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COUNCIL REPORT

Water Improvement Ordinance Adopted

By Dominic Vigiano

The regular meeting of the Roosevelt Council on Wednesday evening, March 13, 1985 with Mayor Freda Hepner presiding saw the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 118 providing for improvements to the water supply system. Council President Howard Chasan said the money would be used to rehabilitate broken and leaking fire hydrants and maintain the water plant. The water system on Brown Street will be cut off from the fields where there are suspected leaks. President Chasan also said the bond money would not be used to reactivate the flouride system. Other water/sewer matters included the hiring of a trainee-maintenance person, Mr. Olen Shiflett of Perrineville, for 25 hours per week at \$5.00 per hour; Congregation Anshei's request for exemption from water/sewer charges was denied; all new connections to the water/sewer lines will be charged a fee.

Deputy Borough Clerk Krystyna Bieracka read a letter from Mr. David Teich expressing concern for the safety of family and neighbors with raccoon hunters in the immediate vicinity of his home. Mr. Teich remarked upon the indifferent attitude of the

responding State Police. Mayor Hepner said she will contact the State Ranger about "posting" the state land and the State Police about their handling of the matter.

Councilperson Lee Selden reported sending a letter to the Monmouth County Highway Department requesting the passing zone on Route 571 between Clarksburg Road and Homestead Lane be changed to a no passing area because of the many children crossing to patronize the stores and post office.

Highlights of other business include the following: Patricia Antosky's resignation as Borough Clerk was accepted. The matter of an ineligible burial has been resolved and the remains of the deceased will be moved from the Roosevelt Cemetery.

At a special meeting of the Roosevelt Borough Council on March 4, 1985 a motion to introduce the 1985 budget was passed along with a motion to use the 1985 revenue sharing allotment for the improvement of roads. A hearing on the budget for the year 1985 will be held at 7:30 P.M. on April 10, 1985.

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Policy Statement

Because it believes it has a responsibility to the citizens of Roosevelt to help in crime deterrence, the Bulletin staff unanimously decided to publish names of persons convicted of crimes (or those who plead guilty), but to withhold names of persons charged or indicted.

POLICE BLOTTER

By Dominic Vigiano

On February 26 Cynthia Croyle of 136 Hanford Place, Trenton pled guilty to making annoying phone calls to at least one Roosevelt resident. She was fined \$25 plus \$10 court costs and \$25 to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board. On the same date David Snow of 50 Lake Drive, Roosevelt pled guilty to possession of controlled dangerous substances and was fined \$300 plus \$25 costs and \$25 to the VCCB.

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Budget Highlights

The following are a number of the items listed in the current municipal budget (1984 figures in parenthesis).

Administrative and Executive	21,153	(20,415)
Financial Administration	8,335	(8060)
Tax Assessment and Collection	9,319	(10,339)
Legal Services and municipal Court	7,000	(7,200)
Engineering	1,500	(500)
Public Building and Grounds	18,200	(12,250)
Planning Board	1,900	(1,275)
Zoning Board	700	(630)
Insurance	16,500	(16,000)
Cemetery	200	(300)
Fire	5,000	(5,000)
Police	3,300	(10,000)
First Aid	4,000	(3,675)
Building Inspector	2,000	(1,696)
Sanitation	23,477	(22,500)
Road Repair and Maintenance	15,600	(11,464)
Snow Removal	3,700	(2,900)
Street Lighting	----	(8,500)
Dog Regulation	200	(500)
Parks and Playgrounds	3,250	(2,500)
Senior Citizen Transportation	700	(700)
Public Library	325	(450)
 Total General Appropriations	 245,891.65	 (231,726.40)



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COUNCILPERSON'S COLUMN

A Message And Request From One Of Your Councilpersons

By Bernard Leefer

My name is Bernard Leefer, and I've been one of your Councilmen for about the last one and one-half years.

I don't know most of you, and I'm sure most of you don't know me. Most residents probably don't know how the Roosevelt government works. You may not even be interested, for many good and understandable reasons, but its decisions can and do affect you in many ways, including the quality of your life here. From a financial viewpoint, the size of your taxes is also affected, as well as other charges coming within the jurisdiction of the Borough.

In my relatively short tenure on the Council, I have participated in and observed a number of its actions, methods, and convictions. Of course, they vary somewhat from time to time and person to person, but general patterns emerge. One element, in particular, has been bothering me increasingly, and that is the method of citizen representation. So far as I can see, there is none of any consequence. The governing body is composed principally of middle-aged and older long-time residents, plus some younger activists. They know mainly each other, their contemporaries or people with common interests and tastes.

The population of Roosevelt is about 850, 2/3 of whom are probably adults. It appears that a large majority of these citizens are not involved in the affairs of the town. The effect of their preferences not being

heard, of legislation passed by the Mayor and Council without their knowledge or approval or regard for this large group seems to me undemocratic, unrealistic and improper. No effective attempt to determine the general opinion is made, so the laws reflect the individual opinions of the legislators.

Therefore, I am taking this means of attempting to determine what the majority of the citizens prefer in their town. If it works, I'll try to continue and expand it to make it more representative of the residents' wishes as a whole, and more effective as a truly democratic tool.

You should be aware of the following:

1. Currently the Borough government is seriously considering restricting the type of construction and modification of the houses (see the last Roosevelt Bulletin of February 1985, front page) making Roosevelt an "Historic District".

Note that no consideration is given to cost. My experience (I am a registered professional engineer; have lived in many areas and have traveled extensively) has been that, while such construction may be adequate, its cost is far greater than conventional construction. Under this ordinance you would be prohibited from adding a peaked roof, or coloring your house other than white. You would be required to install only double-hung windows to conform with those already in place (ours are an odd size by today's standards), etc.

2. A fence ordinance has been passed restricting fences to certain types. The Borough government is generally opposed to fences, with possible excep-

tion of living fences such as hedges, evergreens, etc. Metal and most wooden fences are prohibited. Strict height limitations are imposed.

I believe that government should limit itself, by and large, to services, safety and public welfare. Dictating matters of personal taste or aesthetics should be out of its purview. I would like to know how many citizens share this belief.

3. Many ordinances are not enforced at all, or in a spotty fashion, implying discrimination in enforcement.

It costs, on the average, about \$300 of our tax money to make an ordinance, not counting the Mayor's and Council's, and Boro Clerk's time and materials. It includes publication in newspapers, review by a lawyer, and a few more minor items. If an ordinance is not to be enforced or is not enforceable, why waste the time and money? And do you approve of discrimination in enforcement? I don't.

