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RECYCLING IS COMING

OCTOBER 1, 1987

Recycling Comes to Town

Recycling will begin on October 1st, 1987 at which time the following rules will be in effect:

. We will recycle glass, aluminum, paper and leaves.

. The recycling center will be at the borough hall parking lot and all residents will be expected to bring their recyclables (not leaves!) to this area and place them in the proper containers.

. To reduce the incidence of vermin and odor at the recycling area, you are asked to rinse out all containers prior to recycling.

. The garbage collectors are ordered by law not to pick up any garbage that contains recyclable material.

. The recycling ordinance as approved by Monmouth County allows for severe fines for non-compliance.

. Effective April 1, 1988 tin and bimetal cans will be added to the list of required recyclables. Containers for these items will be added at the collection center.

It is the hope of the Mayor and council that we have 100% compliance.

Recycling is the law.

Recycling pays by reducing our garbage collection cost.

Recycling is ecologically correct; it saves much of our natural resources.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to seeing you at the September 16th meeting.

Most sincerely,

Lou Esakoff

Recycling Coordinator

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Glass: All glass is recyclable and must be separated by color clear, green and brown. Cap rings need not be removed.

Aluminum: All aluminum must be recycled. This includes cans, foil, and screw-on type beverage bottle caps, screen frames and lawn chairs. Soda and beer cans are made of aluminum. Aluminum cans can be identified by squeezing them. They collapse easily.

Paper: Newspapers and all supplements that come with them are recyclable. Newspapers are to be brought to the collection center in one of two ways. In a paper supermarket shopping bag or bundled and tied with string. Loose papers are not acceptable.

Leaves: Leaves will no longer be accepted by the garbage collector. We, at the present time, have no plan for recycling leaves. However composting is a good way of disposing of leaves.

Tin and Bi-metal Cans: *Effective April 1, 1988*

Tin and Bi - metal cans are those in which soup, fish, canned vegetables and juices are packed. Unlike aluminum containers, they are firm and do not collapse easily. Metal jar covers are also included in this category.

Recycling is Coming
October 1, 1987
You make a Difference
Recycling: It's The Law!!

RECYCLING: IT'S THE LAW !

VIEWPOINT

Wildlife Adventure, Roosevelt Style

By Harold Mogin

A part of my daily routine is a brisk walk in the early morning. Since I moved to Roosevelt about a year ago, I've been having a series of encounters I'd like to share with you.

First of all, I've been sized up by the local canine population on my rounds. Some dismiss me with a disinterested sniff or two. Others greet me with volleys of thunderous barks. So if you hear a disturbance between six and seven, it's just my regulars greeting me in their usual manner. Cats are a different story. They slink off beneath a car or under a bush, a little put out with me for interrupting their usual pursuits.

Then there is the local wild life scene. On several occasions I've seen deer but only at a good distance so I can't really claim any familiarity with them. But rabbits and squirrels have no such shyness. The bunnies continue to munch on stalks of grass, allowing me to approach within ten feet or so before moving off reluctantly. The squirrels I suspect regard us as the food samaritans who regularly fill the bird feeders for their benefit. The other day I stopped to pick and eat a ripe mulberry while a squirrel sat five feet from me sharing this bonanza.

To my mind the most interesting wildlife we have are the birds and they come in many varieties. The mocking birds run through their repertoire all over town and cardinals trill their territorial challenges from the tops of tall trees. Doves flutter off with a little complaint while lots of small birds like house finches and sparrows are everywhere. Buzzards soar overhead and flickers and woodpeckers hammer away at dead limbs. Usually we don't get to handle birds at all but in May when they are nesting, it is common for young birds to fall out of the family center. The only thing to do is put

them off the road where their parents can continue to feed them. Bird mothering is best left to the birds. My first find was a little catbird on Rochdale right in front of the school. He was standing in the road, a lovely soft gray bundle of fluff with a black yarmulke. Then I found two robins on different days and in different places. They aren't very attractive but I do appreciate them for the great and tireless job they do catching insects on our lawns. The last one was the nicest of all, a little fully feathered goldfinch. As enchanting a bird as I've ever seen, so gaily decked out in soft green and gold. It had a little black mark over its gold face. That was one I was sorry I couldn't take home.

