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Bids accepted to house Roosevelt trucks; Zoning amendments approved

By Bob Clark

At a special meeting on Oct. 2, the Borough Council accepted a bid from Mesa Contracting Inc. of Clarksburg to construct a 30 ft. by 40 ft. concrete block garage and utility building for \$16,205.40. The building will be erected behind the Borough Hall and will provide storage for borough trucks and equipment. Revenue sharing funds will pay for the structure.

HALLOWEEN PATROL

Borough Council Public Safety Committee Chairman Ted Marton has called for responsible adult volunteers to join this year's Halloween Patrol. The Patrol will have five walkie-talkies and will assist in ensuring a safe Halloween for trick-or-treating children. Interested residents should contact Council member Marton, Officer Wilbur Loftus or Borough Clerk Liz Johnson.

The Council approved amendments to the borough's new zoning ordinance recommended by the Planning Board (see Sept. 1979 Bulletin, page 7) but decided against introducing an amending ordinance. Instead, on the advice of Borough Attorney Samuel Sagotsky, Council plans to have the entire ordinance retyped to incorporate the recommended changes. The complete document will be reintroduced as a fresh ordinance so that all zoning regulations will be available from a single source.

At its regular meeting on Oct. 10, Council accepted a bid from Water Specialists Inc. of Bedminster, N.J. to install a new aerator at the water plant. The price of \$17,865 was less than half the amount of another bid and approximately \$5,000 less than the closest. The new aerator may help to reduce the amount of red water experienced in some parts of town. Funds to pay for the aerator will come from \$23,746 of federal

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Men who would be mayor — candidates debate, pg.14

Rector, Unger Named To Board of Education

By Hortense Socholitzky

Ann Rector and Arthur Unger, appointed to fill Board of Education vacancies left by the resignations of Marcia Sheinberg and Pat Kaye, were sworn in at the first board meeting after the opening of school, Sept. 11.

New staff members were hired at this and the Oct. 9 meeting. Carol Matthews is the new school nurse. She will be paid for one day a week, or one-fifth of the second step on the B.A. scale. (Nurses and other professional staff persons are paid according to the negotiated wage scale for teachers. There is one for those with a B.A. degree, and a higher one for those with an M.A. degree.)

Kathleen Hawthorne was appointed as part-time Title I aide, for two and three quarter hours per week. Her salary will be paid by federal Title I funds. Patricia Fagan was approved as an additional substitute teacher.

In further action relating to staff, the board denied a request for maternity leave from Jane Stronstorff, speech correctionist, who worked part time and does not have tenure. Subsequently, the board granted a maternity leave to Ilene Levine, second grade teacher, to begin on Feb. 6, after her accumulated sick leave is exhausted. The salary of Jane Fremon, who earned her M.A. in June, will be adjusted from the B.A. scale to

the M.A., retroactive to Sept. 1.

Peter Vince was added to the Artists-in-the-School Program to teach drawing and painting. Salaries for Vince and for the others were approved. They are \$2,400 each annually for Naomi Brahinski and Laurie Altman (whose salary was approved at a previous meeting) and \$1,800 each annually for Sara Prestopino and Peter Vince. These salaries are computed according to the number of hours worked.

The board approved several documents prepared by the Principal to submit to the County Superintendent. These assess the school program for basic skills, and are a requirement for the legislature's evaluation of the Thorough and Efficient program in the schools throughout the state. The state's evaluation will be published in the spring.

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Rabbi of Roosevelt — a portrait

By David Herrstrom

I interrupted Rabbi Solomon Poupko, Roosevelt's latest man-of-God in residence, unpacking his 7,000 book library, dressed in a three-piece suit. The incongruity amused him, and we both laughed. Short and compact as a Webster's Unabridged, he exploded in merry bursts. Clowning all the way to the living room, he insisted we be serious. The great drooping savvy eye of his late father, Eliezer Poupko, a Chief Rabbi of Philadelphia, staring out of the portrait over us quickly made me serious. But then I asked him why he left his last synagogue in West New York, N.J. In his best lecture cadences he explained that the neighborhood was changing, and about to launch into a formal analysis, casually concluded: "There are not too many Jewish Cubans."

The man who reminds you that it is the year 5740 after Creation is a conservative man. Orthodox Rabbi Poupko believes he has something to conserve besides his sense of humor, and he plans to do it in Roosevelt with the kind of high-torque intelligence that got him ordained at the age of seventeen, by which time he had covered the entire Talmud. He acts on his belief that "Judiasm is now an established thesis in the world." He pointed out that Look Magazine some years ago did an article on the vanishing American Jew, adding: "They vanished; we didn't."

But he is not, in his words, a "Jewish chauvinist." He is too concerned with teaching and being a "guide to Jew and non-Jew alike" to fall into such a trap. "The ignorant Jew does more to destroy Judiasm than Hitler," he declares. In his primary role as teacher, he is determined to meet the "intellectual demands" of Judiasm. Jews have a "Biblical license to question and even to doubt"; though in the same breath he asserts the

difference between philosophy and religion is that "philosophy has all the questions, religion all the answers." Some of the questions will be addressed in a series of community lectures he plans to sponsor on such topics as the "growth of far eastern cults," "devil worship," "a Biblical approach to sex," and "common ancestral roots."

My next question could not wait: "After being Chief Rabbi of Mexico, Chief Rabbi of South America, and Rabbi of congregations with as many as 2500 people, why did you come to Roosevelt?"

"I've had my fill of super congregations, and Roosevelt holds the promise of quietude."

"What's so appealing about quietude?"

"I can study. Prayer is a form of study; and study is a form of worship. Besides I'm writing a novel about rabbinical life throughout Africa and Mexico that I hope is as funny as Catch-22."

"Why is study so important to you?"

"Study gives me courage. I find comforting the fact that there are no new problems under the sun. The concerns of the wise men of ages are mine."

