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State Police meet with town

by A. Weiner

"Any State Trooper heard to say that Roosevelt was too small to get attention would be brought up on charges." Sgt. Czaplinski, who headed a delegation of State Police made this statement at a joint meeting of the Roosevelt Borough Council and about 45 citizens gathered in Borough Hall on November 3. He was replying to a question concerning a rumor that the Hightstown barracks tends to respond with indifference to problems in a town the size of Roosevelt. The Sergeant explained that the matter of priorities was a problem in a zone of 250 sq. miles with a limited staff: he would have to deal with an accidental death on the Turnpike before attending to a night-time call about a barking dog. A genuine desire, however, to accept the town's questions and complaints was demonstrated during a two-hour long exchange of questions and answers by this officer and his two companions, Detective Bill Kryscnski and Trooper Dave

Williams. Trooper Williams, who lives in Roosevelt, offered a public apology for his neglect of repeated requests for action from resident Bill Knight.

To another charge that the police regard our community as unusually permissive toward juvenile offenders, Detective Kryscnski acknowledged that tolerance of drugs and alcohol is characteristic of our time and is little different from Hightstown, East Windsor or Trenton, reflecting widespread conditions in the country and even the world. The panel of officers explained that the help they could provide was necessarily limited to following up complaints lodged by residents. They had few suggestions regarding prevention of juvenile crime beyond education of homeowners on security techniques and the need for everyone to become good watchers of the passing scene. Frequent mention was made of the many walkers in town: seniors by
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day and others by night. All should be put to the task of noting and reporting strangers who loiter or anybody behaving in unaccustomed ways. People should be able to recognize home grown vegetation of a dubious nature and observe groups who are gathered to transact illicit sales of drugs. The main point stressed was to contact the barracks or take down information such as license numbers to help the police make a case later on.

When questioned about the pattern of law-breaking and if it differed from other communities, the State Troopers reported that there was little difference between us and Englishtown, for example. Roosevelt has had, since June 1, 32 criminal complaints, with 28 arrests (in 15 cases), 9 of which involved juveniles. The charges consisted of possession of alcohol and drugs, runaways, breaking and entering, auto thefts, aggravated assault and criminal mischief. Patterns include robbing in daylight when both householders are working, breaking in at a window or door, telephoning ahead to check if the house is empty, or, in more random attempts, knocking and then breaking in at the front or back. The teenager is likely to know the habits of the family and in 25% of cases, has been a guest in the home he or she is robbing in order to buy drugs.

The panel urged the Borough to work through the Juvenile Conference Committee network in the County, headed by Ms. Donna Dunn. First offenders can

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NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

All dogs 7 months or older must be relicensed in the month of January for the year of 1984. Any license you may now have expires December 31, 1983.

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- A. Your dog's rabies vaccination certificate.
- B. Proof of sterilization from a veterinarian
- C. The fee of \$5.00 for a sterilized dog or \$8.00 for an unsterilized dog.

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be referred to counseling, with their parents, and/or assigned to community service. Most of all, they urged that we part with our old trusting ways of leaving house doors and windows open and storing car keys in unlocked cars.

There was considerable sentiment expressed that "we've really got to get tough with these kids." When the Sergeant asked what Roosevelt was doing to keep its kids off the streets, several people thought he meant a curfew rather than whether constructive activities were available to teens. In response, Bill Knight, a leader of the citizens' group engaged in developing a positive program, flatly conceded our collective failure to provide ongoing recreational and social outlets. Several teenagers present took the floor to describe the punishing degree of peer pressure they experienced. Dan Barclay, an adult resident,

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remarked that young people need a proper forum for discussing these matters. "Young people are part of the problem of course, but they can be a large part of the solution as well." He went on to say that they must help create their own programs, not only participate in adult-prescribed activities. Dave Williams, who appeared to be acquainted with many young townspeople, indicated his willingness to help as a member of the community as well as in his professional capacity.

The mayor thanked the panel of State Police for their cooperation. Their amiable attitude and willingness to interact with our townspeople was fully appreciated.

Regular Meeting, Nov. 9

Bernard Leefer of Homestead Lane and Deborah Metzger of S. Rochdale Ave. are the two newly appointed Borough Council members.

At the regular November 9 meeting of the council, the following actions were taken:

-Marilyn Vitolo, deputy borough clerk, was given a two-month leave of absence for health reasons.

-Ordinance 105B was passed allowing Roosevelt to participate in the Monmouth County Development Block Grant.

-A resolution was adopted for transfer of \$3700 in excess funds from line items Public Buildings, Streets, Roads to line items Insurance, Engineering Services, Salaries, and other.

-The council approved two new members of the Fire Co.: Joe Bollentine and Jack Rindt.

-The introduction of Ordinance 27-6 requiring no parking on the westerly side of N. Valley Road was amended by L. Esakoff after public discussion by N. Valley Rd. residents R. Goldstein, E. Murphy and B. and L. Reibold. The amendment adopted reads: No Parking on N. Valley Rd., south of Farm Lane to Empty Box Creek.

-It was agreed that the Borough Council would sponsor the Teen Group which meets Saturday nights for group games under counselors June Counterman, Margaret Schlinski and Roy Terry. Sponsorship includes insurance coverage and a minimum of financial support.

-No action was taken on a request by Bill Knight for a funding of \$990.00 to engage a paid coordinator for a broad range of youth activities including trips, tutoring, Big Brother volunteers, recycling collections, Teen Group activities, etc. for a trial 10 week period in order to give the program the continuity it lacked in the past. Council-member Counterman objected that volunteer workers had indicated they would feel resentment toward someone chosen to be paid to coordinate.

Correction: In the report on Council News in the October issue of the Borough Bulletin, an omission occurred. The \$15.00 water/sewer fee voted on applies to residents of Senior Citizens Housing.

Police blotter

During October, the following reports involving incidents in Roosevelt were filed with the State Police at the Hightstown Station on Route 130.

October 2: arrest of a juvenile was made on Tamara Drive for making a threat to do physical harm with a weapon to a resident.

October 10: assault was reported, involving a juvenile, who struck a resident with a branch of a tree on Farm Lane, knocking the person to the ground during an argument.

October 10-12: borough official reported that a fire

hydrant cap had been taken from Farm Lane. Upon investigation, it was discovered that two were missing from Farm Lane and three from North Valley Road; total value of the caps was \$125.


October 18: a car on Tamara Drive was burglarized and a radio worth \$50 was taken. A second car was stolen from a resident's driveway on Pine Drive between 10:15 p.m. and 6:45 a.m. The car was later recovered in Lakewood on October 31. A suspect has been identified in both cases and State Police are pursuing leads.

CITIZENS GROUP MEETS DEC. 8

The next meeting of the Citizens Group will be held Thursday, December 8 at 8 p.m. at Borough Hall. All members of the community are welcome to attend. Program reports will be made on projects under way: juvenile problems, ordinance codification, the community handbook, the survey of officials concerning public administration, preparation of the New Year's Day public reception to meet Borough officials, and the first annual report on the state of the Borough.

New projects for discussion will be recycling of waste to offset sharply rising costs of garbage collection, creation of a newcomers organization, and other projects which may be suggested by the Borough Council or private citizens.

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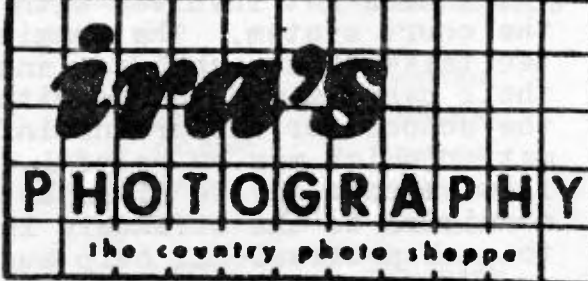


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Crime exists, but why?

by George Levinson

Over 70 citizens met at the Borough Hall on November 1 to express their concern about the rash of break-ins and thefts as reported in the October issue of the Borough Bulletin. Of equal concern was the matter of drug abuse and its relation to the crimes in town.