But my most exciting encounter happened on Pine Drive about a quarter of a mile from its dead end. There is an area where the trees form a canopy over the road and as I walked toward this alleyway I was astounded to see a big bird with a wingspan of three feet or so flying straight and swiftly at me about four feet off the ground. My mind began to race - what is it? It was big enough to be a hawk or an owl but they don't act like this. Should I run or what? I can tell you that it was a panicky moment. The bird kept coming head on, right at me. I froze. At the last instant, it swerved to the left and it turned out to be a domesticated duck. I have seen the same bird several times since then at the corner of Tamara and Rochdale and it looks innocent enough. But it scared the hell out of me for five or six well-remembered seconds.

So you see, while many of us are still abed or spooning up our morning cereal, others are out living a local version of Wild Kingdom.

VIEWPOINT II

By Harry Mack

Les Weiner's account of an esteemed former Roosevelt school principal being confronted by our ill-mannered school principal, Dr. Sussman, made others beside myself seethe with indignation. What should have been a nostalgic and pleasant reception for one of the finest school principals Roosevelt ever had, turned out to be a reception in such a clumsy and hostile manner as to raise questions about his fitness even as a teacher. Obviously he lacks the characteristics of a gentleman and I wonder how much of this rude behavior shown to an admired former principal is likely to be imparted to our teachers and their charges.

In a bygone era it would be a simple matter to have an insult resolved by a return slap of an empty glove and a meeting at dawn in some remote area of the woods accompanied by the proper seconds to avenge a slur on an honored friend, our school and by extension, our community. I don't propose anything so violent but I would request such a meeting - at Sussman's convenience - for a bit more modern means of settling this indignity: The choice can be his: foils, epee or saber. I have all the necessary blades (with buttons of course), jackets and masks. I can call on two referees from the Princeton U. team and possibly two judges from town versed in the art. The bout can go 3 touches and could be held in the school gym. The payoff? If Sussman loses, he will write an apology to Mr. Mitchell. If I lose, I will write an apology to Mr. Mitchell on behalf of the town.

Of course Sussman can always back off by refusing to let us use the gym!

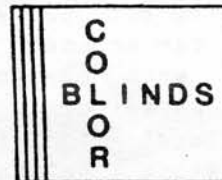
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COUNCIL REPORT

By Adeline Weiner

In the absence of summertime publication of the Bulletin, news of Council affairs must be condensed. Among the major actions taken by the Council were:

Zoning

The passage of an ordinance amendment on zoning stating that buildings used as residence or workplace must be connected to the Boro water/sewer systems with the exception of R-A zoning districts which may utilize on-site water/sewer systems.

Copy Costs

A resolution was introduced on the use of the Boro Hall copying machine. For purposes of reasonable and orderly usage a fee of \$.20 a copy will be charged (\$.10 to senior citizens, students and unemployed). The new procedures require orders to be written, records kept, and handling done only by Borough Clerks. Passed 4 to 1 (Leefer opposed; Watchler absent).

A sum of \$1500 was appropriated for improvement of Eleanor Lane roadway.

Farewells

At the August meeting, the Council accepted a series of resignations. The resignation of Howard Prezant, Treasurer and Louise Prezant, Tax Collector, was accepted with recognition of some 30 years' service and acknowledgement of credit due to both for the long years of assisting the Borough in its fiscal affairs. Tom Karpick, the Borough's water/sewer plant operator announced his retirement also at this time and every member of the Council present spoke warmly of his creative and unstinting devotion beyond the call of ordinary duty. (In the public portion of the meeting, Leon Barth deplored the difference in the Council's reception of the two sets of resignations.)

Voters Lose?

Councilmember Ed Moser offered a resolution of compromise with the Board of Education, one that accepts an \$8,000 reduction in place of the Council's \$25,000 figure (which in turn was reduced from an original proposal of \$40,000) to be cut from the 1987-88 education budget that was rejected by voters on April 7th.

Moser justified the negotiation as necessary in view of political reality, i.e. the high cost of legal fees and the inevitable defeat by the educational bureaucracy. Councilmember Lee Selden opposed the compromise agreement on the grounds that the \$8,000 reduction represented less than 35% of the original offer and less than 2% of the tax levy as a whole. "This is far too little and I must therefore vote against it", she said. The resolution passed 4 to 1 (Leefer absent).