4. Past and contemplated actions concern themselves with financially assisting a certain group or groups. These groups consist of persons or families earning very adequate incomes, and having unique characteristics. In other words, well-off people are being helped with our tax money, but large numbers of Borough citizens cannot participate.

Do you agree with me that Borough assistance should be limited to those cases where the beneficiaries are the poor, the disadvantaged, and the aged; or are available to the entire population?

These are only a few of the cases now at or near a decision point that involve fairness, use of public tax money and freedom to utilize one's own property

as one wishes, provided it does no harm to others.

In order to reach and hear from the majority of residents, I am trying this method of determining their desires and opinions, using a simple questionnaire, supported by an explanation.

Remember, these ordinances can cost you money in substantial amounts, and restrict the way in which you use your property, just because someone, or some small group, happens to like things a certain way and has different tastes from yours. Make yourselves heard.

Here's the Questionnaire:

1. Should matters of aesthetics or taste be controlled by the Borough? (Type of house construction or improvement, type of fences, antennas, etc.)
 Yes No.

2. Should matters of safety be controlled by the Borough? Yes No.

3. Should ordinances be enforced? Yes No

4. Should the ordinances and regulations be enforced equally with respect to all citizens and properties? Yes NO

5. Should the Borough financially support or subsidize, with your tax money, matters of benefit mostly to groups or persons of adequate income and unique eligibility? Yes No

PLEASE RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO ME AT MY HOME AT 12

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BOROUGH HALL.

Please identify yourself. I will protect your anonymity if you request it. This is necessary to prevent duplicate responses.



School Budget Notes

The following are some details of the proposed school budget:

906,694.81	Grand Total
79,424.00	Administration
36,570.00	Principal's Salary
60,060.00	Other Adm. Salaries
8,574.00	Contracted Services
268,558.21	Instruction
176,915.90	Teacher Salaries
35,159.51	Special Ed. Salaries
42,590.00	Transportation
50,358.00	Operation Plant
24,645.00	Maintenance Plant
298,277.00	Retirement, pension,
	insurance, etc.
9,091.00	Food Service
780,904.00	Student Activity
21,300	New Items—mostly Special Education

Roosevelt Nuclear Disarmament Committee Takes Action

To try to get Representative Chris Smith to vote against funding production of MX missiles, each of which carry 10 nuclear warhead missiles, the Roosevelt Nuclear Disarmament Committee activated its phone tree. People were called to write to Smith to oppose it. The committee invites anyone who wants to be on the phone tree list, to call Adeline Weiner 448-2358.

The candlelight Vigil at the gates of Earle Naval Weapons Station in Leonardo on March 1 from 8 to 9 pm was a "great evening," reported Herb Johnson. The 23 people there represented all ages; two families included children over 8 years old. Anyone who wants to go Friday, April 5, is urged to call Johnson at 443-1947.

Those who want to join the group going to hear the Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem" at Carnegie Hall on Sunday May 12, in which our fellow townsman David Arnold will be a soloist, are requested to call Fran Landau at 448-2722. Bill Knight has arranged that the tickets benefit the Nuclear Disarmament Committee as well as those who go to enjoy the concert.

A. Weiner per Herb Johnson

IN MEMORIAM

Edwin Rosskam

By George Levinson

The following are excerpts from the eulogy for Edwin Rosskam given at his graveside in Roosevelt on February 27, 1985:

Edwin lived for 4-score years and for most of those years he led a life that was exciting, productive and rewarding.

He was born in Munich, Germany in 1903 of a German mother and an American father.

Edwin arrived in the United States as a 16-year old. He received a liberal education in the Quaker tradition at Haverford College and from there went on to study painting at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

Later he was an expatriate in Paris. Then he followed the path of Gauguin to Tahiti and the South Seas where he began to hone his skills as a writer and photographer, and even found time to invent an improved oar for steering the native fishing canoes.

His first two books—documentaries about Washington and San Francisco—combined texts and photographs in an original way and were published in 1939. During that year he became the photo editor of the Farm Security Administration historical file that documented the Great Depression. Edwin became part of what is generally acknowledged to be the most remarkable project in documentary photography this country has known. Russell Lee, John Vachon, Arthur Rothstein,

Ben Shahn, John Collier, Sol Libsohn, were a few of the superb photographers with whom he worked.

In 1943 he left the F.S.A. and spent the next two years on assignments for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey which took him and Louise around the country. These ended with the publication of "Towboat River", a wonderful blending by Edwin and Louise of text, photographs and interviews with people on the path of the Mississippi River.

Following this activity he headed a rural education program for the Government of Puerto Rico where he became the trusted advisor and confidante of the Governor, Munoz Marin. After eight years in Puerto Rico, Edwin and Louise returned to the United States, and came to live in Roosevelt.

The year 1946 saw the publication of "The Alien", a critically acclaimed book which was actually Edwin's first novel, and which dealt with his experiences in Puerto Rico. This novel was followed some years later by "Roosevelt—Big Dreams in a Small Town and What Time Did to Them!".

Edwin then turned toward doing an autobiography—not in words, but rather in painting. Taking up the brush after long years of writing and photography and with total visual recall, he created a series of paintings which line the walls of his home and which serve to remind us of the talent of this Renaissance Man—the painter, the writer, the photographer as artist, who, incidentally, spoke four lang-

uages without an accent in any of them.

Edwin cared about people, and the details of their daily lives were of interest to him. One of the reasons for his success as a writer was that he was a good listener. He was modest about his accomplishments and preferred to hear about you than to talk about himself. Fortunately for us his work is there to speak for itself.

Oscar Wilde said that "the true perfection of man lies not in what man has, but in what man is". Edwin was indifferent to possessions; he had little of and cared less about material things. What he cared about most was the human condition, and he had the satisfaction of knowing he did his share in improving that condition.

Edwin cared passionately about the fate of this earth and whether our children would survive the nuclear cloud which hangs over their heads. His friends pledge to do all in their power to avoid that holocaust.

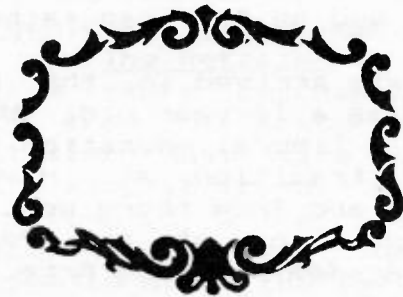
Editors' Note

Over the years of the life of this paper, Edwin contributed several articles, notably a two-part study of the Roosevelt Solar Village. He served one 3 year term as a member of the Roosevelt Board of Education. One of our staff remembers his telling her with great joy of his youthful experiences as a racing driver in France. He was indeed a man of "many parts". He is survived by his wife Louise, two

daughters; Ani Rosskam Leech of Roosevelt, Susan Marchon of Virginia, and two grandchildren.

