineteenth century farm, learn about photography or computers or rock-climbing, or set out on a bicycling or

hiking trip. If you prefer, you can take courses in cross-country skiing, pottery and ceramics, exercising, interior decorating, or horseback riding.

The park system offers a wide range of cultural activities at Tatum Park in Middletown. Among these are tap, jazz, or ballet classes, recorder-playing, acting, painting, and crafts for adults; and for children: cartooning, beginners' classes in a musical instrument, Spanish or French, and dramatics.

Two pages of the autumn catalogue are devoted to descriptions of workshops, demonstrations, and activities at Longstreet Farm, the 1890s working farm in Thompson Park. Other sections list special programs for tiny tots, senior citizens, families, school-age children, and teenagers to be held at various locations.

Fees for county park system activities are generally reasonable, even lower for senior citizen programs. Some are free.

The Monmouth County Park System's calendar of events is published quarterly as a supplement to the Sunday Register, Asbury Park Press, New Transcript, and the Messenger-Press. The winter calendar will appear Sunday, January 6, 1985 in these newspapers. You may also subscribe to four quarterly issues by sending a \$5 check or money order to Visitor Services, Monmouth County Park System, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, N.J. 07738, or buy one of the newspapers that publish it as

a supplement. For information on how to obtain a copy of the autumn issue which covers activities for October, November, and December, call the park system at (201) 842-4000.

EDITORS' NOTE

The editors regret that lack of space demanded that we omit this month's Love of Words by Josef Solomon and Issues and Debate by Peter Berlinrut. They will appear in the next issue.

MARRIAGE NOTE

Mark Pogrebin, son of Esther Pogrebin and the late Abe Pogrebin, and Ingrid Slezak, daughter of the late Johanna and Walter Slezak, were married at their home in Denver, Colorado on August 25, 1984. The bride was attended by her sons Toby and Alex, and the groom by his daughter, Amy.

The bride is a graduate of Radcliffe and the law school of Boston University. She is an associate in a law firm in Denver.

The groom has degrees from the University of Texas, the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the University of Iowa. He is professor of Criminology in the graduate school of the University of Colorado at Denver.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

In selecting a new name for what was once Cemetery Road, the Borough should honor someone who has contributed either to the establishment or the well-being of our town. I would like to suggest two possibilities;

- 1) Tugwell Road
- 2) Eleanor Roosevelt Drive

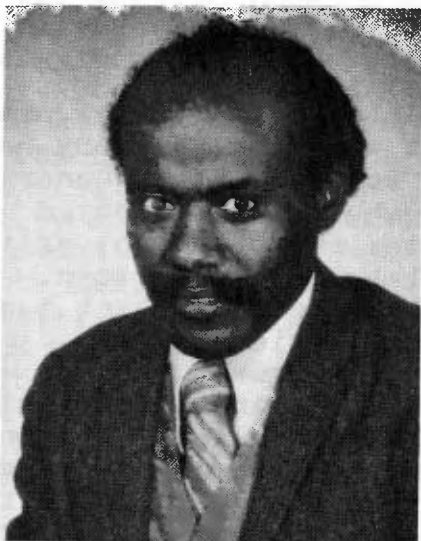
Rexford Tugwell was an outstanding liberal member of FDR's Brain Trust, a Secretary of Agriculture and all-around trouble-shooter for the Administration. He was the leading advocate for communities funded by the Division of Subsistence Homesteads of which Jersey Homesteads was a prime example. So far as I know, there has been no public acknowledgement of his service to the nation. Naming a street for him would be honoring him and ourselves.

Eleanor Roosevelt took a direct interest in the makeup of the new towns to be constructed by the Resettlement Administration. The Secretary of Commerce argued that the homes should be temporary in character; instead of bathrooms inside the houses he cited the saving to the government if outhouses were built in the backyard. Mrs. Roosevelt fought this proposal, saying that you can't ask urban people to accept the inconveniences of farm life and, happily for us, she won the day. In a town named for her husband it is entirely fitting that she too be recognized. We know now that she was the very soul of the New Deal.

The Mayor and Council would do well to name our nameless road after either of these figures.