Both Want and Waste

In addition, the August meeting dealt with: a motion to support Millstone Area Against Toxic Incineration (MAATI) with a contribution of \$250.00; repairs to Farm Lane storm drain system; putting out bids on septic tanks for Lake Drive; and a report on preparation for the Oct. 1st recycling deadline. Thanks of the Council were expressed to residents Esakoff, Chasan, Alt and Yeger for their volunteered work of hydrant-flushing.

At the September 9th meeting with Watchler, Alt and Moser present, a major series of water/sewer system items were authorized for payment, among them an itemized bill from Borough Engineer Birdsell (approximately \$30,000); authorization of funds for a lift station (pump) for Lake Drive (\$37,000). Also given were authorization to audit the books of Treasurer and Tax Collector; payment of cemetery expenses and a resolution

to put out bids for purchase of a Borough truck.

Mr. Moser reported progress in formulating a bonding ordinance.

Our Recycling Coordinator, Lou Esakoff, announced plans for a mailing to the community, a public meeting on September 16, the preparation of a platform (Stinson) and a provision of receptacle drums (Gale). Mr. Esakoff also proposed a formal letter of appreciation to Mr. Abbot of Millstone

Township for his unfailing cooperation. The last word on waste collection is that neither glass nor aluminum need to be sorted into different types.

Carol Watchler, Council President, has organized a group of volunteers to assist residents who are unable to transport their waste to the recycling site. Local newspapers will be informed of the Borough's plans and of our gratitude to neighboring Millstone.

ISSUES IN TOWN GOVERNMENT

By Peter Warren

In a special meeting on September 9, the Council (three members present plus the Mayor) hired the Deputy Clerk as temporary Treasurer for one month. She has no specific training in accounting nor municipal finance. This hiring was necessary due to the resignation of the tenured Treasurer, a long time Roosevelt resident and head of his own accounting firm. Since the Treasurer, who had computerized the Borough accounts, received an annual salary of \$3493, this was not a crippling financial loss to him. It is, in my opinion, more of a loss to the Borough which loses his 30 years experience in municipal finance and his invaluable state-wide contacts.

The Tax Collector also resigned, after 30 years service, on August 8th. Her resignation is not surprising since she is married to the Treasurer. For the town, this means that no property can be bought or sold until a certified Tax Collector is hired. The Tax Collector is paid \$5,112 a year.

The Sewer and Water Plant Operator also resigned on August 8th, after 10 years service. The Council announced his resignation as "a well-earned, well-deserved retirement," and praised his "devotion and loyalty." He did not carry out his original intention to stay at work until his part-time trainee had completed the studies and on-the-job experience to qualify for the four licenses required by the State of a regular operator, nor did he wait until the age of 62 to qualify for social security. He quit a job which paid \$22,280 and benefits.

Given the low salaries of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, will the town be able to find able replacements? And will we end up having to spend more to correct errors before such replacements are found? The Council has already doubled its share of the municipal budget between 1983 and 1987. It can surpass this increase in the next four years, now that it has the hang of it. So let's all get out on Election Day, November 3rd and give the Council a big vote to show our gratitude and support!

Editor's note:

According to the Mayor, the Deputy Clerk was hired as acting treasurer for one month. There are no present State requirements for this position, no courses required, no certification, etc. The Treasurer's resignation, according to the Mayor, was "not expected."

She says that the job of Tax Collector is more difficult to fill than that of Treasurer because certification is required for it which entails coursework and supervision by a certified Tax Collector for a number of years. She says that there are several people in town who expressed interest in going through the certification process. Before advertising, a number of people had already applied for the Treasurer position.

According to the Mayor, the Deputy Clerk has been working very hard in her temporary assignment.

ISSUES AND DEBATE

School Budget Resolved- to whose satisfaction?

By Leslie Weiner

One of our most cherished traditions is the sanctity of elections. We expect our elections to have consequences; the winners prevail, the losers accept defeat with the assurance they'll be able to try again. In one form or another, questions of importance are resolved by voting with all sides accepting the final count, a process which seems to hold true for all aspects of our public life -- except for voting on the school budget.