The Town Meeting was announced in the Borough Bulletin with a call to the citizenry "to share ideas, concerns, needs and knowledge relating to the following questions: 1. Do we have a growing problem of delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse in Roosevelt? 2. Can we mobilize resources within our community to provide alternatives to delinquency and drug abuse? 3. Can we create a network of concerned individuals as a support system for those in or near crisis?"

The meeting was chaired by mayor-elect Freda Hepner, who set the theme that "crime exists - but why?"

Lynn Friedman and Dolores Chasan reported on the work of the Juvenile Conference Committee which deals with first-time offenders before the youngsters get involved with the court system. The committee talks to the children and their parents and checks with the school for background information which may be helpful. The frequent advice given by the committee to the offenders is to seek professional help such as counseling. Ms. Friedman and Ms. Chasan expressed frustration about repeat offenders among the four cases the committee has handled this year.

Dave Leff reported a meeting of the Citizens Council to start a "Big-brother, Big-sister" movement to help youngsters before they get into trouble. A speaker will address a December 15 meeting to outline the program.

Bill Knight told about a program being introduced by Bill Counterman to involve 13 to 17 year olds in cleaning up the area around the sewer plant and restoring the skating rink that once was there.

Shirley Richter pointed out that in past years there were activities available to teenagers such as dances and bowling nights, and she suggested that such activities could use the help of senior citizens. She stressed the need for educating parents to the need for these activities and the importance of parent-participation in them.

Pete Rossi, owner of the convenience store in town and a detective with the East Windsor Police Department stated that Roosevelt's drug reputation was not unique, and, in fact, was much worse elsewhere. He suggested that the town could benefit from the example of cooperation that exists between East Windsor schools and the police. He offered to supply the school and other groups drug awareness information and materials which he showed at the meeting, and which he said were distributed free-of-charge by the Police of East Windsor to its schools. Mr. Rossi emphasized the need to get this information to youngsters in grades 1 to 6, suggesting that

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the program is less successful if started with later grades. Finally, in response to the expressed concern of Neil Selden about rumors of drug sales in the community, Mr. Rossi stressed that all incidents known to citizens should be reported to the police who will use this information along with information received from other sources, to apprehend such dealers and users.

There was general agreement among participants at the meeting that there was a real need to counter peer pressure while recognizing that, as Gloria Adlerman said, parents are frequently a bad role model in the abuse of alcohol as well as drugs. Al Hepner stated that parents should be apprised of their children's involvement in drugs, by people who know that such involvement is taking place.

Bill Knight thought that it would be useful, if funds could be found, for the town to hire a youth worker for about 10 hours a week, and Councilman-elect Carol Watchler said she would be willing to put youngsters in touch with programs where the services of young people were needed.

Dolores Chasan told of the frustration of parents who are willing to do something about their children's problems, but who simply "do not know what to do and where to go". To deal with this frustration, Ms. Chasan reported that the borough and the school had committed funds for a series of four meetings with professionals from various agencies. These meetings will take place on November 17, December 1, December 8 and December 15. The November 17 meeting was to be addressed by a social worker from Corner House in Princeton.

Leslie Weiner supported earlier statements made by Mr. Selden about the need for calling the police and charging offenders when an individual knows of wrongdoing.

Mr. Rossi expressed the general feeling that this citizens' meeting was useful and an example of determination to do something about the community's problems, when he stated at the close, "to see this many people in a town this size come out in response to a problem - I know you guys can beat it".

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To Health**What we feed our children can make them sick**

by Becky Russell

The loves of some people are
but the results of good suppers.
-Nicolas Chamfort

Current research is linking hyperactivity, learning disabilities, autism, even juvenile delinquency and some suicidal tendencies to faulty diet. Malnutrition, allergies and hypoglycemia can be at the root of any of these disorders. Alcohol and drug addiction are also symptoms of these conditions and can magnify them. But unless you are lucky enough to find an orthomolecular doctor, clinical ecologist or nutritionist who is aware of this, "treatment" may consist of drugs, punishment, special schooling or psychiatric counseling instead of tracing the cause.

Most of us ignore the possibility of mental and behavioral problems stemming from what we had for supper last night, because we are taught to see our mind and body as separate entities instead of an integrated whole. But both the brain, the master controller, and the endocrine glands that relay chemical messages to and from the brain have specific nutritional needs. Children's brain chemistry is especially delicate because they are smaller, and eating habits that children learn tend to persist through their adult lives and strongly influence their health, mind and emotions. Good nutrition plays a key role in children's physical, emotional and mental development and can correct existing behavioral problems, thus making proper diet and nutritional education priorities in child raising.

Food is as critical a part of a child's world as his home and school because it forms his most intimate environment--his body cells. Parents can avoid many childhood problems by building a strong foundation with good prenatal nutrition, breastfeeding and fresh foods. Unfortunately, many children do not have this advantage, and the situation deteriorates as the food industry inundates them with sugar and chemicals. Periods of rapid growth during childhood and adolescence cause nutritional needs to escalate, and many diets do not meet these requirements. Malnutrition, allergies and hypoglycemia are becoming common, and these form the basis for many learning and behavioral disorders. Symptoms of several deficiencies include mental aberrations such as pellagra (indicating a niacin deficiency), and many subtler deficiencies that can disrupt normal brain functioning. Cerebral allergies (allergies that affect the brain) can trigger erratic, even violent behavior, especially after withdrawal of the allergenic foods, for ironically, these foods often are addictive. Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) can produce wide mood swings because it deprives the brain of glucose, its essential fuel. Children and adolescents can be especially prone to this disorder because of their fondness for sweets.

A growing number of health practitioners and institutions is using nutritional therapy successfully for behavioral problems. The diet eliminates white sugar and other refined
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carbohydrates, chemical additives and any allergenic foods, especially wheat and milk, the most common allergens. The child avoids chemically-grown food, and may utilize a rotation diet to prevent any food sensitivities from developing. Supplementation is tailored to individual needs. For example, autistic children are particularly low in vitamin B6, magnesium and zinc. The Kaplan Foundation in Orangeville, California and the Allen Cott School in Birmingham, Alabama are examples of schools for autistic children that use this approach. Correctional institutions are also catching on. In March 1981, the Los Angeles County Probation Department--the nation's largest correctional facility--banned sugar, refined flour products and most food additives from the food it serves. And Tidewater Detention Homes in Virginia instituted dietary reforms resulting in a 29 to 50 percent reduction in violent behavior, and food costs dropped from \$1.00 to \$.61 per meal.

Many studies show that the relationship between diet and behavior is very clear. Dr. Stephen Schoenthaler, Director of Social Justice Professions at California State College, did a double blind study on a sample of 276 incarcerated juveniles and found that reducing sugar in their diet decreased by 48 percent the kind of antisocial behavior that results in disciplinary action. A West German study revealed that in addition to sugar, phosphates in sodas present 110 to 180 parts per million are a major cause of hyperaggression in children and adolescents. Addictive milk allergies also are responsible for violent behavior, because

drinking too much milk causes the body to produce toxins and to miss other sources of trace minerals and nutrients. A study conducted by criminologists Alexander Schauss and Clifford Simonsen along with chemist Jeffrey Bland revealed that children with criminal records consumed nearly 8 daily servings of dairy products compared with 4.3 servings by non-trouble-prone children. In this same study, chronic juvenile offenders also ate an average of 32 percent more sugar than a control group. These diet-behavior findings could have significant impact on society if we would take them into account routinely for behavioral and learning problems.

At the root of these poor eating habits is the general decline of traditional, wholesome foods and the rise of foods for corporate profit. Advertising has supplanted education, and commercials during cartoon hours especially push candies, sugary breakfast cereals, pastries, sodas and white bread. Television tells us that "good" mothers give their children Hostess Cupcakes after school and that white bread is as good as whole-wheat. Nutritional fallacies like these, coupled with a lack of substantive nutritional education in schools, are responsible for widespread ignorance concerning what our bodies need to work right.

