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Planning Our Town

By David Brahinsky, Co-editor

The Roosevelt Planning Board is currently working on revising the Master Plan in accordance with the New Jersey State Municipal Land Use Law which stipulates that every municipality must re-examine its Master Plan every six years. The current status of the Master Plan is schematically expressed via the Zoning Map (see p.3). Alan Mallach, Planning Board Chair explained it as follows.

The Map

The areas designated as R-AG are known as "agricultural." These are areas where the most appropriate use is considered to be farming. The policy of the borough throughout its history regarding these areas has been that the land shouldn't be developed but should remain agricultural (although the tract on the eastern part of town was shown as a future development area). As Mr. Mallach said, "An important part of the community's character is that it should have a farm setting. Roosevelt was not planned from the beginning to be another suburb."

The areas designated R-AG could be developed without a change in designation in the form of ten acre subdivisions, which is to say that if the owners wished to subdivide the land under present zoning requirements, each house must be built on ten acres.

The area designated as R-40 is what is colloquially known as the "village," where most of the housing is located. The area designated R-100 is a relatively recently re-designated area--an "intermediate" zone--where lots of 2 1/2 acres can be (and have been) formed. The area designated I-80 is the "industrial" area, and those designated C are "commercial."

North Valley Road Subdivision

The North Valley Road subdivision, where the Solar Village is located, was originally zoned residential. At one point, town planners thought they would change the zoning to agricultural, but this never happened.

Leaving the zoning of this area residential enabled the owner to apply for a residential subdivision of the

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land in which 1/2 acre lots could be formed. The subdivision was given preliminary approval and the land was divided into ten 1/2 acre lots. Some years later (1982) the owner came to the Planning Board for final approval of this subdivision and it was granted with, as Mr. Mallach put it, "minimal required improvements."

In the meantime, four of the ten lots were sold to be used to construct the Solar Village. Because the original approval was for single 1/2 acre lots, a variance had to be given so that the multifamily development could be constructed.

The owner then sold the remaining six lots, one to an individual who wanted to build his own house and five to Princeton-Windsor Realty for development.

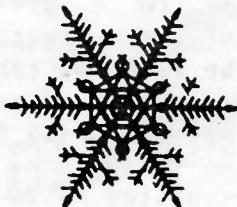
Both new owners came before the Planning Board for a Site Plan Review since the town zoning ordinance specifies that all development must come in for such a review. At the same time, since the last extension of the subdivision approval had lapsed, the Board asked the owners to re-apply for final approval. A condition of this approval was that the owners provide a complete set of improvements acceptable to the current borough engineer. The improvements, such as drainage and road improvements, were not part of the earlier approval but were deemed necessary by the current engineer and Board. The owners eventually agreed to the improvements.

At the request of some residents who live across the street from the construction that is currently underway, the Planning Board, at its November 6 meeting, passed a resolution requesting that the developer identify and tag all trees that should and can practicably be retained and to plant trees along the frontage of the development. This is already being done.

What Type Houses?

This summer Princeton-Windsor Realty showed the Planning Board the plans for the houses they intended to

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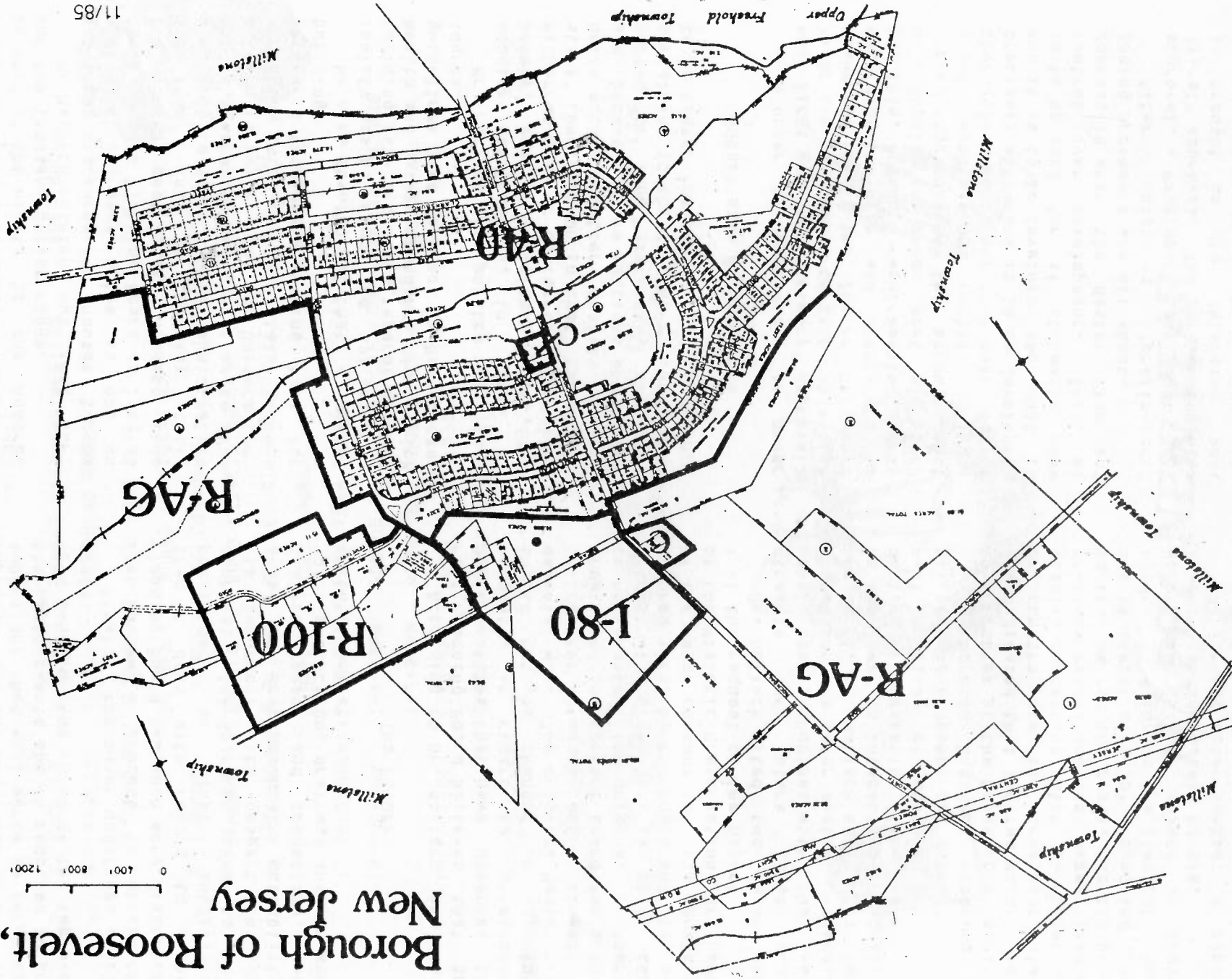
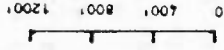


MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE BULLETIN STAFF WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL AND WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT OUR PAPER, OUR NEW "CHILDREN'S CORNER" FEATURE, FOR EXAMPLE. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO WRITE US AND LET US KNOW.--THE EDITORS

Zoning Map

Borough of Roosevelt,
New Jersey



build on their five lots. The houses are to be one story, modular houses to be sold in the ninety to one hundred and ten thousand dollar range.