Last April the School Board asked for approval of its 1987-1988 budget. The total amount ran to some \$917,000 with \$487,000 to be raised by local taxes, the highest in both categories in our history. The Board expressed its own uneasiness with these numbers by delivering several broadsides to the voters, exhorting them to support the budget. There was no organized opposition, no printed appeals against the budget, although there was widespread dissatisfaction with the operation of the school. What had once been a proud resource of our town had become, in many parents' eyes, school without distinction, isolated from the community, bloated with "administrative" help, run as a fief by a principal who acted as the Board's master instead of its employee. For whatever reasons, and despite the Board's campaign, the budget was defeated by a vote of 103 to 94.

The law then provides that the Borough council seek to come to terms with the Board, in effect representing the No voters. The Council agreed to ask for a \$45,000 reduction in the local tax levy. When the matter was publicly proposed, the member speaking for the Council, in a sudden spasm of

timidity, asked instead for a \$25,000 reduction. Nevertheless the Council accepted this revised figure, but the School Board, on the advice of the principal and possibly out of chagrin that "their" budget was turned down, rejected this modest compromise (2.7% of budget, 5.1% of tax levy). The Board proceeded to take the next step of suing the Council for interfering with the operation of their school and both sides had attorneys write letters on their behalf, starting a process of hearings and finally a resolution by the Commissioner of Education in Trenton.

At this point the Council learned that the Board would accept a \$4,000 reduction in taxes (instead of the proposed \$25,000) and a member from each body settled on \$8,000 as the amount which would call off the Board's "suit". This proposal was presented to the full Borough Council which said Yes to the \$8,000, feeling they were in a no-win situation. Previous challenges to the Council's attempts to pare budgets after the public voted them down had resulted in a succession of "victories" for the Council which were finally reversed by the Commissioner. The Council was advised this would probably happen again and \$8,000 was better than zilch. Lee Selden voted against the Board's offer and Bernard Leefer, not present at the meeting, made known his opposition to accepting it.

So the Missouri Compromise spoke for the two bodies directly involved but what about the 103 voters who spontaneously voted against the budget? Who spoke for them?

Certainly not the School Board who reacted to the budget's defeat like

a stern parent infuriated by its children's disobedience. They saw all their hard labor constructing this record budget (including handsome raises for the principal and his two- and -a- half secretaries) repudiated by the people out there who do nothing but pay the bills; if their services were so little appreciated, they had no obligation to be sensitive to the wishes of 103 el cheapos!

But the Board's conduct in this affair is at least consistent with its previous actions: as between the interests of the principal and the residents, the Board has always followed the lead of its principal. How does one, however, account for the weak resolve of the Council in accepting the meager token of a reduction in the tax levy? Doesn't their settlement make a mockery of our budget election? Why vote to express one's opposition to a swollen appropriation if in winning the end result is negligible? If the Council wanted to avoid legal expenses forced upon it by a self-conscious and recalcitrant Board, it should have gone

back again and again to renegotiate with the Board until a respectable compromise had been reached. And if no agreement was possible with this Board, the Council should have made public the respective positions of the two parties and gone to the mat with the Commissioner. Or spurned the \$8,000 entirely -- the town is not so poor that the principle of a meaningful election should be abandoned for a pittance. Why should the public vote in future budget elections if the Council is unwilling to fight for a decent respect for the voters?

So, although the School Board is largely to blame in this distasteful episode, the Council didn't cover itself with glory either. Fortunately, come March/April next year, the terms of five members of the nine on the School Board expire. A new election takes place. In recent years the majority of the public has not paid close attention to what has been happening in our school -- we are now paying the price of our neglect. If the 103 votes of last spring are a harbinger of what's possible, a change for the better may at last be in sight.

Sept. 15, 1987

Dear Board Members;

I feel badly that every time I attend a school board meeting I seem to leave angry. I know that the arguments are upsetting to you also. I wish that it were easier for us all to work in harmony toward making a better school for our children.

In the 23 years I have lived here I have been a volunteer in my community in one capacity or another. My efforts have usually been with and for the children. I have always been generous with my time and the results have always been rewarding for us all.