Parents and teachers must fill this gap, first by educating themselves, then by setting a good example and initiating change. Parents must realize how their children's actions can affect others and take the responsibility to prevent or correct any behavioral problems through good diet and education. There are several ways of improving children's nutrition. First, make nutrition part of

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the school curriculum. Roosevelt Public School's proposed Family Life Curriculum includes nutrition and physiology and is an encouraging step in the right direction. But the material should avoid food industry propaganda and teach concepts of food quality if it is to be meaningful.

Second, improve school lunch programs. School lunches, like much institutional food, are woefully inferior in quality; they are high in fat, refined carbohydrates, sugar, salt and additives and they are overcooked. Some people are working to change this. Sara Sloan, foods director for Fulton County Public Schools in Atlanta, Georgia initiated the Nutra Lunch program consisting of freshly baked whole grain breads, fresh fruits and vegetables, sprouts, and lean meats, fish and poultry, and classroom snacks consist of fruits, vegetables, unsalted nuts and popcorn. Fulton County Schools have reported increased learning abilities and better attendance, less food waste and erratic behavior, and fewer headaches and allergies. The Williamstown School District in Massachusetts started a similar program and reported a price reduction of up to \$.20 per meal and savings of \$11,000 over the year. New York City Schools are also following suit. To provide incentive, the National Nutritional Foods Association, as part of its Cornucopia Awards Program for the 1983-84 session, is awarding cash prizes to schools that implement nutrition education and improve their lunch programs.

Third, serve good breakfasts and pack nutritious lunches. Good breakfasts are essential

for optimum mental and physical performance. Sugary breakfast cereals and pastries are just not smart.

Fourth, investigate candy and soda vending machines at school and change them to ones that serve natural snacks and unsweetened juices. If you don't take responsibility for your child's eating habits, someone else will in a manner that may not serve your child's best interests.

The tremendous impact that diet can have on the mind, body, personality development and emotions should make parents and teachers take a critical look at the present food situation. To neglect what a child eats is to neglect the child. This concerns everyone, not just parents, especially in light of the strong correlation between diet and criminal behavior. It is tragic that many people will be victims of avoidable crimes because our society does not take its food more seriously. Good food and a loving, supportive environment could make an enormous difference in our children's lives and in the lives of future generations.

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other concerned citizens for school lunch reform. Contact Becky Russell weekdays 10-6 at 448-4885.

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"Depression" doesn't always mean Freud

by Irv Rose

Reunions are times for looking at what was, what is and what we hope will be. On Saturday night, October 22 a reunion was held in town to view a movie about the dream of Roosevelt. It was like a time-warp, looking back and forward at the same time.

What was the dream of Roosevelt? Sure, we know about the depression, except that when we hear the word "depression" now we immediately think of Freud. It's hard to realize what the Great Depression was all about; the huge unemployment, the bread lines, the evictions, the sense of helplessness of not being able to feed one's family. Besides that was fifty years ago. So what?

The "so what" was the reason this community was founded. Jersey Homesteads was the dream of a community that would cooperate to fight the despair and the hopelessness of the 1930's.

On that Saturday night fifty years of history was glimpsed. The passions, triumphs, defeats, anger, humor, relationships were vivid. More than that, the idea, the myth of Roosevelt was rekindled. Come to think of it, rekindled may not be the right word; how can you rekindle a light that has never gone out?

Passions were generated when H. Stein, a historian for the I.L.G.U., told us that Roosevelt was founded as a runaway shop and that in some peculiar way Roosevelt was a "scab's town." And to

add injury to insult he said the experiment was a "dismal failure."

Economically he was right. But what of the other dimensions? What of the triumph of community? It's easy to label the town an economic failure, but Roosevelt is a community. As a community of people, Roosevelt is a glorious success. An economic failure, yes, but in a very profound sense a social success.

The myth of cooperation still permeates the community; the volunteer services, the rich cultural tradition still abounds; the sheer sense of community is intense. After the film, a newcomer to town (you have to have lived here at least thirty-five years not to be considered a newcomer) in what I thought was a strong English accent said that even though he's only been here a year he has never felt so much at home as he feels in Roosevelt. Many of us can identify with this feeling.

The sense of cooperation and democracy has its hilarious side as well. In the film, Leo Libove told a story about the farm cooperative. It seems potatoes had to be harvested or they would spoil. The men came to the potato fields ready to harvest the crop. The work was hot and hard. Since it was a cooperative a democratic spirit prevailed and the men voted - what else? - to stop the work and get some cold drinks! Ludicrous now, exasperating then, yet, symbolic.

The town's history is de-

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 pictured by the Shahn mural in the school. Ironically the mural was covered by heavy plastic to protect it from a leaky roof. Like history itself, the graphic description of the history of Roosevelt's founding was observed.

There were strong feelings expressed in the movie and in the auditorium afterwards. It can be argued, I suppose, whether or not the town is the social success that some believe it to be. While the Jewish experience of Roosevelt

was examined no mention was made of the non-Jewish settlers. What was their life like in Jersey Homesteads? A "utopia" for some could have been a hell for others - or perhaps a purgatory?

The ghosts of Roosevelt past permeated the hall on October 22 as well as the hope for the future.

But, as mentioned, although Jersey Homesteads, Roosevelt, was an economic failure it is a social success, a viable, dynamic community and a good place to call home.



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Home is where the heart is

by Andy Hazell

The film, Roosevelt, New Jersey: Visions of Utopia, spoke of a unique experiment - that failed. But did it?

We 'new' people of Roosevelt listened to the hopes of the original settlers, of the economic problems, of the setbacks and eventual break-up of the co-operative. But the co-operative never did break!

I can only view the town as it is now, and as it has been in my year or so of residence. In that time the people of the town have been a true co-operative. Not so much in the economic sense, which the film concentrated on, but in the emotional sense.

Even before my family and I arrived in town we were made to feel a part of it. After viewing the house we wished to rent, Gloria (my wife) and I stopped in the Deli for a coffee. One resident spoke to us at length, many others said good morning - no one knew us, but we were there, and it seemed we were welcome.

My feelings of the town, even at that early stage were feelings of comfort. For Gloria the feelings were there from her first visit without me. Our conversation after her visit and before mine went something like this:

'I saw the house today'

'Did it have a basement?'

'I don't know!'

'Did the taps drip?'

'I don't know.'

'What are the walls made of?'

'I don't know!'

'What color are they?'

'I don't know - stop asking

questions, the place is beautiful - that's what matters!'"

After viewing Roosevelt myself I could only agree. But what makes the town truly beautiful isn't just its picturesque location, but the people in it, the support they give, the trust and the love.

I have lived in many places, in many countries. I love England (my country of birth) with a passion, but Roosevelt is home. For me, the first place I have ever wanted to call home.

The original settlers of Roosevelt did not fail, they succeeded in building a town - a co-operative built on love. What town could have a stronger foundation?

Gloria Adlerman

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MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSONS TO BE
 INSTALLED JANUARY 2

The public is invited to attend the formal installation of our new Mayor and newly elected Councilpersons at 4 p.m. sharp on January 2, 1984 at the Borough Hall. Freda Hepner will speak of her plans for the new Administration and Leon Barth, retiring Mayor after eight years in office, will also address the public.

All officials of the Borough including members of the School Board, Planning Board, etc. will be asked to be present at the brief ceremonies. The meeting portion will be followed by a social get-together during which refreshments will be provided by Frieda Anish and her colleagues. It is expected that the proceedings will be concluded by six p.m.

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New faces in Borough Government

by Peter Warren

Election and appointments are bringing four new officials to the unpaid but arduous responsibilities of Mayor and Council. Freda Hepner replaces Leon Barth, who served two four-year terms as Mayor. Lou Esakoff and Carol Watchler were elected to Council. It is Carol's first term. Lou has served one term plus a one-year appointment. In addition, Deborah Metzger and Bernard Leefer were appointed to one-year terms to replace Jan Terry and Norman Nahmias who resigned due to the pressure of professional commitments.

