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Council and Redmar reach impasse on environmental study - Council tells company that no further negotiations are in order

by Peter Warren

The regular monthly meeting of the Roosevelt Borough Council took place on May 12, with all members of the Council present and a sizeable number of the public in attendance. The main items of business were the Redmar P-L factory and the nuclear menace and, on a lighter note, the round of festivities to which Roosevelt is looking forward.

The Ad Hoc Committee of concerned Roosevelt citizens studying the proposed plastic leaf fuel factory to be located in Roosevelt by Redmar recommended to the Mayor and council "that no further action or consideration be given to this project without submission of detailed information" by Redmar and that Redmar assume the cost of further studies, specifically including an environmental impact study, since there is evidence of possible pollution in the form of lead and cadmium emissions.

The council, by a 5-1 vote, agreed to send a letter to Redmar indicating that no further negotiations were in order since Redmar had not provided the information which was (a) necessary to reach a decision, (b) required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and (c) necessary for preparation of the HUD-mandated written plan for citizen participation prior to holding mandated citizen participation meetings regarding the proposal. According to several engineers who had studied the project, Redmar has given no evidence that the project would work, and that several years of research might be necessary to demonstrate its technical and commercial feasibility. In addition, Redmar has refused to hire local contractors for construction or to pay more than \$11,000 in property taxes for property which would normally pay \$43,000. The HUD grant has

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been sharply reduced from the original figure of \$2 million to \$800,000 or less, which might be less than the cost of road and utility connections to the plant. The Board of Education would lose \$27,000 from the state equalization support, which has risen from 19% of the education budget in 1979 to 34%-35% in 1983.

Redmar has submitted no letter of intent to the council and, in fact, has turned over preparation of its proposal to a Washington firm specializing in such applications. Faced with the Redmar demand for a favorable decision before May 31 and the Redmar refusal to share the cost of project evaluation, the council decided on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee, to engage Peter Warren for an intensive effort to collect and analyze available information regarding the project (see the Borough Bulletin, April 1982). Since there was no line item in the budget for consultancy, and since the original approach of seeking emergency funds was inconvenient, the council resolved to appropriate the consultancy fee from the Capital Improvement Fund at the April meeting for work which has now been completed and approved by the council. This was approved by a 5-1 vote.

Regarding an emergency council meeting held on April 21, of which the public was not notified, Councilman Datz, seconded by Councilman Esakoff, proposed that a statement be included in the minutes of this meeting stating that it was not proper and perhaps not legal to bring

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up matters other than budget in this meeting. He was referring specifically to an invitation to a representative of Redmar to criticize an internal document submitted by the Consultant to the council and the Ad Hoc Committee. Although this document was termed a "public document" by the Mayor, it has not been circulated to the Roosevelt community. Datz' amendment was approved by the council.

Turning to the nuclear threat, the council gave its support to resolutions in separate correspondence from Anita Cervantes and Gary Edelstein favoring a freeze in nuclear arms production by the United States and the Soviet Union and the declaration of Roosevelt as a nuclear-free area, respectively.

The council also listened to a "kvetch" from the borough attorney terming the borough's drafting of ordinances without his assistance a "legal nightmare and time bomb." He threatened his resignation unless he was also paid to attend council meetings.

Other more or less routine matters included tests for eliminating excess phosphorus from the water system, which has aroused the displeasure of EPA; minor final installations on the water plant; cleaning the water tower and flushing the water pipes; a \$1,000 grant to the PTA for summer activities; consideration of the CDBG matters, including \$40,000 for specified housing rehabilitation; an ordinance to prevent unauthorized and abusive parking on borough streets; and a \$25 monthly rental to Millstone for court

facilities. Final approval of the budget is awaited from Trenton.

The borough is facing a round of celebrations and festivities commemorating its history, the independence of our nation and the acquisition of a fire truck, not necessarily in that order of importance. The memorial is being restored and flowers planted in time for the Centennial festival on May 27, 28 and 29. There will be theatrical performances, including readings by local poets and a play by Leslie Weiner, and open house by artists of whom Roosevelt is justly proud; perhaps there will even be dancing in the streets. The celebrations will be attended by the Chairman of the Landmark Commission who is expected to announce that the social experiment which is Roosevelt will be granted landmark status. The council is beginning to turn its attention to the 4th of July celebrations, and Councilperson Terry issued a call for volunteers to make this a success. Council President Counterman promised two evenings of hilarity at the First Aid Follies on June 7-8, heightened this year by purchase from Freehold of a \$14,000 1960 model FWD fire truck with performance superior to the vehicle presently in use.

Added Note

Just prior to press time, the Bulletin received notice that Mayor Barth has sent a letter to Mr. Cantor of Redmar indicating that the council cannot proceed with submission of the application because the company has not provided the council with the information needed.

P-L plant: numerous questions unresolved

by Bob Clark

With increasing concern and skepticism local residents and public officials have pressed for more information about a P-L (plastic-leaf) alternative fuel plant proposed for land zoned industrial across from the service station. The developer's (Redmar Corp.) hopes to meet a May 31 deadline for quarterly submissions for federal Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) funding appeared, as of this writing, destined to founder on the Borough Council's reluctance to promote a project shrouded by numerous questions.

Interested residents, the council's retained consultant and members of an ad hoc citizens advisory group have complained that, although the developer wants Roosevelt to apply for up to \$800,000 (the latest figure) in federal grant money, it has been slow in providing information necessary to judge the feasibility and desirability of the project. The lack of an environmental impact study was cited by many as their primary concern. Such a study would determine whether the fuel really burns "sweet" or pollutant-free as the developer claims. The proposed plant would burn its own product for the manufacturing process, which requires heat to melt plastic so that it can be mixed with leaf material.

Many criticized as too rushed meetings called by Mayor Leon Barth to allay the public's concerns and to satisfy UDAG requirements for public participation. On April 21, Edward Cantor, the project's financial backer answered some questions raised by the town's consultant, local resident Peter Warren; however, Warren could not attend the hurriedly-called meeting to ask for elaboration.

Cantor startled those in attendance by proclaiming that he did not intend to pay more than \$11,000 in annual property taxes for the completed 40,000 sq. ft. plant. It had been estimated by borough Tax Assessor Michael Ticktin that approximately \$43,000 in tax revenue should be forthcoming from the finished structure and land. A certain amount of such revenue (the current figure stands at \$27,331) would be offset by reductions in state aid to the local school district. Since there are no provisions for tax abatements to industries entering Roosevelt, some worried that the \$11,000 annual tax payment could only be attained by constructing an inferior building.

Claiming that he had "nothing to hide" and promising to cooperate in providing information to Warren, Cantor described his considerable business experience in the plastics industry and various

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financial ventures. Cantor said he has already invested \$38,000 to study the project and to hire a Washington law firm to prepare the UDAG application. He refused to pay for Warren's consultant fee of up to \$6,000, saying it was not "anything I have ever encountered in other towns."