There is no secret that my work as a volunteer within the school at this time is a noxious threat to our administrator and I am reminded constantly that all my efforts seem distasteful to him. He uses the word

"volunteer" with clenched teeth as if he were discussing a leper. I am not used to being referred to in this way. I'm not accustomed to having to shove good deeds down someones throat and it feels as if that is what I am doing. What irony! Because I have had 23 years of experience directly with children and care deeply about the quality of education they are receiving, I shall persist.

It is inconceivable to me that my efforts to improve our library should be discouraged every step of the way by the administrator. His repugnance toward and resistance to these efforts are alarming to me. They must be to you as well.

Take for example the administrators report to the school

board on Monday, September 14. It stated, in essence, that the library committee was up to no good. It was censoring "his" books, intentionally creating confusion and disregard for "his" library with its nasty volunteer activities. Just think, if I hadn't been there to defend our actions and point out the untruths that were being presented to the board as facts. The board would have gotten only a distorted report and could only have made decisions based on these distortions.

Doesn't the board count on clear and accurate reports from the administrator in order to make wise decisions for the betterment of our school? I fear that this is in fact the way our administrator handles far too many reports and that there are many people and situations misrepresented by him.

So in a nutshell I will attend every meeting where I am forced to be defensive about my "volunteer" work and being defensive forces me to become angry. It is a set pattern. I am sorry for all of us. It will continue until you realize that while Dr. Sussman is our chief school administrator he is an employee of our school district and you, the school board, are the representatives of the community to whom he is accountable. As such it is you, not Dr. Sussman who should be calling the shots.

Most of the board members are my friends and neighbors. I feel generally hopeful in their presence and feel their efforts are earnestly directed toward the enrichment of our school.

I am sorry they are many times misled and know that it is difficult working this way. Please then be reassured that I will support my board and try to work with the administrator if it means progress.

Sincerely,
Margaret Schlinski

MAATI Continues the Fight

By Nina Burghardt

MAATI (Millstone Area Against Toxic Incineration) is still fighting the siting of the Toxic Waste Incinerator three and a half miles from here. The Siting Commission was given new hydrology reports in June, by a company Millstone hired at MAATI's recommendation- Roux Associates.

Since the Siting Committee meeting was cancelled for August, Millstone has not yet had a response to the new evidence submitted. Roux Associates found that the water table rose will above the State's allowable foot in the center of the site and flunks the State's guidelines for hydrology. The State had previously done tests only on the edges of the site.

MAATI placed 2 billboards outside the DEP building in Trenton to bring our protest to the state politicians. We have also had a booth at various fairs and festivals in the region.

The next siting Committee meeting is September 29 at 10:00. You can call Nina at 443-4857 about this or any other MAATI information or come to our meetings Thursdays at the Community Center in Clarksburg.

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Nursery School Opens

By Bob Clark

Overcoming an eleventh hour zoning challenge the Roosevelt Cooperative Nursery School toddled to the beginning of its first year and is now off and running. About 35 supporters of the school attended the August 13 meeting of the zoning board of adjustment to urge passage of a use variance to allow operation of a non-sectarian nursery school at the Congregation Anshei Synagogue.

Howard Chasen, a member of the zoning board who lives immediately across Homestead Lane from the Synagogue, had complained that the nursery school was not an authorized use in the residential zone. Rather than risk litigation that might have frightened away attendees and stalled the project for the 1987-88 school year, school organizers applied for the variance instead of relying on their belief that the school would be an allowable activity of the Synagogue. Organizers said that only 6 students were committed on the day of the Board hearing, in part because the uncertainty had caused parental concern that they might not find desirable situations for their children. They claimed the proceedings delayed the start of the program until October 5.

Chasen asked the board to deny the variance unless off-street parking spaces were provided for permanent school employees (expected to require space for two cars) and all other Synagogue activities. He said noise and other "nuisance factors" would interfere with his privacy and peacefulness of his retirement. Noting additional traffic from new houses on Eleanor Lane, Chasen said, "I would like to keep a countrified situation as long as I can."