Freda Hepner is 48 years old and has lived in Roosevelt 21 years. She is working on her dissertation for a Ph.D. in Creative Arts Education at Rutgers and has a Masters in the same field, after getting her BA in English at Trenton State. She teaches writing at Brookdale College. Her civic activities include two terms on the Board of Education, and service on the Board of Elections. She is also active in NOW and the Roosevelt Committee for Nuclear Disarmament. Freda has three children, now grown. Her husband, Albert, is a businessman, with offices in Princeton.

Louis Esakoff is 52 years old and has lived in Roosevelt 22 years. He has a BA in Pharmacy from the University of Cincinnati, and is the president of a corporation engaged in health care management. Lou served for eight years on the Board of Education. He has two grown daughters. His wife,

Irma, is Assistant Director of Nursing at Princeton Hospital.

Carol Watchler is 41 years old and has lived in Roosevelt four years. She has a Masters degree in teaching physics and teaches Physics at South Brunswick High School. She has been Assistant Coordinator of the New Jersey Chapter of NOW and reported Council activities for the Bulletin for 1½ years.

Debby Metzger is 32 years old and has lived in Roosevelt five years. She has an MSW from the University of Pennsylvania and a BS from CCNY and works with the NJ Division of Mental Health and Hospitals. She has one child, and is expecting a second in January. Her husband, Sol, is an Administrative Judge and is President of Congregation Anshei.

Bernard Leefer is 65 years old and has lived in Roosevelt as an adult since 1976, although his parents were among the original settlers in 1936. He has a BS from Louisiana State in Engineering, and the equivalent of an MA in nuclear engineering from the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology. He is retired after a career with the Atomic Energy Commission and NASA. He has three children, now grown. His wife, Florence, is an outside travel agent.

The other two Councilmen are Howard Chasan whose term expires in 1985 and Bill Counterman, whose second term expires in 1984.

Howard Chasan has lived in Roosevelt since 1936. He studied engineering and is re-

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tired after a career as a public works supervisor in the federal government. His civic activities have included the Board of Education, the Planning Board and the Fire Company. He has two children, now grown. His wife, Dolores, is on the staff of the Roosevelt School.

Bill Counterman is 45 years old, and has lived in Roosevelt 22 years. He is a computer engineer with the Institute for Defense Analysis in Princeton. His civic activities include Scouts, First Aid Squad and church. He has two children. His wife, June, is a housewife.

DAVID ARNOLD TO SING AT TRENTON WAR MEMORIAL

Roosevelt vocalist David Arnold will be the baritone soloist in a performance of Handel's MESSIAH, conducted by Frances Slade, at the Trenton War Memorial on Sunday, December 11, 1983, at 3 p.m. In addition to singing "Thus Saith the Lord" and the revealing "For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth," Arnold will also sing the consoling aria "But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming," which is rarely performed by the baritone soloist. Arnold will also be heard in the dramatic and timely "Why Do the Nations So Furiously Rage Together?" and, finally, "The Trumpet Shall Sound." Concert tickets (\$10, Adults; \$8 Senior Citizens and Students; \$5 group rate for 10) may be ordered from Mary Ann Graebner, 609/586-5192 in Trenton.

The Roosevelt Choral Group, directed by Laurie Altman, meets every Friday evening. The group would welcome additional members. There are no special requirements. It is not necessary to be able to read music. If you are interested in joining the group, call 448-7432.



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Residents express concerns re: S.C.H.P.

The following article is based on interviews with Valley Road residents, Mayor Barth, Project Manager Marilyn Magnes, the architects and others.

The Editors

For Valley Road residents the Senior Citizens Housing Project was, but it is hoped will no longer continue to be, a source of certain problems. During the construction phase, residents suffered a number of difficulties such as noise from construction machinery and workers' radios which often ran continuously throughout the day and on many weekends. The workers showed their lack of concern also by leaving litter and garbage including beer and soda cans, lunch bags, newspapers, magazines, hay and so on, some of which got into and clogged the creek. In September a fire was started by local teenagers with some of the loose hay. Residents feel the town should be responsible for cleaning up the litter that remains.

The source of the greatest annoyance has been the parking situation because S.C.H.P. residents and guests have been parking on Valley Road in such a manner that impinges on residents' access to their own driveways and would make emergency vehicle access difficult if not impossible. A solution to this problem is apparently forthcoming as the council has just begun the process of passing a parking ordinance which would make parking on the road illegal (see council article, beginning on page 1).

The history of how the town has dealt with parking at S.C.H.P., as traced by the Bulletin, is involved. Various plans were made and then altered via the architectural firm of Kelbough and Lee. The original plans called for six parallel parking spaces along Valley Road as well as four spaces on a future extension of Farm Lane and fifteen spaces to be constructed on the eastern run of the loop road. The architects report that a major consideration was the belief that regulations exist to the effect that parking has to be provided for each unit - a belief that was later discovered to have been in error.

This plan was altered at the request of the mayor who reports that, in response to residents' requests, he asked that plans for the six Valley Road spaces be removed. A plan was then considered to place all parking within the area of the housing units in the form of two parking bays to be located at the south and rear sides of the project off the loop road. The final revised plan, dated April 27, 1983, however, showed only the loop road with no parking bays.

The architects report that the plans for the parking bays were cancelled for two reasons: a regulation brought to their attention that parking areas cannot be more than 150 feet from residences, and the fact that the architects believed the construction company's estimate of costs for the bays was excessive. It was then decided that S.C.H.P. residents and their guests could park

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along the loop road.

As this solution proved unsatisfactory since cars were being parked on Valley Road, the town decided to plan for parking areas on a piece of land designated as the continuation of Farm Lane which the town is in the process of acquiring from a private owner. We have learned that negotiations for this property have been completed although the purchase agreement awaits finalization. Funds for this purchase come from the Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant.

Once the land is purchased, work on the parking areas can proceed. But before work can begin, the land must be evaluated by a licensed evaluator - a process the mayor reports is now occurring. Following this, an environmental impact study taking forty days must be made. Then plans will be drawn and bids solicited. The mayor reports that the entire process could be completed before the end of winter.

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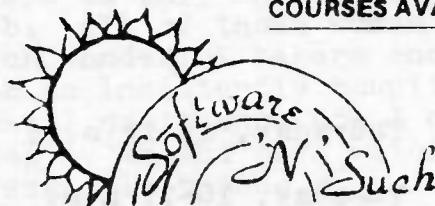
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| 5 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Deborah meeting - Borough Hall |
| 6 | Tuesday, 10-11 a.m. | Exercise class - Borough Hall |
| 7 | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. | Planning Board - Borough Hall |
| 8 | Thursday, 10-11 a.m. | Exercise class - Borough Hall |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Senior Citizens - Borough Hall |
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| | | Sisterhood meeting - Cong.
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| 13 | Tuesday, 10-11 a.m. | Exercise class - Borough Hall |
| 14 | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. | Council meeting - Borough Hall |
| 15 | Thursday, 10-11 a.m. | Exercise class - Borough Hall |
| | 7-11 p.m. | Boy Scouts - Borough Hall |
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| 15 | Thursday, 8 p.m. | Youth Counselling Program
Borough Hall |

Solar village fully inhabited

by Marilyn Magnes, Manager

"I am very anxious to start life on my own again. I am making so many plans for it," wrote Margurite Blake in her answer to my letter telling her that she had been accepted as a tenant in Roosevelt's new community of persons over sixty-two.

"Getting a nice apartment will make my remaining years very happy ones," wrote Beatrice Solomon.

Both of these women are among inhabitants just settled in the twenty apartments recently opened for occupancy (although not quite finished) at the corner of Farm Lane and Valley Road.

There are quite a few such letters in my file. Roosevelt Solar Village is now completely rented. There is a long waiting list.

Somehow it seems fitting that a modest number of the elderly should find a haven in our town. After all, that was how Roosevelt started; as a government-financed project intended to fill a great need. Although, of course, there are differences. The original settlers in Jersey Homesteads (as the town was then called) were pioneers of a sort. They moved into an isolated spot in the middle of the vast, then only thinly populated area of potato fields; even the streets were still unpaved, with mud ankle deep after a rain. The new settlers are moving into a garden spot with concrete walks winding past bushes and trees -- all newly planted -- over a rolling carpet of lush grass. And their apartments are

designed and equipped in accordance with the latest techniques and criteria.