Resident William Margolis criticized the lack of public notice for the meeting with Cantor, but Mayor Barth defended his decision to call the sparsely-attended meeting as "urgent" in order to prepare for the UDAG deadline for the current quarterly application cycle. Scores of people did not attend a UDAG-required public meeting Barth called for May 6 to discuss the "needs of the town." Although attendance was relatively high, some residents complained that the meeting had not been sufficiently heralded and lacked an organized presentation of information about the project.

Later, the ad hoc committee recommended that the council take no further action on the UDAG application without detailed information, including an environmental impact study -- the cost of further studies to be borne by the developer. The council decided to send a letter to Redmar indicating it did not intend to proceed at this point (see council article on Page 1).

A snapshot of the proposal at this writing reveals the following information:

1. The project has been scaled down to an estimated cost of \$4,716,000, largely as a result of a decision to lease rather than buy trucks.

2. The UDAG grant money would be loaned by the borough to the developer or used to prepare the site for development. The ratio of loan to site preparation and the interest on the loan are negotiable. If the project failed, the town would not have to pay back the grant to the federal government. Interest and principal payments to Roosevelt on the loan can only be used for capital improvements for the town.

3. Different opinions have been expressed as to the impact on residential insurance rates. The current borough insurance agent, Charles Stults, has said that rates might increase. However, Mel Adlerman, insurance agent for the school board and a member of the ad hoc committee, said that no increase would take place for residents more than 1000 feet from the plant because the town's rating (next to the highest for a town with an unpaid fire department) would not change.

4. The portion of Oscar Drive adjacent to the site would be converted to a heavy industrial type bituminous road to accommodate an additional plant entrance according to Cantor.

5. Roosevelt is attractive to the developer in part because it qualifies for Farmers Home Administration (FHA) loan guarantees, as well as UDAG funds. In addition, Mr. Cantor knows the owner of the property.

6. Any additional industrial development adjacent to the site would

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P-L plant

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require a zoning change from the present agricultural status.

7. Response to the survey in last month's Bulletin indicated 32 people from 18 families expressed some interest in employment at the plant. Included were clerical positions, which would be scarce, and part-time summer employment. Some of the people already have jobs. Roosevelt would, therefore, provide less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the plant's personnel needs.

8. No accurate assessment has been made, or perhaps can be made, of the need for additional police protection or the effectiveness of arson prevention measures such as fences around the area where baled leaves would be stored. Traffic data specifically geared to Roosevelt's situation is not available from Monmouth County and has not been provided by the developer.

9. Data on air emissions from the manufacturing process has not been provided. Some water from the leaf material would be diverted to storm sewers. Water and sewer system use would relate to sanitary facilities for the factory employees.

10. At least two public meetings are required before the application for UDAG funds can be submitted. One on the needs of the town was held on May 6. Another on the nature of the project had been scheduled for May 12 but was cancelled after residents complained that it was tacked on to a regular council meeting and allowed insufficient time for notice and to prepare in

accordance with a required written citizen participation plan. More than two public meetings may be held if the town desires.

11. The borough is responsible for carrying out environmental and historical review if it wishes to do so. UDAG officials have provided the consultant with a program guide for such review. An environmental impact study would cost at least \$5,000 according to some estimates.

Meanwhile, the ranks of ad hoc committee members continued to grow as Connie Herrstrom and William Warshaw joined the group, bringing expertise in decision making and engineering respectively.



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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Helga Wisowaty

The May 5 meeting was concerned principally with plans for trips. Under discussion were: 1. A trip to the Garden State Art Center to see the Joffrey Ballet. 2. The convention of the New Jersey Federation at Mercer County Community College on May 13. 3. The Circus. 4. The Open Air performances at Washington Crossing State Park which will be available at a charge of \$4.00.

We were pleasantly surprised to have the Boy Scouts and members of the First Aid put on a "skit" for us. Margaret Schlinski directed and it was enjoyed by all.

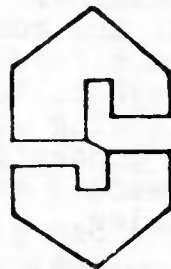
On April 21 we were privileged to have Dr. Leroy Hunninghake of Princeton speak about Rheumatology. He showed slides of x-rays and explained the deterioration resulting from arthritis.

Dr. Hunninghake gave us too much information to list here but I think a few are worth noting as many of us aren't aware of the ways we can be subject to arthritis. Diet, by the way, does not cause arthritis, nor does he find it effective in treatment of arthritis, except for gout.

Osteo - arthritis affects most older people. (Wear and tear starts around 40-50.) It also predisposes young people involved in sports to trauma at 35 or 40. Jogging can also do this. Children who play "Little League" baseball should not pitch more than six (6) innings.

Aspirin is the best drug for most types of arthritis and much less expensive than other drugs. However, it can be irritating to the stomach in some people.

We all appreciate the doctor's coming and left knowing much more about Rheumatology.



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Council candidates respond to questions

Constance Herrstrom

1. What do you consider to be the most pressing problem facing Roosevelt?

In the seven years I have lived in Roosevelt, the issue that surfaces most often is how to reduce taxes, while still maintaining the vital services and the ambiance of the town. Several alternatives have been presented, including the Fuel Plant we are still studying. In following the Fuel Plant as an alternative, it became apparent that this issue is clouded by uncertainty about what the community is willing to sacrifice and for what kind of return. Furthermore, the nature of the decision is unclear: to choose the best kind of industrial plant to have, OR to choose the best way to use the land zoned industrial, OR to choose the best way to reduce the tax base. Each of these statements assume certain prior decisions, which will limit the alternatives we choose to examine.

If the community could decide on a focus and what objectives need to be satisfied, before looking at any alternatives, a consensus could better be reached as the situations arise.

2. What kind of development and how much, if any, do you think ought to come to Roosevelt and over what period of time?

Roosevelt is not looking for development for its own sake; therefore, development possibilities must be scrutinized in the context of what we are trying to achieve. I would not want to answer the development question until the above uncertainties are clarified or at least we

candidates

Howard Chasan

The most pressing problem facing Roosevelt is the ever growing cost of providing services, supporting local government, and our ability to meet the tax burden.

Jan Terry

Stretching our tax dollars to meet our obligations and goals is becoming a more pressing problem every year as the value of those dollars shrinks and our expenses grow. We are now undertaking and contemplating repairs and improvements which are much needed in many of our facilities. If we look to the past we see a dire neglect of preventative maintenance in many of these facilities. I believe the development of a long range preventative maintenance plan is imperative. This is just one problem but taking a good look at where we have been and where we are going is the way we need to approach the problems we face.

I favor expansion according to our Master Plan which allows for growth consistent with the kind of life style we have known here. I also want to attract industrial ratables which would be highly desirable both economically and aesthetically without any adverse impact on the environment.

I feel that clean industrial and commercial development ought to come to Roosevelt. I feel our existing plan for commercial and industrial zones is adequate. Efforts to attract this type of development have not been made. Financing such an effort might be considered or perhaps volunteer resources within the

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CANDIDATES RESPONSES

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Constance Herrstrom

answer the following: Where do we want to be as a community in five years? Ten years? What is the strategy that is needed to get us there?

