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School budget goes to council; cuts set

By Hortense Sochowitzky

The Board of Education and the Borough Council met jointly on April 4 on the proposed school budget that the public turned down, and five days later the council voted to reduce some items.

The state requires that a defeated budget be sent to the governing body of the school district. By law the council may cut, increase or certify the budget as originally put before the voters.

Council members Marilyn Magnes, Aaron Datz and Leslie Weiner were critical of the budget. Datz was troubled by increasing costs, in light of the decreasing number of students. Although "not averse to improving the quality of education," he said he is worried by the trend. He hoped the board could find a new way to handle school funds without sacrificing education.

Magnes and Weiner urged that an effort be made to find alternative ways to educate Roosevelt's children. Weiner suggested the board join with neighboring districts, "merging, amalgamating, renting, leasing..."

Lew Gantwerk, school principal, board president George Katz and board

member David Zaleski answered council questions on the budget. Katz was concerned that no council member had attended any of the several public budget planning meetings. He assured the

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Trash pickup May 19

On Monday, May 19, the borough's garbage contractors will collect large items that usually aren't picked up on regular runs.

Washers, dryers, water heaters, and other major appliance discards will be picked up along with large bundles. Remove doors from refrigerators as a safety measure. Bundle and tie tree clippings and limbs or place them in containers so they can be easily picked up. Nothing should be over four feet long.

Don't put discards out on the street earlier than three days before pick up.

If you have any questions, please call Borough Clerk, Elizabeth Johnson, at the Borough Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Ideas aired for retirement communities here

BY BOB CLARK

The Borough Planning Board's quiet routine, following its adoption of a master plan and zoning ordinance, was abruptly altered at the board's April 2 meeting. Builder William Philpot,

saying he wanted to test the board's "general feeling," described his idea for a 320-unit retirement community on a 48-acre tract on Route 571 between the service station and Nurko Road.

Eyes widening, board members

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Letter from the editor**Bulletin biases? What you say is what you get**

To the reader:

Just who does the Bulletin secretly support? When our staff meets to plan each issue, just what do we have in mind as our special interest? Can you read between our lines and spot hidden biases? Hey, kids how many pet peeves can you spot hidden in our pictures?

None, we hope.

No pet peeves, no hidden biases. When we plan each issue, our special interest is just being fair-minded. We don't support anyone, secretly or openly. We want to be responsible to every citizen of Roosevelt.

We are non-partisan. At least

Letter to the Bulletin**Esakoff's correction on presenting diplomas**

To the Bulletin:

On page 19 of the March issue of the Bulletin I was misquoted, and would like a correction printed. Regarding the issuing or giving of diplomas to the graduated, I said that all the parents of the graduates should have or get "nachas" from their children, and they should be allowed to give their children their diplomas. My only argument was that parents should let the board know in advance. This for the sake of a smooth graduation and to avoid embarrassment of parents who were not aware of their children's request to the principal.

In the same article, MR. Moser was not a board member-- Mrs. Moser was.

Sincerely,
Louis Esakoff

(We apologize for the errors.
--The Bulletin staff)

that's what we try to be. Though the Bulletin is the borough's only such publication we don't feel bound to turn out a Chamber of Commerce handout of sanitized news and relentless good cheer. Mentioning the "Roosevelt red" water that sometimes gushes out of your faucet doesn't mean we like it, and the potholes won't go away if we circum- spectly avoid mentioning them. The

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Letters

The Bulletin invites readers' letters, so long as they're not libelous, indecent or too long. One page (8-1/2 x 11) of typed, double-spaced copy is acceptable, more may be edited for length. Sends yours to Jim Dulicai, Box 115, Roosevelt, or leave it in the basket on the front door of 35 Pine Drive. It must arrive before the deadline (see the calendar in each month's issue).

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Board considers halting extracurricular activities

By Hortense Sochowitzky

At its regular meeting April 8 the Board of Education voted to have the Building and Grounds Committee check the legality of extracurricular use of the school building, and report at the next regular meeting.

Athletic activities, lectures, concerts, and even the board's own meetings may not be allowed in the school unless a building custodian with a "black seal" license can be present at those times.

Safety and the board's insurance coverage require that a black seal holder be on duty whenever people are within the building. Daniel Powell, regular school custodian, is present when school is in session, but not for evening and weekend activities. Should there be an accident involving the boiler at those times, and anyone be injured, the board's insurance may not apply.

The board passed, on first reading, a revision of the policy on evaluation of nontenured teachers, calling for a minimum of four written evaluations, Nov. 1, Jan. 15, March 15 and June 1, based on classroom observations. The detailed policy is on file in the school office, and is available to the public on request.