Our thanks to all of our friends in Roosevelt who expressed in so many ways their warmth and sympathy at the time of Edwin's death.

The Rosskams



Attention

All Roosevelt Senior Citizens

and

Low Income Families

Surplus cheese will be distributed Tuesday, April 2nd at the Solar Village Clubroom. 10 am to 12 noon.

Jeanette Koffler
Municipal Coordinator
Office of the Aging

Lillian Irwin

Lillian Irwin was so much the teacher that when I wanted to use the word "quintessential" to describe her professionally, I had to go to the dictionary to find the meaning of the word. Do you know that this word refers to the "fifth essence" or the ultimate, the four essences being air, fire, earth, and water? Quintessential, therefore, is, indeed, a compliment and, yes, Lillian Irwin was the quintessential teacher.

She taught at the Roosevelt Public School from the early 1940s through to 1975 with some time out to have her child and rear him. Her leave-taking marked the end of an era.

School became governed by the kids; adults (thinking ones or otherwise) were cowed; they excused rude behavior, little pressure was put on the students to work to his/her capabilities, our students had little respect for (no, nor fear of) authority, they had little respect for education and not too much love for our town. The students in Lillian Irwin's time were the opposite (and this can be evidenced by the large percentage of people who went on to college and were graduated).

My family's history shows three kids, each six years apart from one another, each having learning abilities as well as disabilities that vary one from the other but all of whom knew Mrs. Irwin's subjects well. One of our kids, having had her for some English as well, is one of the few people who can tell you why "between you and I" is an incorrect statement phrase. Whatever Lillian Irwin taught, one learned.

She made her students dance--she made them sing in

MATH--she made them draw for open school week and had the only room where parents participated in a learning experience by playing math games--she enlightened you on who your kid was in areas that you did not know about (or that you wished to look away from) and worked with the student who needed help by arriving early in the morning for tutoring.

Her tenure covered about 25 years teaching, mainly, Math; touching the lives of almost 1000 Roosevelt offspring, often having taught the parent and then (still there) teaching his/her child. This, for a (paid) employee in Roosevelt, UNIQUE.

There is an irony: (dear) RPS is now having a slow turn-around with thanks to the efforts of Dr. Sussman, a man who did not have the privilege of working with Lillian Irwin. However, should the turn-around become full circle, with learning being its main theme, that could be a just memorial for Lillian Irwin, a quintessential teacher.

Respectfully submitted
Frieda Anish

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Lillian Irwin 2

By Nancy Warnick

Hurrah for Mrs. Anish: "Anyone?" she asked. "Out there" are indeed "1000" lives whose hearts surely must warm with the mere mention of Mrs. Irwin, a monumental example of not only a teacher but a human being.

I too was absolutely surprised and ashamed that such a small tribute was given to a woman who gave so much. Some proper tribute should have been given by at least one of her students whose life she influenced. We should all be ashamed. Yes, it was an insult, Mrs. Anish, yet I wondered if my astonishment meant that I was too emotional; and, too, I could have submitted something myself.


Her name Lillian Irwin (I dare use her first) is synonymous with the word teacher. All that was thought to be admirable and good in a teacher, she was. How many years was she employed at Roosevelt Public School? I don't know; however, even before I became her student, she was a celebrity of our town. Ask her alumnae what comes to mind at the mention of R.P.S., they'll say, "Mrs. Irwin." Ask them what comes to mind at the mention of the word teacher, they'll say "Mrs. Irwin." Ask them, if they had older siblings as I did, what were the first three names they learned to say, they'll answer, "Mommy, Daddy, and Mrs. Irwin." I bet my life on it.

With her death came a reminder that many beautiful days have become memories I surely treasure. I held emotions of fear, total respect and love for a woman who loved and respected

each of her students. Never stopping to teach, even though the bell had rung, she always made time to help, for a few even after entering high school. We were a reflection of herself, her pride and her joy, and that showed in our success in Hightstown, especially in Math.

She did make us work but she also made us laugh. They were happy times, now sad to reflect upon since they no longer can be had, as so is the life of a great, great lady.

May I add that I don't believe any implication of insult has ever been put upon the Borough Bulletin for the original notice of her death. So much population turnover has taken place the last several years that others must surely realize that many who work so hard on our paper did not have the good fortune of knowing Mrs. Irwin. I'm grateful I did.



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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

By Herbert Johnson

The Roosevelt Board of Education requested \$33,048 per month through June from the Borough Clerk out of school taxes collected. That is one-twelfth of the amount Roosevelt voters approved last April. This April 2, voters will face the question of approving a current expense budget of \$906,964 which is greater than last year's by \$48,000, and a local tax levy which is \$16,083 less than last year's \$380,495. The surprising reduction in taxes is planned because the New Jersey "equalization aid" is expected to be \$47,000 more for the '85-86' year. Federal Aid will be down \$900, but increases of \$6,500 and \$12,200 are expected in State Transportation Aid and Tuition for students not residing in Roosevelt, respectively.

In the voting booth on April 2 from 5 P.M. to 9 P.M. at the school, Roosevelt's voters will also be asked to approve the transfer of \$36,000 from the "current expense free balance" to the "capital outlay" account to improve the school gymnasium, and to vote for four persons to be elected to the Board of Education. Petitions to be on the ballot were sent in by only the three people whose terms will end in April, so a write-in candidate is needed.

The board had asked the school administrators on February 7 to put up a notice of the need for candidates in the post office. The deadline for filing petitions was February 21. During the Visitors' Requests portion of the board meeting on February 21, I pointed out that the notice was not posted. I requested that in future Decembers the board notify

the Bulletin so that it can publicize the need, the opportunity and the deadline date.

The principal explained to the board that it is impossible for him to comply with New Jersey's new "Right to Know" law. The names of materials in the products used in school are not sent to the school.

In a very extensive grade by grade report, the principal defined the objectives of, and progress in, the Language Arts Program. All grades have problems with mechanical skills of spelling, punctuation or grammar. Beyond that, only the second grade and the sixth through eighth grade students have problems. Two of the problems were: using the dictionary (second grade), and seeing the relation of cause and effect (sixth grade). The board asked Dr. Sussman if he recommended changing the curriculum on the basis of his study. He replied that revisions were not needed; the students would benefit most by the staff continuing to focus on the problems.