3. What do you feel you are uniquely able to contribute to the Borough Council?

I am now employed by a firm whose business is to instruct companies in a rational, systematic approach to problem solving and decision making. This approach has been used successfully by many of the Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, and city planning boards. In this position I would attempt to introduce such an approach into a volunteer political environment.

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Howard Chasan

For many years I have worked in the administration of public works, responsible for the operation and maintenance of an industrial complex which included buildings, roads and water treatment facilities. I have served the community in many capacities which should contribute to my effectiveness as a member of the Borough Council:

Board of Education	9 yrs.
Planning Board	20 yrs.
Board of Adjustment	1 yr.
Fire Department	10 yrs.
Police Officer	8 yrs.

I participated in the review of the plans to update our water system, contributing my professional skills, with the result that the project cost was reduced substantially. As a member of the Citizen Advisory Panel, I am contributing my technical knowledge to the planning and modification of the Borough's sewerage treatment facilities. At this time implementation of the desired improvement to the plant and waste treatment appears achievable at a substantial savings under the original cost estimates. Most recently I have been involved as a member of the community Ad Hoc Committee investigating the advantages and disadvantages of the

Jan Terry

community could be sought to advise the council on a plan to attract this type of development.

Any contribution by an individual is uniquely their own. I hope to contribute to the borough council common sense, an open mind, and a positive approach.

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Constance Herrstrom

4. Address an additional question of your choice.

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candidatesHoward Chasan

proposed Plastic/Leaf Factory
Proposal.

I have lived in Roosevelt
since the initial stages of
its development. Now that I
have retired, I have the time
and considerable experience
to be an active, effective
member of the Borough Council.

Jan Terry

Rather than address an
additional question I would
like to address the community.
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NOW meets Democrats for Congress

by Carol Watchler

The Eleanor Roosevelt chapter of the National Organization for Women hosted a candidates meeting for the Democratic contenders for the congressional nomination in the June 8 primary election. The two candidates are Craig Yates, Burlington County businessman and participant in local government, and Joseph Merlino, until last year president of the New Jersey Senate and state senator from the Trenton area. The audience included NOW members from the district, Roosevelt senior citizens, and other interested Roosevelt and Hightstown community members. Chapter co-ordinator Carol Watchler held the job of moderator during the discussion.

Early questions of support for reintroduction of an Equal Rights Amendment brought Yates to assure his willingness to co-sponsor such a measure and Merlino to affirm support, a positive step for Merlino who had abstained on a vote for the ERA in the state legislature ten years ago.

Neither candidate displayed a sense of the scope of Title IX, the Federal equal educational opportunity act, and the current attacks on its enforcement by the Reagan administration. Both seemed to indicate that if women would just be "nice guys" and leave the question of revenue generating sports alone, they, the candidates, would both like to see equality in education. Adeline Weiner asserted the analogy of women's professional tennis to indicate that when

given a serious chance, women's sports can also be revenue producing.

On the question of abortion rights, both candidates would oppose legislation to outlaw abortion, restrict funding for this procedure as included in health care benefits, and reverse Supreme Court rulings which support this right. Merlino's support represents a change from the time of his N.J. Senate vote to cutoff medicaid funding for abortion in 1975. Yates believes that the incumbent 4th district Congressman, Chris Smith, is a one-issue candidate on this issue and is not afraid to bring that out in the general election. Merlino observed that Smith fell flat in 1978 when he ran for his present seat on this issue alone, that only Abscam put him in office in 1980.

Concerning the state of the economy, Merlino wants to plug up the tax giveaways, tax credits that can be sold, stating that 80% of tax benefits went to 17% of the public. Yates agrees with Merlino's analysis but also has strong opinion about the Federal Reserve Board, whose decisions he believes should be much more under direct control of elected officials; the government should take control of policy on money supply. He supports cut backs on defense spending and postponement of the July tax cuts.

Yates acknowledges that changes are necessary in Social Security; adjustment in the age of retirement, adjustment in the rates so that higher income recipients pay more into the system. He feels that a

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cost of living increase is short-sighted this year. Merlino agrees that retirement age could be moved back; though social security is here to stay there are benefits that were not intended in the system originally. Freda Hepner challenged the concept that having contributed to social security, present and future recipients were not entitled to expect the same benefits as present. Yates asserted that the fund is in trouble; that it is not like an insurance policy, but more like a checking account where many fewer workers today are in a ratio to benefit recipients. The system relies on full employment which we have not had for years.

John Grauel pointed to defense spending as the source of problems in meeting social security costs. Merlino responded that he feels we are throwing money away with regard to the military. Though he supports strong defense, he finds waste from the Pentagon comes from competition between branches of the military. Yates sees defense spending as part of the United States economic problem but not the entire story.

Further questions were clearly needed to pick out major differences in style and substance of the two candidates. Merlino is known by his legislative record in Trenton where he was proud to be a leader; Yates claims to bring a new perspective to the job of legislator, that of business-

person. Though Merlino had to exit to his next campaign stop and Yates was able to enjoy discussion with individuals in the crowd, the question persisted at the end of the evening: How are these two candidates really different?



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School Board discharges administrator

by Arlene Rashkin

At its regular May meeting the Roosevelt School Board confirmed the staffing for the Roosevelt Public School's 1982-83 school year. While the position of chief school administrator was not discussed at the May meeting, the board had voted on April 26 not to rehire Ms. Hetrick for the upcoming school year. The motion, made by Mr. Hepner and seconded by Mr. Lakin, was passed by a roll call vote of 7 to 2 with Mr. Zaleski and Mr. Loyer casting the only opposing votes.

During the May meeting Board President Zaleski stated that the search committee (Hepner, Loyer, Zaleski) for a new school principal had placed an advertisement for the position in the newspapers. He announced that the committee had generated a plan for the hiring process and requested that Mr. Loyer prepare written documentation of the plan for the board.

In response to questions following the meeting Board President Zaleski noted that all responses to the advertisement will be screened by the committee to eliminate unqualified applicants. The committee will then select candidates to be interviewed by board members. When asked if school staff or other members of the community would be invited to participate in the process, Mr. Zaleski said

that this would not be the case. "The school board is the employer and will do the hiring," he said.

The Ad Hoc Committee headed by Ms. Esakoff that is investigating the possibility of a sending-receiving relationship with Princeton High School is scheduled to complete fact finding by November 1 and prepare a report to the board.

Mr. Hepner reported on the progress of the artists in residence grant being submitted by the school and expressed praise for the high quality of the work that had been done through the program in the past. He also expressed his optimism on the viability of the proposal being submitted and thanked former board member David Herrstrom for his help in preparing the grant application.

Board member Diane Dulicai reported that minimum goals for the students at the Roosevelt School had been agreed upon in reference to the state mandated T & E (thorough and efficient) process. Ms. Dulicai said that for this first year the expectation was that 75% of all students will have achieved mastery on curriculum goals established by their teachers. Ms. Dulicai clarified that while 75% seemed low it was an appropriate standard for the first phase of this level of T & E development.