Mr Mallach pointed out that construction standards for houses to be placed on approved sites is not an issue for the Planning Board as long as the houses meet state housing code standards. This is to say that, according to state law, a municipality has no discretion whatsoever as to how a house is built, that the Uniform Construction Code of the State of New Jersey is the sole governing code for building.

He also pointed out that a municipality has no right to set minimum building size except as regards minimum health and safety standards for which guidelines have been set by New Jersey courts.

Mr. Mallach also pointed out that modular construction, in terms of safety, energy efficiency, etc., is either as good or better than "stick by stick" construction in that the factories maintain better quality control and, because entire sections are transported for long distances, standards pertaining to the joining of parts tend to be higher for modular construction.

Subdivision Requirements

In order to subdivide, an owner must first gain "preliminary" approval. He or she must meet certain objective standards set by the Zoning Ordinance regarding the size and dimensions of the lots, frontage requirements, and so on. Should an owner meet all such zoning requirements, the borough must grant subdivision rights. Thus, obviously enough, the town must decide precisely what land is to be developed, how it is to be developed and what it is to be used for if it wants some control over development. This, of course, is what the Master Plan and zoning ordinance are all about.

After obtaining "preliminary" approval, a developer then must seek "final" approval. The Borough Engineer is brought in to determine what improvements are necessary and puts

together a worksheet indicating the improvements, the cost, and so on. The subdivider then must agree to carry out the improvements and is required to put up a bond for the value of the improvements.

Finally, the owner undergoes a Site Plan Review, a process in which the Planning Board has much more discretion than it does with regard to either preliminary or final subdivision approval. The Board is asked to use its judgement with respect to such areas as environmental suitability, traffic impact and congestion, open space protection, drainage and, to some extent, aesthetics.

The Future

According to Mr. Mallach, the current Planning Board believes that the basic policies that have governed the community in regard to development should not be changed in any fundamental way. The original Master Plan called for gradual and incremental growth and the current board feels this is reasonable. The original planners' concept of a green belt is still considered vital by the Board and is one of the major reasons for its drafting of the Historic Preservation Ordinance (at the request of the Mayor).

Mr. Mallach cited two major constraints for future large scale development: problems with the sewer system and the water system. Regarding the first, Mr. Mallach said: "as long as the sewer is incapable of adequately dealing with existing flows there is a real question of whether any significant development can occur."

The Borough Engineer reported on this problem at the November 6 meeting and indicated that the two major areas of concern are the treatment plant itself, concerning which a number of problems exist, and the pipes leading to it. As for the pipes, the big problem is infiltration of ground and creek water. This forces the plant to deal with a much greater volume of liquid than it can adequately handle.

As for the water system, a report is due at the Planning Board shortly.

Generally speaking, however, that there seem to be severe limits as to how much additional water can be stored, treated and drawn (from the aquifer).

Theoretically, the only way large scale development could occur would be by re-zoning parts of the R-AG tracts. According to Mr. Mallach, this would not happen until it is certain that additional development could be accommodated by the sewer and water systems.

The commercial areas could be further developed for there is still a limited amount of C land next to Roosevelt Auto and Rossi's Deli. Industrial development is also possible in the area designated I-80, especially on the land north of Oscar Drive, land that is currently being used agriculturally. Mr Mallach pointed out that although there is land south of Oscar Drive zoned industrial that is undeveloped, most of it is not suitable for it is a flood plain area.

He stated that an important question for the future is: Does it make sense to leave the area north of Oscar Drive (zoned I-80) industrial or not? The major issues concern whether or not we want more industry in town, what type (factory? office building? etc.) and whether an attractive industry could be brought here.

New construction could occur under existing zoning laws on the eastern part of Oscar Drive since this area is part of the intermediate zone where 2 1/2 acre lots are designated. Future houses in this area, like those recently constructed along Eleanor Lane, would not be tied to the town sewer and water systems but, like the latter, would have their own septic systems and wells. (A major reason why 2 1/2 acre lots are required).

Finally, Mr. Mallach pointed out that should areas (or parts thereof) now zoned agricultural be re-zoned to residential, the Planning Board would make sure that the land is developed in a way that is completely consistent with current plans, with an extensive green belt for example. There are no present plans to do so, however.

COUNCIL REPORT

By W.Z. Czyzewski

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council held on November 13 was subdued and uneventful, echoing more the recent loss of Councilman Levinson than the previous factional tensions.

During the public portion a suggestion was made about putting up a warning sign against vandalism on the town bulletin board, A need for a list of the veterans buried in the town cemetery was expressed.

Mr. Herb Johnson announced that through residents' concern 73 trees were saved on N. Valley Rd. by having a pipe moved back, although the road will still be widened to 30 feet.

The need for a crossing guard for mid-day and short hours was mentioned by the council.

Also, a special meeting of the Council is to take place on November 25th in order to choose a replacement for the late Mr. Levinson.

Under new business a number of motions were passed ranging from the replacement of tires for the fire truck to the awarding of a water distribution system improvements contract.

And finally, Howard Chasen, a long-time public servant, announced that this would be his last meeting as a council member.

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MORRIS CHASAN : 1900~1985

By David Brahinsky

Morris Chasan (and his wife Gus along with a number of others including Leo and Fay Libove whose recollections form the basis of this article) was a pioneer.

"He would occasionally pick up a large salami in New York and bring it back here. We would hang it on a wall in the kitchen. Late at night Howard and I would sneak into the kitchen and cut a chunk off of it," said Leo. (Howard Chasan was eleven at the time.)