The school calendar for the remainder of the school year was altered to make June 13, at 12:30 the last day for students, and June 17 the last day for teachers. This decreases the number of staff days from 187 to 185, in line with the negotiated contract.

Also approved was a Kindergarten of 2 1/2 hours daily for 1980-1981. The following students were approved for graduation on Saturday, June 14: Bryan Counterman, Rachel DiTursi, Debra Friedman, Stacy Johnson, Courtney Loyer, James Millar, Mical Moser, Kevin O'Brien, Amanda Rose, Terri Sajgo, Andrew Schwinger, Mindy Shapiro, Valerie Skillman, David Terry, Yvonne Williams. The public is invited to a reception following the graduation.

The board voted a sum not to exceed \$700 for the eighth grade class trip to New York for a museum visit, dinner and

the theater. Fifteen graduates and five adults are included.

Approval was given to send one emotionally disturbed child to the Collier School, as recommended by the Child Study Team and the administrator. The child, recently transferred to R.P.S. from another district, had been attending the Collier School.

Contracts were offered to Louise Kelly, speech therapist, for 2/5 time at B.A. scale step 4, at \$4,785.20; to social worker Patricia Ball at 1/20 time B.A. 4, or \$598.15; school nurse Linda Meyer 1/5 time B.A. 2, or \$2,252.60.


It was announced that Dr. Stephen Koffler of the State Department of Education, and formerly of Roosevelt, will explain the state assessment testing program on April 22, from 8 to 10 p.m.

After a brief closed session to discuss re-employment of personnel the board reconvened and voted unanimously not to reappoint Sally Mesh, Joyce Rappeport and Ed Rockoff for the 1980-1981 school year.

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budget

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council that the board had made a thorough study of the possibilities of regionalization. Gantwerk explained that the financial feasibility of regionalizing is under study. Assessed real estate valuations in Roosevelt are lower than in neighboring towns, and that would make Roosevelt's contribution to a regionalized school district smaller. This would make Roosevelt unappealing to other districts.

Gantwerk explained the effect on the cap of using more money from free balance. This balance has been building up since the introduction of the state income tax, which resulted in larger amounts of state aid. The state had advised local boards not to spend their free balances.

Katz explained the plan to use this money for repairs and improvements to the building, as recommended after a thorough study of the needs by a group of architects.

Magnes questioned the amount budgeted for an industrial art and home economics program at Washington Township, and whether or not this is mandated by the state. Gantwerk explained it is not, but schools are urged to provide such classes. Three districts are included, reducing the cost to each.

Some council members objected to having contracts negotiated and signed before the budget was completed. Zaleski explained that state law provides that bargaining for teacher salaries must begin in October, and thus coincide with budget preparation. This isn't the case with administration salaries.

The council gave its answer at its regular meeting, April 9. It cut the transportation item \$8,640. to eliminate travel to the program in Washington Township. Tuition for that program was reduced by \$2,000., leaving \$4,345. for tuition, which Weiner said would be sufficient for a vocational program conducted in Roosevelt. In addition, \$40,000. was transferred from the free balance, to reduce the amount to be raised by local taxes.

Magnes, Weiner, Datz and Louis Esakoff voted for the changes. Council member Bill Counterman abstained, and

Jan Terry opposed any change.

Terry defended the vocational program on the basis that in addition to the training itself, it provides important interaction with children from other towns. Counterman approved the school board's retention of the free balance. He argued that capital improvements may prove necessary and might cost more than the remainder in free balance and capital accounts. Counterman said this could eventually raise taxes because of loss of future state aid.

Weiner asked if the board could not "talk Trenton out of" some expenses now required. Datz felt that the principal's and secretary's jobs could be partially combined, with the principal, who is prohibited by law from teaching, taking on some of the secretary's administrative work. Weiner felt the board should not use the surplus as a "nest egg". He urged that "the people should be the custodians of the surplus".

Bruce Lakin, from the public, supported the board's budget. He felt the council was "punishing the board for good fiscal management". George Loyer, also from the public, remarked that it would not reduce state equalization aid to use the balance for capital improvements. He reminded the council that some of the planned improvements, such as energy saving measures, would actually reduce future regular maintenance expenditures, and urged they not reduce the free balance.

The council met April 14 and explained its changes in the school budget. The legality of a partial change in the transportation item is in doubt, since the Commissioner of Education had granted a CAP waiver for transportation, and items granted a waiver may not be altered, according to Department of Education instructions.