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MINUTES AGO

Roosevelt tour of '66: 'ghost town'?

By Arthur Shapiro

One of my favorite descriptions of Roosevelt was printed in the April 1966 Roosevelt News. It was written by Lee Landower, at that time a new associate of Mel Adlerman's. Landower (I'm not sure of the gender) was apparently taken on a tour of Roosevelt and wrote the following impression: Roosevelt---Perpetual Care Ghost Town.

This tourist's private tour through Roosevelt was a unique and rather weird experience. The town has all of the atmosphere of a western ghost town except for the look of being exceptionally well maintained--almost to the extent of giv-

ing the illusion of a world of fiction--perhaps similar to that of a Hollywood set. I do recall passing a firehouse and general store (which in itself is rather ominous of yester-year) but cannot recall seeing one live being, human or animal. I have since learned that this is attributable to the fact that there was probably no one there, being that it was in the afternoon and everyone was either at various positions of earning a livelihood to support a rather more than average way of life. Certainly Mr. Roosevelt's intention of building a suburbia garment town is no longer even remotely distinguishable in this resident's isle of peace surrounded by land.



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Bids accepted; amendments approved

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Community Development Block Grant money left over from previous years. The remainder of the money must be spent by Jan. 1, 1980 under federal rules.

On another water matter, a notice was mailed with September water and sewer bills advising that a water analysis had not been sent to the state. According to Borough Clerk Liz Johnson, a biweekly report had been missed, and the notice to residents was required pursuant to state regulations. Johnson said that the notice didn't mean that there had been any problem with Borough water.

At the agenda meeting on Oct. 8, Council member Marilyn Magnes reported that a revised application to have Roosevelt placed on the state and federal registers of historic places is being typed for resubmission to the state historical officer. The application was prepared by a group of town residents so that Roosevelt's precedent-setting site design could be recognized as an historic example of intelligent use of public open space. Once the application is accepted by the historical officer, it will be made available for public inspection, and a hearing will be held to receive comments from interested residents.

Public Works Chairman Bill Counterman reported that potholes on the western end of Nurko Road have been filled, and work continues on the eastern end. Counterman said he would meet with his counterpart on the Millstone Township Committee to discuss cooperative efforts to permanently repair Nurko Road. Severe potholes on the road have hampered Millstone Township school bus operations and mail delivery, but Roosevelt's road budget lacks enough money for substantial repairs.

Counterman also reported that the borough's ordinance against street parking during snow emergencies would be enforced this year. Vehicles parked on borough streets within 24 hours after a four inch snowfall may be towed away at the owner's expense to allow for snow removal.

Council approved Mayor Leon Barth's appointment of Peter Berlinrut as the temporary housing officer. In the event of a disaster, Berlinrut would assess the damages upon which federal relief would be based.

The borough received a letter from U.S. Representative Frank Thompson announcing a series of Grants Training Workshops to aid local officials in his district in applying for federal funds.

Liz Johnson and Lynn Friedman signed the oaths of office as Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics respectively.

The Council, with Councilman Ted Marton dissenting, voted to allot up to \$400 to pay for borough officials' expenses to attend the annual League of

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Reisenfelds, a moving force, move on

By Elly Shapiro

After 16 productive years of sharing ideas, views and projects with the town, the Reisenfelds are leaving Roosevelt. It is not an easy move, rather one of necessity - Ilse's ill health being the precipitating factor for their relocation to The Villages, a retirement community in Freehold. There "less house and more services" will be available to Walter, Ilse and their son, Joe.

This is by no means the first move for the Reisenfelds, who fled Germany in 1939. Their then infant son Joe had been smuggled across the border by a neighbor. On their arrival in New York they were counselled and advised to see a home in the midwest. They settled in Milwaukee where they stayed six years. There son Richard and daughter Jane were born.

The family then returned east and established a 10-acre farm in Jackson, where they raised their own foodstuff. It was in Jackson that Ilse accomplished a feat which would change her life... she learned to drive. Thus new vistas were opened. When she read of a job opening for a kindergarten teacher in Roosevelt, the \$1,000 increase in salary tempted her from her job as a nursery school teacher in Farmingdale. Although warned about the radical element in Roosevelt, Ilse decided to take the chance. "They can't be more than people," she told her well meaning neighbors, and so the Reisenfeld's connection was established in 1957. They did not move here until 1963, however, when their Jackson farm was totally destroyed in one hour by a raging forest fire. At this point the true spirit of Roosevelt shone through, as people they barely knew made meals for them, offered hospitality and helped to replace all of the items lost in the flames.

In her 11 years as teacher at Roosevelt School, Ilse taught many things. As teachers came and went (and principals too), her role in the school changed. "I taught kindergarten, music, reading and social studies. Some parents were concerned that their children would come home with a German accent," says Ilse with a chuckle. During this time at Roosevelt School the idea for the Community Band was conceived. During their school lunch hours she and young Arthur Shapiro, then the 4th and 5th grade teacher, used to have "jam" sessions. When son Richard, then a student at Princeton University visited on weekends, he often had the urge to play his saxophone. The trio became a foursome with a phone call to Manny Koffler. Several phone calls later they were the Roosevelt Community Band. They entertain at community functions as well as charitable functions, the most memorable of which was at a building fund drive for Freehold Area Hospital.

Ilse and Esther Pogrebin broadened the existing Golden Age Club into what is now the active Senior Citizens Club when she realized that many of her friends were lonely, and in fact alone. In so doing they brought valuable programs and services to our senior citizens.

In 1973 the first summer recreation program was held. It was funded by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Arts and the borough. The person who conceived the idea and who wrote that grant is none other than Ilse.