In another report, Dr. Sussman reviewed the work of the Child Study Team, which consists of Ann Hogue three days a week and Joanna Cohen three half days a week. He described their use of their talents to get teachers to implement greater individualization of teaching.

Outstanding progress has been made with the eight students who have special problems with reading, language arts, and arithmetic. Teachers Roberta Hoffman and Judy Krause have helped the students gain an average of one and a half years in their ability at Informal Independent Reading in only five months, as well as other gains.

Dr. Sussman showed the board

a highly praised "TV Special" prepared by Roosevelt's third grade students. "Building a New Community" portrays the decision-making a family gets involved in related to designing and building a home, and how a community is involved in providing streets, utilities and many services. About ten carefully drawn and colored depictions two feet wide were connected and rolled through a TV-like box while a recording of ten third graders' explanations was played. Board members expressed admiration and had Dr. Keller compose a letter of praise to send to the students and their teacher.

Board members reported their responses to a "Board of Education Self-Evaluation" survey. There were three matters that at least one board member rated "occasionally unsatisfactory": Matters not related to policy-making are referred to the administration for handling...The committees' charges and areas of responsibilities are clearly understood by all board members...Requests for information on agenda items are channeled through the board president, chief school administrator, or board secretary. Everyone gave high ratings on the other 33 questions, one of which was, "The opinions of the community are highly regarded by the board members".

June Counterman requested permission to pick up a key to the school on Friday and return it Monday morning. She volunteers her time to conduct Teen Dances on Saturday evenings and then feels uncomfortable about returning the key to a board member late Saturday or early Sunday. The board decided it must adhere to its present policy.

A three page letter from the

Attorney General of New Jersey, about how to prevent and how to deal with the problem of missing children, was shown and discussed. The board asked Dr. Sussman to get enough copies to send home to the parents of our school children.

Ms. King was mailed information on how schools could help in Project WILD, which encourages children to become wild animal hunters. The board was opposed to it.

Margaret Katz reported that high school students are going to be grouped differently next year: 350 ninth through twelfth graders majoring in the humanities or science tech shall be in a "house" assigned to Dean Shally; all others shall be assigned to a different "house" and dean according to which grade they are in: 383 ninth graders to Dean Carr, 373 sophomores to Dean O'Donnell, 353 juniors to Dean Beaulieu, and 311 seniors to Dean Nelson. That adds up to 1,770 students in the Hightstown High School that our 47 Roosevelt students will be with next year, for which our school board pays tuition of \$3,800 each.

Five of our students were congratulated for being in the high school play "My Fair Lady" this month: David Ashkinazy, Richard Francis, Debbie Nahmias, Erik Shapiro, and Lisa Soden. Five were commended for being in the prize-winning band and chorus which is going to England on March 30 to be in the Harrogate Music Festival: Joshua Brahinsky, Donna Ernstein, Mark Katz, Tena Scalph, Erik Shapiro. Many more Roosevelt people besides parents feel good about our students applying themselves seriously to developing their talents.

The Roosevelt Board of Education took action to offer tenure

to Dr. Stanley Sussman as Principal and Chief School Administrator.

Citizens' party at Convention Hall in Asbury Park on Wednesday, March 20 from 11-3:00 pm. Lunch will be \$1.00.

A trip to Hershey Pa. will include lunch, admission to Hershey Gardens and the chocolate factory. The charge will be approximately \$10.50 per person.

A letter has been sent to Monmouth County "Scat" requesting a bus for "Seniors" for Thursday afternoon shopping.

Our hostess was Jeannette Koffler. Last month I left out Essie Oberlander's name. She and Freda Rockoff co-hosted in February. Next month our meeting will be at the Borough Hall.

In response to Frieda Anish's feeling about being insulted because of the lack of tribute to Lillian Irwin--I wasn't insulted but disappointed as, like Frieda, my children and many before and after them, had one of the best teachers a parent or child could ask for.

Senior Citizen's Meeting-March 7, 1985

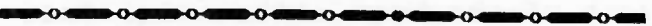
By Helga Wisowaty

Jeannette Koffler distributed copies to every member present at this meeting with information pertaining to Senior Citizens. A list of the doctors who accept Medicare payments will be posted at the Solar Village and the Borough Hall. Idela Golden of the Office Of Aging in Freehold attended this meeting. She impressed upon us the importance of writing to our Senators and Congressmen to make them aware of our opinions about changes in Social Security and Medicare. She also informed us about a job placement and training program for qualified Senior Citizens. This would be a 30 hour a week job paying \$4.63 an hour or \$4800.00 a year.

We hope to have John Maguire, who is with the "Retired Seniors Volunteer Program", speak to us at the April or May meeting.

In March, there will be a trip to Monmouth Mall and to the temple in Tinton Falls (20 to 25 people can be accommodated.) Refreshments will be served at the temple. The bus will leave the Post Office at 8:45 am.

There will also be a Senior



Blood Drive

On Feb. 11 the Annual Blood Drive sponsored by the Roosevelt First Aid Squad drew a response from 40 residents of the community. Thirty-one units of blood were donated to the Central Jersey Blood Bank thus making each resident of our community eligible for free blood this year. Nine offers to donate were deferred.

If you are in need of this service, please contact June Counterman, chairperson.

NEIGHBORS

FUTURE SHOCK on Route 571

Once upon a time a high-tech company named PA Consulting Services, Inc. had a house on Alexander Rd. in Princeton. Wanting very much to sell their super know-how to ever more customers, they decided to build new headquarters on the Princeton Hightstown Rd. right near McGraw Hill. They chose a daring new building design by the British architect Richard Rogers, creator of the stunning and original Pompidou Center in Paris. The local architect in charge was the Princeton firm of Kelbaugh and Lee, the same company that designed and built Roosevelt's Solar Village.

"We wanted the building to be symbolic of what we do, technologically," said attractive Public Relations Manager, Linda Troeller, presenting us with lots of attractive reading matter. We learned, for instance that the PA Building, officially opened November 1984, is the first occupant of the huge million sq. foot Office Park called Windsor Center, which is owned by Metropolitan Life and Oxbridge Associates, with Helmsley-Spear, leasing agent.

The innovative structures include a suspended light-weight roof, hung from a central spine supported by a series of steel masts 45 feet high. Usually much of the inside of a building is sacrificed to interior load-bearing walls and service supports. But here, as in the Paris building, all utilities, plumbing and ventilation ducts are externally visible, bedded on the roof and upheld by cables from the same towering masts. The visual impact is of a color-

ful majestic ship sailing through the fields bearing a silver locomotive on deck.