Other business included the approval of use of the school for the P.T.A. summer program

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School Board

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and use of the stage for the First Aid Squad production. The list of June graduates was read and approved by the

board and a motion made by Mr. Loyer to limit discussion time on issues to 10 minutes was tabled for review.

Love of Words

Bowdlerism for fun and profit

by Josef G. Solomon

Perhaps there was a small commotion in your mind over a word that appeared in last month's issue of the Bulletin? Before going any further, it is worth pointing out that the offending words appeared, not in a letter from the editor, but in a letter to the editor. Nonetheless, it raises the issue of Bowdlerism. Bowdler was that noble fellow who decided that he had been called to clean up works of literature so that they could be safely read by delicate females and children. Among the works he thus improved were the Bible and Shakespeare -- to give you an idea of the scope of his efforts and his ambition. And his name has passed into the language. (By the by, the word for that is "eponym," adjective "eponymous." Example: My name is Ohm; my word is law.)

In his book "Nightmares of Eminent Victorians," Bertrand Russell has an especially terrible nightmare for Bowdler: he dreams that his wife is seduced by some blackguard because she doesn't understand the vulgar words he uses -- her husband had always kept such words from her.

Before I was liberated, I used to guard my speech-- especially in the presence of my wife or children. In moments of stress, I might be heard to exclaim "Sacred excrement!" When extremely provoked, perhaps I would refer to an antagonist as a spiritual follower (or descendant) of Oedipus. There are several advantages to this approach: First of all, I enjoyed it. Secondly, my children enjoyed the problem of figuring out what I meant. Thirdly, my children paid attention -- they didn't want to miss anything. Fourthly, when I did curse, my children were properly impressed -- they knew that their father must be really upset.

Nowadays, I sling vulgarities around, along with everyone else. Nobody notices. I kind of miss the old days. Perhaps now is a good time to re-bowdlerize my speech. Make people notice again. I hope it's not too late. I've wasted a fornicating lot of time.

Arts Festival features Baritone David Arnold, Roosevelt Artists, Photographers, craftspeople

The weekend of May 28 through May 30 (Memorial Day weekend) will see an exciting Roosevelt Arts Festival taking place, of course, in Roosevelt. A town the size of Roosevelt does not ordinarily enjoy a musical performance of the quality of the one which will open the Roosevelt three day Arts Festival on the evening of Friday, May 28.

Bernarda Shahn has spearheaded the planning with the cooperation of the Borough Council and many people in the community. This year is not only the 100th anniversary of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's birth, but also the 20th anniversary of the Roosevelt Memorial, which remains the only public memorial to F.D.R. in this country. It is a good time to get to know our town's history and to share our talents with our neighbors.

The festival will start on Friday, May 28 at 8 p.m. at the School. Town planner Ralph Seligman will present a brief history of the community. After the introductory speech, there will be a song recital by Baritone David Arnold of a series of pieces written by John Alden Carpenter around the poems of Tagore.

For the enlightenment of those who are not familiar with David's background, a biographical account follows: "David Arnold has scored successes in the symphonic field performing the BACH PASSIONS with Robert Shaw, Richard Westenburg, Blanche Moyse and Sergiu Commissiona.

For seven seasons he was chosen by Seiji Ozawa as soloist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, including the four seasons of the Orchestra's New York concerts in Carnegie Hall. He has performed major works with the San Francisco, Detroit, Atlanta, Nashville, Baltimore and Houston orchestras.

In opera, David has won acclaim in RIGOLETTO, THE BARBER OF SEVILLE, and as THE COUNT in THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO, performed at the Philadelphia Academy of Music. His performance as THE EMPEROR JONES in the recent revival of that great classic drew warm praise by the widow of the composer who considered his singing comparable to that of Lawrence Tibbett who first sang the role at the Met. in 1933. He has been twice chosen by composer John Harbison for leading roles in the world premiers of the operas A WINTER'S TALE and FULL MOON IN MARCH. Concerning these latter performances, Andrew Porter wrote in the New Yorker, "Mr. David Arnold was outstanding, having both stage and vocal presence and displaying an instinctive authority!" He was widely acclaimed as well by the New York press after his debut in PEARL FISHERS with the New York City Opera. He will return to the Boston Opera Company during the coming season to sing Amonasro opposite Shirley Verrett and James McCracken. He will now do the part of CREON in OEDIPUS REX in San Francisco, that of DANDINI

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in LA CENERENTOLA with the Virginia Opera and will do DON GIOVANNI both on television and at the Savoy Theatre in Boston.

In Europe, David has sung at the Spoleto Festival in Italy, made a concert tour in Austria and Yugoslavia and has given thirty concerts of the CARMINA BURANA with the Alvin Ailey Dancers in Paris.



(Photo by Sol Libsohn)

Among his honors have been winning the Sullivan Foundation Award in 1977, an invitation to sing at the White House in 1979, and being awarded the New York City Opera Gold Debut Award in 1980. David will be accompanied by Patricia Ainspac.

Following this performance, pianist Anita Cervantes will play selections from BACH. Following this, Professor Mark Zuckerman will give a talk about MEANING IN CONTEMPORARY MUSIC which will provide some clues to those who have been puzzled by his very modern music as to its motivations and its point of departure from traditional

musical forms. Anita will then play some selections or fragments of Mark's compositions under the temporary title of WORKS IN PROGRESS. The performances will take place in the public school building and will begin at 8:00. A giant birthday cake will cap the evening's entertainment.

Pianist Anita Cervantes studied at Bard College where she had the opportunity of working with composers Elie Yarden and Joan Tower, experts in 20th century performance practice. She has premiered a number of new works and appeared in recital throughout the N.J.-N.Y. area. Ms. Cervantes is a member of the piano faculty of Music Department at Princeton University.

Composer Mark Zuckerman, teacher of composition at Princeton University and Columbia University (composer of, among other works, Twilight Songs for soprano and flute and Paraphrases for solo flute) will speak on the "Meaning in Contemporary Music."

On Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, there will be a tree planting ceremony at the Roosevelt Memorial.

John Soloway has discovered which were F.D.R.'s favorite trees and has arranged for us to plant those very kinds. The afternoon activities can include a picnic lunch for those so inclined, and there will be folk music to enjoy, throughout the afternoon. The evening events are scheduled for 8 o'clock at the Borough Hall. An exhibit of pictures of the town by Roosevelt photographers will

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be on display. David Herrstrom and Rod Tulloss will read their poetry, which will be followed by readings from Works in Progress by playwright Leslie Weiner.

Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the school will be open for an exhibit of art works by many Roosevelt painters, potters, sculptors and crafts people. Several of the artists will open their studios to the public and information on where and when will be available at the school.

Painters whose work will be shown are Josette Altman, Miriam Bell, Jack Bermowitz, Bernarda Bryson, Morris Chasan, Elizabeth Dauber, Kinnereth Ellentuck, Jacob Landau, Bill Leech, David Stone Martin, Stefan Martin, Bob Mueller, Gregorio Prestopino, Anita Roskam, Ed Roskam, Ben Shahn, Herb Steinberg, Jan Terry, Peter Vince, Larry White and Tony Wisowaty.