Even though tenured at Roosevelt School she was lured away one summer after being drafted to run a special program. The educational program for the children of migrant workers was Ilse's responsibility, a task she enjoyed. The uniqueness of that experience prodded Ilse to accept another job offer. She

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Reisenfelds

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left Roosevelt to teach in Trenton for six years and then retired in 1974.

Since then she has attended many school board and council meetings, always honest and outspoken in her opinions. "Often, what I said was unpopular," says Ilse.

She fears for this town because, "The time of the small town is almost over. The schools, the senior citizens - no one can have all of the services we need because (a) we are too small and (b) not firmly established in either Mercer or Monmouth County. This makes me sad because I've had a good time here. I've left many good friends here. Life is forever changing and you have to go with the changes. I don't think I'll ever lose my connection with this town."

Her friends share that hope.

BULLETIN RECEIVES PAT ON THE BACK


Enclosed is my check for \$10 to cover three subscriptions and a small donation. The Borough Bulletin is a fine piece of work - we enjoy reading it, and we're sure our out of town kids would love to see it.

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George Shally

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FIRST AID SQUAD LUNCH PROGRAM RESUMES

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad resumed its lunch program Oct. 15. Lunch is served from 11 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. weekdays at the Borough Hall. A 10 % discount is being offered to Senior Citizens.

Many thanks to those who helped make last year's lunch program a success. Enjoy lunch out and support our First Aid Squad.

To help in emergency situations, the First Aid Squad requests that residents put their house numbers in a conspicuous place so that the emergency can be easily located.

TITLE I/SCE PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The Nov. 14 Title I/SCE Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held in the school at 8 p. m.

Parent conferences are planned for the week of Oct. 29. Parents will be notified.

Bids ; Zoning

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Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City. So far Johnson, Treasurer Howard Prezant and Tax Collector Louise Prezant have indicated that they wish to attend the conference.

Recently the Mayor and the Council Administrative Committee met with Mel Adlerman, the borough's insurance agent, to review all insurance coverage for the borough.

Johnson reported that a public telephone would be installed outside the Borough Hall to replace the one at the vacant store.



IT'S OFFICIAL: Roosevelt's Postmaster, Geraldine Millar, was presented with a certificate formally naming her to that post. The Sept. 10 presentation at the Trenton Sectional Center was made by Postmaster Bob Suydam. Congratulations, Gerry.

Senior Citizens Discuss Housing

By Helga Wisowaty

The October meeting of the Senior Citizens was concerned with the possibility of building some senior citizen rental housing in Roosevelt. A number of Senior Citizens are interested in this project and many who attended showed an interest in forming committees to pursue the work already started. We'll follow this with interest in the outcome.

Plans for two trips will be realized this month. One will be to Club Bene to see "Funny Girl." The second will be to enjoy a ballet in Newark.

New Social Studies begins with Indians

A new social studies curriculum has been instituted for the third, fourth and fifth grades. This program, started by Jane Fremon and Clare Sacharoff, is a study of various cultures to learn about peoples' basic needs and how these are met. The first culture being studied is the New Jersey Leni Lenape Indians. Both groups have been involved in a series of workshop trips which have included canoeing at Turkey Swamp Park and pottery making and construction of a longhouse at Holmdel Park. By getting involved in doing projects utilizing the Indian methods, the children are better able to appreciate other ways of life.

ROOSEVELT STUDENTS EXCEL IN NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Headmaster F. Edward Potter, Jr. of The Peddie School has announced that Elise R. Moser has been named a semi finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. She will compete for a national scholarship to be awarded later in the academic year.

Potter also announced that Jeffrey S. Brotman has been named a commended student in the same program.

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1,000 expected to see work of 40 artists

By Judith Goetzmann

The Art Fair that the Parent-Teachers Association began working on back in July draws near: Sunday, Nov. 18, from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Learning from the past, this year's fair will be a one-day event. Last year, the fair ran for two days, but attendance wasn't much better than in 1977, which also was only a one-day show. About a thousand visitors attended each year. So it's back now to one day--one big, mind-boggling, nerve-tingling, eye-popping day!

Sandy Orlando, chairperson for the Art Fair, estimates that about 40 artists will display and sell their work. The early reservation response flyer has been good, so that a cut off is likely at 40, which is all that can be accommodated comfortably.

This year's menu includes bagels and creamcheese, chili and sloppy joes, baked goods and beverages. Last year, the New York Times Cook Book recipe for chili was delicious, but a variation is possible this year if any resident has a favorite chili recipe. The fair also needs chili makers (the PTA provides the supplies). And because all the baked goods were sold last year, the PTA is eager for volunteers to bake more.

Freezer space is available until the Art Fair for goods baked now.


The PTA meeting on Thursday, Nov. 15 7:30 p. m. will be a work session, continuing on Friday evening and Saturday. Volunteers are needed to "sleep in" on Saturday night. Anyone who has camped out in the gym the night before an Art Fair will attest to the fact that it's a truly mystical experience. To be surrounded by and protector of so much beauty is a weighty and really wonderful "happening." Please call Sandy Orlando at 443-3126 or Nancy Warnick at 448-0679 if you can help.

By popular request, we will again show movies and supervise art projects for children of visitors to the Fair.

Michelle Rockoff is in charge of publicity. If you can make posters or write press release copy, call her at 448-3219.

Who will help clean up? Call Elly Shapiro at 443-3575 and suggest someone.

Here's the PTA executive board: President, Elly Shapiro; Co-Vice Presidents, Laura Giordano and Nancy Warnick; Recording Secretary, Shiela Jaeger; Corresponding Secretary, Judith Goetzmann; Treasurer, Carol Zaleski; and Membership, Irene Block.



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Board of Education

Plans for a full program of activities were outlined by Merle Rose, Chairperson of the High School and Transportation Committee. These include a meeting of high school students to help improve communication among them, the high school, and the Board of Education. Also proposed is a program of various evening adult classes at R.P.S. A brochure describing these classes will be ready in December.