Another novel feature, I'm told, is the translucent glass-fiber material of the exterior walls that admits diffused light in the daytime and emits a soft glow at night.

The audacious color effects, seen from within as well, serve as a system of color-coding. Silver means mechanics and heating; green, fire sprinklers; orange, electrical, and so on. Telephone and electric lines, by the way, are contained in carpet tiles and underfloor ducts or distributed overhead on ladder-racks. Ninety-five percent of interior space is available for use and is partitioned into reshapable areas with installed ceilings of normal height, also movable. The dominant interior color is grey, a quiet, cool, conservative grey, effectively neutralizing any hint of madcap non-conformity that might detract from a proper corporate image. Down the middle of the vast and flexible space lies the interior central spine, a sky-lit area that houses reception, telex, Xerox, library, kitchen and lunchroom services. Flanking either side are 75ft. wide work spaces that contain labs and workrooms. Visitors are not permitted beyond the reception desk since clients' technological secrets must be fully secured. In the same vein, the glass partitions that form offices and conference rooms anterior to the restricted areas, may be curtailed by drawn blinds in case a client wishes not to be seen seeking consultation.

Furnishings are correct and

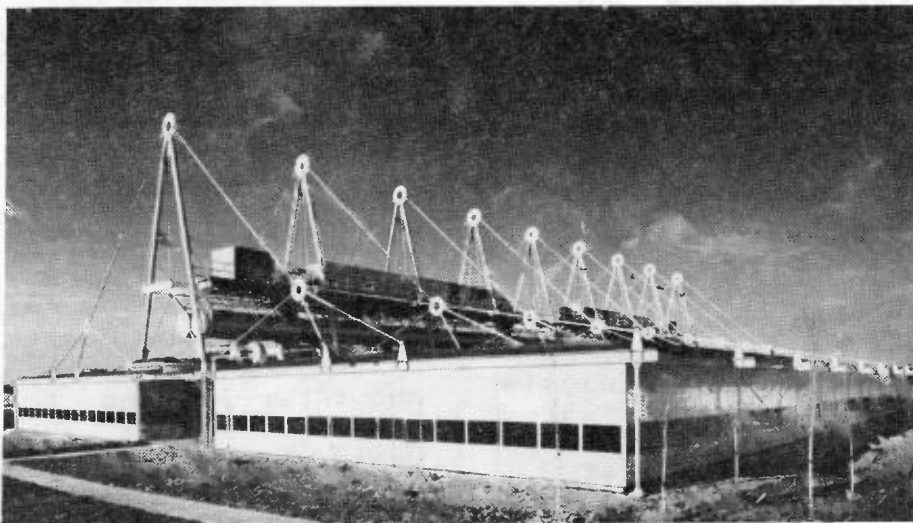
tasteful, ultra-modern and ultra comfortable, with telephones, video and AV facilities in meeting rooms of varying sizes. The labs are reportedly state-of-the-art equipped and are arranged to be part of an "extendable village of laboratories", wrote Richard Rogers. All told, construction costs are estimated at \$110.00 per sq. foot.

So what happens in this futuristic never-never land? This is a place where high-powered specialists put their heads together to assist any businessman who has the imagination to hire them, to find new-fangled ways to solve problems, make lots of money and live happily ever after. Do you need marketing research or concept development for a new idea, product and process development for an old idea, or computer and telecommunication systems in force? You may be in manufacturing, in banking and insurance, in oil and gas mining or in health care and biotechnology. A team of experts, each with a different specialty will hold consultation with you, draw up a written proposal and go to work to put you in the success column. The name of the game is "Time Equals Money" and everyone

plays. "Each PA professional acts as a salesman," says Ms Troeller. And apparently these scientist-entrepreneurs work very hard: a 60 to 70 hour week is not uncommon.

The open-spaced freedom of communication implicit in the original design has resulted in, at the very least, eliminating wasteful activity such as memo-writing; but personal interaction among staff members is limited to efficiency-intensive meetings, even unto timed one-minute conferences sometimes called by company president Anthony Warren. According to Ms Troeller, chit-chat and social coffee-drinking is kept to a minimum. Some of the younger wizards may be seen in bluejeans and plaid shirts on days that clients are not expected but otherwise a dress code is duly observed.

Now, the people who drive by or live near this remarkable edifice, the first of its kind in North America, have conflicting views about their celebrated neighbor. Some call it an architectural felony; some just call it weird. Still others see the



PA Technology Laboratory and Corporate Facility, near Princeton, New Jersey

Photo: Otto Baitz

building as a welcome break in the unrelieved drabness of the miles of office parks that surround us.

One person I know takes sheer delight in the first glimpse of the bright orange topmasts spied through green pine trees down along the road. She chuckles at the fun of a building that's turned inside out. Of course it's not like the wonderful "Beaubourg" in Paris that succeeds in transforming the joy and zaniness of the exterior into the lighthearted hospitality of the museum within. But then hard-headed technocratic corporations have different requirements and must needs give out different messages.

One moral of our tale is to remember that the ugly duckling was rejected because he was unlike the others, his baby-swan beauty overlooked because of his oddity. But perhaps there's another point here: aside from considerations of modernist architecture, we in Roosevelt have a keen if pensive interest in the expansion of high-tech industry radiating out of the Princeton area in wider and wider circles. How about, as we drive by the PA Building, offering up a small prayer to our own fairy godmother: please to send out a nice little spin-off--a clean, profitable, non-polluting ratable that wants a home in our town?

By Adeline Weiner

Paste-up and layout can be a great pain in the neck, especially if you suffer with cervical arthritis. The Borough Bulletin is in need of an architect's table with a tilting top to make this job easier. Do you have one to donate or lend us? If so Call Elly Shapiro at 443-3575 after 5 P.M.

Rallies For Less Intervention In Central America

The Roosevelt contingent of the Princeton Fellowship of Reconciliation announced that two rallies for changing U.S. policy toward Central America are being held this month. The first is on Saturday, March 30 at Palmer Square, Princeton, at 10 am. The other is on Saturday, April 20 in Washington, D.C.

The rallies to demonstrate concerns and appeal for changes will focus on three issues: oppose U.S. aid to the "Contras" who are fighting to overthrow the Nicaraguan Government: oppose U.S. military aid to the Government of El Salvador: oppose U.S. immigration officials' strong-arm tactics toward the "Sanctuary" movement that aids refugees from El Salvador and Guatemala.

Anyone who wants information about car-pooling to either of these rallies is asked to call David Keller at 448-2687 or 443-1947..

