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\$20,000 housing rehabilitation plan outlined

By Bob Clark

A federal program offering some Roosevelt residents a total of \$20,000 to rehabilitate their homes was recently outlined by Mayor Leon Barth and Barry Silberstein, the borough engineering firm's funding expert.

Depending on income levels, residents in a target neighborhood might qualify for grants of up to 100% of the cost of a rehabilitation project totaling as much as \$7,500 a dwelling.

County Freeholders are expected to recommend approval of the "block grant" to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Silberstein predicted that the funds may be spent in Nov. 1980, following HUD endorsement and an environmental impact study.

The target neighborhood includes all of Tamara Drive, Homestead Lane from Rochdale to the Synagogue, a portion of Rochdale, and all courts entering these roads. The money may be spent for heating systems, plumbing and electrical work, storm windows, roof repairs and other important items.

Borough officials expect

about 15 families to be eligible. They are preparing a list of qualified homeowners to share the \$20,000 and to demonstrate a need for additional grants. Eligibility depends on income and need. A family of four earning roughly \$18,000 could receive a grant for 40% of a job costing \$7,500. If their income were about \$12,000, they could receive a grant for the full \$7,500. The figures change as need factors, such as medical expenses, are considered. Interested persons should report to the Borough Clerk so that they may be considered and to provide data upon which future grants may be based.

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Gypsy moth meeting

The Borough Council invited the public to express its views on gypsy moth control at the regular council meeting at 8:00, Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Municipal Building. The council then will decide whether, and to what extent, it will participate in a County Shade Tree Commission control program involving chemical spraying and use of natural predators.

Council OKs Officials, hears pollution warning

By Bob Clark

At its Jan. 9 regular monthly meeting the Borough Council approved Mayor Leon Barth's appointment of several people to official positions. The council renewed Kowalski & Chmiel Associates' contract as Water and Sewer Operators for the same annual fee as last year: \$9,600. J. Patrick McMorrow became the new borough attorney, replacing retiring Samuel Sagotsky. Roy Terry was approved for a full term on the Planning Board. Bernarda Shahn gained another term on the Board of Park Commissioners. John Bauerle and David Irwin were reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Louis Esakoff joined the Welfare Board.

Resident June Counterman, President of the Monmouth County Board of Health, briefed the council on the services provided by the County Health Department. She emphasized her organization's concern about an increased incidence of stream pollution in the county as a result of illegal dumping. Counterman said that confidential complaints of dumping could be reported to a hotline--201-431-7456--and will be checked out by the Health Department. She noted that Assunpink Creek and other Roosevelt streams are still pollution free but warned that she had seen similar streams in other areas of the county damaged severely as a result of illicit dumping. (Numerous other services provided by the Department of Health will be detailed in a future issue of the Bulletin. A leaflet describing the services is available in the Borough Hall.)

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Council reorganizes; Esakoff is President

By Bob Clark

Leon Barth took the oath of office for a second four-year term as Mayor at the Borough Council's annual reorganization meeting on Jan. 2. Leslie Weiner and Jan Terry were sworn in as Council members to serve for three years. The council then elected Louis Esakoff to be Council President.

Barth made the following Council committee appointments (The first named is the chairperson.): Administrative--Esakoff, Aaron Datz, William Counterman; Public Safety--Counterman, Datz, Weiner; Public Works--Datz, Counterman, Esakoff; Public Property--Marilyn Nagles, Esakoff, Terry;

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School board approves contracts & budget

By Hortense Socnolitzky

At the Jan. 8 regular meeting of the Board of Education three employee contracts were approved. One was for Diane DeBree, secretary to the board, principal bookkeeper and secretary to the principal, for two years, at a salary of \$15,000 for the school year 1980-81, and \$16,000 for the second year. This was approved unanimously.

The second was a teaching contract for Edward Rockoff, to replace the English and social studies teacher of 6th, 7th and 8th grades who resigned last December. Lew Gantwerk, principal, reported that Mr. Rockoff had been acting successfully as substitute teacher since school reopened after the winter holiday. He has five years of elementary school teaching in New Jersey and several years of instructing prospective teachers at Glassboro State College in New Jersey and Miami University in Ohio. He has a Ph.D. degree, but since Roosevelt Public School has no wage scale for those beyond the M.A., he will be paid on that scale, at the 9th step. The contract is retroactive to Jan. 1, and expires June 30, at the end of the school year. On a roll call vote, board member Merle Rose was opposed.

The third contract was awarded to Sally Ann Mesh, as part-time Resource Room teacher. Ms. Mesh has an M.A. in special education, and has been employed at the Washington Township school. She will work three-fifths time, from Jan. 16 to June 30, at the 4th step of the M.A. scale, for a total of \$3,400.

The board approved the 1980-81 budget for submission to the County Superintendent. The total is \$511,815.04. The local

tax levy is \$315,016, which is the same as last year's. The sum of \$18,500 was taken from the free balance, or surplus, to reduce the amount to be raised locally. The budget hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, March 4.

Board elections will be held on March 25. President George Katz appointed David Bulkin, Sylvia Gale, Rose Yudin and Frances Bard to serve as election officials from 5 to 9 p.m. at \$4.00 per hour. David Bulkin will chair the group. Board member Ann Hector was appointed to open elections.

Principal Gantwerk reported that all the 8th graders who are studying History at the high school got A's. Of the Spanish students, there was one A and one B.

In addition, Gantwerk reported that the transition from one teacher to another in the second grade has been wonderful; "the second grade hasn't missed a beat." Ilene Levine, who left on maternity leave in December, has had a baby boy.