Morris was in the position to pick up the salami because he drove the truck for the garment factory and was often in the city.

The Liboves met the Chasans at a meeting in New York for the prospective settlers of Jersey Homesteads (re-named Roosevelt in 1945). They were told that at first housing would be available only for those who were needed in the factory.

"We were the youngest couples there and were attracted to each other," Leo said, "so we made a pact: whoever obtained a house first would share it with the other couple."

Since Morris was needed to drive and had a child, the Chasans were offered a house first. The Liboves shared it for two months paying one dollar a day for room and board.

The houses had no gas for cooking, no hot water.

"It was a true pioneer experience," said Fay. "The Chasans were the most outgoing of the early settlers. They hosted lots of parties in their home. We would sit around a big fire that Morris built in the backyard and sing and dance. Morris had a good voice, a rich baritone."

Morris was the cook, making hot dogs and hamburgers on the big fire.

"We didn't have much money but we had lots of good times together," said Fay.

Morris found the truck driving job difficult and exhausting. He often slept in the truck and had to bring the garments back if they couldn't be sold.

After the factory failed Morris worked at Englishtown Cutlery. Later he became foreman of the electrical department at Fort Dix. He said that the happiest day of his life was the day he retired from his job.

"Now he could do what he wanted. He was free," said Fay. He painted, made wood sculptures and collages. He also made pictures out of shells he brought back from Florida and taught kids at the Roosevelt school how to make them.

Morris graduated from Hebrew Technical Institute in 1915. In 1916 he joined the army, or tried to. He was rejected for being too young. He was accepted into the navy at seventeen and served until the end of the war. He and Gus were married in 1922.

He was generous, kind, helpful--a "good friend," according to Leo--tender on the inside, with a big heart, sometimes rough and prickly on the outside. But he was always ready to help anyone in need. After retiring he often did small electrical jobs for people in town.

Morris was president of the first fire company and a member of the first council. He was instrumental in the town's obtaining of the first ambulance and fire truck. At one time he was head of the police department and he also served as president of the Commissary, a cooperative grocery.

"He got plenty of flack from members," said Leo. Food often cost more at the Commissary than in Hightstown because they couldn't buy in the same quantity. Morris also would pull no punches when a member shirked his or her duty (or was perceived to have)--he fired them.

This past year has been a sad one for our town for we have lost a number of people whose lives made up its core. Roosevelt was a settlers town, and those who founded it, like Morris Chasan, were pioneers in the true sense of the word. Their courage and foresight are significant reasons for our unique history and destiny.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

By Herb Johnson

Four matters that were reported on in last Month's Boro Bulletin need follow-up comments. After two months of studying a complicated proposal, the board decided to rent two vans at one dollar per year from the Matawan School District, and approved the hiring of Robert Hodnett to be van driver and building maintenance assistant at \$12,500 per year, for the triple purpose of transporting students daily between Roosevelt and the Gateway School in Carteret, having more maintenance help, and having a van available to make small class trips less costly and easier to schedule. Then Mr. Hodnett did not take the job, so the board gave the contract for transporting the students to the Advance Reservation Service Company, of Freehold, which was the low bidder. Its bid, announced at the September 5 meeting, was \$68 per day, or \$12,240 per school year.

Three matters proceeded without complications. On September 19th, the eighth grade class attended the board meeting and got approval for many ways to raise funds for their class trip. In October the students had a house to house bagel sale throughout Roosevelt, and a cake sale at the school on Parents Nite. In September the board approved of the PTA's offer to give the school two playground climbing structures if the board would pay the \$700 cost of installing them. The apparatus arrived at the school in the week of this report. It is expected to be assembled, erected and anchored before the end of November. The last item is that final approval was given on October 24th, after the second readings, of a policy on Field Trips and Excursions, and one on Student Fund Raising Activities for the Eighth Grade Class Trip. Guidelines to give students and staff members relating to the new policies were also worked out and approved.

James Manzi, parent of one eighth grade student, had a long discussion with board members about the fund raising policy. He made many attempts to persuade the Board to change its position of not being willing to accept donations to help pay for the eighth grade trip. Several board members gave colorful examples of how the board's policy was advantageous to students, after first explaining that state law required the board to have that policy.

Art Unger, chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, reported that two new gymnasium doors and two new hallway doors were installed. Also, requests for bids to install new windows in the gym, and for bids to install a new ceiling in the library and gym, would go out as soon as specifications for the two jobs were drafted by a construction engineer. He said he is particularly interested in seeing the library ceiling replaced right away so that the famous mural there can be uncovered, but contractors have pointed out that they would have to charge much more to do the library at a different time than the gym ceiling was done.

Mary King, Board President, wanted Boro Bulletin readers to be reminded that agendas as well as times of board meetings are posted in the right hand display case in the post office a few days before the first and third Thursdays of each month to encourage Roosevelt residents to attend.

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NEIGHBORS

"Kenny, what are you learning to fly for?"

By Adeline Weiner

Early on a snowy Sunday morning a group of pajama-partying teenage girls was sleepily fixing breakfast in the kitchen of the Nurko farmhouse nearby. They were suddenly startled by a knocking at the door. A young airman announced that he had been forced to land right outside their window. That was January 1977 and Kenny Symons, with 80 hours flying time, had just experienced his first (though well-managed) engine failure. He now has 7000 hours, an airline pilot's certification and a position as a principal safety inspector for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at Teterboro (N.J.) Airport.

Kenneth Symons, born in 1950, grew up wholly in Roosevelt having lived nowhere else except for one year in the US Navy. He is the youngest of four brothers and with his rangy Lindy-like frame and farm-boy good looks could be the proto-American aviator out of a Norman Rockwell painting. Not to make too fine a point, there is even a glint of Dennis The Menace in his engaging smile.

By Kenny's account, his sojourn through Roosevelt Public School and Hightstown High was uneventful. He remembers having three kindergarten teachers; a favorite principal, Arthur Mitchell; and a bosom buddy, Ezra Schneider. Asked when he decided on flying, he recalled the time he cut English class to sit twice through an educational film, "How To Become A Pilot."

He was unlucky his first year in the Navy: he fell ill with meningitis which developed into a severe infection of the right knee requiring a year of physical therapy. Now fully recovered he can be seen, as he says, "out on the street with Lenny Sacharoff" running a regular 5 1/2 mile course.