FIRE COMPANY NEWS

By Steve Yeger

Since the last article, there have been three incidents in town. On Jan. 13 at 9:00 a.m. a call came in for a smoke condition on Pine Drive. Upon investigation there seemed to be the possibility of an electrical problem with an appliance. Fortunately, there were no signs of fire or the potential for a fire. Tuesday, February 5 at 8:00 P.M. the siren went off for an "unknown condition" at the school. After a very careful inspection of the grounds, it was deemed safe to assume there was no "condition", however the call itself was suspicious. On Saturday night, Feb. 9 at 10:30 P.M. the fire company was called out to the tire playground. One of the tire sculptures was ablaze. This was quickly extinguished. Police at the scene were notified of the suspicious origins of this fire and that it has a possible connection to the incident of Feb. 5. The hydrant across from the school was used and to our disappointment, it was found to have considerable problems. Even though it's still a good hydrant, the council was notified immediately of its status.

I am pleased to announce that I have been accepted as an assistant instructor at Monmouth County Fire Academy and will teach my first class on March 23. The course is basic training for firefighters.

Editors Note- Congratulations, Steve!

Tannahill Weavers

By Elly Shapiro

If you went to the Tannahill Weavers concert at Hightstown High School on February 23rd hoping to find out what Scotsmen wear beneath their kilts, you came away surprised indeed! The four members of this Celtic folk band, on tour from Scotland, were dressed in jeans and T-shirts while they played the traditional tunes and songs to a packed house.

People were dancing in the aisles in time to the lively jigs and reels which the "lads" played on a variety of instruments ranging from the usual bagpipes and flutes to the more unusual bouzouki and bodhran. Some of the tunes were original compositions as well, hauntingly played on mandolin, banjo and guitar.

Due to bad weather in Chicago, the band, which was due to arrive at 4 in the afternoon in Philadelphia, was rerouted to a New York airport and arrived well past the 8 o'clock show time. Thanks to a mini-concert by our very own David Brahinsky, who stepped on at the last minute to entertain the waiting audience, the time passed very pleasantly. David played and sang songs from among his very varied repertoire filling the time gap with ease.

The concert was presented under the auspices of the Sights and Sounds music club which has been promoting professional folk music at Hightstown High School for many years.

Riding Program For The Disabled

By Jenifer Nina Burghardt

Do you know anyone who loves horses and has always wanted to ride but cannot because he or she has had a stroke, cannot sit up unassisted or has seizures? There is a riding program in Allentown, only 15 minutes away which can give any of these people a chance to learn to ride a horse and to get invaluable physical therapy.

My children have been going to this program for four years and during this time I have seen all sorts of people riding. There was a lady who suffered a stroke who rode regularly until she died. There was a gentleman who was in a wheelchair and had to be lifted on and off the horse by assistants and be supported in the saddle by a trained volunteer. There is a young lady who has trouble talking but manages to tell her horse what to do. There is a nine year old boy who walks with a walker and has trouble sitting without bending right over but who sits up all by himself and only needs a side walker when he is on his horse. There are children as young as three who ride in this program and adults who are in their forties or fifties.

This program was started by a feisty lady named Mrs. Issacs who has worked hard to make it a success at personal and financial sacrifice. It is now managed by Resa who is at the stable everyday. The rest of the staff are all trained volunteers who work cleaning, feeding and saddling horses, sidewalking and leading and giving instruction.

What do the riders do besides riding in circles? On top of the horse they play "Simon Says";

they reach over and put horse-shoes on hooks; they play "around the world" which is turning around 360 degrees in the saddle; they throw the basketball in the basket and they weave in and out between highway cones. Sometimes the riders ride bareback or even backwards.

Riders pay what they can and the rest of the program is supported by good samaritans. Once a year there is a horse show where the riders can ride in different events and learn how a riding competition works.

This program is open to anyone who has any type of disability, physical, mental or emotional. If you are interested in this program, either as a rider or a volunteer helper, please call Resa at 259-3884.

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LOVE OF WORDS

Comma Ti Yi Yippee Yippee Yay

By Josef G. Solomon

One of these days, as I am sitting placidly before my television set and watching "Washington Week in Review", that extra comma will finish the job of driving me insane, and I will kick a hole in the screen. In case you hadn't noticed, it occurs--and is clearly audible--when the announcer is finishing his introduction: "...And now, here is moderator, Paul Duke." Would he say, "...here is President, Ronald Reagan."? As the prophet Elijah used to say, "How long will ye halt between two opinions?" The grammatical form must be either apposition or a parenthetical expression: either "...here is moderator Paul Duke." or "...here is our moderator, Paul Duke." By selecting portions of both constructions, the unnamed announcer has created a third form, called "wrong". (Is that why he never tells us his own name?)

It may be, of course, that I am the only person in all these United States who is annoyed by that comma--and dropping it in there certainly doesn't change the meaning of that sentence. So why make a fuss? Because it's blatantly wrong, for one thing. More significant, however, is the fact that sometimes commas do change the meaning. As an example, consider the important difference in meaning between the following two sentences. (1) I want to marry her, right now. (2) I want to marry her right now. Putting both constructions together: (3) I want to marry her, right now--and I want to marry her right now. There's a difference. If you don't see it,

ask.

Stop and Think

A comma is a separator: It separates one group of words from another. It is not a full stop, of course; that's a period. But the comma does tell you when to hesitate, you might say. When a comma should be there, but isn't, you read past it until you realize there's something wrong; then you have to go back and read it again. As an example, here's a fragment from a review of a book about Jews in the pioneer days of the American West: "The photo on the cover of Charles Strauss, mayor of Tucson, Arizona in 1883,..." The photo is not on the cover of Charles Strauss; it's on the cover of the book. Ambiguity is one of the sources of humor, and I frequently employ ambiguity for that purpose. Here, the sentence is funny because it wasn't done on purpose. The problem could be solved easily in several ways: "The photo on the cover, Charles Strauss, mayor of Tucson,..." would do it, as would "On the cover is a photo of Charles Strauss,..." That review is in an English-language newspaper published in another country. I have frequently spotted awkward constructions in that newspaper, and perhaps they occur because the writers are using a language not their own. At times, I think I'm a linguist, but seeing examples like this makes me shudder to think of the linguistic offenses I must have committed in other languages in which I am "fluent". Aubrey Menen wrote a funny essay called "Speaking The Language Like A Native", in which he explains that you don't, unless you are.

That reminds me of an

incident in my past. I was a member of a committee writing the manual defining the computer language COBOL. We used to argue about individual words, because it was important to be precise, unambiguous, and correct. One of my colleagues uttered the following devastating remark to his opponent in one of these arguments: "It's too bad that English isn't your native language." It was, of course--as my colleague well knew.