Photographers exhibiting are Vivian Crozier, Andrea Lakin, Sol Libsohn, Fran

Orlando, Merle Rose, Ed Roskam, Louise Roskam and Ben Shahn.

Crafts people are Peter Berlinrut, Mary Jane Berlinrut, Ellie Bermowitz, Naomi Brahinsky, Aaron Datz, Gary Edelstein, Ingrid Jordan, Ilus Lobl, Jane Schwinger, Jon Shahn and Ralph Warnick.

There will also be vintage photographs by Ben Shahn, Dorothea Lange and Russell Lee.

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26 Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

27 Thursday, 10-1

8:00 p.m.

28 Friday - 30 Sunday

31 Monday

First Aid - Borough Hall

Blood pressure clinic - Borough Hall

Bulletin meeting - Joe Solomon's house

Memorial celebration (see article this issue)

Memorial Day observed

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| 2 | Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. | Senior Citizens - Borough Hall |
| 3 | Thursday, 7:30 p.m. | Fire Company meeting - Borough Hall |
| 7 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Agenda meeting - Borough Hall |
| 8 | Tuesday | Co-op election - Borough Hall |
| 9 | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. | Council meeting - Borough Hall |
| 14 | Monday | Bd. of Ed Agenda meeting -
R.P.S. |
| | | Flag Day |
| 16 | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. | First Aid - Borough Hall |
| 17 | Thursday, 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts - Borough Hall |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Bd. of Ed regular meeting -
R.P.S. |
| 19 | Saturday, 7:00 p.m. | Roosevelt School graduation |
| 20 | Sunday | Father's Day |
| 21 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Synagogue Board meeting -
Cong. Anshei Roosevelt |
| 23 | Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. | E.P.A. meeting - Borough Hall |
| | | Bd. of Ed Finance Committee
meeting - R.P.S. |
| 24 | Thursday, 10-1 | Blood pressure clinic -
Borough Hall |
| 27 | Sunday | NOW brunch |
| 28 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Planning Board meeting -
Borough Hall |
| 29 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. | First Aid - Borough Hall |
| | | Bd. of Ed. Finance Committee
meeting - R.P.S. |

Culinary delights**Summer salads to accompany a barbecue**

by Barbara Halpern

Summer is approaching and it is the time of the year when people are barbecuing, picnicking and spending more time outdoors. Salads are easy to prepare, can be made in advance and make the perfect accompaniment to any summertime meal.

Don't feel restricted to the ingredients called for in a particular salad recipe, for as you add or delete an ingredient you will create a new version of a standard salad.

Our last barbecue was a success because each guest brought his or her own "specialty salad." I have obtained these recipes for you to try and bring along to your next barbecue. Your hostess will appreciate the gesture.

Macaroni Salad

- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. macaroni
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- $\frac{1}{2}$ green pepper, chopped
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup green olives, chopped
- 2 Tablespoons pickle relish
- 1 can tuna, chunk light, drained and broken into small pieces
- 2 hard boiled eggs, diced
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 Tablespoons dijon mustard
- 3 Tablespoons ketchup
- the juice of one lemon
- salt and pepper

Cook macaroni according to directions on the box. Drain and set aside. In a large bowl combine the first eight ingredients. In a separate bowl combine the remaining ingredients and blend thoroughly. Pour the dressing over the macaroni and toss the macaroni salad well. Salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate for 24 hours before serving.

Tangy Coleslaw

- 1 cup white vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup red wine vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vegetable oil
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. dill
- 3 Tablespoons minced fresh basil
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. black pepper
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- a $1\frac{1}{4}$ lb. cabbage, cored and shredded
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup parsley, chopped
- 2 cucumbers, chopped
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 large tomato, chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise

In a bowl combine the vinegars, the oil, the dill, the basil, the pepper and the garlic. In a separate large bowl combine the cabbage,

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the parsley, the cucumbers, and the carrots. Add the mayonnaise and the vinegar mixture onto the vegetables and toss well. Add the tomatoes and toss coleslaw gently. Chill the coleslaw for 24 hours before serving.

Potato Salad with Tarragon

2½ lbs. potatoes, preferably small ones
 2/3 cup chopped black olives
 1 cup celery, chopped
 1/3 cup onions, minced
 3 hard boiled eggs, chopped
 3/4 cup mayonnaise
 ½ cup sour cream
 1/8 teaspoon dried tarragon
 salt and pepper

Boil the potatoes (whole or cut in half if they are large) until tender, about 15 minutes. Allow potatoes to cool; remove skins and cut into small cubes. In a large bowl combine all the ingredients and mix well. Add salt and pepper to taste.

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Roosevelt Handbook for Nuclear Survival

Prepared by your local civil defense authority who, for obvious security reasons, must remain anonymous (but whose initials are D.H. - Ed.)

In this uneasy age in which we live, strife abounds in many parts of the world. The weapons of modern warfare have become increasingly powerful and numerous. Potential aggressors can deliver nuclear warheads on your doorstep from 8,000 miles away. Despite continuing efforts to achieve and maintain peace, a nuclear attack on targets near Roosevelt remains a distinct possibility. In the face of this threat, a strong civil defense is needed not only throughout government, but on the part of the individual and the family. And that is what this handbook is all about -- to help the Rooseveltian survive a nuclear attack.

Because we live in the firespread area of primary metropolitan targets, we must prepare. A 25 megaton blast over New York City would cause adverse effects on all small buildings within the perimeter of the town of Roosevelt. Animals and residents would also undergo flammable transformation should they remain above ground.

Gamma radiation during the period of subsequent weeks may result in a total exposure of 200 Roentgens per person. No special clothing can protect people against this gamma radiation, and no drugs can prevent large doses of radiation from causing damage to the cells of the body. But

antibiotics and other medicines are helpful in treating infections that follow excessive exposures to radiation, and termination is years away. Remember, people exposed to fallout radiation do not become radioactive and thereby dangerous to other people. Radiation sickness is not contagious or infectious, and one person cannot "catch it" from another.

People can protect themselves against fallout radiation and have a good chance of surviving it by staying inside a fallout shelter or evacuating to a "safe area." Even in communities that receive heavy accumulations of fallout particles, people soon might be able to leave shelter for a few seconds or even minutes at a time in order to perform emergency tasks. In Roosevelt it is unlikely that full-time shelter occupancy would be required for more than a year, but you must seal yourself off for at least six months from the outside environment or die of radiation sickness.

There are many kinds of shelters, and building a shelter is relatively easy and inexpensive with the aid of free government bulletins, such as No. 58496874434421 and No. ACVDX (available from the U.S. Army, Publications Center, Nuclear Inconvenience Division, Civil Preparedness Section, 2800 Eastern Blvd., Middle River, Baltimore, Maryland 21220). In ordering a plan please use the full title and code shown on it. Most

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Roosevelt homes, because of their concrete block structure, already score high on the U.S. Army "Shelter Potential Table."