Leslie Weiner

See report on Council by Aaron Datz



Bahiru Kassahun, senior member of the research staff of AT&T's Engineering Research Center in Princeton, was awarded his first U.S. patent. His invention relates to methods of and apparatus for applying a layer of substantially bubble-free coating material concentrically about a lightguide fiber which is drawn from an optical preform.

Kassahun was graduated from Haile Selassie I University in Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia. He obtained his Masters at Suny at Albany, and his doctorate in Engineering Science at Arizona State University.

He has lived in Roosevelt for four years, first on Pine Drive and now on Lake Drive, with his wife Ann and three children Stephanie 17, Alimayehi 7 and Senayit 4. An older son, Clifton, lives away from home.

Ann teaches typing and other commercial subjects to adults at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School and is Secretary to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

MIDLIFE CLASS STARTING SOON

Women and men in their 40s and 50s may now register for "Midlife: A Time for Growth," a new course being offered by the West Windsor-Plainsboro Community Education Program starting October 3.

Often associated with "mid-life crisis" and "the empty nest," the middle period of life will be viewed as a stage of adult development, or growth. Within this concept, the class will examine some of the new feelings and problems that arise during this phase of life.

Through a combination of lectures and class discussions, the group will explore such midlife topics as family relationships and changing roles, worries about physical and mental health, self-image, changing careers, and marriage during the middle years.

The goal of the course is to help people in their middle years be able to find their own creative self-fulfilling solutions to the problems that come up during this period.

The instructor will be Gladys Nadler, MSW.

The class will meet Tuesday evenings on October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 7:30 to 9 at the West Windsor-Plainsboro High School on Clarksville Rd. For further information about registration, call Selma Goore at (609) 799-0200.

EXERCISE PROGRAM

There is a free exercise program in town. These sessions are held regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Borough Hall, between 10 and 11 a.m.

Nancy Warnick directs this fitness program and is easy to follow.

Bring a large towel and wear loose comfortable clothes or leotards. Everyone is welcome.

Inch by Inch

In the Steamy Wet

by M.J. Berlinrut

The arrival of Labor Day, like the approach of the year's turn, is an occasion for reflection: where did the summer go?

Under the successive waves of high heat, high humidity, heavy rains, it seems to have trickled away, leaving as a most predominant impression one of steamy wet. Good for the growth of trees and other woody plants, of course, but also good for the development of various blights and fungus diseases, slugs, and those insects like earwigs that flourish in damp situations.

There are measures that can be taken against most of these, if one is so inclined, but it would hardly have been worth the effort this year as the rains would have washed off spray or dust almost as soon as it was applied. Hence on my premises what survived heat and hard rain is either covered with mildew or chewed up -- all the leaves of plants growing near the house in cool shady moist places are full of holes, many reduced by earwigs to virtual skeletons.

Well, most of that I accept as among the hazards, the way the mop flops this year. Except for three trees we cherish and don't want to give up on without a fight. One is a big old pink dogwood, spectacular in spring when covered with blossoms, shading the house from mid-day sun after the leaves come out, and providing a great quantity of bright red berries for migrant birds to tank up on before they begin their fall flight south. A shallow-rooted species, the dog-

wood has suffered under drought in recent summers.

There is, besides, a blight called die-back that is decimating the dogwoods in our state. Combine weakening by drought with age and our tree is a prime target for blight to strike. I had noticed that more and more of its lower branches were dying off each spring but it wasn't until I read in the paper of the blight in our state that I became alarmed.

The other two trees are Japanese black pine acquired from among seedlings donated by a nursery to the town some years back, to be distributed as a reward among the civic-minded persons who volunteered to help in the annual clean-up of roadsides and public lands. (What, incidentally, has happened to that project?)* I can't remember just when that was but by now both are good-sized trees. One is tall and straight, the other seems to grow out more in width of lower branches than up in height. A couple of years ago I noticed it had lost its leader, I assumed from accident of some sort and that it would grow another. It did, but the new leader, after a strong start, flopped over and dried up too. This happened again this spring.