In other action, the board awarded a contract to Roosevelt Auto to transport eighth grade students to and from the Windsor School. The cost is \$40.00 per day for 180 school days, with provision for an additional \$2.00 a mile if the route is changed.

It was agreed to buy 25 new desks and chairs for Room 2, and two chairs for the office, at a total cost of \$1,108.00. Room 2 is the last room to get new furniture following a plan begun many years ago.

The board granted use of the gym to Elmer Snow, Michael Block, and Stephen Halpern for adult basketball, to include men and women, on Wednesdays from 8 to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will yield the gym for any special event at the school. Also, use of Room 3 was granted the Borough Bulletin for "paste up" on the third Thursday of every month. The board granted use of the gym to the PTA for the evenings of Nov. 16 and 17 for preparation and for all day Nov. 18 for conducting the Art Fair.

Mr. Gantwerk announced that there has been a reappearance on a milder scale than previously of problems in the behavior of some sixth, seventh and eighth grade children. They sometimes misuse a "sense of independence and self-determination" that ordinarily would be encouraged. This may be manifested as insolence or disrespect for authority, behavior that interferes with the orderly and calm atmosphere necessary for

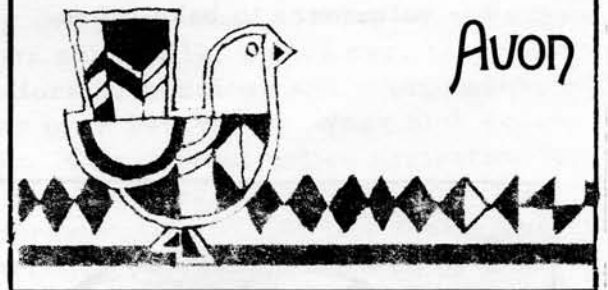
learning to take place. The law permits suspension as a means of controlling such behavior, but Gantwerk believes other effective means can be found. He stressed that these are not disturbed children. He has written a letter to the parents of all sixth, seventh and eighth graders asking for their and their children's cooperation in finding better ways to work out conflicts, but he does not rule out the possibility of using suspension as a last resort. Gantwerk's emphasis is on the need for a calm, orderly place, to encourage learning and the growth of each child in as many areas as possible

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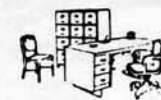
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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Gantwerk letter asks: independence or insulence

Dear Friends,

This year, the people who give report cards will be getting them as well. This is a landmark year for the schools in New Jersey. In June 1980, according to law, all schools in the state will be classified as either (1) Approved, (2) Approved with conditions, or (3) Disapproved. The law states that this classification be one that takes into account all aspects of school operation and performance. The Commissioner of Education has presented the State Board of Education with a plan that will have schools classified on these measures: (1) basic skills competence, (2) compliance with the "Thorough and Efficient" (T & E) legislation, and (3) compliance with other mandated programs, such as special education, Bilingual education, etc. The commissioner believes his plan will be adopted. For the Roosevelt school, this means that the Monmouth County Office of Education will be monitoring our program. They will see how our students perform on the state minimum basic skills tests, what our long range planning is like, whether or not we are in compliance with the various programs required. A rating of Approved is just that. A rating of Approved with conditions means that approval depends on submission of a plan to correct certain problems or deficiencies. A rating of Disapproved will be given only when a district fails to submit a required plan, or submits one that is clearly substandard.

We are aware of the requirements the state has for us. The board, staff and I will be working hard to meet these requirements and, in fact, go beyond them. This whole issue of classifying schools is a new procedure and one which may cause great controversy in the state. As the year progresses I

will continue to inform you about our progress.

Within the school, we have gotten off to a good start. Our classrooms are filled with activity. Our third, fourth and fifth graders have gone on two field trips in conjunction with their social studies program on Indians. The sixth, seventh and eighth graders will be visiting the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia for a presentation on meteorology in conjunction with their science studies. The seventh and eighth graders have been attending Washington Township vocational program, as I outlined in the previous issue of the Bulletin. Our primary classes, grades kindergarten, one and two have been involved in a number of interesting activities and projects. They visited the Hightstown post office in their study of communications. Kindergarten visited Beth and Carl Johnson's garden on Pine Drive. The second grade moved to its own classroom, alone in a room for the very first time.

Back to school night was held Sept. 20. Teachers were here to present their programs to the parents and the P. T. A. provided refreshments. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Nov. 12 and 13. Appointments will be made early in November.

Lew Gantwerk

ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY & SCHOOL CALENDAROctober

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|----|----------------------------|---|
| 27 | Saturday, 2-4 p. m. | Free rabies clinic-dogs & cats - Borough Hall |
| 29 | Monday, 8 p. m. | Planning Board meeting - Borough Hall |
| 30 | Tuesday, 8 p. m. | First Aid meeting - Borough Hall |
| 31 | Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p. m. | Bookmobile - Store Parking Lot |

November

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| 1 | Thursday, 8 p. m. | Borough Bulletin staff meeting - Sochowitzky |
| 4 | Sunday, p. m. | Early Bulletin copy to Jim Dulicai home |
| 5 | Monday, 8 p. m. | Sisterhood meeting - Cong. Anshei |
| 6 | Tuesday, 7a. m. - 8 p. m. | Election Day - voting at Borough Hall |
| 7 | Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. | Senior Citizens meeting - Borough Hall |
| 9 | Friday | R. P. S. closed - N. J. E. A. Convention |
| 12 | Monday, 12:30 p. m.
8 p. m. | R. P. S. early closing - teacher conferences
Borough Council agenda meeting - Borough Hall |
| 13 | Tuesday, 12:30 p. m.
8 p. m. | R. P. S. early closing - teacher conferences
School Board meeting - R. P. S. |
| 14 | Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p. m.
8 p. m.
8 p. m. | Bookmobile - Store Parking Lot
Borough Council meeting
Title I/SCE Parent Advisory Council meeting- |
| | | R.P.S. |
| 15 | Thursday, 7:30 p. m. | PTA meeting - Art Fair workshop - R. P. S. |
| 16 | Friday, 7:30 p. m. | PTA Art Fair set up - R. P. S. |
| 17 | Saturday, 10 a. m. | " " " " " " |
| 18 | Sunday, 11 a. m. - 6 p. m. | Art Fair, R. P. S. |
| 20 | Tuesday, 9:30 a. m. | M. C. O. S. S. - Borough Hall |
| 22 | Thursday | Thanksgiving Day - school closed |
| 23 | Friday | Thanksgiving vacation - school closed |
| 26 | Monday, 8 p. m. | Planning Board meeting |
| 28 | Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p. m. | Bookmobile - Store Parking Lot |