When Kenny went to GM school to learn auto mechanics he had aviation on his mind. When he got a job as mechanic at Reedman Auto in Langhorne, PA he promptly began taking flying lessons. Under The GI Bill he enrolled in a Veterans Administration-approved aviation school for pilot certification even though that meant fixing cars on the night shift. A 16-hour workday became his routine for seven years.

When he eventually made commercial pilot, Eastern Airlines told him his problem knee was too much of a risk in case of future disability. Taking a steep paycut, Kenny went to work at Robbinsville Airport as a flight instructor. The airport owners had contracted with Mercer County Community College to flight-train students for the school's air technology program. In two and a half years Symons trained 50 students for 3000 hours of flying time. Besides these duties he made frequent cargo runs for GM to their Michigan and Missouri plants and had the pleasant chore of piloting author Peter Benchley and family in and around Princeton.

Ken had been living in a rented house on Tamara Drive but decided to buy the Goozner home at 19 Pine Drive in 1973. For some reason, he says, he'll never forget the time Esther Pogrebin who arranged the sale, asked him in her inimitably jaunty way, "Kenny, what are you learning how to fly for?"

The next milestone was enlistment in a tough three-month course at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma to qualify for pilot/flight inspector. Half-expecting to wash out, Ken happily made the grade and in 1980 was assigned to Republic Airport at Farmingdale, Long Island. The dreary commute from Roosevelt shrank to 27 minutes whenever Kenny could use his brother Linwood's plane.

(Kenny, the "baby" brother, taught two of his older siblings to fly but Dennis, number 3, has been too busy with his four thriving service stations to bother.) Soon gas prices shot up making flying too expensive, so Kenny asked a co-worker about housing on Long Island. When the man mentioned that he paid \$5500 taxes every year, Kenny says he somehow lost interest.

His promotion to Flight Standards District Office in Teterboro two years ago puts Symons in charge of 25 air carriers involving complex multi-engine jets. He checks on training program standards and conducts flight testing of pilots who must undergo such testing annually as well as pass a semi-annual examination in instrument competency.

Regarding the recent collision of aircraft over Cliffside Park, NJ, Symons was already occupied with other cases and happened not to be assigned to work with the special team sent up from Washington. His duties however include assisting the National Transportation Safety Board in determining causes of fatal accidents. As an FAA safety inspector he is involved in collecting body organ samples to send to Oklahoma City for autopsy which he says is "really the worst part of my job."

Because Kenny is high on aviation education and safety he took a lot of pains to procure a couple of helicopters for our school last June 6th. They launched a balloon race in which each of 125 balloons had the name of either a student or a teacher attached. Three have been recovered near Toms River so the plaques and prizes to the winners will soon be awarded (an airplane ride for the pupils and a flying lesson for the teacher.)

Lynn Symons, Kenny's wife since 1979, is also an aviator and is the daughter of another. Her father is chief pilot and head of flight operations for Pfizer Pharmaceutical. Lila, their golden-haired three-year old, is still earth-bound but an ardent devotee of the rocking-horse, a handsome specimen of which stands in state in the living-room. Kenny believes that Roosevelt is a good place to bring up children: "of course things have

changed. Doors have to be locked...no kids ever thought of robbing houses in my day. But I like it here. It's country and it's quiet."

We talked a bit about the wave of aircraft accidents this past year. It's been mostly a matter of bad weather, Kenny says, weird thunder storms and wind-shear problems. It can't be due to deregulation of the big airlines, he feels, because this has been a bad year for general (non-airline) aviation as well. "Of course when airplanes have accidents it's big news whereas if every auto crash were written up and published no one would ever drive. The figures show that flying is still the safest mode of travel. There's no doubt though that most air accidents are pilot error and that of course is my job."

When Kenny talks about flying and air safety his voice resonates with conviction and enthusiasm. He reminds me of Walt Whitman's poem which begins:

"I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear/Those of mechanics, each one singing his as it should be blithe and strong,....."

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A Report On Our Water & Sewer Utilities

By Aaron Datz

A number of people in Roosevelt have voiced concern about our water and sewer utilities. The Borough Engineer, William Birdsall, was interviewed for an assessment of the utilities.

Water System

The water plant was rehabilitated and upgraded a few years ago and is operating efficiently. Mr. Birdsall states that the type of system used in Roosevelt (basically the same as the one installed by the government 50 years ago) is still being used widely elsewhere in completely new installations. From time to time some repairs or rework are necessary, but that is normal for any plant that is in constant use.

Right now hydrants are being replaced and some work is being done to the settling tank. Mr. Birdsall assures us that the quality of our water passes all State standards for purity and potability. Beside the regular test for purity there are tests once a year for some chemicals and four times a year for others.

In reply to a question about occasional odors of chlorine emanating from the water taps, Mr. Birdsall stated that the use of chlorine is required to keep the water potable. The occasional odors, he stated, result when the community uses a great deal of water (as in hot weather) and the chlorine does not get much chance to dissolve in the storage tank.

And Possible Development

In the report to the Planning Board, Birdsall stated that the capacity of the water system is quite adequate for the town, but that the addition of more than just a few houses would pose serious problems. First, he was not quite sure that the State would allow additional depletion of the Raritan aquifer (this is the deep underground source of our water supply). If the State did permit the

drawing of more water, then it might be necessary to build additional facilities and another storage tank at a total cost of approximately \$500,000. These constraints would have to be examined very closely before we allowed the consideration of any large developments.

Sewer System

As regards the sewer system, there are problems, said Birdsall, but none that money cannot solve. The treatment plant needs many repairs, as very little major work has been done on it since its original installation. The State has warned the borough about the inadequacies of the plant, but the borough has not been able to get any financial aid from either Federal or State sources.

According to Birdsall, the most necessary improvements will be taken care of as money becomes available. Fortunately, because there is so much infiltration of ground water into the sewer lines, there is sufficient dilution of coliforms and the effluent is not dangerous. Of course, once the treatment plant is brought up to par, the sewer lines will have to be repaired to stop the infiltration. The total cost is, needless to say, very high.

With respect to future housing development, it is obvious, Mr. Birdsall says, that the first priority would be to get the sewer system operating properly. Additional housing would depend on the borough's ability to increase the capacity of the treatment plant or to build an additional new plant.