It is a simple matter to reinforce concrete roofs with jack posts, to which have been added plywood sheathing, a double set of joists, and a layer of approximately 200 concrete blocks. Three layers of bricks, or six inches of sand, or seven inches of packed earth, or ten inches of water in plastic containers, or fourteen inches of books, or sixteen inches of New York Times, or eighteen inches of wood, or one hundred inches of moth balls, may be substituted for concrete blocks.

If the jack posts unduly obstruct free movement in the house, and you do not have a basement in which to install the Preplanned Snack Bar Shelter Plan D or the Tilt-up storage Unit Plan E, then you should consider an outside Shelter Plan H-12-1. In addition to providing protection against radioactive fallout, this shelter will withstand blast overpressures up to 5psi and double as a barbeque patio. The shelter can be reached through a hatch door and wood stairway. Fresh air is provided by a hand-operated blower and two snorkel pipes extended above-ground level. Air filters are advisable to prevent radioactive contamination. Of course, it is possible to improvise a shelter, using only those things generally found around the house, such as heavy outside doors, sand

and earth-filled dressers and chests, concrete blocks, flagstones, and steel I-beams.

An excellent alternative in Roosevelt, where so many people lack basements, is the Shelter Under a House Slab. Simply excavate under a small portion of your house. First, dig a trench alongside the house under an eave to help keep out fallout and rainwater. Once the bottom of the slab foundation wall is reached, dig out a space under the slab as big as the combined size of the bodies comprising your family. The area can vary in size, but it should not extend back more than four feet from the outside edge of the foundation wall. If it does, serious structural strain may result with imminent collapse. Place support shoring under the slab, and pile dirt inside the house on top of the slab over the shelter area to improve overhead shielding from fallout radiation.

You should gather together now all the things you and your family would need for six months, even though you probably would not have to remain inside the shelter for the entire period (If you leave the shelter for a few seconds make sure you are careful to brush the fallout from your clothes before reentry). The following is a minimum list of supplies: food and water for six months, kitchen utensils, medical supplies and first aid handbook, metal container with a tight-fitting lid to use as an emergency toilet, one or two large garbage cans with

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covers, plastic bags, disinfectant, toilet paper, soap, wash cloths, and towels, pail, sanitary napkins, pocket knife, electric hot plate, camp stove, underwear, blankets, pillows, air mattresses, hand-pumped fire extinguisher, buckets filled with sand, ladder, radio, flashlight, writing material for taking notes on information given over the radio, shovel, broom, crowbar, short rubber hose for siphoning, coil of half-inch rope, hammer, pliers, nails, playing cards, toothpaste, and a dove.

In addition you will need an independent heating system, a radiation counter to measure levels of radiation outdoors, so that you can know when it is safe to leave shelter and could determine whether food and drink are contaminated, and, of course a burial system wholly contained within the shelter, in which to bury those who die of injuries or illness during the shelter period.

If an international crisis should threaten to result in a nuclear attack, people living in high-risk areas such as Roosevelt, may be asked to relocate temporarily to safer areas. This is an alternative to fallout shelters. Your Federal Government and many State and local governments are currently planning for the orderly relocation of people in time of an international crisis. These plans call for allocating people from high-risk areas to go to appropriate low-risk host areas for reception and care.

If you have a car, truck, camper, recreation vehicle, or moped, drive it to your designated reception area, using the route given by your local officials. Remember that several days should be available for relocating all those living in Roosevelt. Take the time you need to prepare and pack.

Relocation routes will be designated to assure that residents will be equally distributed among the reception counties so that there will be adequate food and lodging for you and your family. Pregnant women will be directed to special areas, and some others, who are "key workers," will commute daily from reception area to the high-risk area. If you use a route not assigned to you, you may find the reception area you have chosen filled, and you will not be allowed to enter. Follow the relocation route to the reception county as indicated by your local officials. Police officers will be on duty to advise and direct you. Obey all instructions by law enforcement officers. If you get caught in a traffic jam, turn off your engine, remain in your car, listen for official instructions, and be patient. **DO NOT GET OUT OF LINE** to find an alternative route. All routes will be crowded. If traffic is stopped for a day or more, do not leave your car for any reason.

Above all do not panic. Given the shelter and evacuation alternatives outlined in this handbook, if you are not charred by the thermal pulse, incinerated by the fireball, lethally

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The three R's and a C (for computers)

by Andrea Lakin

Though few people outside the computing field have anything but the vaguest concept of the role computers will take in human learning, many believe that computer literacy should be added to the three R's in the school curriculum. But providing children with the skills they will need in order to live in society, in addition to basic literacy, has always been the important educational goal of our schools. Just as the ethnic concerns of the 60's and the attention given to educating the handicapped in the 70's have required major shifts in the emphasis of education, so must we give attention to the emerging societal needs

created by a changing technology. New demands require that we restructure our K-12 curriculum to include computer education.

In 1976, the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics designated computer literacy as a basic skill that would emphasize the uses of computers in society. In 1980, legislation was introduced into Congress (HR 7459; Representative Thomas Dewey D-N.Y.) calling for an amendment of Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to establish one or more national centers for computers in education.

We are involved in a situation today that is analogous to that in Germany when the Gutenberg printing press was developed, according to Arthur Luehrmann (former Dartmouth professor involved in many successful projects in computer instruction). The new technology had vastly reduced the cost of delivering books to the masses of people. The people were illiterate. To them a book was a "complicated device that required long hours of study to use it properly." Luehrmann goes on to say that computer technology today is "entering a world populated by illiterates;" those who are uneducated in the use of a computer.

Though most Americans are essentialists in that they expect schools to teach children certain basic knowledge, skills and values, they also want programs that are relevant to current life in society. Just thirty years ago when the few existing computers were tucked away in a science lab, one would have been able to live without using a computer. But millions of affordable computers are found in homes, offices, hospitals, labs, government agencies, factories and schools. They exert a daily influence on our lives.

A fear that people using computers may design impersonal systems that are vulnerable to

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fraud and other crimes can only be prevented by educating the citizens in our society (young and old) to help bring about the positive potential of computers. As society makes more use of computers so will our schools.

Those who believe that teaching only the three R's is essential in the elementary and secondary schools, and that everything else is "frills" are not being realistic about the kind of education that is needed for life in a society such as ours.

Many critics of computer instruction believe that the technology may result in the

questioning of traditional concepts of authority because the students often know more than their teachers about computer-related problems, while others feel it promotes conversation and cooperation among teachers and students. Some feel that computers will follow the same dead end path as televised instruction, but television is a passive device, while computers are interactive.

Whether or not we subscribe to the idea that computer knowledge is the second literacy, we should be open to its potential for good in education.

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To the Roosevelt Borough Council

The Roosevelt Borough Council is surely aware of accelerating international activity in favor of a bilateral nuclear arms freeze.

In this country the movement against nuclear proliferation is at present concentrating on placing the following referendum on the ballot in November:

FREEZE ON NUCLEAR ARMS ESCALATION

YES

Do you support a mutual United States-Soviet Union nuclear weapons "Freeze" and urge the government of the United States:

(1) to propose to the government of the Soviet Union that BOTH COUNTRIES IMMEDIATELY HALT ALL FURTHER TESTING, PRODUCTION AND DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS, MISSILES AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS as a first step toward balanced mutual reductions, and

NO

(2) to apply the money saved to human needs and tax reduction?