Program director Arlene Stinson, accompanied by attorney Richard Eland, spoke on behalf of the applicant. She said the school was planned to provide a community-based program for 15-20 preschool children aged 3-5 (with approximately 10 scheduled to start on October 5). Days of operation would parallel the school calendar, and a

morning session would run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 or 1:00 p.m. (an afternoon session would start if enough interest existed). A minimum of two adults would be present at all times. Stinson said that, at most, 15 families would be dropping off children and picking them up. Some of these would walk to and from the school, and some would carpool. Outdoor activities would be conducted in a fenced yard to the rear of the building. The school would be licensed by the state division of youth and family services.

Bert Ellentuck, who lives next door to the Synagogue, said that the school was a good use if properly conditioned. He added that requiring an off-street parking lot would violate the residential character of the neighborhood.

During the public portion of the hearing Deborah Metzger, a planning board member, said that as a cooperative endeavor by community members with "an energy spreading to other things" in the town the school "embodies the nature of" historic Roosevelt. Margaret Schlinski said that putting up with the needs of children in a town was "part of being alive." As the mother of one of the prospective attendees, Lorraine Reimbold assured the board that parents wanted good relations with the rest of the community and would be "as restrained and noiseless as possible." A petition with over 300 signatures in favor of the school was presented to the board.

Conditioning variance approval on obtaining the required state license and limiting its term to the tenure of the Roosevelt Cooperative Nursery School, the board granted the variance on the votes of chairman Timothy Hartley and members Louis Esakoff, Marilyn Magnes, Judith Goetzmann and David Leff. Chasen abstained as an interested party, as did Freida Anish because of her connections to the Synagogue. Jonathan Shahn and David Bulkin were absent.

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

By Alison Petrilla

It's been a long road, but we made it! The Roosevelt Cooperative Nursery School will open its doors to preschoolers on October 5. Our staff is ready and eager for a successful first year, and our classroom is ship-shape at last.

After an intensive search for personnel, we have selected Arlene Stinson as our Director and Karyn Grunwald as our head teacher. Both these Rooseveltians were chosen over a number of other candidates, and we're so glad to have them!

Although the school was originally slated to start in September, the sudden need to secure a zoning variance caused us to lose several weeks of valuable work time. During that period, we could not, in conscience, enroll students for a school whose existence was in jeopardy. We also were unable to use those weeks to organize the classroom, since the validity of our site was in question.

The Zoning Board's unanimously favorable decision on August 13 gave us a fresh start. Since then, we've been working double-time on our enrollment drive, on transforming Congregation Anshei's "old chapel" into a real classroom, and on coping with the masses of paperwork required to create a state-certified nursery school.

We'd like to give special thanks at this point to our attorneys, Richard Eland and Christopher Tarr, both members of the firm of Smith Stratton, Wise, Heher and Brennan in Princeton. You were -- and are -- wonderful! We'd also like to express our sincere gratitude to all the Rooseveltians who signed our petition for a variance and especially to those of you who took the time to attend the zoning Board meeting. Thank you all!

Now that the furor has died down, though, it's back to work again. Monthly bake sales (watch for posters for dates) will help defray our monthly utility bills, and any baking or buying you can do will be much appreciated.

Then our Holiday Gift Fair will offer the chance to get a jump on the "festive season" and find the perfect gift for that "perfect" child or adult. On Friday evening, October 16, the RCNS will host a display of quality educational toys and household goods. All will be available for purchase or order, and most can't be bought in stores. The RCNS will earn a percentage of each gift you buy, so we hope you'll set aside the 16th for your family gift shopping.

Help! And Thanks!

And speaking of toys, now that the nursery is a reality, we would welcome donations of any of the following materials:

- * children's books
- * used toys, blocks, puzzles
- * board games (even those with pieces missing)
- * old pots and pans
- * rolling pins (for clay play, not bopping)
- * pieces of fabric
- * scraps of wood
- * telephones (old and broken ones are fine)
- * old dress-up clothes
- * fishbowl or aquarium (even if broken)
- * old typewriter
- * old cassette recorder (if still usable)

This could be your last chance to clean out Junior's closet once and for all (not to mention the garage)!

Financial contributions to the nursery school will, of course, also be accepted at any time with much gratitude. Our insurance costs, for one thing, are enormous, and at this point our few dedicated parents have pretty much shot their financial bolt on equipment and staff salaries.) Checks can be made out to: Roosevelt Cooperative Nursery School and mailed to Box 153, Roosevelt. (And remember, we are a nonprofit organization, so

your donation is tax-deductible.