Town to Celebrate its 50th

By Josef G. Solomon

In 1986, the Borough of Roosevelt will be 50 years old. Such an important anniversary requires an appropriate celebration, and committees are already at work to arrange it. The celebration will be held on Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, (May 24 and 25). It is hoped that the extra day in that weekend will allow people from long distances to attend the festivities.

Planned so far are formal ceremonies, tours, displays, and entertainment. Former residents will be invited to attend, as will people who are prominent in government and other endeavors. Former residents will be encouraged to visit their former homes, and visitors will be encouraged to visit the original Roosevelt houses--after getting permission from the current residents, of course. Also in the works are displays of art by present and former residents of Roosevelt. Note that this is to be a display, not a sale. In this context, "art" includes not only painting, sculpture and photography, but also music, poetry, prose, and drama. Those who are interested are invited to draw, paint, photograph, or write works for the celebration.

There will also be speeches, tributes, remarks on the history of Roosevelt, etc. While all these things are going on, there will be events to entertain the children too young to participate in everything else.

One of the nice things about living in Roosevelt is that it isn't "finished". I have lived in cities and towns that were "finished": All the places in the hierarchy of politics and society were already filled. Roosevelt is different. Do you want to run for Borough Council? Go ahead. Do you want to run for School Board? (Live here for the statutory three years, and) go ahead. Do you want to write for the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin? Go ahead. This same attitude holds for the committees planning the celebration. The fiftieth birthday party is not something to be imposed on the citizenry--we want you to help plan it, as well as witness it. If you are interested in contributing your efforts to the planning, call either Carol Watchler (448-5215) or Lynn Friedman (448-5186). Also, watch the bulletin board for meeting notices.





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LOVE OF LIFE

Names do make a difference

By Josef G. Solomon

A Skunk For Mother's Day?

It all started when Juliet leaned out onto that balcony, and said to her absent Romeo, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet." I claim that she was wrong. Do you think, dear reader, that a flower would smell as sweet, even if it were called a skunk? Not a chance. As another of Shakespeare's characters said, "Who steals my purse steals trash;.../But he that filches from me my good name robs me of that which not enriches him/ And makes me poor indeed."

What Juliet had in mind was that she and her lover should not be kept apart merely because their last names were the names of families that hated each other. In this country, it still makes news when a Hatfield marries a McCoy--marries, instead of killing. If they had changed their names first, no one would have noticed.

Horse Mackerel? (Tunafish)

In a radio commentary this morning, John Ciardi quoted that line from Juliet, introducing a discussion of names. He talked about the Hudson Seal, long a favorite fur for women's coats. He pointed out that there is not and never was a creature called the Hudson Seal: It's a muskrat, cut and dyed to look like seal. It seems that women didn't want to wear a coat with the word "rat" in it. The muskrat isn't a rat, of course, but it's only the name that's important. Similarly, he informed us that my favorite fish used to be called the Horse Mackerel. Nobody bought it, so the canners changed the name. It's now called "tunafish". So John Ciardi answers the question: "What's in a name? Sales!"

Warniks And Refusedniks

During the '60s, which group got the derisive nickname: those in favor of war, or those in favor of peace? Well, have you ever heard anyone called a "warnik"? Oddly enough, those in favor of not killing anyone got the derisive nickname, "peacenik". Of course, that war was popular in this country--at first, at least. However, even when sentiment swung to the other side, and hawks became doves, those who continued to support the war were never called anything worse than "hawks". We knee-jerk liberals are supposed to be the ones who favor talking instead of doing; how come we're losing the battles of the words?

In the Soviet Union, for example, when a Jew applies for permission to emigrate to Israel, his request is of course refused. Usually, he is then fired from his job (all jobs are with the government), and harassed for years. Among other things, after being denied a job, he is sometimes arrested for being a parasite! Why are these unfortunate victims called "refuseniks"? They didn't refuse anything; they have been refused. They should be called "refusedniks". Using the amended term might make the true state of affairs a little clearer. Similarly, those who are persecuted because of their Judaism are sometimes called "prisoners of Zion", or "prisoners of conscience". Good heavens, why? Zion is not holding them prisoner, the Soviet Union is: They are prisoners for conscience.

Is Anybody Pro-abortion?

Liberals get beat over the head with words in the controversy over abortion. Are you pro-abortion, or are you pro-life? Nobody is pro-abortion--

-it's like being pro-tonsillectomy. There are those who think that women should have the right to choose abortion: They are pro-choice. Notice what different images are called up in your mind by those two expressions. On the other side, there are the pro-lifers. I have observed that most of the people who are solidly (and sometimes violently) anti-abortion are also solidly (and sometimes violently) in favor of the death penalty. They also seem to be strongly against anything that would help mothers to raise their children to healthy maturity (unemployment compensation, welfare, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, etc.). It may have happened, certainly, but I have never heard any anti-abortionists offer to raise the children they would force women to have. Inasmuch as they don't care what happens to the children, they are only pro-birth. Which side are you on, if it's either pro-life or pro-abortion? Which side are you on, if it's either pro-birth or pro-choice? Names make a difference, don't they?

During one recent election campaign, a certain congressman running for reelection was asked a key question. In view of his strong views against abortion, what would he do if his wife became pregnant as a result of having been raped (not by him, presumably)? He stuck out his jaw, and nobly replied, "I would insist that she have the baby." Oddly enough, he won anyway. It would be nice to know whether his wife voted for him. Hurray for the secret ballot!

How to Steal 80% of Palestine

One arena in which losing the battle of the words surpasses my understanding is Palestine. My father was born in the Old City of Jerusalem, within the walls. He has lived in the United States since he was a teenager; even so, back in the '30s he was sometimes described as a Palestinian, in the same way that an immigrant from Rome might ever afterwards be described as an Italian-American. He is not described as a Palestinian any more.

There used to be Palestinian Jews and Palestinian Arabs (and others); now, there are only Palestinian Arabs. What happened? How did the Arabs get exclusive use of the word?

The UN Partition Plan of 1947 did not partition Palestine; it partitioned only the 20% of Palestine that lies between the Jordan and the Mediterranean. The other 80% had been severed by the British (illegally, but nobody did anything about it), during the early days of their Mandatory rule. What ever happened to that 80%?

Well, when I was a boy, it was known as Trans-Jordanian Palestine. The name was changed to Transjordan, then to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and, later to Jordan. I venture to guess that some 90% of Americans are totally unaware that Jordan was carved out of Palestine. All of Jordan is what used to be 80% of Palestine. (You've heard a lot about the West Bank. Didn't you ever wonder whether there was an East bank?)