Plans are under way for a Social Studies Day "People and Their Culture" to be held May 9 at the school. There will also be a Music program, with part singing and harmony by 3rd to 8th graders.

The state assessment tests will be given to 3rd and 6th graders in March. The goal is to have no student below minimum standard. Last year's results showed no 3rd graders above minimum in reading and math, and three below. These three were known to be below. Six 6th graders were above minimum in both subjects, and three below. Of these three, one is getting help under Title I, and two are classified as in

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School Election details

The Annual School Election will be Tuesday, March 25, 1980, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Registered voters are urged to vote for Members of the Board and the local tax levy at that time.

Nominating petitions are available in the Roosevelt Public School office now. They

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need of additional services.

A motion to accept a \$2,000 Federal grant to be used in the artist-in-residence program was passed by the board. This will be applied to the four artists already working in the school. \$1,500 will be used for salaries and \$500 for equipment. Application for another grant, of \$3,600 in flow-through funds, provided by Federal legislation for programs not mandated by the State, was approved. R.P.S. does not have the required minimum number of children needed to use the services of a guidance counselor. Gantwerk suggested that Roosevelt join with the Washington Township district for such services to classified children and their parents once weekly. Gantwerk is also applying for vocational education funding for vocational assessment for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

The principal and board member David Herrstrom are to meet with the architect in continuing discussion on the improvements to the building to meet State requirements. Work has not been concluded on installing sinks in the classrooms. The Instructional Council, consisting of one board member and two teachers, will meet in January. The evening program will definitely be in action by March 1.

must be filed by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 1980. There are a total of four positions opening: one one-year position, and three three-year positions. Petitions may be obtained by calling, writing, or stopping in at the R.P.S. office any weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The drawing for the position on the ballot will take place at 8:00 p.m. sharp, Friday, Feb. 15, 1980, also in the school office, and the public and candidates are invited to witness the procedure.

The last date to register to vote is Friday, Feb. 22, 1980. You may register at the Borough Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays; it's advisable to call first, to find out when Mrs. Johnson will be out for lunch.

Mail applications for military and civilian absentee ballots will be received by the Monmouth County Clerk of Elections until the 18th of March. Any voter who would like an absentee ballot after that date may apply in person at the Monmouth County Clerk of Elections' office until Monday, March 24, 1980. Send a brief note to the school office and an application will be sent to you.

The budget hearing will be held in the Roosevelt Public School, School Lane, Roosevelt, on Tuesday, March 3, 1980 at 8:00 p.m. A letter and detailed budget statement will be mailed to all boxholders, and everyone who has indicated that he or she would like to be on the School's mailing list, soon. If you're not sure that you are on the mailing list, call the school office, 448-2798.

Architect chosen as senior housing advances

By Edwin Rosskam

At a meeting in the Borough Hall on Jan. 16, members of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation voted unanimously to select Douglas Kelbaugh of Kelbaugh, Lee, 240 Nassau Street, Princeton, as

the architect for their projected Senior Citizen housing development. The decision was taken after four evenings of talks and slide demonstrations by different architects, after three field trips to observe existing housing, and, finally, after submission of five specific proposals by various firms.

The corporation picked Mr. Kelbaugh mainly because of the imaginative approaches demonstrated in his work, especially in the application of "passive" solar heating to relatively inexpensive housing. Combined with backup conventional installations it is expected to lower heating costs in the Roosevelt project substantially.

Site selection has started. As this is being written, some half dozen sites are under consideration. By the time this will be printed, the most appropriate site will have been picked, and the selection approved at a corporation meeting on Jan. 31.

Final selection of the site is urgent. It is needed for the pre-application to the Farmers Home Administration, which alone has the power to give the go-ahead for further development.

The agency has shown interest in encouraging and eventually funding a modest project in Roosevelt, provided its procedures are followed and its requirements and standards are met. If the corporation manages to fulfill all of these promptly, there is hope that the development may be open for occupancy by impatiently waiting senior citizens in 1982.



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First Aid's radio tower due at municipal building

By June Counterman

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad purchased a used radio tower recently at an auction from East Windsor Township. This tower will be cleaned and painted, then erected behind the Municipal building. It will be used for the new communications system for the Fire Company and First Aid Squad.

Recently elected officers for the squad are: President--Elizabeth Johnson; Vice President--Bill Counterman; Secretary--Jessie Norris; Treasurer--Harold Melvin, Sr.; Captain--June Counterman; 1st Lt.--Roy Terry; 2nd Lt.--Elizabeth Johnson.

Blood drive scheduled for Thursday Feb. 14

The Roosevelt Community Blood Drive will be held Thursday, Feb. 14, starting at 6:30 at the Municipal building.

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad works in association with the Central Jersey Blood Bank on this program for blood replacement coverage for all Roosevelt residents.

The goal this year is 50 units of blood. If you are at least 18 years old (17 with parental consent), not yet 67 years old, and in good health, you can give. If you can't give, you can encourage others to. But giving is easy, quick and safe. Medical personnel will be screening, monitoring, and assisting.

The squad thanked residents for their continued support of the program, which has helped Roosevelt residents in the past year.

If you have any question, please call June Counterman at 448-3182.

NOTE OF THANKS

Rooseveltians, you did it again! Once again Hoagie Day was a sell-out thanks to your enthusiastic support.

We apologize to those whose orders we couldn't fill and encourage advance orders next Super Bowl Hoagie Day.

Through your continued support we are able to serve our community. Thank you.