I called the county agent at Rutgers to learn that another blight is attacking the pine trees in N.J. but, to my relief, 'Jap blacks' are not susceptible. His diagnosis was not entirely reassuring, however. Ours is

another problem, something called Tip Moth. This moth lays its eggs in the new growth of the trees, especially the tops; the eggs hatch and the larvae go to work right where they hatched, chewing on the new green 'candles' till they're reduced to brown, crumbly dead twigs. This can be treated by spraying with DIAZON four times -- mid April, mid May, mid June, and mid July. Too late for this year when I called, but the agent said it would help if I were to fertilize the trees.

This is done as follows: make holes in the ground about 6-8 in. deep in a circle just beneath the outermost circumference of the branches. I do this by driving a star drill into the ground and reaming out the holes. Into each hole I pour maybe a half cup of fertilizer. The holes are spaced roughly 12-18 inches apart and how many or how much fertilizer will be needed depends upon the size of the tree and the spread of the branches. A rather haphazard method. A more scientific one would be to use those fertilizer spikes they well in the garden shops -- I forget just what they're called -- but you'd still have to drill holes as the spikes are not strong enough to hammer directly into the ground. And they're expensive.

About the dogwood, the man said to cut out all the dead wood right back to the trunk, then fertilize the tree. It would not stop the die-back but it could help stave off the tree's ultimate demise for a while. Dogwoods like slightly acid soil but as our soil is acid to begin with, he said to use regular garden fertilizer, whatever you have, at a rate of 2 lb. per inch of diameter of

the tree trunk. I used 5-10-10 applied as described above. Then as we went into a less rainy spell about that time, I watered it in with one of those soaking hoses. Now we wait and see.

Speaking of acid soil leads to the subject of acid rain. I don't believe I understood entirely what acid rain is until I read an article that explained it in terms of pH (degree of acidity or alkalinity of a solution) with which any serious gardener is familiar. It works like this: on a scale of 0 to 14, 7 is neutral; numbers above that reading show alkalinity, below acidity. Most plants do well enough in soils with readings from about 6 to 8, exceptions being those plants with a decided preference one way or the other. A rough sort of way to tell the pH of a soil is by the kind of plants that grow there natively. For example, our area abounds in blackberries and raspberries, laurel and rhododendron, butterfly weed and moss (lots of moss), to name only a few. All these are 'acid-loving', meaning they like a pH of between 4 and 6.5. In other words, our soil is generally on the acid side. This naturally occurring acid condition arises from components of the soil as well as from the type of rock beneath it. It is not a product of air-borne pollutants.

However, as we have become aware of the damaging effects of acid rain in other parts of the country, readings of our soils have been taken state-wide. Some samples have been found to be as low as 3 to 4. Conclusion: the native acidity of our local soils is being worsened by acid rainfall and if we are to retain our woods

and forests, the problem must be attacked at the source -- emissions from industrial smokestacks and motor-vehicle exhaust.

We can do little about that other than to apply pressure where it will be felt. As individuals we can deal with the problem on our own premises by applying lime to our gardens on a regular basis in amounts to be determined by soil test. Over the years I've had the soil of our our vegetable garden tested several times to find it held pretty evenly at 6. But on the assumption that the soil is generally slightly acid which may be increasing, I apply lime by a sort of debonair rule-of-thumb to everything (except distinctly acid-loving plants), with extra dollops into planting holes and rows worked will into the soil. The results seem to be OK. Whatever goes wrong in my garden -- and something, different every year, always does -- appears to be related to other factors.

* Ed note: Se P. Warren's article on Citizens' Group.



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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS

by Helga Wisowaty

The summer is over but we have very pleasant memories of our annual picnic, which was held at Gus and Morris Chasan's home, and our trips to the Garden State Art Center to see "South Pacific" and "Annie." As individuals we all enjoyed and celebrated happy occasions. Probably one of the happiest was our president's (Esther Pogrebin) trip to attend her son Mark's wedding. Now we concentrate on more serious issues.

Esther Pogrebin mentioned the "free" bus which will go to Princeton Junction, Mercer County Community College and Quaker Bridge Mall four or five times a week. She is checking to see if it is available to us.

Esther also told us that the newspaper published by the New Jersey Federation of Senior Citizens contains information about issues important to Senior Citizens.