As in all new buildings, there is a shakedown period when a lot of minor bugs have to be fixed. Windows may stick; here or there a light may not work; hot water systems may need adjustment; the washing machines and dryers in the central building may not yet be connected. But the tenants are patient. Their attitude is perhaps best represented in the letter recently sent to me by Mrs. Rose Gross:

"I want to let you know," she writes, "that we all are very much pleased to be here and find everything is progressing very well. This is a great change for the senior citizens who appreciate such a wonderful atmosphere and a very good place to spend our senior years. I want to be very thankful that such progress has been made."

As manager of Solar Village I am much moved by such a letter. It makes my work worthwhile. There is only one drawback to my job; all of those women are such wonderful bakers and cooks and so insistently hospitable that I don't know how I can keep my weight down within reasonable bounds.

SENIOR CITIZENS' - NOVEMBER
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by Helga Wisowaty

Plans were made to attend the dinner-dance sponsored by the Hightstown Elks on November 16. Also our Holiday Dinner at the "Riverfront" on December 17.

We welcomed the Seniors who are living in the "Project." Ann Cohen and Birdie Soifer were the hostesses. Refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Ms. Golden of the Office of Aging in Monmouth County and Mr. Booker Whitaker who takes care of Western Monmouth County, spoke to us about benefits given to Senior Citizens under the Title III - Sr. Citizens Act. Services provided are:

(1) Housing

(a) Emergency services due to fire, etc, are under Red Cross.

(2) Fuel assistance

(3) Boarding homes

(4) Transportation

(a) SCAT buses take Seniors food shopping and will also provide transportation to and from the doctor if two days to one week's notice is given.

(b) MONMOUTH STAGE gives discounts to the Seniors or disabled.

(c) Some cabs give discounts if rides are shared.

(d) Half price fare on buses or trains. Seniors over 62 may get ID cards and green transportation coupons from any bank.

(e) RED CROSS will transport out of state in cases where this is necessary

(5) PAA- forms can be obtained from the Office of Aging. If eligible after applying, cards will be issued. Dental work (if

dentist accepts) will give the Seniors a 15% discount upon showing the PAA card. This is part of the "Outreach Program." (Tel.# 201-821-9400). Some doctors will accept "assignment" payments through Medicare even if they practice outside of Monmouth County.

(6) Respite Care - This benefits the spouse of a sick person. Rita Adamsky is in charge of the Homemaker program. She can be reached at 201-222-9100. (For skilled nursing care)

(7) Protective services - If over 65 they provide help with surrogate office attorneys, nurses, etc. Tel.# 201-222-1322.

The Lions Club will contact Ms. Golden about eye care programs soon. Hopefully, they will accept the PAA cards.

We appreciate all the information given to us by Ms. Golden and Mr. Whitaker and look forward to seeing them again.

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There is no limit on length or size of the work but only one item per person will be accepted.

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ART

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- 1 for grades 9-12

WRITING

- 1 for grades 6-8
- 1 for grades 9-12

THE JUDGES: Freda Hepner, Jacob Landau, Edwin Roskam, Bernarda Shahn, Leslie Weiner.

THE SPONSORS: The Roosevelt Committee for Nuclear Disarmament, Adeline Weiner, Secretary.

There will be an award ceremony where the winning works will be displayed and read and later offered for publication in the local press. All entries will receive some type of public recognition.

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The Roosevelt Committee for Nuclear Disarmament is sponsoring an essay and art work contest on the threat of nuclear war. The jury, composed of distinguished Roosevelt writers and artists, will select one written and one art work for each of the following categories: contestants in grades 6-8 in the Roosevelt Elementary School and Roosevelt students attending grades 9-12. Two prizes of \$10.00 each will be awarded to each grade category for the best written work (essay, poem or story) and best art work. The prizes will include appropriate publication and display opportunities. The deadline for submitting these works is January 15, 1984. All entries are to be submitted to: Roosevelt Committee for Nuclear Disarmament Contest, P.O. Box 14, Roosevelt, N.J. 08555.



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Inch by InchIn November one's thoughts turn to Spring

by M.J. Berlinrut

These notes began with the geese heading North the end of February. What a surge of eager anticipation that produced, leading me most unwisely to look for an early spring! Well, early it wasn't, but it was more or less on schedule. What happened after that first fine thrust was what put the damper (literally) on things. All that incredible rain, frosts right up to Memorial Day, followed without changing gears by those seemingly unending weeks of sizzling heat and baking drought, almost without break, right into the middle of September!

Nature is so immoderate, giving us either too much or too little, and this year she threw the whole bag of extremes at us at once. Not omitting hordes of pests: in the wet phase, slugs of a number and size I can't remember; cut worms and borers--I'd barely turned my back when they got busy at the cucs and zucchini, had to replant twice--and then when all were coming along nicely, they spitefully put the quietus on the lot.

Nothing did really well except the early things I'd gotten in, in the raised beds, before the rains came. They were spectacular--I've never had such beets and onions!--and surely vindicate the labor that went into the preparation of the beds. Unfortunately rain delayed my digging; with time and the season passing fast, I was able only to do regular turning over for the rest of the garden in order to get the later things in at all.

The peppers were fine, such as came along at all--they set no fruit during the worst of the heat. Ditto the tomatoes, but the drought led to more than usual fruit pecked by thirsty birds and where the peck-holes were, rot followed.

We got enough of both to fill our immediate eating needs, but to have any to put by I had to go out and buy from the farmers. Why, I ask myself, did they have so much better luck than I (those whose crop wasn't burnt to a crisp on the vine as happened in South Jersey)? I suppose because they planted a lot more than I did, probably sprayed, which I didn't, gave them supplemental feedings and watered more regularly. Or was the variety a factor? I planted Jetstar and Ramapoese with which I always had good luck in the past, so I don't think that was it. Anyway, the summer of '83 will live in my memory as one of frustration lapped in a blur of undulating heatwaves.

And now the geese have returned to their winter quarters. I heard them first, very high and invisible, on October 5, a lovely bright blue day but chilly, following a violent storm that broke a stretch of unseasonable (whatever that means) hot days, the first wave of Canadian cold front to come our way in a long time. Next day, another brilliant nippy one, the geese went over all day, one echelon after another
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 crowding the skies. This time I saw as well as heard them, making their flight official. Reminded me of a night many years ago at Cape May when the sky was full of them all night long, their white undersides reflecting the lights below to etch the night sky with multitudes of delicate silvery V's. That night they were riding a Canadian cold front too. Do they always, I wonder?

So it's wrap-up time, time to think about 'next year.' I approach it with a little less confidence than former years. But with the one leg-up: half my vegetable plot is now in raised beds. Time and the season permitting, I'll get started on preparation of the rest this fall. At least I'll do a proper clean-up, get all spent stalks out and destroyed, all boards and large stones out so there'll be no place for slugs etcetera to hide. And notes organized. For instance, I read somewhere that if you don't plant all your cucs and zucchini in the same area but spot them well-spaced around the garden, you can better foil the ravenous borer. Another trick I heard of, too late to try, is to paste the stalks where the borer entered with rubber cement, or wrap them with bicycle tape, thus cutting off their air supply. And omit black plastic: no matter how many holes you punch in it, in a dry period--and in this region we can always be sure to have one or two--wet in sufficient amount never gets through; weed-seed-free straw mulch is my preference.

So once again the gardening

spirit, badly eroded this year, looks ahead. If winter comes, etc. And what of that winter? So far I've seen but one Woolly Bear--usually this time of year you see them scurrying across roads and sidewalks everywhere--and he (or she?) was an indifferent sort: sluggish, not very woolly, and pale in coloration, his middle section a sort of yellowish tan, his two ends only slightly darker brown and skimpy, instead of the robust red-brown middle and almost black ends. What does that portend?