If the Board of Education wishes not to accept the council's action, it must appeal to the State Department of Education, Bureau of Controversies and Disputes. Prior to a hearing on the appeal, the council and board will hold a conference under the auspices of the department in a last attempt to resolve differences. If this doesn't succeed, a hearing officer will conduct a formal hearing, and the commissioner will decide whether to accept the council changes.

retirement communities

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listened while Mayor Leon Barth, also a board member, told about hearing of another possibility -- this one a possible proposal by Paul Brottman for another retirement community on a 30-acre parcel across 571 and bordering Oscar Drive. Brottman hasn't offered any detailed plans.

For the first possibility, Philpot said that he envisioned cluster housing similar to Clearbrook and Rossmoor in Monroe Township. He proposed condominium housing clusters among open spaces, with the swimming pool, clubhouse and tennis courts. The minimum age for residents would be 55, and children wouldn't be allowed, Philpot said.

Asked by Board of Adjustment Chairman George Levinson why he lacked a detailed plan showing site development, financial backing and organization, Philpot responded that he was reluctant to invest such time and money if the town totally rejected the concept.

Philpot said he has financial backers and could provide for private roads and trash collection. He said he understood that a zoning change from the current agricultural designation would be necessary and that the water and sewer situation would have to be studied.

Board members listened attentively and told Philpot that they could not address the merits of the proposal until it became detailed and formal. Philpot first would have to seek a zoning change from the Borough Council. The Planning Board, by law, would have an opportunity to report its recommendations to the council concerning such rezoning.

In other action the board elected Ralph Seligman, who was absent, to another year as chairman, provided Seligman consents. Mel Freidman was elected vice chairman.

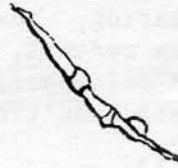
Mayor Barth was authorized to seek a clerk for the board so that written minutes, as required by law, could be made of the tape recorded meetings.

REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real Estate taxes are due May 1. In addition, for the 1979 tenant rebate, landlords should send the names of their tenants and the length of time the tenants have resided on the property to:

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Gypsy-moth spray plan loses council approval

BY BOB CLARK

Responding to petitions containing 91 signatures, the Borough Council, at its April 9 regular meeting, unanimously withdrew its approval of county spraying to control gypsy moths. The petitioners included 19 households in the path of a planned aerial application of the chemical sevin along a portion of Rochdale Avenue and 400 yards on either side.

Council member Aaron Datz said that gypsy moth spraying was "at best a controversial issue" whose benefits would not outweigh the outpouring of opposition by residents directly affected. Council member Louis Esakoff, who had earlier written a letter in support of the effectiveness and safety of such spraying, said the council should look for alternatives such as natural predators.

The State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) temporarily restored the town's only retail liquor distribution license to owners of the vacant store pending a hearing. The borough had denied license renewal, citing various health and maintenance violations. A hearing date hadn't been set at press time.

In response to an inquiry by Patrick McMorro, the new Borough Attorney, Congressman James Howard wrote a letter to the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) asking whether Roosevelt could qualify for a grant for its water plant and back-up well projects. The FHA has already approved a low-interest loan of up to \$500,000 for the work. The FHA wrote Howard that Roosevelt isn't "grant eligible" because of high income levels, and that a grant wouldn't be possible without congressional action. McMorro notified the council that Howard had promised to refer the matter to the appropriate congressional committee.

Meanwhile, Borough Engineer James DeMuro informed the council that water projects' design and data-collection phases should be finished by mid-May. Following federal review and council

Public Property Chairman Marilyn Magnes announced that Monday, May 19, will be a semi-annual clean-up day for

extra trash collection. The council passed unanimously her motion to expend \$2,850 from revenue-sharing funds to grade the Municipal Building parking lot and cover it with stone, to replace the building's boiler room door and sewer lines, and to install gutters on the borough garage.

Mayor Leon Barth appointed Recreation Chairman Jan Terry to the Park Commission. Terry, responding to a question from Peter Berlinrut, said that the council's budget may have enough money for new park furniture at the memorial. Terry said the furniture money could come in part from \$700 set aside for the PTA's summer program for school children. The PTA had informed the council that it won't seek those funds this year.

At the request of Edwin Moser, the council decided to have its attorney prepare to sell an 8 feet x 53 feet strip of land back to private owners. The land had been acquired by the Borough to allow access to the old borough hall.

At the agenda meeting Council members Marilyn Magnes and Leslie Weiner indicated that progress on the oral history of the town has stalled. Volunteers are needed to interview original settlers and others so that memories may be preserved for posterity.

Public Safety Chairman Bill Counterman told the Council he would ask for a legal opinion before reporting crime statistics requested by some council members. Counterman also said he would ask the County Health Officer to inquire about leaking tanks and drums near the trucks parked along North Valley Road near Oscar Drive. priority setting, the water work may be let for bids by the September 1, 1980, target date.