Roosevelt First Aid Squad

That no-parking rule-- why it really matters

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad has called on the community many times for support. Once again it is appealing to the community. This time, all it is asking is that you observe the no-parking regulation in front of Borough Hall.

Twice in the past month when the squad was responding to emergency calls for aid, efforts were slowed by careless parking. Once, someone parked in front of the garaged ambulance. Another time, it had snowed and cars were parked in the no-parking zone in front of the borough hall--leaving no room for the cars of those people who responded to the call.

Precious time is lost, reflexes are slowed and energy is unnecessarily spent trying to find a place to park when the adrenalin is flowing in response to an emergency call.

The First Aid Squad can help you only if you will help them. Please, observe the no-parking regulation in front of the borough hall.

Roosevelt First Aid

David Arnold sings at White House dinner

Baritone singer David Arnold, of Tamara Drive, sang a Christmas concert at the White House on Dec. 17. The concert concluded a state dinner given by President Carter for British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

In his letter of appreciation to Mr. Arnold, the President wrote: "Your singing of excerpts from 'L'Enfance du Christ' was magnificent." In addition to the Berlioz work, Mr. Arnold sang a Christmas carol and the spiritual "Sweet Little Jesus Boy."

The music program was arranged by Sarah Caldwell, and the other singers were Donald Gramm and Rosalind Elias, both of the Metropolitan Opera. *

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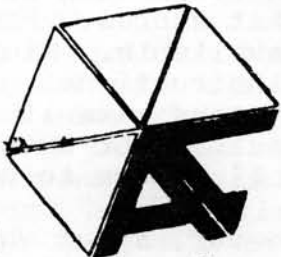
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Issues & Debate

On education: robot toys to reading-ready tots

By Freda Hepner

I found myself grateful, this past holiday season, for the inanity of a Raggedy Ann doll commercial. It was almost the only familiar toy I saw advertised. The commercial featured a grandmotherly woman and a doll. The others all seemed to have robot-like figures or actors clothed as refugees from "Star Wars."

I thought of Alvin Toffler's Future Shock. Published in 1970, this book describes how the pace of change is increasing at such a fast rate that people have to adapt to the future sometimes before they are ready for the present. I am not sure I can get ready quick enough for a generation that is taught by, and plays with, computers.

And what about the children of Roosevelt who are part of that generation? In our homes, in our school, can we prepare them for that rapidly arriving future? How do we want to prepare them?

A neighbor tells me that his pre-school child plays with a system of instruction using a touch screen. The child learns reading skills in a more active way than watching "Sesame Street" on the screen. It's logical to me that when the child participates in the learning process, by pushing buttons, her attention span will grow.

Another neighbor tells me that her second grader uses a computer, "The Little Professor," in school. He enjoys it so much she bought one for his birthday. It helps him learn, she says.

And a F.B.S. special just this month described how computers are used in elementary schools around the country

presented through the eyes of the students who use them; it was called "Don't bother me, I'm learning." All right, but what are they learning?

Many experts feel that computer games encourage children's creativity by giving them several possible responses to questions and puzzles. They permit children with different learning styles to find answers in a way consistent with their own personalities.

I listen carefully to my neighbors and I read some of the data. The state of Minnesota has enthusiastically installed at least one microcomputer in every school district. It is not too far fetched to think that even Roosevelt will have one soon. "The Little Professor" is enjoyed by more than one second grader.

I turn to Toffler's chapter on "Education in the Future Tense." He describes education as a method for preparing the young to live in the world they will inhabit. Clearly, that will be a world of computers, operated by whom? As yet, testing shows no discernible difference between children taught by computers or conventional methods. It is still a new tool. Future testing may prove that using this tool produces higher test scores. The technology is available. Microcomputers and instructional time sharing systems make it financially feasible for even a small district like ours to use the tool.

I worry, however, about what is not measured by the tests. Most school systems are not able to develop their own programs. It is an expensive and time consuming process. They buy the programs, i.e. the software, from vendors who are selling

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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

New state standards for high school graduation

Dear Friends,

Generally I use this column to discuss things that are taking place at the Roosevelt School. I thought that it might be appropriate to discuss the high school in view of certain changes which are taking place at the state level.

State Rules and Regulations (6:8-4.2) deal with promotion and graduation. Paragraph b states "By July 1, 1981, district boards of education shall adopt policies and procedures for high school graduation of all pupils pursuant to law and regulation, which shall include but not be limited to performing at or above the established uniform statewide minimum levels of pupil proficiency on the ninth grade statewide assessment tests in reading, writing and computational skills. The requirement shall commence with the ninth grade class of the 1981-82 school year." The code goes on to discuss how students who have not met this requirement will be helped by the high school to achieve minimum proficiency.

In addition, paragraph c addresses itself to minimum high school curriculum requirements. It says that

c1. "By July 1, 1981, district boards of education providing high school diplomas shall adopt policies and procedures in cooperation with any sending district for defining minimum high school curricula requirements and locally determined proficiencies therein, pursuant to law and regulation which shall include but not be limited to:

1. One credit year of communication for each year of enrollment
2. Two credit years of computation
3. Two credit years of social studies and history as required by N.J.A.S.A. 18A:35-1
4. One credit year of natural or Physical Science
5. One credit year of Physical and health for each year of enrollment as per N.J.A.S.A. 18A:35-7
6. One-half credit year of creative arts
7. One-half credit year of career exploration or development.

The code further states that by July 1981 the community will develop proficiency requirements in each area as well as the ways in which mastery in these areas will be demonstrated.