But then, in my experience, Woolly Bears are notoriously unreliable. As are most other 'signs.' If you recall, last fall the media was crying, Prepare!, citing Woolly Bears of luxuriant coat deeply colored with wide dark segments (supposed to be indicative of long, deep cold); coats of animals heavy and thick (my cat's coat is already a thick rich fur); wasps' nests hung high (to be well above deep snow). And what kind of a winter did we get? None worth mentioning. That's no good either, from the gardener's point of view. But whatever is in store, spring will come. I'll be at the window watching for The Robin as usual, ready and eager to do my part. All I ask is a little more even-handedness and cooperation from that fickle old girl, Nature.

Minutes Ago

Pulling down "nampers"

by Arthur Shapiro

At a recent dance appreciation session of the Roosevelt Mens' Culture Club, the subject of "nampers" came up--or down as the case may be.

Nampers, one of those words totally unique to Roosevelt, simply means "pants." More than a word, however, nampers was a tradition. In the fifties and sixties during the first weeks of school, each freshman boy from town had the honor of getting his nampers pulled off at the Pine Drive triangle by the older kids.

Stefan Martin recently reminded me of the psychological torture we would invariably go through as the summer before high school would come to a close. Each of us would get increasingly nervous knowing that the day was soon coming when our nampers would be pulled off in front of all of the other kids in town. It was truly the ultimate humiliation and carried out according to a strict ritual that ensured its continuation.

In those days, Roosevelt's only school bus was owned and operated by Frenchy Vasseur, proprietor of the local gas station. The kids from Roosevelt developed their own strict code of bus behavior. Upon entering, freshmen were immediately relegated to the back. Seniors naturally sat up front, close to the radio and heater, with juniors right behind. Then came sophomores, leaving the last three or four rows the "bumpiest" and coldest part for the lowly newcomers.

During those first weeks of school, each freshman boy--to show his honor and fearlessness--was expected to take the bus home every day until his turn came. Getting your

nampers pulled off was only a one-time affair. Having once lived through it, you were never bothered again. The difficult part was knowing that when your turn came; you would have to face it alone.

No matter who the victim, the ritual was always the same. At 3:15 the last bell would ring at the old high school (now the Grace Norton Rogers School). After boarding the schoolbus the upperclassmen and sophomores would stare at the boys in the back whose turn hadn't yet come. They'd stare then smirk and giggle. Frenchy would drive through Hightstown and make the turn at Peddie. All the while the smirking and giggling continued while the potential victims squirmed. Then as the bus went through Etra past the Hechalutz Farm it became totally quiet. No one spoke; not even a whisper.

Then as the bus passed Izzy Flaer's County Line Garage a loudmouthed senior girl - previously appointed to the position - would break the silence by screaming, "WHO'S DAY IS IT?" Then, those up front making the selection would yell in unison, "IT'S ARTHUR'S DAY!" (on my day, that is). The entire bus would chime in at the top of their lungs, "Today is Arthur's Day. Today is Arthur's Day. Monday's Arthur's Day, today's his namer's Day!" Over and over the entire bus load of kids would sing the tune while the poor shlep named would nervously begin making needed "final arrangements," like giving a buddy or girlfriend

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his watch, glasses, rings, wallet and books for safekeeping. If he were really smart he had already pre-planned, making sure to wear his old pants outside and new underwear inside.

Then, as Frenchy made the turn at Ely's corner, one mile from town, the entire busload of kids in perfect unison would begin screaming "one-hundred! ninety-nine! ninety-eight"..It was timed to end at zero just as Frenchy pulled up to the triangle. When the bus stopped just about every kid got off. As the high school students exited they were generally greeted by most of the Roosevelt Elementary School population already waiting on Bunkin's and Oberlander's lawns for the show to begin.

As the poor victim got off the bus last he generally looked somewhat like a doomed Roman slave entering the arena. It was then expected of him to make a run for it, because if successful, he would be freed from his namper's obligation. Most of the time, however, the poor guy never had a chance. Within seconds of stepping off the bus he was tackled and pinned down by a mob of kids, while his pants and shoes were removed. His nampers would then be knotted and thrown over a telephone wire or up a tree. All the while the audience would cheer and laugh. If he were not a good sport, his shoes, too, were knotted and thrown over the wire. Then, as everyone would break up laughing, the poor kid had to decide whether to climb the tree or run home in his

underwear.

Dave Spelkoman recently told Shummy Rockoff, Mark Kleinman and me that on his namper's day his mother happened to be hosting a Ma Jongg game. He said, "You guys don't know ultimate embarrassment until you've been caught sneaking into your house wearing jockey shorts by your mother, your aunt and five or six of their best friends!"

Although the act of "namper's pulling down" may seem overly cruel now, I don't think any Roosevelt boy was permanently scarred. The fear lasted only until the event. In fact, as soon as it was over the victim would immediately begin eyeing the eighth grade boys with anticipatory smirks.

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Love of WordsProblems with word problems

by Josef G. Solomon

Dear Reader, the reason that I write these columns can be simply stated: I enjoy doing it. The reason that I want them published can also be simply stated: to entertain, to educate, to make communication easier. It is not my intention to torment anyone. In other words, I must apologize for one small aspect of last month's column: Oops! I didn't tell you the answers! As a matter of fact, it never even occurred to me to include the answers to the problems I posed. Since the article appeared in print, that suggestion has been made to me. True, it was not made in a threatening manner, but still... All I have to say in my own defense is, It's a good thing the answers were all obvious. Anyway, as a public service, here are the problems again, along with the obvious answers.

Problem 1. If a chicken and a half can lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs will one chicken lay in one week? You may remember that, in order to give a clue, I presented a related problem: If 3 cats can kill 3 rats in 3 minutes, how long would it take 10 cats to kill 10 rats? Finally, a made-up problem that was supposed to make it clear: If one man can paint a house in 7 days, how long will it take two men to paint two houses?

As noted, the problems are stated in a way to be misleading. The idea behind these

problems is that the men, or cats, or chickens, are working separately, and not helping each other. The time required for the job, and the number of separate jobs to be done, are deliberately set to be the same as the number of workers--only for the sake of misleading the reader. If 1 man can paint 1 house in 7 days, then 1 man can paint 2 houses in 14 days, 2 men can paint 1 house in $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, and 2 men can paint 2 houses in 7 days. It still takes 7 man-days per house, but that wasn't the question; the question was the elapsed time: 7 days, no matter how many men are each painting one house, with no help from anyone. So, if 3 cats can kill 3 rats in 3 minutes, how long does it take 1 cat to kill 1 rat? Please don't say 1 minute. It takes 3 minutes, of course. And, therefore, if 10 cats kill 10 rats, it will take them 3 minutes. Of course, it would take 1000 cats 3000 "cat-minutes" to kill 100 rats--but, again, that wasn't what you were asked. Thus armed with insight, we ask: If a chicken and a half can lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, how long does it take 1 chicken to lay 1 egg. Some of you are saying 1 day, but that's wrong. Again, the chickens aren't cooperating (mild pun), so 1 chicken lays 1 egg in a day and a half. Then how many eggs can 1

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chicken lay in 1 week? 7 divided $1\frac{1}{2}$; $4\frac{2}{3}$. Aren't you glad it was all obvious?

Problem 2: The sum of Mary's age and Ann's age is 44 years. Mary is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now. What are their ages?

If you had trouble with problem 1, you had no chance with this one. Nonetheless, as a favor for those who are curious (or desperate), here is the solution. If I may be permitted to lapse into algebra..... Let M be Mary's age, and A be Ann's age. We are told that $M+A=44$. So far, we have one equation in 2 unknowns; obviously we need another equation--or some other bit of information. The only other thing we know is the second sentence in the problem statement. How do we make an equation out of that? Come now, and let us reason together. How old was Mary, when she was as old as Ann is now? Dear Reader, I claim that that one is obvious: A years old. How many years ago was that? I hope this one is also obvious: M-A years ago. How old was Ann M-A years ago? Well, A-(M-A) years old. The second sentence in the problem statement tells us that Mary's age now is twice that Ann's age was then: $M=2x(-(M-A))$. Carrying on bravely, as we were taught in school: $M=2x(2A-M)=4A-2M$. This reduces to $3M=4A$. Going back to the first equation: $M+A=44$ implies that $M=44-A$. Substituting in $3M=4A$, we have $3x(44-A)=4A=132-3A$. In other words, $7A=132$, from which we infer that $A=132/7=18\frac{6}{7}$. Substituting in our first equation, we find that M is $44-A=44-18\frac{6}{7}=25\frac{1}{7}$. To check our answer (for both of my readers who are still with me), the difference in their ages is $6\frac{2}{7}$ years. $6\frac{2}{7}$ years ago,

Ann was $12\frac{4}{7}$ years old. Multiply that by 2, and you get $25\frac{1}{7}$ --which is indeed our answer for Mary's age. Aren't you glad it was so obvious? Incidentally, the incorrect "obvious" assumption I referred to last month is that the ages are integers. They're not.