DeMuro also told the Council that he anticipates receiving a funding notice from the federal Environmental Protection Agency by May 3, regarding sewer plant improvements. 75 percent of the sewer plant project would be financed by federal grants. Borough Treasurer Howard Prezant advised the

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Senior housing members see architect's sketch

By Edwin Rosskam
Special Correspondent

At a meeting on March 20 in the Borough Hall, members of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation had their first look at a preliminary sketch of a housing unit based on their own responses to a detailed questionnaire submitted to them previously.

According to a tally read by Sang Lee, of the architectural firm of Kelbaugh and Lee, Roosevelt's seniors had rejected flat roofs, second stories, single-door refrigerators and steps anywhere, indoors or out. They had voted for masonry construction, partial solar heating, and parking facilities separate from the living area.

Douglas Kelbaugh, senior partner of the firm, showed and discussed a rough floor plan and answered questions. More definite plans cannot be drawn until negotiations for the site are completed.

The meeting approved a conditional sales contract drafted by Michael Ticktin, lawyer for the corporation, and ratified by the trustees earlier, for submission to Dr. Rebecca Notterman, the owner of the site.

The meeting also gave final approval to a set of bylaws based on a sample made available by the Farmers Home Administration and adjusted to local conditions.

Filling out census forms said to give trouble

By Helga Wisowaty

Some Roosevelt residents had trouble completing the census forms, members of the Senior Citizens said at their meeting April 3.

Rose Yudin reassured the 20 or so members attending that the government would send a census official to help if the forms aren't returned.

Members also talked about safety. Although measures to prevent accidents are of concern to all, they are particularly important to Senior Citizens. Statistics show that the bathtub is the source of most accidents. The use of bath mats and bars was suggested. Two members will check to see if a good rate might be available if enough senior citizens install them.

The group hopes to have a speaker from one of the banks in the area in the near future.

Esther Frucht and Paul Corman served food prepared for Passover. Everything was enjoyed by all and Leo Lebove made the afternoon even more enjoyable with his Mandolin playing.

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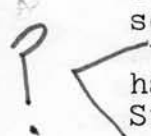
Roosevelt Deli opens at former Joe's Shop

After 1½ years without a food store, Roosevelt residents again have a place to buy milk, bread and other convenience foods--the Roosevelt Deli, which opened at the former Joe's Shop property April 25.

The proprietors are Peter and Carol Kossi, Dominic and Josephine Rosse and John and Joanne Fiore, all of Trenton. However, Fiore is the son of Frank and Rose Fiore of Roosevelt, and is himself a former Roosevelt resident.

In addition to milk and bread, the deli carries daily newspapers, ice cream, cigarettes, lottery tickets and bagels, as well as hot sandwiches and delicatessen meats. Fresh crabs, clams and vegetables will be sold in the summer. The deli will be open seven days a week.

Sale of the property was handled by Marilyn Ticktin of Sussman Realty.




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The annual Spring Plant sale for the benefit of the First Aid Squad, will be held at the store parking lot on Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Vegetables and garden flowers will be sold.

The following Saturday, May 10, the day before Mothers Day, hanging plants and baskets will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Advance orders may be placed by calling Ellie Bermowitz, 448-2856, or Clara Levinson, 448-3519.

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council to do as much water and sewer work as possible on a pay-as-you-go basis, using grants and operating surpluses, in order to avoid loan interest charges.

The Monmouth County Community Development Program reported that the county and federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved the incurring up to \$150,000 of expenses to be covered by grants for water and sewer line repairs in a target neighborhood of Roosevelt. The council unanimously passed a resolution asking that the method of reimbursement be changed. The current system requires the participating municipalities to spend local funds first and then to receive reimbursements. The resolution declared that this procedure would create a financial burden which could be eliminated by allowing contractors to bill HUD directly. The resolution was modeled after one circulated by Union Beach.

Administrative Committee Chairman Louis Esakoff said that a \$300 insurance bill, reflecting a surcharge for increased water usage, wasn't brought up by the Borough insurance agency during budget planning. He said that the agency "must be sensitive to the fact that we have a budget." At the agenda meeting on April 7, Esakoff and other council members said they may look for alternative insurance coverage.

The council adopted a resolution authorizing an increase in the amount of interest to be charged for tax delinquencies. Eight percent annual interest will be charged on the first \$1,500 and 18% on amounts over \$1,500.

JUDITH B. FARNELL WED

Judith B. Farnell of Roosevelt and James Sears of Princeton were married at the Hun School of Princeton on Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m. Federal District Judge Ann Thompson performed the ceremony. A reception for family and friends followed.