We'd like to thank the following people who have recently made generous gifts of school equipment, time, and/or financial support. A big sincere "thank you" to our benefactors: Dave Schwendeman, Swiss-O-Matic, Alice Lifland, Flip Unger, Margaret Katz, Ilse Riesenfeld, Sheila Jaeger, Sivy and Joe Gale, Linnett Furniture, The Roosevelt Public School PTA, our Handyman Bill Klein, Roosevelt Printing, and a very special thanks to Ron Gale whose generosity and thoughtfulness really helped the RCNS get off to a great start.

Auxiliary Members

We are actively seeking "auxiliary" coop members. Here's a chance for any interested Rooseveltians -- especially parents with children who will be eligible for nursery school in a year or two -- to have a voice in shaping our program. A \$10.00 per year auxiliary coop membership guarantees you the right to vote on all the issues that could affect your child's future nursery school education. For information, please call 426-9523.



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PTA NEWS

Campers Had a Great Summer

The 1987 P.T.A. Summer Camp was a super success! At one point there were 70 children enrolled and never were there less than 50. This year we added a nursery group to our ranks and since it worked out so well, we hope to continue it in the following years.

The children painted, pasted, sewed, hammered, molded, beaded and printed their way through our art classes under the guidance of Ilene Levine who worked closely with their theater instructor, Margaret Schlinski to produce puppets, costumes and sets for the final production.

In theater they became rabbits, wolves, pigs, cats, birds, snakes, spiders and other people. They delighted each other with improvisations, read and learned about Aesops Fables, Grimms Fairy Tales and Mother Goose Rhymes.

Richard Fischer and Ed Cedar had them singing and dancing and Howie Kaufman kept them in good shape with varied team sports, individual games and some very difficult Simon Says routines.

Tuesdays and Thursdays they went swimming in the Pine Valley Pool, thanks to the generous members of the Pine Valley Swim Club. On pool days the children were instructed in water safety and swimming by Richard Fischer who also serenaded them on the side with his banjo, guitar and pipe.

All this with the special help and attention given by our wonderful assistants, Tina Kaufman, Tess List and Jennifer Francis.

On Wednesdays we opened our library and had a book club encouraging all the children to read and give oral reports to Ellen Francis, our volunteer assistant librarian.

In the new Nursery Camp class Jan Plumb reported great excitement in the rehearsing of songs and nursery rhymes for the final production, that was very evident in the ease with which the Nursery children rehearsed with the older children. In the Nursery Class the children took out and read more books from the library than all the other groups. These children had a grand time with arts and crafts, music and dancing, dress up, story time and lots of make-believe. Their favorite games were 'What Time Is It Mr. Wolf' and the guessing game.

All in all Roosevelt has the best summer camp going. Many parents who had sent their children elsewhere in the past declare it to be so. And the instructors who have taught in other camps say there is no comparison.

We are so pleased to be able to offer such an experience to our children and are grateful for the Community support which has made it all possible.

Dear Friends and Neighbors

I wish to express how much I appreciated your expressions of concern and good wishes during my recent illness.

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SENIOR NEWS

By Helga Wisowaty

During July we had a speaker from Freehold Hospital who told us about Elder Med. They have free health screening once a month and an educational program which includes drug use. They will help in making out forms (medicare, etc.)

Esther Pogrebin attended the meeting of the New Jersey Federation of Senior Citizens. They are now fighting for Home Health Care and lowering of taxes for Seniors.

Our luncheon was held on August 7 at the Manor House. There was no meeting in August. Betty and Gus were our Hostesses in July. Mayor Hepner and Lou Esakoff spoke to us about recycling which goes into effect in October. A letter will be sent to everyone in Roosevelt explaining that aluminum, glass and paper must be separated from the garbage. There will be bins in back of the Borough Hall (clearly marked) telling where each group goes. Leaves will not be collected and it is suggested that they be disposed of in wooded areas.

Jeannette Koffler is the coordinator. She will find a partner willing to help those who need help. Anyone refusing to comply with recycling will be fined. The garbage collectors will leave anything not acceptable.

A committee was formed to promote functions -- The first being a Halloween party. The rest of the meeting was enjoyed with members reading poetry and telling jokes.