700,000 signatures in California have guaranteed that the referendum will be on the California ballot. 238 town meetings in New England have voted for it. City councils across the nation (including the Princeton Borough Council) have passed resolutions favoring it. Nine state legislatures have supported it. Last week the N.J. Assembly voted overwhelmingly for it. Probably by the time this letter is read publicly the N.J. State Senate will have passed it.

The Roosevelt C---N---D urges the Roosevelt Borough Council to join this movement to save civilization by voting

1. to support placing the referendum on the ballot,
2. to pass a resolution supporting an immediate verifiable Soviet-American nuclear arms Freeze, and
3. to urge Governor Kean and President Reagan to support the referendum and the freeze.

Respectfully,
Gary Edelstein
for
The Roosevelt Committee
for
Nuclear Disarmament

DISARMAMENT DEMONSTRATION

From June 7th to July 9th, the United Nations will hold its Second Special Session on Disarmament. Delegates from the world's nations will gather in New York City to take part in discussions about these issues. A coalition of national peace, religious, labor, environmental, women's and community organizations will rally on Saturday, June 12th at the United Nations Building in New York to add their voices to the people throughout the world who are demanding an end to nuclear

weapons production.

The Roosevelt Committee Against Nuclear Armaments has arranged for a chartered bus to take people from the Post Office to the demonstration at the cost of \$7.50 for the round trip. The bus will leave Roosevelt at 9:30 a.m. and all interested parties should call 443-3044 or 443-3216.

Join the millions of people throughout the world in urging the nations of the world to Freeze and Reverse the Arms Race!

GRADUATION DAY

Graduation day is June 19, 7:00 p.m. The graduates are:
 Evan Zane Alter
 Colin Serge Altman
 Jillene Dorothy Burnell
 Marc Stuart Cooper
 Donna Rebecca Ernstein
 Richard Ezra Francis
 Marc Alan Friedman
 Misty Brenda McBride
 Shannon C. Orlando
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 Jayson Bradley Schmalzbach
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ROOSEVELT WAS (AND STILL IS)...

The July 30, 1972 issue of the New York Times Book Review contained a review by Granville Hicks of Ed Rosskam's book Roosevelt, New Jersey, Big Dreams in a Small Town and What Time Did to Them. Following the review was this article by Bertrand B. Pogrebin, a New York attorney who lived in Roosevelt from ages 9 to 21. The Bulletin editors thought it proper to reprint this when the 20th anniversary of the memorial and the hundredth anniversary of F.D.R.'s birth are being marked. It is printed with Mr. Pogrebin's permission.

Truman Was Far Right

By Bertrand B. Pogrebin

Roosevelt was (and still is) a little village planted in the middle of the Jersey meadows where, in my youth, about 1,000 people lived in identical government-built houses with identical shrubs dotting the scrubby lawns. (When we first moved in during the winter of 1944, I remember that we couldn't find our own house at night.) But in Roosevelt, similarity began and ended with the architecture. Opinions were both diverse and intense;

people were contentious and the atmosphere was profoundly political. Ideologies ranged from Far Left to Far Right - only in Roosevelt, the Far Right was Harry Truman. (In our town Truman ran behind Wallace in '48 and Dewey didn't exist.)

Local issues were hotly contested and rarely determined on their merits. Whether it was a P.T.A. election or funds for a community pool, the problem was discussed and eventually determined on the basis of foreign policy. Roosevelt may have been tucked into the cornfields of New Jersey, but we acted as though it were a vital point on the Washington-Moscow axis. A Roosevelt coffee klatch resembled a radical caucus more often than a conversation. Someone once remarked that, if you saw more than two people together on the road, chances were it was a committee. Yet the battling, at least in retrospect, seemed more like the natural combat within a family than a duel between political factions.

Like a family, we only had each other after all. Two hundred houses. One store. Five miles to the next town and precious few cars (though the government had optimistically built a garage onto every house). We had the school with its huge Ben Shahn mural depicting a glorious proletarian history we believed was our own genealogy. And we boys had the gym which was our town hall, wedding chapel and all-purpose auditorium. When I graduated there from the eighth grade (I was second in a class of six), the whole town turned out as they have for every elementary

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school graduation before and since. The ceremonies at high school, college and law school never seemed as real or as important as that graduation from the eighth grade in Roosevelt.

It was a town where nobody locked a door, where, if you wanted to go to Hightstown to the dentist or to Lake Etra for a swim, you walked to the Corner and waited for someone leaving town to pick you up.

We also had Ben Shahn. He was community property and community pride. Too familiar and accessible to be venerated, he was nonetheless the star we hitched our reputations to in the outside world.

He gave us legend and folklore. For outsiders we recounted Ben Shahn anecdotes - like the one about the painting Ben gave to Irving Plungian, whose wife was so fastidious that she never permitted a fire to soil their fireplace. The picture showed the Plungian fireplace, spotless as usual - except for a crumbled ball of newspaper Ben had painted permanently in one corner.

We all shared Shahn's success. His and other artists' in town. A Time cover by David Stone Martin or a novel by Ben Appel - all were our achievements.

The Roosevelt family had its favorite sons but there were no rich relatives (identical houses tend to be an economic leveler) and no extra points for maturity. Kids went to adult parties as equals. We were spoiled, arrogant and outspoken youngsters, but we were never patronized and always taken seriously.

However idyllic our childhoods may have been, we were not isolated. Five miles away was Hightstown. A chip off the Old Southern bloc, with its black migrant workers come to pick the potato crop each summer and its movie house where a special section (up close to the screen) was cordoned off for the "niggers." I remember my mother dragging me to sit with her in "their" section. Others from Roosevelt did the same. For Hightstowners, I guess it was the Roosevelt Reds doing their thing.

We were living in the Jersey flatlands but our spirits were pure New York City. We brought click-knives from Brownsville to Allentown High School to do battle with the rural anti-Semites. We were the kids who came to high school on the Jew bus and we knew we were going to college. Though we worked cutting asparagus and candling eggs and picking potatoes beside the blacks up from Florida, we all felt like Amboy Dukes.

We always had the sense of being different and special. More than that, we all knew of the dream that gave birth to the town and we didn't pay attention when they told us that the dream had failed. We chose never to wake up. Because living there was special enough and coming from Roosevelt meant you came from the best.

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Police called in on marijuana incident

Last spring the school sponsored a drug education workshop for students in grades 6-8 and their parents. At the evening meeting parents discussed their thoughts and feelings. My memory calls to mind two general points of view. The first was a cry for help. Parents wanted information about various drugs, side-effects, and ways to deal with their children about the influences of drugs. The second point of view expressed was that this town and its citizens had a range of values regarding drug use. The concern here was that it was up to each family to establish limits and practices regarding drug use.