By the clever expedient of removing the name "Palestine" from the name of the country, they have absconded with 80% of Palestine--and nobody noticed. Who would have dreamed that the People of the Book would lose a war of words?



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Water Update

By Becky Russell

Next to air, water is our most vital resource. In order to make informed decisions about water, we need to understand a little about water treatment and the properties of drinking water that are beneficial or detrimental to health.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has established the National Interim Primary Drinking Water Regulations, which clearly specify the maximum levels of selected substances that may occur at any time in the water "...delivered to the free-flowing outlet of the ultimate user of a public water system..". These regulations specifically include contaminants resulting from corrosion of the user's plumbing due to poor water quality.

Among the factors that can increase pipe corrosion are low pH (acidity) and excess chlorine. Roosevelt's monthly water tests include all contaminants federal regulations require, and the once-per-month frequency is correct for our population.

But until the incident last month with the chlorinator, we sampled water for chlorine tests at the plant, not at the user's tap. Mr Chasan stated at the September 11 public meeting that Roosevelt now will sample the water at the other end of town on a regular basis to check the chlorine level, but federal law requires such sampling for priority pollutants as well.

Principles Of Good Water Treatment

There are several basic principles of good water treatment:

1. removal of suspended solids by adding lime and a coagulating chemical, stirring, and allowing the solids to settle
2. chlorination, to kill bacteria and help remove excess manganese and iron
3. filtration with sand and activated carbon
4. periodic "backwashing" to clean clogged filters

5. addition of quicklime to increase alkalinity and prevent corrosion of water mains and household plumbing

6. optional addition of flouride, which varies from state to state

7. addition, if necessary, of a small amount of extra chlorine to the finished water (post-chlorination) to keep the water disinfected throughout the distribution system

Chlorine Risks

While chlorine does a good job protecting us from waterborne diseases, drinking chlorinated water is not without its risks. In some animal studies, chlorine caused atherosclerosis in 95% of the test animals. And chlorine combines with organic matter in water to form trihalomethanes, which include such carcinogenes as chloroform and bromoform.

Other factors to consider when choosing your drinking water are hardness, pH, and total dissolved solids (TDS). These all should be high for the most healthful water--some bottled mineral waters such as Vichy and Apollinaris are very high in these factors. Soft water, low pH, and low TDS all correlate with heart disease and cancer. Here are standard recommendations for these characteristics:

1. Hardness--170 mg/l
2. pH--greater than 7.0 (alkaline)
3. TDS--around 300 mg/l (specific conductance around 500 microMho/cm).

Distillation?

If you use a water filter, you might want to test its output to see how it compares with these guidelines. If you prefer bottled water, shop around to select the most wholesome. Distillation removes all minerals and therefore is not a wise choice, despite what some people claim about the healthful benefits of distilled water. And distillation is not a reliable way to remove organic toxins, since many of these substances boil at roughly the

some temperature as water, and pass through the distiller into the finished liquid.

What of Odor?

There is some new information concerning Roosevelt's water situation. The NJDEP told us our water sample tested negative for petroleum. But many people still have a periodic petroleum or tar-like odor in their water. No one can assure you an odor in the water is harmless without positive identification of the substance causing the odor, and drinking polluted water is not the only way to suffer from it: you absorb as much benzene during a half-hour bath as if you drank a normal daily amount of the water or cooked with it, and showering with water containing only 50 parts per billion (ppb) of gasoline can cause skin and eye irritation.

A New Jersey certified water-testing lab I spoke with said the odor can be due to a waste product of bacteria that feed on metals, particularly iron. The lab did not know if this waste product is harmful.

A preliminary solution is to take samples at times when the odor is noticeable and ask a certified lab to test them for toxic substances that might cause the odor. The lab can mail you water sampling containers and simple instructions for this purpose. Since there are several certified water testing labs in the Princeton area, it is a simple matter to place the samples in an icebox and deliver them to the lab within an hour. This, along with reagents the lab provides in the sample containers, allows you to take a certified sample, which yields results valid for reporting purposes in New Jersey. The price to test for volatile organics is about \$70, which is easy for several people to share, even on a regular basis. A coliform test costs only \$15.

Millstone Sludge

There is also information about Millstone Turf, Inc., which operates the sludge farm in Millstone. Lou Ambio, spokesperson for the Millstone committee opposing the farm, said the owner is Howard Mohr, who is a partner

with Freehold Cartage, Inc. (FCI).

According to Mr. Ambio, FCI has been guilty of illegal toxic dumping, and Millstone residents are concerned that toxic chemicals might find their way into the sludge. Mr. Ambio suggests that Roosevelt citizens produce a petition opposed to this sludge farm and submit it to Mr. Mohr and state authorities. He said this tactic successfully prevented the opening of another farm on Charleston Spring Road.

We have good reason to be concerned, because the sludge farm is located about 1625 feet north of the sewage plant end of Pine Drive, or about 4500 feet from Roosevelt's well. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Roosevelt Clean Water Initiative

There are 310 connections to the water/sewerage system in Roosevelt, each of which pays \$47 per month for service. So the Borough collects \$14,570 per month in payments, or \$174,840 per year.

Examination of the auditor's report did not reveal where the money goes because it does not itemize expenses under many of the general headings.

In order to see exactly what items and services Roosevelt must purchase to make the system work, the Roosevelt Clean Water Initiative (RCWI) is interested in examining the invoices and receipts for services rendered to the water/sewerage system for the past 3 years.

LETTERS

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Townspeople

How can I fully express my gratitude, and those of my children, to all of you for your heartfelt sympathy at the untimely passing away of my beloved George. We have always said "Roosevelt is unique". What we should be saying is "Roosevelt is all heart"!

The outpouring of love in so many ways leaves me at a loss for words to express my feelings. From the help in the kitchen, the directing of the traffic, the setting up of the microphone, the setting up of our backyard-George's favorite place in the world!", gifts of food and drink, during that Sunday, and afterwards as well-cakes and breads, and soups and salads, and cookies and candies, and nuts and fruits and flowers--my everlasting gratitude!!

And lastly but certainly not least--my loving thanks to the three descendants of Gramma Klatskin, that little dynamo of a woman!