Problem 3: A farmer goes to market to buy turkeys. Tom turkeys are \$5 each, hens are \$1 each, chicks are \$.05 each. (You can tell by those numbers that this is an old problem.) He buys some of each, spends \$100, and buys 100 birds. How many of each did he buy?

There are several ways to go at this one. The method that interests me the most is called Diophantine Analysis--but not here. Let's do this one as quickly and simply as possible. To begin with, let's use the facts we have and write equations. For the numbers of each type of bird,

$H + T + C = 100$ For the cost, $5T + 1H = .05 = 100$
We have here two equations in three unknowns; we need one more equation. Well, we aren't going to get one, so we'll have to try something else. Subtract the first equation from the second:
The result is

$$4T - .95C = 0$$

If I had written .05 as $1/20$, it would be more obvious that .95 is $19/20$. Anyway, substituting $19/20$ for .95, the equation becomes

$$4T - 19/20C = 0, \text{ or}$$

$$4T = 19/20C$$

Multiplying both sides by 20, to clear the fraction, we get

$$80T = 19C$$

We now have one equation in two unknowns, still not enough information to solve

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 for T and C. But we have information we haven't used yet, although we can't easily put it into a useful equation: The assumption we make--and this time it is correct--is that the man bought a whole number of each type of bird. We will not allow him to have bought $25 \frac{1}{7}$ hens, for example. So the three numbers we are looking for are all positive integers. Of the 3 types of bird, chicks are the only one whose cost is not a whole number of dollars. Their cost is $\frac{1}{20}$ th of a dollar, so the number of chicks must be a multiple of 20. It can't be 100, so that leaves 20, 40, 60, or 80. Take another

look at our last equation:

$$80T = 19C$$

Notice that one of the coefficients is 80. Does that suggest anything? Well, suppose we try $T = 19$, and $C = 80$. That will certainly satisfy this last equation, but how is it for the rest of the problem? Well, 19 toms would be \$95, and 80 chicks would be \$4. That's 99 birds and \$99. There's a certain suggestion that we should add one hen--which would be 1 bird and \$1; 19 toms are \$95; 1 hen for \$1; 80 chicks for \$4. Lo! The total cost adds up to \$100, and the total number of birds adds up to 100.

Let's quit while we're even.

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THANKSGIVING

by Karen Block

Thank you dear God for every
 thing;
 For my wonderful parents, so
 devoted to me.
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 I love so very much.
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 When our hearts touch.
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 people I meet.
 Thank you so much for the food
 that I eat.
 I could thank you all day
 And never be through
 All this wouldn't be possible
 If it weren't for YOU!

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Highlights of school board meetings held on November 3, 1983 as compiled from the minutes include the following:

* Board President Bruce Lakin resigned and was replaced by Mrs. King. Mrs. Shahn was elected Vice President.

* Al Greco's position as Instrumental Music Teacher was increased to one day per week.

* School/Board Secretary/Bookkeeper Diane Bromell resigned, effective December 1st. Dr. Sussman distributed copies of a resume from a retired business administrator who could take the vacated position for an interim period until such time as a job description could be formulated and an advertisement made for hiring a permanent Secretary.

* Dr. Sussman said there

have been no parent volunteers for the Olympic of the Mind Program. The board discussed various options including doing away with the program.

* Alice Lifland was appointed lunchroom aide effective October 13, 1983 for 158 school days at two hours per day. Lynn Friedman's contract as Truant Officer was clarified for three hours per week for 33 weeks.

At an October 13 meeting Mr. Lakin stated that school policy on detention of students is that children could be detained until 3:00 p.m. without parental notification or until 3:30 p.m. with parental notification. The issue was raised by a visitor, Mrs. Francis, who noted that there had been an increase in detention this year.

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The late Charles F. Kettering II did all of these things. One of his projects was the annual Gallup poll of attitudes toward education, inaugurated in 1969.

The Gallup poll is currently financed and administered by Phi Delta Kappa. The Phi Delta Kappa Board of Directors has assured the education community of a continuing source of reliable information concerning public reaction to a wide variety of school programs, policies and issues. The field work done by the Gallup organization, for the current study, was conducted during May of 1983.

Respondents in this year's study were asked to name the biggest problems facing their local public schools. The four top problems cited were "discipline," "use of drugs," "poor curriculum/poor standards," and "lack of proper financial support."

The survey also explored the public's feelings regarding the reasons for the discipline problems in their schools. The percentage of votes given each of the reasons are as follows, listed according to frequency of mention:

1. "Lack of discipline in the home (72%)

2. Lack of respect for law and authority throughout society (54%)

3. Students who are constant troublemakers often can't be removed from school (42%)

4. Some teachers are not properly trained to deal with discipline problems (42%)

5. The courts have made school administrators so cautious that they don't deal severely with student misbehavior (41%)

6. Viewing television programs that emphasize crime and violence (39%)

7. Punishment is too lenient (39%)

8. Decline in the teaching of good manners (37%)

9. Teachers themselves do not command respect (36%)

10. Failure on the part of teachers to make classroom work more interesting (31%)

11. One-parent families (26%)"

Other questions asked explored a wide range of topics. Seventy-five percent of the respondents indicated that they believed children should be promoted from grade to grade only if they can pass examinations.

Two-thirds of all respondents, in both the case of elementary school children and of high school students, agree that the workload given students is too light. An earlier survey of students found that students themselves say that they are not given enough homework.

When asked about extending the length of the school day or the length of the school year the majority of those polled opposed these changes.

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The poll also covered tax increases (52% were opposed), instruction in drug abuse (81% favored), and reactions to the Report of the President's Commission on Excellence in Education (of those who had knowledge of the report, 87% agreed with the conclusions).

Respondents were asked to list the qualities they would seek if they were able to choose their child's teachers.

"The qualities respondents named most often, in order of mention:

1. Ability to communicate, to understand, to relate
2. Patience
3. Ability to discipline, to be firm and fair
4. High moral character
5. Friendliness, good personality, sense of humor
6. Dedication to teaching profession, enthusiasm
7. Ability to inspire, motivate students
8. Intelligence
9. Caring about students"

The public was also asked to issue a report card for their local schools:

Six percent rated their schools "A"

Twenty-five percent rated their schools "B"

Thirty-two percent rated their schools "C"

Thirteen percent rated their schools "D"

Seven percent rated their schools "F"

Seventeen percent did not know what grade to issue.

--Stanley Sussman

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Fire Co. newsFire Company responds to gas leak

by Adeenah Yeger

On October 17, at 4:00 p.m., the Roosevelt Fire Department was called out to the scene of a gas leak at the new post office. Some workers hit a gas line while digging with a backhoe. The Millstone Township Fire Company was called in as a back-up. The fire company had tried to pre-plan such a situation so as to handle it without problems.

On the same day a shopping center in West Virginia had the same situation - a gas line which was severed by a construction crew; only in this case it leveled the building. The difference between the two towns was that Roosevelt's fire department was called to the scene much faster than West Virginia's.

The reason was that the chief and another firefighter saw the incident as it occurred and called in the alarm. In West Virginia nobody was called. Roosevelt's chief, Steve Yeger, sized up the situation and called in the necessary assistance - the Millstone Fire Department, in case of an explosion; PSE&G to shut off and take care of the line; the Department of Health who brought electronic gas sniffers; and the Monmouth County Field Communications Unit. They wanted to avoid hazardous materials crippling the center of town.