As you can see, the state is moving ahead with the establishment of requirements for graduation. They have provided ways for the community to become involved in establishing criteria to be used. As parents of high school students, you have access to this process through your child's "house" leader. If you're interested contact that person. The board will be making its contribution as well.

It is important that you be aware of these changes in our law and how it will affect our children.

Lew Gantwerk



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ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY & SCHOOL CALENDARFebruary

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| 4 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Deboran meeting - Borough Hall |
| 5 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. | Fire Dept. meeting - Fire House |
| 6 | Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. | Sr. Citizens meeting - Borough hall |
| 11 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Council Agenda meeting - Borough hall |
| 12 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. | School Board meeting - R.P.S. |
| 13 | Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m. | Bookmobile - store parking lot |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Council meeting - Borough Hall |
| 14 | Thursday, 4:00 p.m. | School Board petitions must be filed |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Blood Drive - Borough Hall |
| 15 | Friday - Monday, Feb. 18 | R.P.S. closed - Presidents' birthdays |
| 17 | Sunday | P.T.A. Roller Skating Party - Jackson |
| 19 | Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. | V.C.O.S.S. - Borough Hall |
| 21 | Thursday, 8:00 p.m. | P.T.A. meeting - Warnick home -
4 Homestead Lane |
| 22 | Friday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. | Last date to register to vote in
School Board election |
| 25 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Planning Board meeting - Borough Hall |
| 26 | Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. | Early closing R.P.S. |
| | 8:00 p.m. | First Aid meeting - Borough Hall |
| 27 | Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m. | Bookmobile - store parking lot |

MINUTES AGO

The Second Sax, or, a Manny for all seasons

By Arthur Shapiro

Picture yourself at a wedding with all of the trimmings--a bust of the lucky couple cast in chopped liver, waiters in fancy red jackets and black bowties serving hors d'oeuvres and expensive champagne. You can almost hear the soft mellow notes of a tenor sax as they drift from the bandstand crying "The Anniversary Song" or "Sunrise, Sunset." If you've lived in this town for any length of time at all, there's no one you can picture flawlessly making that music but Manny Koffler, graduate of the Julliard School of Music and current Second Saxophonist with the Roosevelt Community Band!



Play it again, Man.

In honor of Manny's celebrating his 70th birthday, he was honored by relatives and friends with a well-deserved party on Jan. 19, at the Prospect House in Princeton. But, we honored the man not only because of his chronological age; we honored him because of his just being Manny--long time friend and neighbor. It's good to know that while most of his contemporaries seem to be migrating to the condominiums of Florida, Manny and Jeanette plan to stay here in Roosevelt, much to the delight of us all. They're beautiful people.

Manny's roots in this town go back a long way. After serving in an army band during World War II, he married Jeanette, one of the local, lovely "Feldsher girls." Then, in 1945, after briefly living in New York, they bought the last Jersey Homestead house available for sale by the U.S. Government. They had twenty-four hours to make up their minds, and decided to take it.

While their children Steve and Susan were growing up in Roosevelt, Manny commuted daily to his job as a food supervisor at Fort Dix. He still has strong feelings about the base as was evidenced to me last June. After graduation exercises, while most local residents were getting Senator Bill Bradley's autograph, Manny was giving him a stern lecture on the importance of not allowing the army to close Fort Dix. (Apparently the Senator was listening; the base is remaining open!)

Manny's friendships are many and cut across all boundaries. This became apparent to me the other day while I was visiting Bruce and Andrea Lakin, neighbors of the Koffler's. During our conversation, their four-year-old

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daughter, Brie, came into the room and said, "Mommy, I picked up my things; now can I go next door and watch television with Manny?"

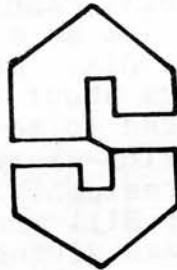
One of my favorite stories involves Manny's two dogs, Sam and Gigi, both of whom follow him everywhere--even to Sabbath Services. During this year's High Holy Days, one of Manny's dogs was accidentally let into the Synagogue--much to the chagrin of some of the worshippers who began whispering, "Get the dog out! Get the dog out!" Noticing the slight commotion, the rabbi paused, turned to the congregation, and announced, "Take it easy! Don't get so upset. I know that dog. He comes to services more regularly than most of you do!"

I've gotten to know Manny best over the years during the times we rehearsed and played with the Roosevelt Community Band. Together, we make up the sax section. I'm always enter-

tained by both his musicianship and humor. We often jokingly argue amongst ourselves. One of my favorite "Manny" lines was spoken during one rehearsal when Manny and our piano player/leader had a slight difference of opinion regarding tempo. "If she doesn't watch out, she'll be playing in a three piece band," he said to me in an aside. Out of curiosity I asked, "What three pieces?" With a straight face, Manny answered, "Her, the piano, and the bench!"

Manny's taught me many things over the years, like how to play a B flat two ways and how to trim a chipped reed with a quarter and a match. But, the most important lesson Manny teaches us all is that one can go through life as a "mensch"--a decent, caring human being with a sense of humor.

Note: This is the first of a projected occasional series about Rooseveltians of any age who are of particular talents. If you have someone to suggest, please let us know.



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Friedmans Move West

While growing up in Roosevelt, Melvin Friedman, like most young boys, often had thoughts of moving West.

These dreams were recently realized when he, wife Lynn, and children Debbie and Marc moved west--7 houses to be exact, to #72 Pine Drive. The Friedmans who are busy settling in, did not find it difficult adjusting to the "Western" way of life. "Sure, it takes us longer to get to work, but the air...it's indescribable!"