For Halloween: pumpkins & cheerios

By Beth Johnson

Enjoy these wholesome treats this Halloween. They are quick and easy to make plus fun to give.

Pumpkin Cookies

1 1/2 cups brown sugar (packed)	1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup shortening	1/2 tsp. nutmeg
2 eggs	1/2 tsp. salt
1 3/4 cups canned or fresh pumpkin or butternut squash	1/4 tsp. ginger
2 3/4 cups flour	1 cup raisins
1 tbsp. baking powder	1 cup chopped pecans

Heat oven to 400° (moderately hot). Mix sugar, shortening, eggs and pumpkin thoroughly. Measure flour by dipping method or by sifting. Blend dry ingredients, add to pumpkin mixture, stirring until well blended. Add raisins and pecans. Drop batter by teaspoonfuls on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Cookies may be iced when cool. Makes about six dozen cookies.

Butter Icing

Blend 1/2 cups sifted confectioners sugar and 3 tbsp. soft butter. Stir in about 1 1/2 tbsp. cream and 3/4 tsp. vanilla until smooth.

Cheerios Molasses Patties

4 cups Cheerios	1/2 cup water
1 1/2 cups salted peanuts	1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. vinegar
1 1/3 cups brown sugar (packed)	1/8 tsp. cream of tartar
3/4 cup light molasses	1 1/2 tsp. baking soda

Measure Cheerios and peanuts into large greased bowl. Mix sugar, molasses, water vinegar and cream of tartar in saucepan. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, to hard ball stage (250°). (A hard ball forms when a small amount of syrup is dropped into cold water.) Remove from heat. Blend in soda; mixture becomes fluffy and porous. Pour syrup over Cheerios-pecan mixture. Mix well with greased spoon. Allow to cool slightly to thicken. With greased hands, form mixture into patties. Cool on greased baking sheet or waxed paper. Makes about 3 dozen 2 inch patties.

Honey "Cracker Jacks"

1/2 cup (6 tbsp.) honey	6 cups popped corn
1/4 cup butter or margerine	1 cup shelled peanuts

Heat honey and shortening in a saucepan until blended. Cool. Pour over popcorn which has been mixed with peanuts, stirring as you pour. When well-coated, spread on a pan in a single layer. Bake at 350° 5-10 minutes until crisp, stirring several times. The difference between crisp (not brown) and burnt can be a matter of minutes. Package in plastic bags and twist tie. For a party, add a small toy.

ISSUES & DEBATE

Candidates for mayor tackle the issues

Here's what the two candidates for mayor had to say about some important subjects in Roosevelt today. We asked the two men to suggest questions, and the Bulletin staff prepared additional questions. Below are the 10 questions just as we presented them. You'll note that the replies are different in length for some topics, reflecting the varying emphasis of each. But overall, we limited both candidates to the same time (including one extension) to reply. We haven't edited their responses.

1.) TAXES: What do you think of the current level? What do you expect in the future? What do you think can be done, if anything, to slow their rise?

SELIGMAN

Roosevelt's equalized tax rate, adjusted by the state for comparison between municipalities, is generally within 10% of the rates paid in Hightstown, Cranbury, Allentown, Freehold and Jamesburg. Of each property tax dollar, 72¢ is spent by the Board of Education, 16¢ goes to Monmouth County and the Borough Council uses 11¢ for general borough expenses. State CAPs allow an increase of about 5% per year for municipal expenditures. In 1978-79 it cost approximately \$2,000 to send a Roosevelt high school student to East Windsor. Past investigations of the cost of sending our elementary school students to outside districts have not shown that costs would be lower, educational considerations aside. The School Board is engaged in a new investigation this year, but no figures are available as yet. The 11% of the property tax controlled by the Borough Council must be spent prudently and with a strong sense of priorities. For instance, the borough should avoid unnecessary expenditures, like the costly shift from the old borough hall to the new one. Past administrations have not been successful in attracting new industry for tax ratables but efforts should continue.

BARTH

We are a small town with 273 households supporting a full range of municipal services with very little help from commercial or industrial ratables. The Mayor and Council have no control over the school and county budgets which absorb over 90% of our tax dollars. The municipal purposes rate, which is the responsibility of the Mayor and Council, has risen by just \$58 in the last four years for a typical house assessed at \$40,000. I will continue to work to keep the municipal budget lean.

2.) WATER & SEWER: A consultant has estimated the water plant will cost \$500,000 to repair; is there an alternative? What voice will the Borough

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Council and residents have in reviewing plans? If we don't get a government grant, how will we repay the money we'll have to borrow?