Ms. Farnell, nee Judith Binyon, a graduate of the University of Chicago and New York University School of Social Work, is employed by Jersey Shore Medical Center as Director of Outpatient Mental Services in the outreach facility in Freehold Area Hospital. She also has a private practice in Freehold.

Mr. Sears, formerly chairman of the history department of Peddie School in Hightstown, currently teaches at the Hun School, where he is also Director of Resident Activities. He is a graduate of Wabash College and the University of Wisconsin.

The couple will reside in Princeton.

Calling all thumbs

Once again the Bulletin is looking for volunteers. Maybe you don't feel you'd want to write, and maybe selling ads isn't for you. But we really could use a hand with paste-up -- making the typed words, headlines, ads, and art work come together. It's easy to learn, too. Call Andrea Lakin, 443-3463, for details.

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Gantwerk defends quality of R.P.S. education

Dear Friends,

In the wake of the recent budget defeat, a number of statements were made regarding the quality of education our children receive in the Roosevelt Public School. The implication was that they receive an inferior education. There were other charges made as well, but this one cannot be left unanswered and unrefuted.

In fact, there was never any explanation of that charge, no evidence provided to substantiate it, no substance to it. There really is no basis to the charge at all. Our children receive an education geared to their needs, and it is provided for them with a great deal of attention by concerned, sensitive teachers.

Fact: Most schools use a cutoff score of two to three years below grade level on a standardized achievement test

to select children for Title I (remedial help). We've used a cutoff score of three months below grade level. Conclusion: Most of our children score higher on these tests than children in other schools, and so we don't have as many children in such desperate need.

Fact: Six of our eighth graders have been taking a five-credit course this year at Hightstown High School, for which they will receive full credit. They are the only eighth graders taking such a program. Five of the six have never attended a school other than R.P.S. Conclusion: These

students have been provided with an education which enables them to compete with older, more mature, more advanced students and succeed. They are all earning grades of A.

Fact: In May 1979 we administered the Metropolitan Achievement Tests to all our students.

Grade when administered	Average grade equivalent reading	Average grade equivalent math
1.9	2.1	2.1
2.9	3.4	3.9
(3.9 and 4.9 not provided in printout)		
5.9	6.6	5.9
6.9	8.0	8.1
7.9	9.8	9.9

In all cases (except one where the score is at grade level) the average score for the entire grade was above grade level, based on national norms. Conclusion: Our children are learning their basic skills and are becoming competent learners.

Fact: Our third, fourth, and fifth graders participated in a study this year of the Lenni-Lenape Indians. By November they had taken four field trips which involved them in real activities to help them learn about another culture. They went canoeing,

built a long house, dug clay and explored the woods. Most schools provide one, or at most two field trips for a class. Often these are not in any curriculum context. Conclusion: This group of children experienced an in-depth investigation of a native American

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VOLUNTEERS**“Workhorse of Roosevelt:” PTA aids community**

By David Herrstrom

The Parent-Teacher Association is the work-horse of Roosevelt. Think of the biggest community undertakings and ask yourself-- who sponsors, plans, and brings them off? Answer: the parents of Roosevelt.

We haven't the typical P.T.A., narrowly focused on the school, but an organization of parents united to serve the school by serving the community. As the soon to be succeeded P.T.A. president, Elly Shapiro, says, its "main function isn't as fund-raiser for the school, but as an auxiliary." Its role is to help in any way and "to be there" if the school requests, but not to be "trapped" by school needs.

To be sure, raising funds by bake sales and other activities is an important P.T.A. function, and the school has benefitted from the P.T.A.'s members. Every eighth grader receives a gift from the P.T.A. at graduation, and without its efforts the school might not have audio equipment, carpeting, or stage curtains. This year, after soliciting suggestions from the administration for a school gift, the P.T.A. is donating \$800 towards the improvement of the playground. Though an annual gift has almost become a tradition, it is by no means an obligation.

The P.T.A.'s major fund-raiser, however, isn't solely for the school's benefit; the annual Art Fair provides sales opportunities for local artists and enjoyment for the whole community. This fair is such a large undertaking that plans begin over five months before the event, which eventually involves scores of people doing

everything from making flats to sleeping in the school building the night before the sale.

Profit realized from the Art Fair subsidizes the P.T.A.'s most important community project, the summer recreational program for the children of Roosevelt. This program offers arts and crafts, sports, and camping, which gives them an opportunity to build their own campsite and sleep out overnight. This year swimming and fishing will also be offered three times a week. To provide these activities, a professional staff must be hired and supplies purchased-- expenses that tuition alone couldn't meet, especially since no one is denied entrance because of lack of ability to pay. The P.T.A., consequently, makes up the difference.