Sid Weisberger has been attending meetings of the N.J. Federation of Senior Citizens and is doing an excellent job of reporting to us. Many of these issues are overlooked when we read our newspapers so this keeps us up to date. Among issues noted are:

- (1) Bills of interest relative to Public Utilities
- (2) A listing of physicians accepting Medicare assignment will be available in October
- (3) The Federation recommends meeting with legislators at open meetings to push Senior Citizens' affairs
- (4) State Senator Karcher introduced a bill to limit taxes (Real Estate taxes; Bill No. 1948A) to be more than 5% of

income; balance to be paid by state. This is one bill that will be watched with interest by many, many people.

(5) Home health care provided by the county welfare board is available if prescribed by a physician.

A dinner is being given October 21 to honor Ben Scazzaro who is a member of the Federation and involved with utilities. Tickets are \$15 per person. For tickets cal (201) 828-2470.

Mrs. Eleanor Vilwegs spoke to us about conserving energy. She gave us information about appliances that use little or a lot of electricity. A few of her hints were:

(1) Don't boil a large pot of water for one cup of tea

(2) Keep refrigerators full - empty ones use more electricity

(3) Electric can openers; electric toothbrushes; don't use much electricity.

(4) Placing something in back of switches prevents loss of heat

(5) "Spot" heating - portable heaters, etc. help to keep the bills lower

(6) Keep your water heater at a lower temperature - don't keep opening and shutting refrigerator doors - showers use less electricity than baths.

Anyone eligible for PAA can have a check-up to conserve energy free.

Ann Cohen and Josie Maley were our hostesses and Dolores Chasan surprised us with a delicious cake in honor of her "Mo.m"-in-law - Gus Chasan whose birthday will be on September 11. We enjoyed

everything and wish Gus many, many more.

Fay Libove was not with us due to illness. She was missed by all. Get well fast and hurry home, Fay.



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The ROOSEVELT COALITION FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT wishes to extend thanks to the students who participated in the contest on "The Threat of Nuclear War." We want to recognize not only those students who submitted entries, but also those who attended the film showings of "No Frames, No Boundaries" and shared their thoughts and concerns about the world situation. It is clear to us that the way we will find solutions to the problems facing us is by having people become involved and not by leaving that job to someone else.

We commend these young people for taking steps to make themselves heard. We know it is not an easy thing to do.

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 Jerry DiTursi
 Jodi Frank
 Lori Frank
 Josh Giordano
 Tess List
 Mark Katz
 Michael Nahmias
 Tena Scalph
 Michael Selden
 Doris Stinson

"Science has brought forth this danger (nuclear destruction), but the real problem is in the minds and hearts of men. We will not change the hearts of men by mechanisms, but by changing our hearts and speaking bravely. We must realize we cannot simultaneously plan for war and peace."

Albert Einstein
 New York Times Magazine, June 23, 1946

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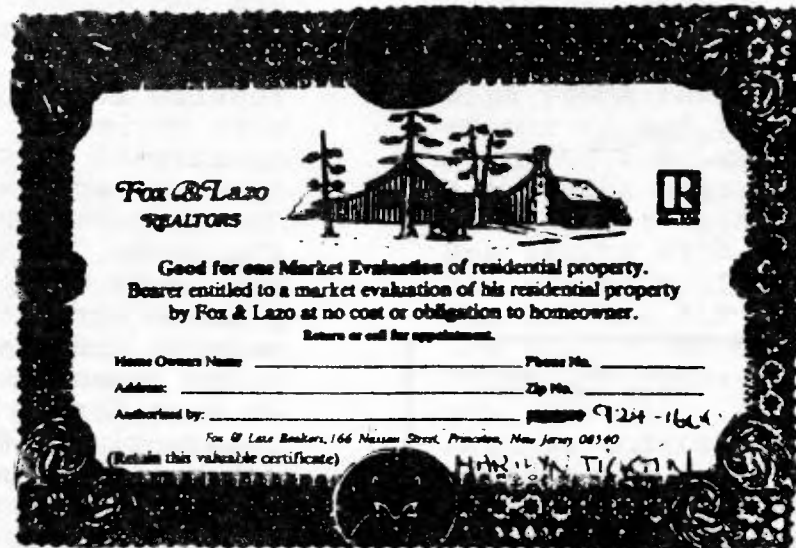
"We could have stopped it!" cried the people
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 trees of this our world.