SELIGMAN

Three years ago the borough paid \$14,000 to Killam Associates for a report on Roosevelt's water system. Killam, a highly reputable engineering firm, estimated the cost of repairing the system to be \$214,000 and recommended that the borough apply to the Farmers Home Administration for a low-interest loan. No action was taken. This year the borough commissioned a report from another consultant, Schoor Engineering, for several thousand dollars. Schoor estimated the same work would now cost about \$500,000. At a public meeting Schoor's representative stated that there was very little chance of even a partial grant from the FmHA and requested the council to apply for a loan. There now seems to be extensive talk of a grant of 75% from the \$500,000 from the FmHa. As Democratic Party candidate for mayor I have spoken to staff members in the offices of Senator Bradley and Congressman Thompson. There is no evidence that any grant is forthcoming. Applying the FmHA formula for repaying a \$500,000 loan for water repairs over 38 years, the increased cost per household for the debt would be approximately \$10 a month. Since no maintenance plan has been developed or made public, it is not known what additional costs may be added for maintenance. This figure applies only to water charges and not for sewer repairs. Schoor Engineering has estimated that \$740,000 will be needed to repair and upgrade our sewer plant. Of this amount 17% will be paid by us, the rest by state and federal grants. It is important that we reach beyond the council for technical and professional help in our own community to assess the consultant's plans and to review costs and suitability for both water and sewer repairs. We must find appropriate solutions rather than accept only conventional ones. We must be

BARTH

Your second question addresses the third budget which absorbs our municipal dollars; the water and sewer systems. By law these systems must be entirely supported by the monthly water and sewer charges paid by our 273 households. Our 43 year old plants and lines finally need major repairs or replacement to assure proper service and meet new standards imposed by federal and state agencies. Expensive unanticipated environmental standard requirements have been imposed in recent years by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and State Department of Environmental Protection. Compliance is mandatory. Several experts have advised that it will cost \$350,000 to solve our red water and other plant problems and \$150,000 to build a new well so that we do not run out of water. Two of Roosevelt's original wells dried up early in our history. If our current well, the third, shares the same fate, we will be without water. A back-up well is mandated by the State. I am pursuing all viable funding options with almost daily contacts. I have enlisted Senator Bill Bradley and Congressman Frank Thompson in the effort. Even if all of our funding goals are not achieved, we will be able to get through this extraordinary restoration period within the budget called for by the \$30 monthly charge. The funding applications and plans for the projects are available at the Borough Hall for public examination and I welcome suggestions. All projects will be subject to competitive bidding and Council approval. We will not attempt any work that we cannot afford.

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sure that the plans call for essential repairs and are not aimed at expanding water and sewer capacity beyond reasonable population projections. At this point no figures have been released by Schoor Engineering or the mayor setting forth expected increases in cost for individual households combined water and sewage.

3.) ROADS: What do you think of their condition? Some say road maintenance has been inadequate; how would you pay for improvements?

SELIGMAN

Roosevelt needs a systematic road maintenance program. No survey has been made of the condition of our road inventory and no plan has been presented for road upgrading and ongoing maintenance. Repair is generally done on an emergency basis. If the state bond issue passes on Nov. 6, municipal road repair will be funded on a 90% state grant, 10% local contribution basis. I will actively seek this grant aid.

BARTH

Our roads are in poor condition as a result of several especially severe winters. We only set aside \$10,000 each year for road repairs. This amount can finance a preventative maintenance and patching program, but a bond issue would be necessary for major repaving. Some repaving may be done in conjunction with HUD-financed water and sewer line repairs for which we have already received a grant of \$150,000 with another \$150,000 anticipated next year.

4.) POLICE: Do you think our current police protection is adequate? If you favor changes, what would you substitute; and how would you pay for it?

SELIGMAN

This year's budget for police protection is \$450 for 80 hours per month, including salary and patrol car expenses. If the community feels the need of additional services, we must weigh the cost against other priorities.

BARTH

I have investigated alternatives to our present police coverage. The cost to establish a police department including one policeman working an eight-hour shift daily, police car, insurances, uniforms, pensions and other equipment was over \$40,000 per year four years ago. Our current police protection for a rural town is inexpensive, costing approximately \$5,000 per year. Our part-time officer, backed up by the State Police, patrol the community daily and are on call at all times.

5.) SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING: There's been discussion of erecting subsidized rental housing for the elderly. What's your opinion?

SELIGMAN

I was pleased to join the expanded committee working with David Davies for Senior Citizens' housing. On two prior occasions I helped explore the pos-

BARTH

I have attended several meetings on senior citizen housing and encourage such a program. Many of our elderly have devoted their lives to Roosevelt.

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SELIGMAN

sibilities of erecting such subsidized housing in Roosevelt.

6.) ZONING: What do you think of current zoning regulations? Lot-size requirements? Growth plans?

SELIGMAN

The New Jersey Land Use Law required that every community develop a master plan and zoning ordinance by May, 1979. I am a professional planning consultant and I was pleased that as planning board chairman I could donate my services to my community and save us thousands of dollars in consultants fees. Our zoning ordinance protects Roosevelt's greenbelt pattern, with its half-acre cluster development. Our land use plan provides for staged development in accordance with this pattern east of North Valley Road. Our plan also considers the suitability of two-acre lots in the wooded area between Oscar Drive and the road to the cemetery and stresses the importance of planting trees in the strip of public land between Route 571 and the rear of the houses along Lake Drive.

BARTH

They deserve more than just social security in retirement. They have the time, knowledge and energy to help us with our problems and enrich our lives. We need a well-planned, inexpensive place for them to live here in Roosevelt.

BARTH

As mayor I am automatically a member of the Planning Board which labored over the recently adopted Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Both provide for slow growth in keeping with our historic pace. Roosevelt, with ever-decreasing numbers of grammar and high school students, can afford modest residential growth to help pay for services that mostly involve fixed costs. I am concerned that the current zoning allows no options between half-acre and 10 acres. Some worthy people are moving from town as a result of not being able to build a custom home on a lot larger than one-half acre. A small but suitable area exists for two and one half acre "country lane" zoning on the wooded ridge between the industrial area and the cemetery. A few fine homes (not more than 10) with individual septic systems would fit in nicely among the trees. I do not fear modest residential growth and am constantly searching for ways to encourage clean, commercial ratables to come to Roosevelt.