After the fire companies were positioned the next problem to address was that of crowd and traffic control. A cigarette or a spark from an exhaust

system could have ignited the gases which had reached as far as School Lane. While the gas company shut off the main, the health department went to residences in the area to see what amount of explosive gases might still be present.

The Department of Health commended the fire department for acting both quickly and properly. The fire department, however, still felt that a serious problem existed. Several local residents ignored the fire department's traffic directives and attempted to drive through the area. Juveniles lit cigarettes across the street; some even rode bicycles through the area. One resident decided to work on his car; another tried to interfere with firefighters ringing a hydrant. All of this happened despite the fire company's personal warnings.

We are a small town whose residents should cooperate with each other, not hinder emergency operations. Over the past few years many tankers carrying hazardous materials have gone through Roosevelt. In order to handle a situation of flammable gases and fuels, the fire company has purchased enough chemicals to handle two such situations. A disaster of this nature could cripple the town, especially since 571 is the only access in or out.

Other news includes the following:

* The fire company was

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FIRST AID ACTIVITIES

by Clara Levinson

With no fanfare our dedicated first aiders continue to make us proud of them and I'd like to share their recent activities with you:

They answered seven first-aid calls in September and 8 in October.

Continuing to raise money to pay off the ambulance and the expenses involved in running the organization:

They had a cake sale in September which netted them \$86.00 They arranged for the "Bus Adventure to Atlantic City" in October - and are having another such fun-event on December 18.....Be there!! These events are good money raisers, and you have fun. The Art Fair is now over but I hope you attended and had a good time. Many, many hours of planning and work went into

this fund-raising event.

To keep abreast of things and in full cooperation with other First Aid Units - five of our First Aiders attended the 55th Annual N.J. State First Aid Council convention. They attended business meetings, training sessions, and viewed equipment displays. All this adds up to a lot of time given without thought of self.

Also, First Aiders from the 23rd District (Roosevelt, Millstone, Howell, etc.) participated in a "Disaster Drill" recently (the first one scheduled, more to follow.). Everyone reported it was a very fine training exercise.

Lastly, a local joint "fire/first aid" drill is being planned for some time in December at the Senior Citizens Housing Project.



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Evelyn Datz, coordinator of the Oral History Project, announces that Lumen Films have donated \$56.00 to the Oral History Project.



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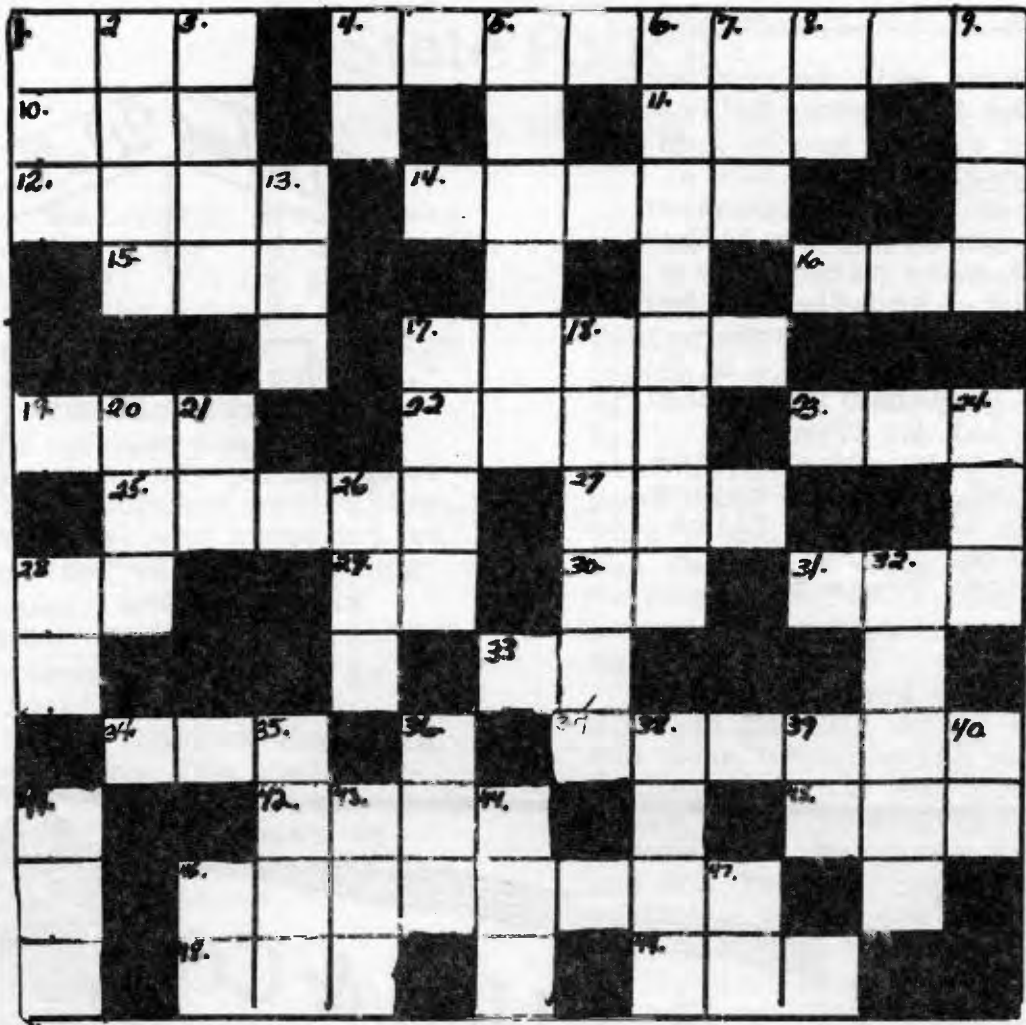
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Across

1. _____ and Jerry
4. prehistoric animal
10. gorilla
11. donkey
12. tidy
14. direction
15. compass direction
16. past tense of see
17. to frighten
19. preserves
22. to make curved or crooked
23. Large mass of water vapor
25. a packing case made of slats of wood
27. unhappy
28. on; in; or near
29. overhead rail
30. abbrev. for Wyoming
31. male sheep
33. us (you and me)
34. cost
37. dried grape
42. stop up
45. tenth month of year (abbrev)
46. Jewish feast of lights
48. wet, spongy ground
49. boy's name

Down

1. color you get from sitting in the sun
2. unclosed
3. bad tempered
4. note on musical scale
5. a flat strip of dry dough
6. last day of the week
7. remains of a fire
8. you and me
9. frozen particles of water vapor
13. coffee or _____
17. Cain and _____
18. reply to a question
20. to perform
21. short for mister
24. Trident or Carefree
26. five and five
32. _____ in Wonderland
35. to repeat a sound
36. male child
38. Jai _____
39. very
40. night time (abbrev)
41. dine
43. to fall behind
44. dangerous weapon
46. citizens band (abbrev)
47. word used for anger or surprise

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- 1. Meatballs
- 8. out
- 10. old
- 11. oil
- 12. meet
- 14. still
- 17. went
- 19. cap
- 20. shear
- 22. key
- 24. can
- 25. rose
- 26. east
- 29. ant
- 30. port
- 31. rte.
- 32. root
- 34. end
- 36. rash
- 39. be
- 40. at
- 42. banana
- 44. champ
- 47. rag
- 48. any
- 49. ewe
- 50. let
- 51. beet

Down

- 1. mom
- 2. elephant
- 3. ade
- 4. be
- 5. lost
- 6. lit
- 7. slice
- 9. tent
- 13. TWA
- 15. layer
- 16. LP
- 18. errors
- 20. scar
- 21. enter
- 22. kept
- 23. us
- 27. ate
- 28. tide
- 33. oh
- 35. NBA
- 37. aim
- 38. only
- 40. acre
- 41. thaw
- 43. nose
- 45. age
- 46. wet

Answers to Scramble
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- 1. camel
- 2. nurse
- 3. write
- 4. study
- 5. dream



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