My Joel and his friends are putting on tape the hundreds of expressions of grief and love that you expressed--also mentioning the donations made to various charities as a last tribute to George, so that I have a permanent record of your sharing such sadness and love with me.--Clara

I would like to thank each of you who made the extra effort to write in my name on Election Day for a position on the Borough Council. I am delighted that I received nearly 20% of the vote, especially considering the short time we had to campaign. I do plan to run again and I hope I can count on your future support. I care about our town and feel I have a lot to offer.

I would like to thank especially the group of townspeople who asked me to run, for all of their efforts on my behalf. It is deeply appreciated.

Thank You For Your Support.

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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS.

By Helga Wisowaty

Our annual holiday dinner is being planned. The date and time of departure is yet to be established. It will be in December and the play is Evita.

On October 11 two visitors from Massachusetts and I attended the "Follies" at the school gym. It was great entertainment. Everyone from the director, the costumes and set designers and the actors were great. I hope that more of this type of entertainment will happen soon.

The article about the Solar Village in the last Bulletin is shocking and confusing. We have made friends at the Solar Village and hope that these problems can be resolved.

Sadness come to us with the deaths of George Levinson and Morris Chasen. Our sympathy goes out to Clara and her family and "Gus" Chasen and her family. We'll miss these friends.

Runner of the Year

Lenny Sacharoff, aged 62, has been judged "Runner of the Year" at a celebration at the Town House Motel.



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"We adore receiving the Bulletin although we can no longer follow the reasons for the intense opinions regarding Boro Business but we are happy to be reminded that there is still a corner of this world where people are deeply concerned about one another and speak up in a public forum."

If you have not yet sent in your contribution please do so as we need the money to pay this year's printing, typing and mailing costs.

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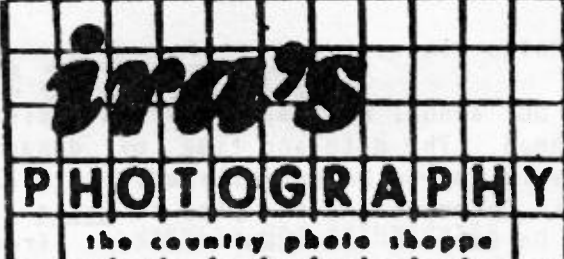
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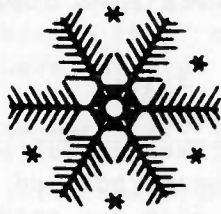
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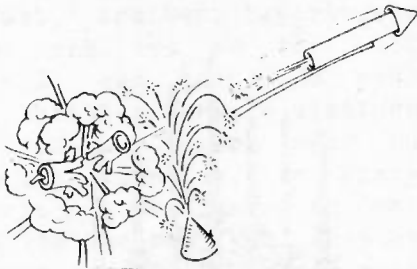

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At this point in the planning we are interested in obtaining the names and addresses of people who have lived in Roosevelt who did not attend the June 1984 reunion.

If you can help us add to this list, please contact:

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Further, we would like to locate the following individuals in order to personally invite them to the 50th Founding Celebration. If you know their whereabouts, please send us their addresses and/or phone numbers (as soon as possible).

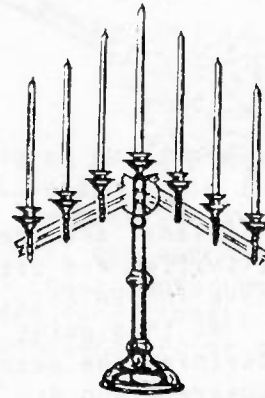
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We will be back to you with details of the celebration when they are finalized.

The Reunion Committee

Both Morris and Augusta Chasen were founder members of the Jersey Homesteads Volunteer Fire Department back in 1937. So it is with much regret that the members of the Roosevelt Volunteer Fire Company extend their condolences to Augusta on the loss of Morris on November 6, 1985.

Our sympathy also goes to their son Howard, and to the rest of the Chasen Family.



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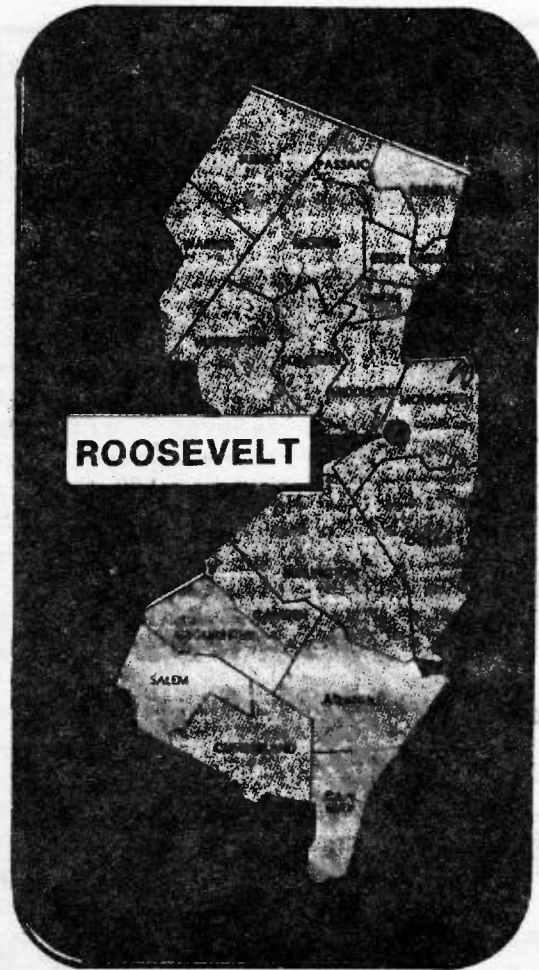
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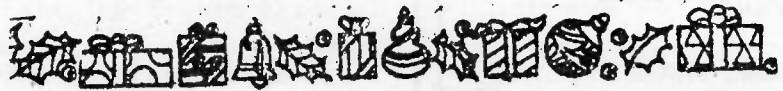