Good luck in your new home, Friedmans!

Abigail Rose in "Nutcracker"

Abigail Rose appeared for the fourth time in the Princeton Ballet Company's performance of "The Nutcracker" at the McCarter Theater in Princeton and the Trenton War Memorial.

Sarsai to pursue doctorate

Saliba Sarsai, 6 Homestead Lane, has been accepted by Rutgers University to pursue his studies in Political Science.



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'Out of the mouths of...' - a lesson, and '50s rock

By Arthur Shapiro

One of the first lessons I learned as an educator was "Never sell a kid short." That is, don't underestimate his or her abilities. Sometimes, when I forget, I am vividly reminded. On Friday, Jan. 11, my sixth grade son, Erik, came to me and said, "N.C.S.Y. (The National Council of Synagogue Youth) is having a talent show in Lakewood tomorrow night and Evan Alter, Mark Katz, and I want to enter." A little surprised, I asked, "Don't you guys think it's a little late? What do you intend to do?" With confidence he answered, "We're going to dress up in 50's outfits, grease up our hair, and sing 'Charley Brown.' We call ourselves 'The Greasers!'" "When do you intend to rehearse?" I asked, remembering it was one day away. Again, with confidence, he answered, "Well, the three of us really can't get together before then, so I'm recording it on tape, then Mark will rehearse with me in the morning and with Evan in the afternoon!"

The next day, I kept asking myself whether or not to try to talk them out of it. I didn't want them to be embarrassed when faced with competition before a live audience. I decided that it was their project and maybe they would learn a lesson on their own.

On Saturday night, Jan. 12, 1980, the N.C.S.Y. held their talent show at Congregation Sons of Israel in Lakewood, New Jersey. First prize for group performance went to... (who else?) The Greasers.

Congratulations Evan, Mark and Erik. And...thanks for the reminder.

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them as curricula, not as supplementary resource material. I think we must be at least as concerned about what the children are learning as how they are learning. I don't think it is good enough to know that we have a computer program, for instance, on the development of the American West. I think we have to know what that means, in a very specific way. Do the children, for instance, learn how the migration west affected the American Indians? I think we have to know that a teacher, a human being who reflects the values of the community, is supplementing the available resources with good reading material and provocative class discussion on the subject. I think we have to know that the children are encouraged to talk to and to listen to each other. I think that learning to live in a computer oriented world means giving careful consideration to the past as well as to the future.

I would recommend Toffler's book because this is our world and we have to hurry up to keep up. 7



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John Miller

Son born to Edelsteins

Evelyn and Gary Edelstein of 14 Homestead Lane are the parents of a boy, born on Dec. 25 at the Bordentown Birthing Center. James David weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs.

Grandparents are Florence and Herbert Johnson of Freehold, N.J., and Harry Edelstein of Brooklyn, N.Y.



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Braun named to dean's list

James W. Braun, son of Ruth Braun, 64 Pine Drive, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Scranton, Pa. His major is in Business Administration.

Nicola Frey on dean's list

Nicola Frey, 6 Homestead Lane, was named to the dean's list at Mercer County Community College, Trenton. He has just changed his major in Humanities to Electric Technology Engineering.

FOOD

Back to basics --- soup's on, bread's coming

By Beth Johnson

As our civilization becomes more and more complicated, mechanized and contrived, there is an increasing attraction for what is simple, honest and without artifice. It is this attraction that led me to thinking about bread and soup--two basic combinations of meat, vegetable and grain.

This month I would like to share some of my favorite soup recipes and next month I will include some wonderful ones for bread.

Sour Cream Soup with Mushrooms

1 lb. fresh mushrooms	salt and pepper to taste
1 leek	2½ cups milk
3 tblsp. butter	2½ cups heavy cream
1½ tsp. lemon juice	several dashes Tabasco sauce
1 cup sour cream	1 tblsp. chopped chives

Rinse mushrooms and slice them lengthwise. Melt the butter in a large heavy skillet or kettle. Sauté the mushrooms in the butter for 3 min. over moderate heat, stirring constantly. Lower the heat slightly, cover the mushrooms and cook for 10 min., stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat and stir in the lemon juice and sour cream. Cook over very low heat, but do not boil. Stir in the milk, cream and Tabasco sauce. Heat, but do not allow to come to a boil. Correct the seasonings and serve hot, sprinkled with chopped chives.

Serves eight

Danish Chicken Soup with Beef Balls and Dumplings

2 stewing chickens cut in serving pieces	1 tsp. thyme
4 tsp. salt	3 quarts chicken broth
1 tsp. white pepper	5 medium-sized carrots
1 tsp. sweet basil	6 leeks

Arrange the chicken pieces in a deep soup kettle. Sprinkle with salt, white pepper, basil, and thyme. Cover with the chicken broth and allow the soup to simmer, covered, until the chicken is tender (approximately 1½ hours). Meanwhile, peel and cut the carrots into 2-inch pieces. Discard the roots of the leeks and wash the leaves thoroughly. Cut into 2-inch pieces. When the chicken is tender, remove the pieces from the kettle and reserve. Allow the broth to cool a little and skim off the fat. Bring to a boil and add the carrots and leeks. Drop rounded beef balls into the broth and continue to simmer, covered, for 45 min. Add the dumplings during the last 10 min., and simmer the soup uncovered. Just before serving, return the chicken pieces to the soup, and heat through.