Though the Summer Program is the major service to the community, there are many others. Who would want to see the traditional Fourth of July celebration die? Co-sponsored by the P.T.A. and the First-Aid Squad, this is a uniquely Roosevelt event, and it would be difficult for many to conceive of our town without the beer and tug-of-war, the hot-dogs and art raffle on Independence Day.

But good programs aren't enough. As with any volunteer organization, the P.T.A. continually needs new people. Sheila Jaeger, co-president with Lynn Frank of the newly nominated officers, worries that despite future plans, such as a dance and playground project, the organization is "running stale" without the infusion of new blood. Elly Shapiro asks only that you "test it" and see if you like it.

ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY & SCHOOL CALENDARMay 1980

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| 1 | Thursday, 9:00 a.m. | Kindergarten Roundup - R.P.S. |
| 3 | Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Flower Sale - Veg. & Garden
flowers - Store Parking Lot |
| 4 | Sunday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. | First Aid Breakfast - Borough
Hall |
| 5 | Monday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. | Last Day for Voter Registration-
Borough Hall
53 Lake Drive - Liz Johnson's
home
Deborah Meeting - Borough Hall |
| 6 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. | Fire Company Meeting - Borough
Hall
Borough <u>Bulletin</u> Copy Deadline
to Jim Dulicai |
| 7 | Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
7:15-8:30 p.m. | Sr. Citizens Meeting - Borough
Hall
Bookmobile - Store Parking Lot |
| 10 | Saturday, 9:00 a.m. | Flower Sale - Hanging Baskets -
Store Parking Lot |
| 11 | Sunday | Mother's Day |
| 12 | Monday, 8:00 p.m. | Council Agenda Meeting - Borough
Hall |
| 13 | Tuesday | <u>Bulletin</u> Late Copy to Jim Dulicai |
| 13 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. | School Board Meeting - R.P.S. |
| 14 | Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. | Council Meeting - Borough Hall |
| 19 | Monday
8:00 p.m. | Spring Garbage Clean-up Day
Planning Board Meeting - Borough
Hall |
| 20 | Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. | R.P.S. early closing |
| 21 | Wednesday, 7:15-8:30 p.m. | Bookmobile - Store Parking Lot |
| 26 | Monday | School Closed - Memorial Day |
| 27 | Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. | First Aid Meeting - Borough Hall |
| 28 | Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. | Borough <u>Bulletin</u> Meeting |

FOOD**Buy, buy birdie - a chicken-heartening alternative**

By Beth Johnson

We've all been there. In the meat department standing on one foot then the other trying to decide what to buy for dinner.

Lately chicken has been a really good buy--even better if you purchase several whole frying chickens at a time and cut them up at home. The time it takes is worth the money it saves. Freeze the necks and backs for soup, the wings for party nibbles, the legs and thighs for various recipes and bone the breasts for stuffing.

This chicken recipe is the result of my experimenting with wine cookery. It's elegant enough for a dinner party and inexpensive too.

Mushroom Stuffed Chicken Breasts Baked in Wine

8 chicken breasts, boned	2 cups flour
4 tbs. butter or margarine	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. garlic powder
1 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. onion powder
2 green onions, chopped or diced	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. seasoned pepper
2 cups milk	$\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. salt
2 eggs	butter for frying

Wash chicken and dry slightly. Open breasts and sprinkle lightly with salt. Melt 4 tbs. butter in medium frying pan. Saute mushrooms and green onions. Stuff breasts with the mixture and secure with toothpicks. In a bowl mix the dry ingredients. In another bowl beat the eggs and milk together. Dip the breasts in the flour, the milk-egg mixture and then the flour again. Fry the breasts, a few at a time, until brown. Add butter for frying as needed. When all the chicken is browned place in a large casserole. Pour wine gravy over all pieces and cover pan with aluminum foil. Seal tightly. Bake for 45 min. at 350°.

Wine Gravy

4 tbs. butter or margarine	3 cups chicken broth
4 tbs. flour	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup Sauterne wine
$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. tarragon	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup Rose wine
$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. crushed Rosemary	1 clove garlic, crushed
2 tbs. chopped fresh parsley	$\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. fresh ground black pepper
$\frac{1}{8}$ tsp. salt	

Melt 4 tbs. butter in frying pan in which chicken was browned. Remove from heat and stir in the 4 tbs. flour. Add the broth, wines, herbs and seasonings. Bring to a boil and simmer 5 minutes. Pour over chicken.

Send recipes for book!