Two weeks ago, when a cloth pouch found in the school, containing a small amount of marijuana was turned in to me I was not surprised. Rather, I was furious. It seems unlikely to me that a student would have "found" the marijuana. Someone must have given or sold it to a student or made it available to be stolen by a child. The child then brought it to school.

A meeting was held for the parents and students who were in the area where the marijuana had been found. Again, there was a range of opinions as to how the matter was to be handled. After consulting the board further discussion was held. I have filed a formal report with the State Police who will investigate the incident. More however is needed.

Through the Family Life Education program students in school will learn about drug abuse. Many parents who attended the meeting this past month felt that the source or supply of drugs to children needed to be stopped. However, unless people in town cooperate with police, the investigation would not get far. One helpful suggestion was to establish a means of giving police information in an anonymous way.

My experience as a teacher at the high school two years ago left me with a feeling of despair. It was common knowledge that "the vel" (sic) was the place to go to get and use the drugs one needed. Roosevelt is not unlike every other place in America. Drugs are available. But I still can't resist sounding like an over-thirty, self-righteous school marm when I say that finding drugs in an elementary school is an outrage! Whatever laissez-faire mores are allowing "each family to decide" need to be rethought to protect the children in school.

Whenever I hear about peer pressure influencing teenagers to try drugs I am amused. Peer pressure affects everyone. Somewhere people have to take a stand, the line needs to be drawn. My conscience cannot tolerate a live-and-let-live posture. I hope that as the police investigate this incident and try to find the source that people will use common sense and cooperate.

--Beverly Hetrick

Letter to the Bulletin

Wants to barter

Letter to the Editor;

I know little about economics. However bartering interests me. I was turned off to money early on, when new it was crinkly, and when old too limp. It also never smelled good.

I grew up in an atmosphere of intellectual idealism. The pursuit of money was suspect. Everyone around us wanted to live in Levittown. We rooted in Brooklyn. Years later my mother told me how hard it was making ends meet when I was growing up. She was never particularly political. But she was practical. She loved shopping on Belmont Ave. for a bargain and "hondeling."


Money is a means to an end. I like good things. The

problem is that acquiring fine things usually takes a lot of money. I'm not a zealous money maker. I enjoy bargaining and exchange. I love gift giving and gift receiving.

Bartering connects me and enhances my own labor. Exchange is exciting and personal. I'm interested in bartering labor and skills. I can repair dinks and dents in cars, match paint, spray things, use an airbrush, tune up an engine, make jewelry, refinish furniture, pinstrip, make posters and hammer a nail. Bartering is not new. We have recently forgotten about it. If the urge moves you drop me a line - P.O. Box 3276, Roosevelt, N.J. 08555. How can you lose with a barter in Roosevelt?

--Neil Rashkin

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MINUTES AGO**To the F.B.I. it was no yolk**

by Arthur Shapiro

The demise of the Central Jersey "Chicken Belt" brought with it the end of a major source of livelihood for Roosevelt teenagers -- candling eggs. During the 1950's, our town boasted of having several egg dealerships that bought from local farms and resold to chainstores like Shop Rite and Key Foods. In the process, the eggs had to be graded, candled and boxed into cartons and crates for delivery. Almost every Roosevelt teenage boy in those days worked for a middleman either candling, boxing or driving the route.

Grading the eggs was no big job. It was done automatically by a machine with a conveyor belt which sorted them by weight into Peeweels, Smalls, Mediums, Larges, Extra Larges and Jumbos -- which were also often double-yolkers. "Cracks" were separated and sold for a much cheaper price locally, especially to employees. In fact, it was not uncommon during a shortage of "cracks" for candlers to "crack two dozen for mom!"

The candler's job was to check the eggs for blood spots by using a contraption that resembled a closed shoebox containing a bright light. The end of the box facing the candler had a hole cut through about the size of a quarter, into which he would place an end of the egg and spin it. The light would illuminate the inside of the egg so blood spots and other impurities

could be seen. By holding an egg between each finger (four in one hand at a time), a top candler like Mel Friedman could do almost fifteen hundred in a four hour shift while still keeping an eye out for the state egg inspector who investigated such crimes as "mixing in Westerns" (cheaper bootleg eggs flown in from the west coast). A top candler was both fast and accurate, having the ability to spot "dots" as well as the bigger blood clots. Quality control was the number of complaints the dealer received from his customers.

Once candled, the eggs were put into "dozen" cartons already stamped with the receiving store's brand name. The cartons were then placed onto a conveyor belt that brought them to a slow turning table. A boxer would then take the cartons off the table as it spun, and place them into premarked cases that held thirty dozen each. He had to take special care to make sure that the right cartons were placed into the right cases, lest Shop Rite wind up with Key Food eggs on its shelves! If the candlers didn't like the guy boxing or if they just felt like "horsing around" when the boss wasn't near they would hold back their cartons and, on a pre-determined signal, all place them on the conveyor belt at the same time. The result at the table was like a scene from

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an old Laurel and Hardy movie!

Another worry for those boxing the eggs was that the candlers would toss "bloods" over the rafters at them when the dealer wasn't around. Because the eggs were "lobbed" their targets couldn't tell from which direction they were coming. If the boss caught a candler tossing bloods, the perpetrator could lose his job. Dealers didn't appreciate such horseplay because it made a mess and the bloods were often emptied into coffee cans, frozen, and sold by the pound to bakeries and diners for the making of cakes and pastries.

Sometimes instead of lobbing bloods, the candlers would toss empty eggs, which were made by poking a pinhole at each end and blowing out the yolk and white. This trick got one particular kid into trouble -- not with the dealer, who happened to be his father, but with the "Federal Authorities!" This guy was not only able to empty an egg, he figured out how to get a written message into the empty shell. He did it by twirling the extra thin paper around the pin and then inserting it through the tiny hole. By carefully removing the pin the message would unravel inside.

Because it happened so long ago, the details of the story are hard to remember. Mel Friedman, Dave Spelkoman and I seem to recall that in Brooklyn, a housewife went shopping at a Key Foods store and purchased a few dozen eggs. While making her family breakfast, she cracked

one open and instead of finding a yolk and albumen, found a note saying something like;
"Please help me! I am being held prisoner against my will in an egg factory in Roosevelt, New Jersey!"

(One did not have to be Perry Mason to match the dealer with the carton!)

In one of this town's most exciting moments, several F.B.I. agents raided the eggman's home at two o'clock in the morning. When the son explained the joke, the G-Men gave him a VERY ANGRY lecture. They stressed how much it cost the United States Government to send agents "out here in the middle of nowhere!" It was also made plain that if anything like this were to happen again, they would "lock him up and throw away the key" (as well as revoke the father's interstate license). The agents then left in a very ugly mood. (Even then the F.B.I. had no sense of humor, especially when it came to Roosevelt.)

Soon after the G-Men left, the egg dealer noticed that his son was really shaken-up. "It's okay, son," he said trying to calm the lad. "It's over now." The kid said, "That's what you think. I put one of those messages in four separate cases bound for four different stores!" Actually, he didn't have to spend the rest of the summer visiting his aunt in California; for some lucky reason the other three notes never surfaced!

FOOD CO-OP NEWS

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