Serves eight generously

Beef Balls

2 medium onions	2 eggs
2 lbs. beef, ground twice	2 tsp. salt
1½ cups milk	½ tsp. pepper
2/3 cup flour	

Peel and grate the onions. Mix with the beef, milk, flour, eggs, salt, and pepper, and form into walnut-sized balls. Drop into the simmering soup 45 min. before serving.

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Dumplings

4 tblsp. melted butter	1½ tsp. salt
3 cups all-purpose flour, sifted	½ tsp. ground cardamom
3 tblsp. sugar	2 eggs
1 tsp. baking powder	2 cups milk

Melt the butter over hot water. In the meantime, combine the sifted flour, the sugar, baking powder, salt and cardamom. Beat the eggs until they are light and frothy. Mix the eggs with the melted butter and milk. Stir this mixture into the dry ingredients, pressing out any lumps with the back of a spoon. Ten minutes before serving, mound off small amounts of the batter with a table-spoon, and drop them into the simmering soup. The soup should simmer uncovered while the dumplings cook.

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CLARIFICATION AND APOLOGY

In a town which is known for its feeling of family, it is awkward when an inadvertent slight occurs. Last month, in my article on the Art Fair, I caused such a slight by omitting the name of the P.T.A. treasurer Carol Zaleski. Even more puzzling was this omission, since Carol had supplied me with all the figures I quoted just before I wrote the piece. The P.T.A.'s most sincere thanks to her for a job well done, and my apologies for a job not so well done.

--Elly Shapiro

Former R.P.S. teacher has son

Ilene Levine, Roosevelt Public School's former 2nd grade teacher, gave birth to a boy on Friday, Jan. 4th at Hunterdon Medical Center.

Jesse Alexander Baruch Levine Fischer weighed 7 lbs. 12 1/2 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Ilene, Jesse, and Dad, Richard are all doing fine.

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How much wood could our wood chap

By David Herrstrom

Most of us have discovered that the classic Roosevelt house is curiously designed to aid OPEC. Constructed of block walls more sensitive to dampness than my grandpa's knee and equipped with furnace ducts cleverly placed to heat the ceiling, my house seems to have been installed upside down. And, of course, wasps are constructing a condominium where the insulation is supposed to be. Some officials were no doubt convinced that insulation would have been an indulgence if not an offense to the gods. After all, they argued, if God had intended your BRRRHHH (Basic Roosevelt House) to have insulation, He would have given it fur.

Well, as heating oil started nudging a buck a gallon, I practiced a lot and finally mastered the art of appearing casual in one pair of long-johns, three pairs of socks, two flannel shirts, a pull-over sweater, windbreaker and parka. But I couldn't manage to type with gloves on. That was the last straw, and if it had been lying around, I would have built a fire with it.

The answer, of course, was to install a fireplace, cut the wood myself and watch OPEC fold. What could be simpler, more self-sufficient, or cheaper than burning the wood that seemed to be lying around here and there? What could be more logical in a rural area? Apparently, a whole lot of my neighbors had the same idea at the same time, because chimneys began appearing faster than gopher hills. I hadn't counted on this. At the time, however, I thought here's the perfect way to beat the price of oil, and a friend and I both installed fireplaces.

From various building projects, I had accumulated what looked like a considerable pile of wood. Then, some neighborly

sage informed me that pine soots up the chimney too much, "may start a fire." Not the heat I wanted, so I discarded the pine. This cut my pile in half, but it still looked like a month's worth of burning. Three and a half warm nights later I was out of wood.

This was a turning point. No more piddling around with lumber scraps. Time to go for the real stuff, and the next day I called my friend with the new fireplace, who had just purchased the meanest looking wood-cutting implement since the beaver. A heavy, cumbersome saw, powered by brute strength, but it was reasonably cheap. If you're going to beat the price of oil, you can't go and buy fancy equipment. Besides, neither of us wanted to contribute to noise pollution with one of those screaming gas-powered saws. If we had to return to an old-fashioned method to beat the new fashion in prices, we were going to keep ourselves pure.

Armed with our two-man, two-handed saw, we headed for the woods. The first thing we learned is that dead logs don't conveniently gather in one spot. And wherever you park your vehicle you'll find nothing worth burning within 100 yards. The fallen trees appear to be scattered by chance over any given area but they're not. They always find and bury themselves under cat briars. The second discovery we made is that with a handsaw, no matter how big and sharp the teeth, it takes longer than the body can take to cut through enough modest size logs to make the whole expedition worthwhile.

chop? Not enough

That week I bought a chain-saw. You can't have a serious wood-pile without a chain saw. At the same time, we realized our car was strictly for kindling. So with the chain saw comes the necessary truck. But where to get the truck and where to get truck-sized loads of wood, now that everyone was scrounging around Roosevelt, having discovered the secret of cheap fuel. We'd have to extend our range.

We were able to get a truck by cutting its owner a truckload in exchange for the privilege of borrowing his vehicle, and we managed to get permission to forage some woodland through a friend of a friend. The only hitch was that the woods were over a half hour away and winter not far away. So here we were, a mere couple of months after our dream of never hearing the furnace hiccup again, putting our thermal underwear, three pair of socks, two flannel shirts, pull-over sweater, windbreaker and parka on, about to brave the late autumn winds whining through the woods in chorus with our chain saw.

Here we were working out trucking schedules, pouring gas down two tanks, and cutting an extra load of wood for every two, just to keep the home fire burning. And we were now unable to get the truck closer than a couple of hundred yards to where we cut the logs, which, of course, meant that we had to drag the truck-length logs a couple of hundred yards, walk back, drag another, and repeat. This meant a minimum of about 120 trips to fill the truck. Then we'd drive 30 minutes home, unload half the wood at my BRRRIHH and half the load at his. And repeat.