The Roosevelt Borough Bulletin staff is preparing a cookbook of our readers' favorite recipes. Every recipe will be tested by our staff and published in a book to be sold at the annual Roosevelt Craft Fair in the fall. Send your favorite recipe, by July 31, to Beth Johnson, Pine Drive, Roosevelt. Tell us what you can about your recipe-- its origin (an anecdote or a cookbook reference), its use in your home (summer cookouts? Super Bowl Sunday snacks?), and its name. Don't forget to give your name and phone number, too.

Williams Family at 36 Pine

Freddie and Gloria Williams and their family moved from Lakewood, New Jersey to 36 Pine Drive in mid November. Gloria, who is a licensed practical nurse, works at nearby Meadow Lakes. Freddie works at Beecham Labs in Piscataway, New Jersey as a chemical operator. He is also a minister for the Church of God, and is district youth director for the Freehold area. The Williams have six children, Patty, 15, Yvonne, 14, Fredericka, 13, Fred, 12, Mark, 10, and Hettie, 9.



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Last year, many participated in the Holocaust Commemorative Program. This year, the Council of Jewish Organizations of the Windsors and Roosevelt will celebrate the existence of the state of Israel.

On Sunday, May 4, at 7:15 p.m. in Hightstown High School, the council will present I sang for Thee, My Country, based on the award-winning Israeli television series, Sharti Lach Artzi. The show presents in song and drama the story of the Jewish settling of Eretz Israel from 1890 to now.

Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and 50 cents for children. Please call 448-8930 or 448-6864.

TICKTIN DAUGHTER BORN APRIL 1

Michael, Marilyn, Joshua and Dara Ticktin of Farm Lane announce the birth of their new daughter and sister, Rachel Ellen, born on April 1 at Princeton Medical Center. Grandparents and great-grandmother are Max and Hilde Kamm and Lydia Jacobi of Tamara Drive. Rachel, who was born at 11:04 p.m., became the youngest Roosevelt resident counted in the 1980 census, making it by 56 minutes. Coincidentally, her great-grandmother, Mrs. Jacobi, at 96 is the oldest.

The New York Times is now available Monday through Friday through a student activity at Roosevelt Public School.

Those who wish to subscribe may do so on a weekly basis at \$1.25 per week. Orders placed in advance for multiple weeks are also acceptable. Single copies are not available. An order placed by Thursday will reserve your papers for the following week.

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NOTES AND PASSAGES

Hope, and anti-litter campaigns, spring eternal

By Freda Hepner

I know it's spring in Roosevelt when I feel it's time to remove the autumn leaf blanket from my budding bulbs. My friend and I walk toward the lake and notice how the parks people have trimmed the branches and prepared for the season.

I know it's spring when I begin to feel hopeful despite the fact that it is primary season and the candidates are so unsatisfactory. I definitely know it's spring in Roosevelt when people start talking about anti-litter campaigns. It's a comfort to know that, come what may, some discussions blossom as seasonally as my tulips.

Spring is a birthday for me. This year, I've noticed my mail has included a number of invitations and announcements of "mid-life crisis" courses, lectures, workshops, etc. I took a totally unscientific survey of when "mid-life" begins and concluded that it depends on the age of the one I asked. It is always "not for another 10 years."

But spring is the hopeful season, and I will not be discouraged, mid-life or not. For those who might be feeling low, I recommend reading Abraham H. Maslow's Toward a Psychology of Being. Unlike other Psychology books, this is fairly easy reading with a minimum of jargon. Maslow's work is about developing a strong sense of one's own unique ability and creativity. Most importantly, and contrary to our youth-oriented culture, Maslow stresses the fact that the "strong self" can continue to develop and grow all of one's life. It requires only the desire

and the willingness to exert the effort, to take the risks.

I have decided I will muddle along with what Victorians would call my "eccentricities," and not institutionalize my middle age into crisis.

For those who grew up in the '40s and '50s, and for some reason savor the current nostalgia for those times, popular among those who grew up in the '60s and '70s, may I recommend How To Eat Like A Child and Other Lessons In Not Being A Grown Up by Delia Ephron. The title is self-explanatory and the illustrations will please children of all ages.



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MINUTES AGO

CENTRAL JERSEY FARMERS CO-OP

(Courtesy of Jeanette Koffler and Esther Schneider)

Included in this photography are: Selma Josephson, Esther Schneider, Bertha Bogner, Jeanette Feldsher, Shirley Langer, Pauline Dubin, Gussie Mondlin, Harry Shapiro.