"It's Armageddon!" cried the people
 "It's Armageddon!" cried the earth
 "It's Armageddon!" cried the animals, plants rocks and trees of this
 our world.

"Stop!" cried the people
 "Stop!" cried the earth
 "Stop!" cried the animals, plants, rocks and trees of this our world!
 But alas, the rockets sped ever onward

by

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Principal's Letter

Summer is gone. The breath of fall is upon us. Once again the school building resounds with the special sound of children. Their voices carry many tones: curiosity, involvement, joy, love and sometimes a touch of disappointment. It is these very sounds that give the school life. The staff and I enjoy these moments and each varied sound for they reflect the very heart of our focus - the children.

This year the first day was as smooth as anyone could possibly anticipate. Students, teachers and schedule flowed into an easy pattern. Learning began almost immediately.

The newly painted hall and the freshly painted classrooms along with the freshly cleaned building lent an air of festivity to the opening of school. Along with these accoutrements was the news of our children's academic success. During the course of this past summer the results of our testing program were reviewed. Our pupils demonstrated excellent progress in every academic subject during the 1983-84 school year. Our challenge for this year is to duplicate that success. We plan to work closely with our parents and the children in order to accomplish the task. We look forward to that close interaction. The task was not accomplished last year in a vacuum. Without your help it could not have occurred. Without your assistance it cannot occur in 1984-85.

This year we welcome two new teachers to our staff. Miss Krause will serve as Resource Room teacher. She is a life-time resident of this area. She attended school in Monroe Town-

ship and graduated from Monroe High School. During her studies at Kean College she majored in elementary education and minored in special education. Following her graduation she returned to Kean College to complete her studies in special education. Miss Krause has worked at Monroe High School as a permanent substitute. During that time she worked as a Resource Room teacher serving pupils in grades 9-12. She has a serious interest in sports and has earned a varsity letter for field hockey. In addition she enjoys volley ball. We look forward to her participation on our staff team in our annual staff-student game.

Mrs. Kellisch is our new teacher in the 6, 7 and 8th grades unit. She attended high school in North Plainfield. Following her graduation she received her bachelor's degree from Niagra College. Her graduate studies were done at Seton Hall University. Mrs. Kellisch began her teaching career in New Jersey. Her husband's career took them to Florida and then to North Carolina. She was employed in all three states as a middle school teacher in grades 6-8. Mrs. Kellisch enjoys traveling and reading. She enjoys many authors and a wide variety of subject matter.

Both Miss Krause and Mrs. Kellisch have expressed very positive statements about our community and our students. The feeling is mutual for parents and pupils alike have already expressed their delight in having these two fine teachers as members of our staff.

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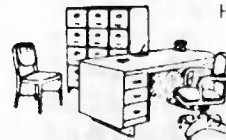
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Community Calendar

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2	Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.	Exercise class - Borough Hall
3	Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.	Planning Board - Borough Hall
4	Thursday, 10-11 a.m.	Exercise class - Borough Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Senior Citizens - Borough Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Fire Company - Borough Hall
6	Saturday	Yom Kippur
8	Monday, 8:00 p.m.	Council Agenda - Borough Hall
		Columbus Day
9	Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.	Exercise class - Borough Hall
	3:15-4:00 p.m.	M.C. Probation - Borough Hall
	4:00-9:00 p.m.	Voter Registration - Borough Hall
10	Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.	Council - Borough Hall
11	Thursday, 10-11 a.m.	Exercise class - Borough Hall
16	Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.	Exercise class - Borough Hall
		Food Co-op - Borough Hall
17	Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	First Aid drill - Borough Hall
18	Thursday, 10-11 a.m.	Exercise class - Borough Hall
	7-11 p.m.	Boy Scouts - Borough Hall
	8:30 p.m.	Parks Commission - Borough Hall
20	Saturday	Big Trash Day
23	Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.	Exercise class - Borough Hall
	3:15-4:00 p.m.	M.C. Probation - Borough Hall
25	Thursday, 10-11 a.m.	Exercise class - Borough Hall
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Citizens Housing - Borough Hall

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| 28 | Sunday, 4:00-7:00 p.m. | Co-op Dinner |
| 30 | Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.
7:30 p.m. | Exercise class - Borough Hall
First Aid - Borough Hall |
| 31 | Wednesday | Halloween |

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