A really up-to-date example of the importance of a comma comes from the Republican platform of 1984. The draft version had said that the party opposes "any tax increase which will harm economic recovery". The final version inserted a comma, thus saying that the party opposes "any tax increase, which will harm economic recovery". The difference is extremely significant. The draft version says that the party opposes only those tax increases which would harm recovery. The final version says that any tax increase would harm recovery, and that the party is therefore opposed to any tax increase.

What's It All About?

Is this attention to grammar nothing more than an indication of my advanced age? Is grammar a fossil, of interest only to antiquarians? As these articles try to make you realize, No. Grammar is important, because the incorrect use of grammar may make it more difficult for your reader to understand what you're trying to tell him. You should be trying to make your words easier to understand, not harder. The reason that cliches are still around is that they have something to say. If they don't, they don't stay. Similarly, grammar is still around because it is important. As an example, here comes another anecdote from

my random-access memory.

A grammar-school (guess why it was called that!) principal dropped in to observe one of his teachers at work. She was actually teaching grammar at the time, and the principal made the injudicious statement that punctuation really wasn't important. The teacher wrote the following statement on the blackboard:

"The teacher", said the principal, "is a fool."
And then she erased all the punctuation.

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- 2 Tuesday, 5 P.M.-9 P.M. Vote on proposed 85/86 school budget
- 3 Wednesday, 8 P.M. Planning Board Borough Hall
- 4 Thursday, 2 P.M. Senior Citizen's Meeting
8 P.M. Board of Education Meeting RPS
- 5 Friday Good Friday
- 6 Saturday Passover begins
- 7 Sunday Easter
- 8 Monday, 8 P.M. Council Agenda meeting Borough Hall
- 10 Wednesday 8 P.M. Council meeting Borough Hall
- 16 Tuesday 1-4 P.M. Senior Citizen's Health Program
Community Room-Solar Village
1-8 P.M. Food co-op Borough Hall
- 18 Thursday 8 P.M. Board of Education Meeting RPS

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How to Avoid Food Contamination

By Becky Russell

(The following is a continuation of an article on rancidity, molds, and insects in food. In this part, Ms. Russell provides information on how we can avoid the problems she outlined in her article of last month--The Editors)

Companies To Be Sure Of

There are several companies that go out of their way to assure purity and freshness of their products. One manufacturer and distributor that has earned high marks is Shiloh Farms. As the labels state, this company keeps everything in its warehouses under constant refrigeration and ships only in its own refrigerated trucks, which obviates the use of chemical preservatives and fumigants. And Shiloh labels state explicitly how the food has been grown. In addition, all Shiloh foods are tested for pesticide residues, and the company will not market anything that does not pass its own internal standards, which are higher than those set by the FDA. The testing method is gas chromatography, and the method references and test results are available at no cost directly from Shiloh Farms or the store where you buy the products.

Arrowhead Mills is a grower and manufacturer that also has a reputation for excellence. The company nitrogen packs its foods, and arranges for gas-chromatographic testing of all its products for pesticide residues. Arrowhead Mills is famous for its peanut butter, which is from

peanuts organically grown in New Mexico's dry climate and tested for the presence of aflatoxin.

Another grower and manufacturer of highest integrity is Walnut Acres, a family-run farm in Penn. that ships by mail and its own trucks. Walnut Acres keeps all foods under refrigeration (except during shipping), prepares food in small, frequent batches and has strict standards for organically-grown foods.

The Retailer

If a store purchases food that is free of preservatives, the retailer must take special steps to keep it fresh. High-fat foods belong in a refrigerator. Some stores keep these foods in bulk bins to offer the savings of bulk buying, but you should ask how often the bins are filled and if the back-up stock is refrigerated. During the summer an air-conditioned store has an advantage. Stores also should carry nitrogen-packed food. Fast turnover and strict cleanliness are the best solutions to problems with rancidity and insects, and store personnel should be willing to tell you how long the food has been there. Hiring an exterminator to spray a health food store with chemical pesticides is inconsistent with the goal of providing clean food.

Common Sense

Use common sense when buying food. Anything that is cut, broken open or ground is more prone to oxidation, so whenever possible buy food whole and grind your own flour, cereal, nuts and seeds. With the many electric mills and grinders available, this is effortless. Nuts sealed

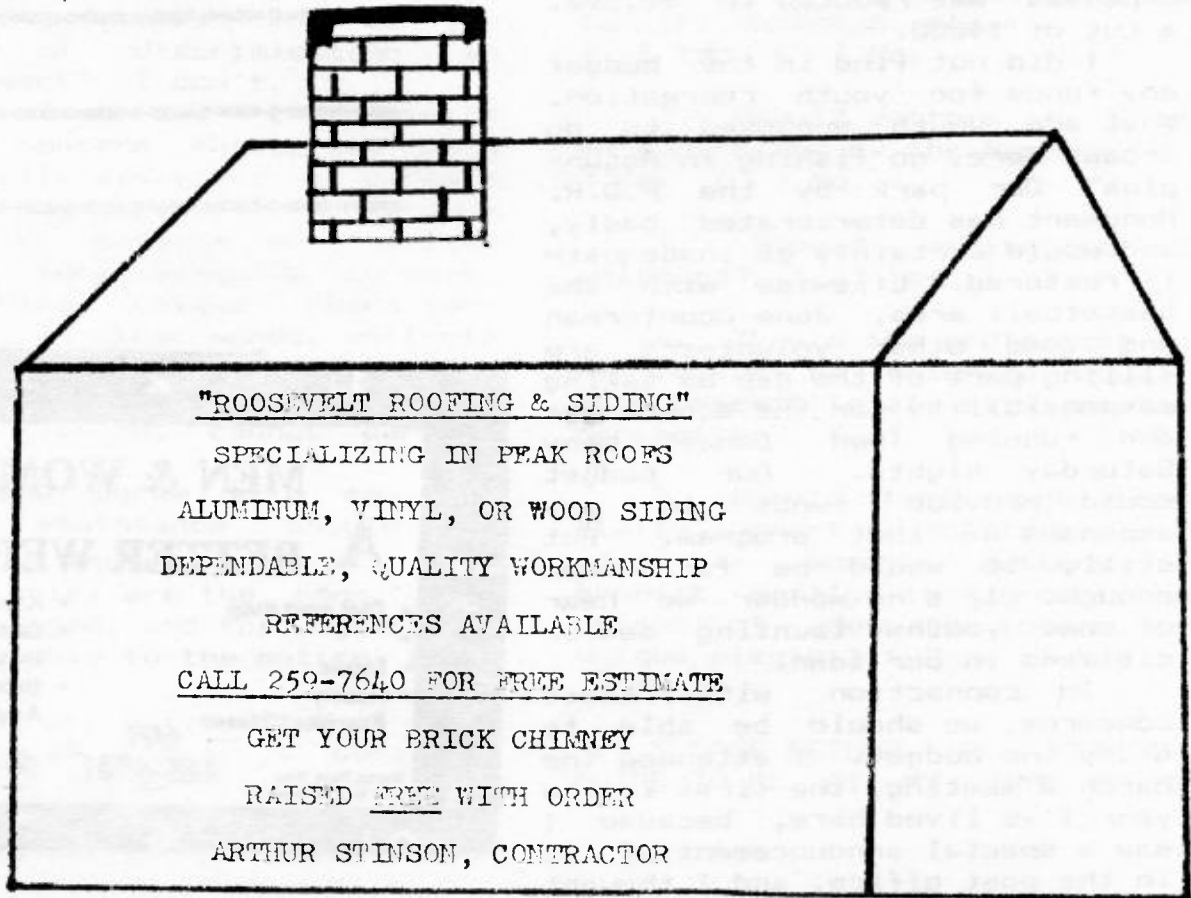
in tight skins, like almonds, are less perishable at room temperature than peanuts, which have loose skin; and dried fruit, which is very low in fat, is better off still, although it occasionally ferments or molds. A good rule to follow when looking for preservative-free foods is that if you can't find it fresh, don't eat it at all.