7.) PUBLIC SPIRIT: How would you assess the mood of the borough? Would you encourage more (or less) public participation in civic affairs? Sharing of individual skills? Co-operative ventures? How?

SELIGMAN

I will not attempt to assess the "mood of the borough" because I must assume that each citizen's mood is

BARTH

As the high turnout at elections proves, public spirit is alive and well in Roosevelt. Many talented people

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SELIGMAN

individual. The time and effort Roosevelt people devote to community service is impressive; citizens serve in elective, appointive and volunteer bodies. I would create a technical board of review using the skills of residents with professional and technical qualifications to assist the mayor and council in assessing consultants' proposals for engineering work and reviewing construction bids. The board would also make recommendations for systematic maintenance of roads, public buildings, water and sewer systems. More attention to municipal affairs can be encouraged by making sure that the public is fully informed when large amounts of money are proposed to be spent.

BARTH

serve as unpaid public officials or volunteer in countless other ways cooperatively and individually - fire, first aid, recreation for both seniors and youth, PTA, Art Fair, historical application, Fourth of July Celebration, Community Band, Poetry Readings, Borough Bulletin and the like. Roosevelt's residents should be commended for their community involvement and civic mindedness and I encourage them to continue to participate.

8.) YOUTH: Are you satisfied with what the borough offers its young people? Would you favor more recreational programs? Organized sports? Hobby, craft, or arts programs? Special plans for teen-agers?

SELIGMAN

I am in favor of as many recreation programs for young people as the borough can afford. I would certainly attempt to secure recreation grants. However, I believe the mayor and council should develop recreation plans in cooperation with the Board of Education, the school administrator, parents and other citizens.

BARTH

We can never have enough youth activities. During my tenure as mayor and council member before, a basketball court and park benches were installed and a summer program for children in cooperation with PTA was initiated and continues to grow. Many winters I worked with other volunteers to clear the swamp for ice skating. Our most recent Community Development Block Grant application asks HUD for \$36,000 to provide a permanent skating area. Most youth recreational opportunities must come from volunteers. I have encouraged such involvement and have devoted much personal effort in that direction having worked in Boy Scouts, Little League and RPS Softball for many years and will continue to be involved and give support in these areas.

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9.) THE STORE: Many have complained about the condition of the Roosevelt Market. What initiative would you take, if any, to improve, replace, or reopen it?

SELIGMAN

The Roosevelt Market is privately owned and is listed for sale at \$125,000. The owner has a right to set the selling price, no matter how hard it may be to find a customer. The borough's jurisdiction rests in enforcement of local ordinances covering health and safety. The standing sign is dangerous in its present condition. The zoning ordinance has a section relating to upkeep of signs and removal of those in disrepair. The owner of Roosevelt Market should be made to comply with our ordinances.

BARTH

The store owners have been cited for numerous health and zoning violations. They have corrected the County Health Board citations, and the zoning violations are pending in court. I am outraged and frustrated by what is (or is not) happening. Because the owners have not applied for renewal of the liquor license and it must be inactive for two years before the Council can take action if the owner does not make application, the Council's hands are tied. Until the owners agree to sell or improve their property we will continue to harass them.

10.) DOGS: Do you share the concern of some about free-running dogs? Would you seek changes in the dog laws, or in their enforcement?

SELIGMAN

Free running dogs can be a danger to children, older people and other walkers, cyclists and drivers. They are at least a nuisance. The borough dog control laws were adopted after full public discussion. They should be enforced.

BARTH

Last year we obtained a contract with a humane dog control firm that is on call to the borough and makes regular visits. A dog survey was recently completed which helps us identify ownership. Problems result from thoughtlessness on the part of a few residents. We can have problem dogs picked up at their owner's expense with nothing more than a phone call to Animals Unlimited at 201-938-7081. The number has been printed in the Borough Bulletin and will be printed regularly. We encourage residents to tell us about particular strays that plague them so that action can be taken.

School lists new books

The Resource Center of the school has acquired some new children's books. For beginning readers, "The Hey Hey Man" by Sid Fleischman, "Babar Learns to Cook" by Laurent deBrunhoff, and "Sand Cake" by Frank Asch are easy to read.

For children whose parents are divorcing there is "What's Going to Happen to Me?" by Eda LeShan.

In addition there are "Holiday Tales of Sholom Aleichem" translated by Aliza Shevrin; "The Island of the Grass King" by Nancy Willard; "Throwing Shadows" by E. L. Konisburg; "Deenie" by Judy Blume; "Danny the Champion of the World" by Roald Dahl; "The Cat Ate My Gymsuit" by Paula Danziger; "Starring Sally J. Freeman as Herself" by Judy Blume; "The Phantom Tollbooth" by Norton Juster; "I am the Cheese" by Robert Cormier; "Morning is a Long Time Coming" by Bette Greene; and "The Pigman" by Paul Zindel.

'Declamation' at Peddie

Thursday, Nov. 1, The Peddie School hosts its 103rd annual Declamation Contest, a contest which combines the speaking/acting skills of participating students. There are 11 students participating this year, each performing an approximately eight minute long speech. Among the contestants is Danny Adlerman who will be performing five excerpts from Edgar Lee Masters' Spoon River Anthology. The winners will be published at a later date.

MARTON ENTERS NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE

Andrew Marton, son of Ted and Esther, Tamara Drive, entered New Hampshire College in Manchester. Good luck Andrew.