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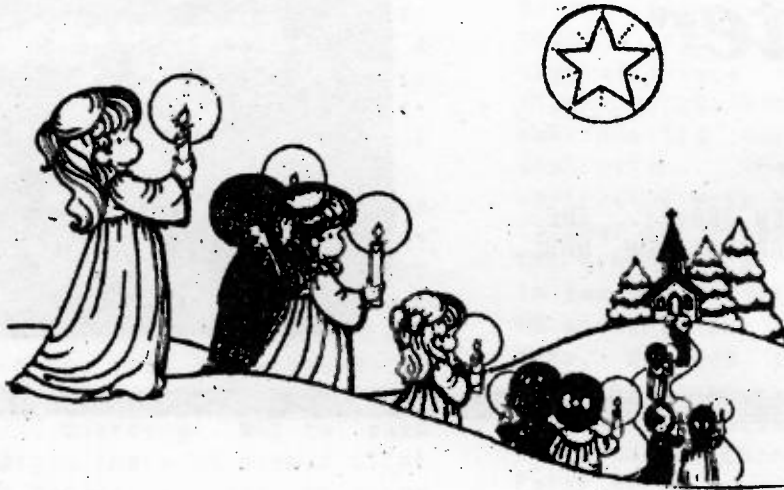
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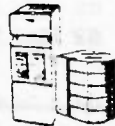
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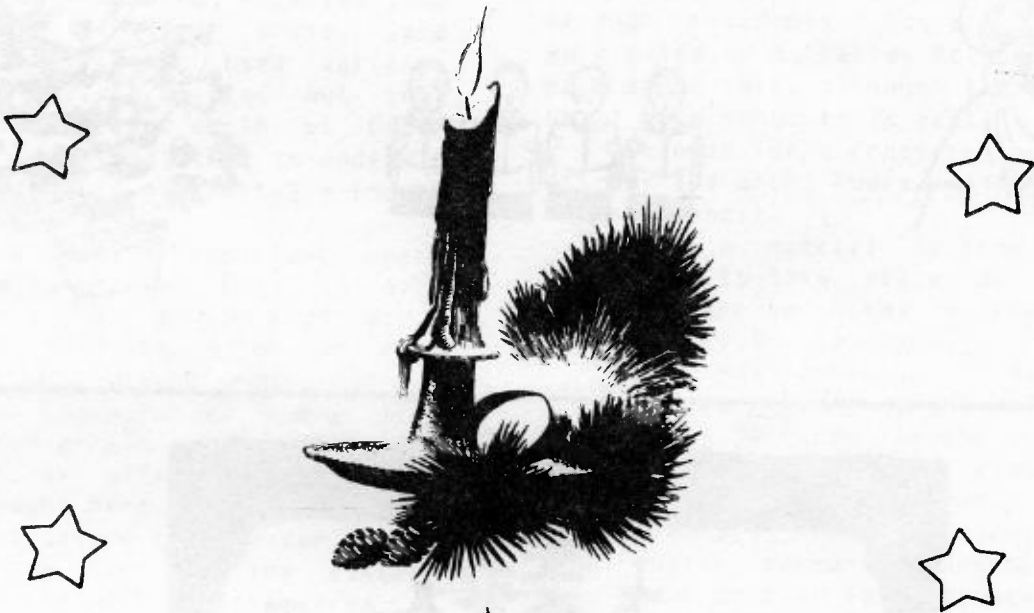


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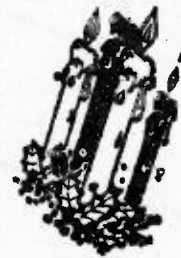
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3	TUESDAY	2:00PM	SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING	BORO HALL
4	WEDNESDAY	8:00PM	PLANNING BOARD	BORO HALL
5	THURSDAY	7:30-9PM	FREE YOGA CLASS	RPS
		8:00PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION	RPS
8	SUNDAY		FIRST DAY OF CHANUKAH	
9	MONDAY	8:00PM	BORO COUNCIL AGENDA	BORO HALL
11	WEDNESDAY	7-8:30PM	MON. COUNTY BOOKMOBILE	P.O. LOT
		8:00PM	BORO COUNCIL	BORO HALL
12	THURSDAY	7:30-9PM	FREE YOGA CLASS	RPS
17	TUESDAY	1-4:00PM	SENIOR CITIZEN HEALTH PRGM.	SOLAR VILLAGE
		1-8:00PM	ROOSEVELT FOOD CO-OP	BORO HALL
19	THURSDAY	7:30-9PM	FREE YOGA CLASSES	RPS
		8:00PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION	RPS
25	WEDNESDAY		CHRISTMAS	



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHILDREN'S CORNER

It ate its Skin



By Evelyn Schlinski

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in room 2 studied the Monarch butterfly. Ilene Levine gave each student an egg and a caterpillar. Each child got a butterfly book to write about their caterpillar in.

In about a week after the egg hatched, the tiny caterpillar crawled to the top of the cage and hung in a "j" form to form a chrysalis.

It molted its blackish skin. Underneath was a greenish puffy chrysalis with gold spots on it. Bryan's caterpillar died and turned purplish

when it was in the chrysalis. After about a week, the chrysalis turned transparent and split open, and out came a beautiful Monarch butterfly. Its wings were orange with black streaks on it.

The Monarch butterfly clung to a stick in our aquarium. Then it started to flap its wings and orange liquid dripped from its wings. We took the aquarium outside and let the butterfly go. We all jumped up and down and yelled "Bye-bye!"



Art Fair

dawned and artists and alike came hurrying into Roosevelt to set up their stalls before the crowd came in to browse at the annual Roosevelt Art and Crafts fair, which the first aid squad sponsored.

While the adults looked at the art work the children were kept busy and happy making masterpieces of their own. Refreshments were served and for a short while the Roosevelt school was transformed into a French cafe, a nursery garden where beautiful plants could be purchased and a museum where we could see all types of art and craftwork: traditional, modern, portraits, sculptures, wood-block-prints, jewelry, cashmere shawls, patchwork quilts, pottery and wallhangings.

It was a day when a good time was had by artists and public alike. One little girl was especially happy this year because, as she walked past a stall, she noticed one of the pottery unicorns on display was broken. She told the stall-holder who promptly gave it to her. She was thrilled, but that is typical of the Roosevelt fair. An atmosphere of friendliness and not "what can I make from today" prevails. I can honestly say I am proud to be one of the participating artists.

By Gloria Hazell



The Art and Craft Fair held this November was the most successful under the sponsorship of the Roosevelt First Aid Squad. We have gained a little more experience and confidence since our first Art and Craft Fair in November of 1982.

Enthusiasm from the community was tremendous. The artists shared with us their ideas as well as their talents. People from the community gave their time to set up, to provide help at the door, to sell plants and raffles, to help the children with their craft projects, to help in the food room, to bake and even to clean up.

We thank our artists whose talents make this annual undertaking possible, we thank all our helpers who came forth to assist and we thank the community for their continued support.

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