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By Michael L. Ticktin
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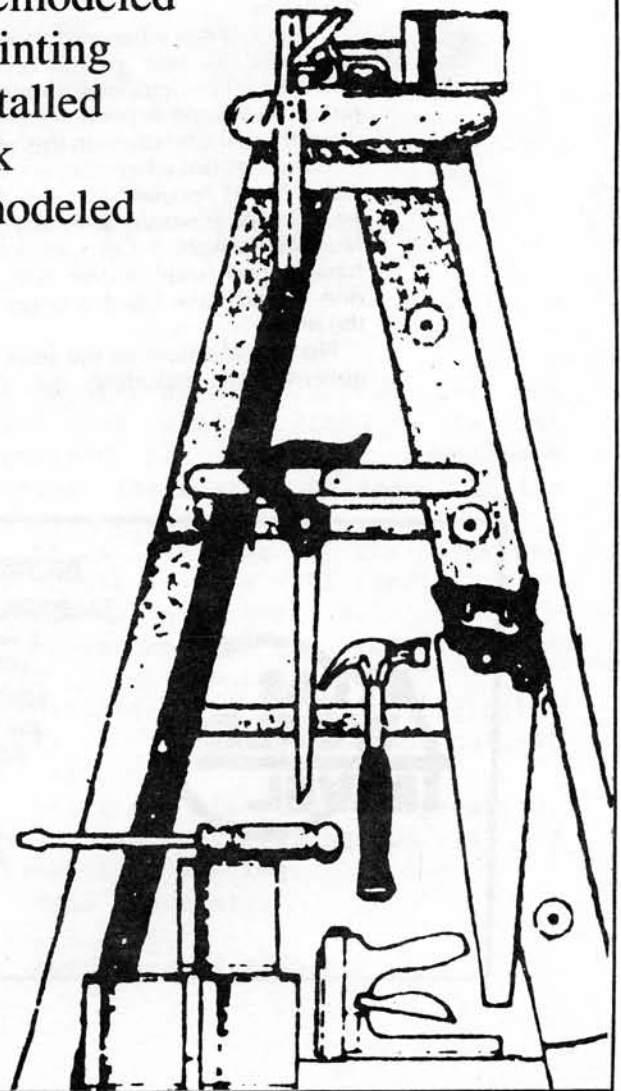
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The Jews are a peculiar people. Things permitted to other nations are forbidden to the Jews.

Other nations drive out thousands, even millions, of people and there is no refugee problem. Russia did it; Poland and Czechoslovakia did it; Turkey drove out a million Greeks, and Algeria a million Frenchmen; Indonesia threw out heaven knows how many Chinese—and no one says a word about refugees.

But in the case of Israel, the displaced Arabs have become eternal refugees. Everyone insists that Israel must take back every single Arab. Arnold Toynbee calls the displacement of the Arabs an atrocity greater than any committed by the Nazis.

Other nations when victorious on the battlefield dictate peace terms. But when Israel is victorious it must sue for peace. Everyone expects the Jews to be the only real Christians in this world.

Other nations when they are defeated survive and recover. But should Israel be defeated it would be destroyed. Had Nasser triumphed last June he would have wiped Israel off the map, and no one would have lifted a finger to save the Jews.

No commitment to the Jews by any government, including our own, is

worth the paper it is written on. There is a cry of outrage all over the world when people die in Vietnam or when two Negroes are executed in Rhodesia. But when Hitler slaughtered Jews no one remonstrated with him.

The Swedes, who are ready to break off diplomatic relations with America because of what we do in Vietnam, did not let out a peep when Hitler was slaughtering Jews. They sent Hitler choice iron ore, and ball bearings, and serviced his troop trains to Norway.

The Jews are alone in the world. If Israel survives it will be solely because of Jewish efforts. And Jewish resources.

Yet at this moment Israel is our only reliable and unconditional ally. We can rely more on Israel than Israel can rely on us. And one has only to imagine what would have happened last summer had the Arabs and their Russian backers won the war to realize how vital the survival of Israel is to America and the West in general.

I have a premonition that will not leave me: as it goes with Israel so it will go with all of us. Should Israel perish the holocaust will be upon us.

Israel must live!

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