The truck-length logs, of course, would not fit my Sears-length fireplace. After a couple of deafening days cutting the logs to the proper length, it was merely a matter of splitting the larger ones. These treat an ax like a toy and need a little help from a wedge. When the wedge sinks all the way in and the wood

refuses to split, you simply drive another wedge. When this second wedge sinks out of sight and the wood remains as solid as a root, you drive another wedge. My backyard is littered with chunks of steel-filled wood.

But most of the pieces split and I merely had to stack the pile. There are more theories on how to stack wood properly than there are woodcutters. I ignored them all and stacked it off the ground between two trees, carefully plumb about seven feet high. That night I heard what sounded like a huge sneeze and in the morning found my pile neatly unplied.

I stacked it more soundly the next time but came to realize that a single wood pile is about as useful as a single wedge. You have to have a few piles in various stages of curing to keep a good even fire going, as well as some heaps of twigs for kindling. Not only that but you have to have various sizes of wood, including large chunks as back logs to reflect the heat out of the fireplace. Then I realized that I had to be careful also to get a variety of kinds of wood. Poplar might as well be paper, but it lays down a good bed of coals for longer burning maple, oak or wood that isn't completely dry, and locust will stabilize a fire.

There's nothing like slogging through the woods from September to December looking for the right logs; nothing like scrounging trucks,

The discontent of our winter... and how to cope

By Merle and Irv Rose

Living in Roosevelt houses has its charm, and its dampness, the exotic shape of the houses, the ever creeping mold and, of course, when the temperature dips below 60, the encompassing cold. Rising fuel costs taxes the ingenuity of us all, but intrepid Rooseveltians, winter soldiers to the end and woolen socks on frozen feet, have met the challenge of the invading Jack Frost.

"I keep my feet off the floor. Each chair has a foot stool and each pair of feet has a pair of my mother's hand made 'booties'." In addition to booties, Freda Anish suggested that there are flannel sheets (available by catalogue from L.I. Bean) that don't get as cold as cotton. Can you imagine getting into a warm bed on cold nights? Is that too much to ask? One way to warm your bed is to iron your sheets, or sleep naked-- only if you have someone to sleep with. Otherwise you'll only be colder. "Naked," you say. "Nude in the cold?" Sure, Eskimos do it, and who knows better survival techniques than Eskimos? Why not us?

Addie Weiner, in her quest for warmth, said, "It's a constant battle to get warm,

especially my feet. I find it helpful to wear two pairs of socks and boots. I also have a snuggle blanket without a bottom; I cut that off so I can walk. We spent a fortune on heavy drapes and that helps. In Roosevelt houses you suffocate when you stand up and freeze when you sit."

Since heat rises the people who built the houses made sure, in their infinite wisdom, to place the heating ducts near the ceiling and not baseboard. You figure that one out. "We wear sweaters in the house and since the bedrooms are freezing we have two quilts of heavy polyester and I cover my whole face. Only my nose sticks out." That good advice comes from Josette Altman.

One of our neighbors said, "I stay cold. I'm cold most of the time." How's that for a solution? She went on, "I do get into bed more than I would if I weren't cold. Sometimes I sleep with a nightgown, bathrobe, socks, quilt and an afgan."

"Add calories when you're cold," said Louise Roskam. "The most important thing to do to keep warm is to change your menus. Don't eat ice cream or salads. Add calories by serving hot soups and stews, 'rib sticking' food. I make 'garbage soup.' There are always a couple of carrots, parsnips, lettuce, and some beef or chicken to throw in. If you're not lazy you should be saving all the vegetable water; I always mean to, but don't."

Sarah Goldberg suggests that an electric mattress warmer is one solution for frosty beds. "It's more sensible than an electric blanket because heat rises. It's healthy and extremely economical. I found it through the Arthritis Foundation." They can be ordered by

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wrestling chain saws, building saw-horses, loading and unloading trucks, cutting, splitting, stacking and rotating logs; nothing like keeping the firewood sorted by size and kind, and the woodbox filled from the woodpiles to save money. But OPEC hasn't folded yet, and I don't have time to sit in front of the fire.

Ah, I think I hear the sweet grind of the Pullen truck and the clank of the hose on my oil-tank spout.

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writing to Patented Products Corporation, Danville, Ohio 43104. Another of Sarah's suggestions is a "heat recycler. It can be bought at Hammacher Schlemmer. The "recycler," for penny's worth of energy, pulls heat that's wasted from the ceiling and recirculates it. "This device won't make a magical difference, but it does help somewhat."

Claire Sacharoff said she didn't find Roosevelt houses were cold, but she suggested wearing layers of clothing--long john's, fuzzy slippers for snugly feet, keeping active,

and when all else fails, "...I go into the bathroom to read because it's the warmest room in the house. But sometimes I get evicted."

Apparently, Princeton University did a study in Twin Rivers and found that heavy lined drapes contain drafts from the windows, but indoor shutters are the best thing.

Some other suggestions were: wear snuggies; wear leg warmers; go south; install a wood burning stove; install a fireplace with a blower; turn heat on to high for brief periods of time; take hot showers; install storm windows; after using oven leave door open; install weather stripping; drink alcohol; put flannel nightclothes and towels in clothes dryer before use; wear a hat indoors; keep water boiling on the stove to produce heat and moisture; use sky lights as a primitive form of solar heat.