Many food industry problems would vanish if the industry decentralized and developed on a local level. Until then, the health food industry alone must enforce standards and respect the rights of the consumer. You are more likely to obtain fresh food free of preservatives by shopping in a natural food store that has a rapid turnover, but you should bring to the attention of retailers any foods that do not receive the handling necessary to ensure freshness. A well-educated consumer is the best watchdog for any industry.

Area Student Named To Dean's List

Johnson and Wales College has announced that Lisa Katz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Katz, of 27 Farm Lane, Roosevelt, N.J., has been named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the fall trimester.

Lisa is a 1982 graduate of Hightstown High School and attended Trenton State College. At Johnson and Wales, Lisa is receiving her Associate in Science degree in Hotel-Management, and will go on for her Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management.



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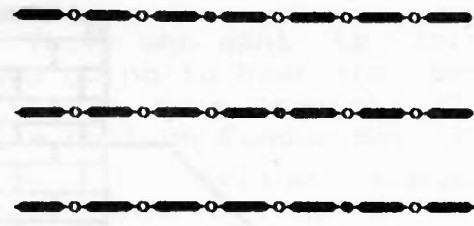
Let's get down to Boro Council meetings and tell our council members that it is okay with us if they make more progressive use of local taxes. The budget proposed for this year is smaller than last year's. This is the era of Reagan's New Federalism where people pay less in federal taxes so that they could decide to pay them locally if they want to advance local programs, but our budget shows lots of cuts. Imagine this; we are down to \$100 for Public Health Assistance from a skimpy \$500. To take care of problems with dogs, the budget is cut from \$500 to \$200. Local Aid to Library is down to \$275 from \$400. The Police account was cut \$7000. It's down to \$3,300. The item called "Other Administrative Expenses" was reduced to \$6,200, a cut of \$4000.

I did not find in the budget any funds for youth recreation. What are youth supposed to do around here, go fishing in Assunpink? Our park by the F.D.R. Monument has deteriorated badly, and would certainly be inadequate if restored. Likewise with the basketball area. June Counterman and some other volunteers are filling part of the gap by taking responsibility for the school gym and running Teen Dance many Saturday nights. Our budget could provide funds to pay expenses of that program. But still, it would be far from enough. It's no wonder we hear of some youths taunting senior citizens in our town.

In connection with those concerns, we should be able to study the budget. I attended the March 8 meeting, the first in the year I've lived here, because I saw a special announcement of it in the post office, and I thought

it was a civic duty to show up. I had no axe to grind, no program to promote. I did not think of the serious inadequacies of our recreation for youth until after I realized how skimpy our budget was. As I rode my bicycle home from the meeting, I thought of how bad it was that I was allowed to study the budget only while I was at the meeting because it was prepared for a member of the council who was absent. No extra copies were made for people who attended the publicized meeting. That is how "economical" our council is.

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I am Not Innocent

By Nancy Warnick

I hope everyone in town read the article in The Times, March 3, "New Jersey must face up to high cost of dirty water." Perhaps it will lessen the number of questions residents may have concerning the rising cost of our own water/sewer bill, which has been increased due to needed repairs as well as pollutants within.


It is fine and wonderful to speak out against chemical waste, nuclear arms and all else that threatens our environment of which we are a part. However, do we realize that much of the fault is our own as individuals?

As long as we (mankind) require the products of industry, which we so readily devour, we will be the link to pollutants and waste products, hence leaving their disposal on the shoulders of industries which are quickly meeting our demands for more products. Do we leave them any choice but to succumb to our greed, feeding their own, while all else, even life, is neglected? We've created the giants who do not want to shrink. They hope only to wallow in their greatness to dream of expansion and we feed them.

The next time you ask why the increase, I believe the answer ought to be our own greed, selfishness, and neglect of our environment and other life forms. We are ultimately responsible for the pollution of yet another of the purest of resources. I can see the fault belonging to no other living creature but us and we have to pay for it!

One more issue concerning another type of pollution,

please, that of garbage in our natural environment, the wooded areas. Go out behind your own property or area which now holds your past debris and see if you are guilty of dumping upon borough property because you need the comforts of life, convenience, or a larger home. Is it your plan to abandon such as perhaps previous occupants have? Some have even erected 'little' fences to hide their shame and deny their deeds only to ask, "Who's to clean it? It's on borough property."



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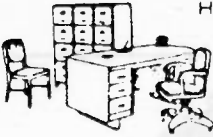
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The program runs for five weeks starting July 8th and ending August 9th. It starts at 9:00 A.M. and ends 12:00 noon daily, Monday - Friday. Drinks are provided and hopefully we will be able to have swimming twice a week. The program is opened to children entering Kindergarten thru 8th grade.

Please fill out the form below and mail to: Carol Ann Zaleski, local OR send it with your child to their homeroom teacher by

APRIL 19th.

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

of CHILDREN _____ and Grade _____

Please check which weeks your child/children will attend;

July 8th _____

July 15th _____

July 22nd _____

July 29th _____

August 5th _____

We will inform you in the next issue whether there'll be a summer program.