Can you help us with last month's Minutes Ago photo of the Russian Festival, summer 1939? Here are most of the names, with some you fill in:

Left to right, first row - Ida Harmon, Martin Becker, Helen Friedman, Lillian Gasher, Pearl Hecht, Ruth Cohen, Esther Cohen, Seymour Slovik, Rose Greenwald, Jeanette Feldsher, Lena Rockoff, Leah Dubin Drasin, Mildred Becker, Lea ____?__.

Second row - ____?__, ____?__, Sidney ____?__, Graham Nisnevitz, Percival Klatzkin, ____?__, Bernard Feld, Jack Rockoff, Mary Friedman, William Sachs, Elias Harmon, Pedro ____?__, Gus Alef.

Standing in rear - Lee (Las) Drasin, director.

Gantwerk

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Indian culture with major importance to their own state. The culminating activity by the children was an example of social studies being learned and taught at its best.

Fact: Our class size is small. Through sixth grade the average ratio is one teacher to 14 children. Our teachers know each child well and are able to provide learning materials, programs, and experiences for children that are tailored to their needs. One teacher hand writes each child's math lessons daily in a special book which each student keeps. **Conclusion:** No child can slip through unnoticed.

I don't claim that we don't have problems or that we don't face difficulties here at R.P.S. We are continually upgrading the curriculum, involving teachers in training programs, and working to improve what we do. Our children are learning; they are learning how to learn.

Finally, I would hope that our Board of Education and our staff can do a better job than General Motors. After three or four years both Cadillacs and Chevrolets wind up on the junk heap. They are designed for obsolescence. The work we do must last for a lifetime.

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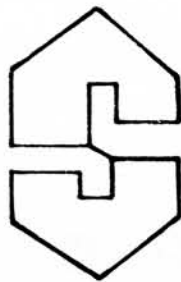
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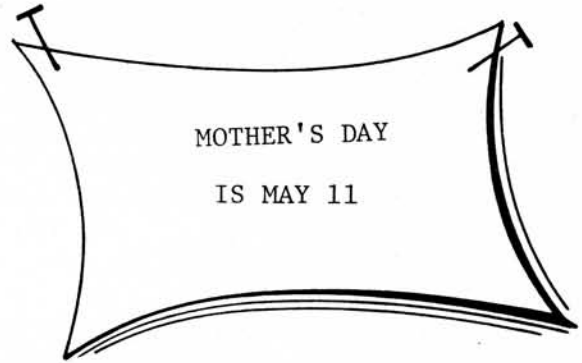
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The Bulletin is planning a supplement for its June issue of stories, plays and poems by Roosevelt high school and college students. If you would like to help with production or contribute work, contact Freda Hepner (448-4344) or David Herrstrom (443-4421).

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Bulletin biases?

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Bulletin is published by the P.T.A., but we aren't a mouth organ for the P.T.A., the school staff, the Board of Education, or anybody.

Rather, we are the mouth organ for everybody. Though we don't endorse candidates or issues, we do try to encourage debate and even-handed treatment of issues. Remember last year's debate-in-print between the two candidates for mayor? We tried to devise questions that would appeal to both men, and to make the questions neutral in tone. Then we flipped a coin to see which man would get to see the questions first--an advantage of only five minutes because that's all the time it took to deliver the questions to the second candidate. Both had the same space limitations and format.

Yet we heard through the grapevine that the Bulletin was promoting one man over the other. Interestingly, we heard from both sides that we favored the other. Hmmm.

But we never heard that directly, just second- or third-hand. Maybe we should be grateful for such gentle treatment from citizens with an imagined concern. Isn't it more considerate, after all, to spare the staff--neighbors and not necessarily professional journalists--the slings and arrows of outraged readers?

No. If you have a complaint, we want to hear about it. If you have a point of view that you think the Bulletin slights, let us know. Write us a letter (the box on this page tells how, and the calendar in each issue tells when you must have your copy in). But-tonhole our reporter at a meeting and state your position. Or join us and make your voice heard in the editorial meetings (the calendar tells where and when, if we know early enough). We are, quite literally, open to suggestions.

One thing, though: We have to insist on the final word on what is used, and how. We welcome letters, for example, but we reserve the right to edit them for length (avoid long-windedness and you avoid editing). We won't print personal attacks or anything else that might get us into a libel suit

(amateurs don't have libel insurance). We want to include your particular statement at public forums, but we'll extract the essence and not print a verbatim transcript (even homegrown publications have to weed and thin the crop). And we won't sell you ad space for controversial matters, otherwise we couldn't fairly impose these restrictions. Write us a letter instead and save your money. Make it in time for the deadline, please.

If we do err or overlook something, we can offer to print a correction or clarification if you think you've been wronged. Certainly we make mistakes, and you've already seen our corrections and explanations of how we didn't get the right headline on the right story.

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