One solution was, "Get one hell of a toothache. It takes your mind off the cold." Other bits of wisdom gleaned from Peter Vince were (not necessarily in rank order): a) Stay as close as possible to any other human being in the vicinity and you'll stay warm and you may get unexpected benefits; b)Cover yourself with bear grease or, if you can get it,

whale blubber; c)Stoke up your fantasy life and temperature becomes irrelevant.

Other suggestions, if you can stand taking your gloves off to write them, can be sent to the Borough Bulletin, either to be printed or used for fuel since it's so cold..

Editor's Note: The Princeton YWCA has announced a course focusing on patterns of home energy use, and practical methods for managing and reducing energy conservation in existing houses. It is planned to enable each participant to lower home utility costs dramatically. The class meets Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The course has already started, but late admissions are possible. Call Arlene Berman, 924-4825, ext.22.

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After reading a letter from resident Edwin Schmalzbach, who complained about the lack of snow removal on his portion of Lake Drive, the council apologized for the oversight. Peter Berlinrut reminded the council that builder David Yeager had agreed to pave part of the closed portion of Lake Drive as a condition for Planning Board approval to build a house next to Schmalzbach's property. Berlinrut said that the road construction might simplify the snow removal task.

Council President Louis Esakoff noted that private plantings at the municipal cemetery are prohibited and "getting out of hand." The council will study the problem before asking survivors to remove plantings, rails or other forbidden items.

During public participation, Peter Berlinrut praised the "high calibre of the council compared to 26 years ago" when Berlinrut first arrived in town. He said he was pleased to see women participating, referring to council members Marilyn Magnes and Jan Terry and to Borough Clerk Elizabeth Johnson. At the urging of Berlinrut and Esakoff, the council will consider the passage of an ordinance to control littering. Berlinrut produced information about a joint recycling project by Monmouth County municipalities that disposes of glass, newspapers and the like. Berlinrut urged the council to consider participation. Finally, Berlinrut decried a "growing problem of certain disorderliness" involving loose dogs that "throng and roam" and juveniles driving vehicles carelessly.

June Counterman alerted the council to the need for active participation by the community in the upcoming Valentine's Day blood drive in order to ensure coverage of the entire town's blood needs.

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Barth also mentioned that local contractors interested in performing the work should give their names and phone numbers to the Mayor or Borough Clerk. Their names will be forwarded to the County, which prequalifies contractors for block grant projects. Only prequalified contractors can do the jobs. #

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Recreation--Terry, Magnes, Weiner; Library--Weiner, Terry, Magnes; Cemetery--Esakoff, Magnes, Terry.

The council quickly approved Barth's appointments to a number of official positions. Retaining their positions for another year were Robert Eisner, Accountant; James DeMuro, Engineer; Adlerman, Click & Co., Insurance Agency; Kenneth Smith, Municipal Judge; Marie Ugi, Municipal Court Clerk; Jacob Blutstein, Water & Sewer Collector; Peter Berlinrut, Building Inspector; Paul Eichler, Zoning Officer; Elizabeth Johnson, Borough Clerk; Faith Penalver, Deputy Borough Clerk; and Wilbur Loftus, Special Police Officer. Esakoff abstained from voting on Loftus' appointment.

In addition to her duties as Tax Collector, Louise Prezant was appointed to be Tax Search Officer. Aaron Datz remains CETA Coordinator. Other present Borough employees were reappointed on general motion. The Trenton Times and Messenger-Press were designated as newspapers for official notices.

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State tax-rate study said to hold mixed news

To the Bulletin:

In January, the State Division of Taxation issued a study entitled "General Tax Rates and Effective Tax Rates--1979." It contains both good news and bad news for Roosevelt.

First, the good news. For the first time since at least 1971, our effective tax rate--the ratio of the tax levy to the true value, rather than the assessed value, of taxable property--was below 4%. At 3.76%, it was the 36th highest out of the 567 municipalities in the State, as compared to 24th highest in 1978. Clearly, some progress is being made, though we are still far higher than any of us, I am sure, would like to be.

Though the Division has been publishing effective tax rates for quite a few years, this is the first time that it has published the component effective tax rates--local purpose, county and school. Our local purpose effective tax rate of .43% puts us in a tie with nine other municipalities for 280th place out of 567. In other words, we are exactly at the median position as far as the taxes set by the Mayor and Borough Council are concerned. Monmouth County ranks 11th out of the 21 counties, so our county effective tax rate is just below the median.

Now, for the bad news. Roosevelt, with an effective school tax rate of 2.71%, has the ignoble distinction of having the second-highest effective school tax rate in the entire state of New Jersey. Only Winfield Township in Union County, a municipality which is entirely composed of a moderate-income World War II housing project and which has the highest overall effective tax rate in the State, has a higher effective school tax rate. Five-hundred

sixty-five municipalities provide educational services at less cost to the taxpayers than we do. I know of no evidence that, in general, they are less thorough or less efficient than we are.

What is to be done? The School Board has told us for years that there is no leeway for substantial cuts in the budget. I am reasonably satisfied that this is true. I would respectfully suggest, however, that these figures clearly show how serious the problem is and how it is a matter of highest priority that our School Board fully explore all alternatives to our present non-viable structure, including limited-purpose and all-purpose regionalization. I understand that Millstone Township, which has an effective school tax rate of 1.52%, has expressed an interest in regionalizing with us. I can only hope that the School Board will respond seriously to this overture.

Michael L. Ticktin
Borough Tax Assessor

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