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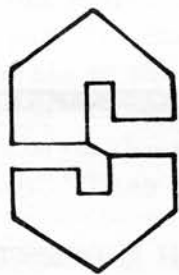
Rabbi of Roosevelt — a portrait

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Study is no escape, however, for a man who recognizes that religion is a "twin-edged sword" and asserts that Jesse Jackson is "beneath contempt." His "iconoclastic experience" in Latin America made politics as unavoidable a reality as religion. He would "join with all in applauding the Pope's visit" to the U.S., but is "bitterly offended by his concern with free access of Jerusalem to all religions, implying that this does not now exist. Rabbi Poupko was there when the "Jordanians built the Intercontinental Hotel on a Jewish graveyard" and used "Jewish tomb stones for latrine seats." "Why didn't the Pope," he asks, "cry out then?"

No wonder one of Rabbi Poupko's favorite writers is the Columbian, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, that wizard of the comic macabre. His own life resembles

one of those tenacious and fated South American republics so dear to Marquez. Born in Russia, the youngest of eight, his father was Chief Rabbi of White Russia. His brothers are all rabbis; his two sisters are married to rabbis, and he concludes that in his family being a rabbi is a "congenital disease." He is a feverish reader. Tier on tier of books surround us, many in Spanish as well as Hebrew, sixteenth-century leather-bound tomes next to Kierkegaard. He reads Don Quixote in Spanish, detecting "something quaintly Jewish." Like his hero, Don Quixote, he mixes pride with "self-deprecation" and describes himself as an "idle reader and very desperate person." Certainly, his is a desperate love for knowledge, and anyone who believes he can get 7,000 books into one Roosevelt house is Don Quixote reincarnated.



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HOWLINS, NEW IN TOWN, HAVE SON

Maria and Jim Howlin, formerly of East Brunswick, moved to Roosevelt in April of this year. On Sept. 22 their first child Michael James, 7 lbs. 5 oz. was born at St. Peter's Hospital. To Jim and Maria we extend a warm welcome and congratulations.

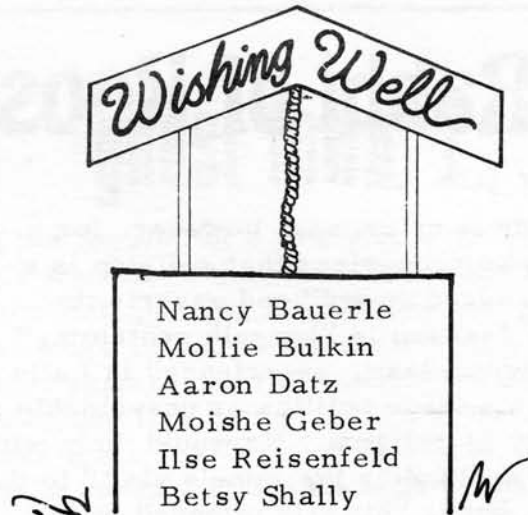


McCAUGHEYS HAVE DAUGHTER

Betsy and Rod McCaughey of 9 Homestead Lane are the proud parents of a baby girl. Kimberly Irwin McCaughey, 8 lbs. 6 oz. was born on Sept. 20 at Freehold Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. John Irwin of Kenilworth, N.J. and Mr. & Mrs. James McCaughey of Staten Island, New York.

LEPORES HAVE A SON

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lepore of 19 Lake Drive, are parents of a son, Christopher John. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 oz., at Princeton Medical Center on Aug. 27. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Julius Swierk and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lepore, all of Avenel.



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RUTH LOWENTHAL AT PARTY

On Sept. 28, Rae and Sam Goldner of Bronx, N.Y. were guests of honor at a 50th wedding anniversary at Dante's in Jackson Heights. Other guests included Mr. Goldner's sister, Ruth Lowenthal, of Rochdale Ave. and nephew, Carl Lowenthal of Long Island. Carl pleased the crowd with a drum solo.

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JACK GOLDSTEIN

Former Roosevelt resident Jack Goldstein, 75, died Oct. 7 in Miami Beach, Fla.

Mr. Goldstein was an early settler of the community and maintained the boiler at the now-defunct factory. He is survived by his wife Rose, two sons George of Ala. and Irwin of Fla; two granddaughters; a nephew Henry Goldstein and sister-in-law Mollie Bulkin both of Roosevelt.



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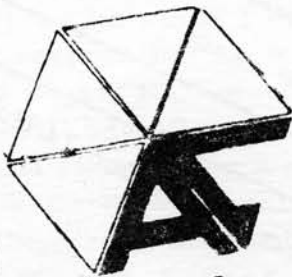
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Hey folks, please tell us— Happy Holidays or Bah, Humbug?

*Dear Readers,
We've got a small problem...*

We'd like your guidance, please. Two years ago, we printed a page of "Season's Greetings" to everybody from some townspeople and businesses. It was sort of a last minute idea, but we called as many folks as we could to solicit names (and donations) for the listing. It was, we thought, a way for people to send holiday best wishes to friends and neighbors without the bother and expense of dozens of greeting cards. Apparently lots of people agreed because lots signed up, and some people we hadn't got around to calling let us know later that they would have wanted to participate. So we concluded it was a good idea. Besides, nobody complained.

On the other hand, last year we didn't do it at all, and nobody seemed to miss the greeting page. This year, we're unsure whether to revive the idea. Some on the staff think we'd be performing a civic service (and raising a few bucks, too); others don't think so. So we decided to let the community tell us whether we would actually be fulfilling a need. Here's how you vote: Fill in this coupon and send it to Lynn Friedman. Along with it, we'd welcome a donation...George Washington on paper or Susan B. Anthony in the round would be about right. If we get enough responses, and no flood of objections, we'll be happy and will run the greeting page in the late-December issue. If otherwise, we'll return your donations. And if the issue remains unsettled, we'll have to wish you a very Happy Humbug... and there's already enough confusion around the holidays.

Thanks.

Dear Lynn,

Yes, here's another greeting to include... Make it read:

(The Jones Family; Ozzie and Harriet Jones; Donald Huey,
Dewey and Loui Jones, etc.

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