



# ROOSEVELT NEWS

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## Contract Okayed for Mural Restoration

A contract for the restoration of the Ben Shahn mural in the elementary school was approved by the Board of Education at a well-attended special meeting on January 26. The contract provides that the Ben Shahn Foundation, Inc., New York, will have the restoration done by an Italian art expert in Bologna, Italy, will insure the mural in transit for \$100,000 and provide a bond to cover the cost of the work.

According to George Levinson, resident of Roosevelt and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation, after the mural has been restored and framed, and remounted on the wall of the school, it will remain in the school as long as the School Board exists. In case the board is disbanded under some form of regionalization, title will pass to the Borough Council, given this right by a bill passed last month by the state legislature, with provision that it be displayed in Roosevelt as long as it is possible.

Under the terms of the contract, if the borough cannot provide for its display to the public, the mural will be turned over to the State Museum in Trenton with the provision that it be displayed there without charge.

Removal of the mural at the school is expected to start in April during the Easter recess, depending on the weather conditions which the restorer must approve, and should be completed in about 10 days.

The Ben Shahn Foundation was originally established by Martin Bressler, attorney and secretary-treasurer since its inception, who had been appointed to

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## WATER RESTRICTION REQUESTED

Borough residents were alerted on Wednesday by telephone calls from C/SA members to curtail their use of water for laundry, dishwashers and bathroom usage as much as possible. A new pump is being installed in Well No.1 (see MUNICIPAL BUDGET page 1), and should be completed by Friday evening or Saturday morning, according to Isidore Sackowitz. Residents have been requested, therefore, to ease up on their use of water for 72 hours to ensure at least minimum water availability for all "in case any unusual problems crop up."

## SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

At the school board election on February 9, 180 of 434 registered voters in Roosevelt, a better turnout than in most neighboring districts, went to the polls.

Elected to full three-year terms were incumbent Mrs. Louise Roskam, 117 votes, and Melvin Friedman (129), along with Diane Weissman (72). Others polling votes in this contest were Albert Hepner (67) and Mrs. Gloria Berman (50).

Elected to two-year terms were Laurence Altman (120 votes), and Herbert Steinberg (103). Edwin C. Johnson, who decided to seek election at the last minute as a write-in candidate, received 87 write-in votes for the 2-year term and 20 write-in votes for the three-year term. Judith Steigler polled 61 votes.

School Budget... The current expense portion, \$162,487, of the 1971-1972 school budget (see School Board page 5) was approved by a vote of 116 to 38. The school won a 130-19 vote for the \$8,055 capital reserve figure.

## MUNICIPAL BUDGET TOTTALLING \$75,000 INTRODUCED

The Borough Council has scheduled a public hearing at 8:30 p.m., March 10, on the 1971-1972 municipal budget totalling \$75,090, which was introduced at council meeting on February 10.

The new budget is an increase of \$11,430 over the current budget of \$63,660. It will require local tax levies of \$23,059, up \$8,451.

THE ANTICIPATED OVERALL TAX RATE ...was estimated by the council at \$4.58 for each \$100 of assessed valuation, up 34 cents from the actual tax rate of \$4.24 for 1970. Besides the local purposes tax rate of 47 cents, the overall rate includes \$3.37 for the school, up seven cents; 59 cents for county purposes, up 8 cents, and 15 cents for senior citizens' and veterans' deductions, up 2 cents.

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## NOTICE!

The borough council is seeking volunteer school crossing guards for the hours when the children go to or leave school. They would be happy to pay retired citizens who would be interested in helping out. Do you know someone who can help?

# COUNCIL

## MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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MAJOR INCREASES IN THE BUDGET... were caused by an approximate eight percent salary increase for all regular employees and increases in the cost of garbage disposal and other municipal operations, as well as increases in amounts to be raised for school and county purposes. The sanitation increase was due to the doubling cost for landfill.

REPLACEMENT OF WATER PUMP... The council voted to purchase a new pump for Well No. 1 from Layne New York Corp. of West Linden, for \$6100. The present pump is not working efficiently and a \$750 chemical treatment has not been successful in alleviating either the efficiency of the well or the yellow water which flows from the faucets of the homes. The range for repair estimates for the present pump started at \$4000. The council decided a new pump was cheaper in the long run because parts of the old pump would be available for future maintenance purposes. It was predicted that building a new well soon will be needed and will require floating a bond issue to cover the expense.

HOME ALERT SYSTEM... A request by the fire company and first aid squad for purchase of a home alert system to be used in conjunction with the siren which failed several times the past summer due to a need for repairs, was referred to the safety committee for further study.

ICY ROAD PROTECTION... Open drums of sand will be installed at the corner of Rochdale Avenue and Pine Drive for use of the nearby residents (bring your own shovels) to spread the sand on icy or snow covered road before the regular snow plow is alerted. If this plan works, more drums will be placed at other intersections.

IN REPLY TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT SPEEDERS... Council requested the Roosevelt News to ask residents who habitually race down the side streets (Farm Lane and Pine Drive, in particular) to remember there are no sidewalks for the children going to and from school and there is a 25-mile speed limit in the borough.

In other business, a resolution was passed approving 800 work hours annually for Wilbur Loftus at \$2 per hour. Council also voted to be put on record that it will have the option to take title to the Ben Shahn mural, should the Board of Education become involved in some form of regionalization. A contribution of \$125 was okayed for the Monmouth County Family Health and Nursing Service, MCOSS, which furnishes maternal and child health services particularly to limited income families, as well as assistance to families in securing needed medical care and related services. Funds were allocated for studying the feasibility of combining the borough buildings, limiting expenses to \$100 per committee or two committees.

Council learned that Mr. Sackowitz had been admitted to Princeton Hospital due to sudden illness. Harold Melvin was asked to check the water works and sewage plants; in addition, Howard M. Schoor, the new borough engineer, was requested to make a once or twice weekly inspection of the borough wells for a fee of up to \$100 per week, depending upon time involved.

A letter from Mr. Schoor stated that he was resigning (due to possible conflict of interest) as consultant to Millstone Associates, Inc., the firm which is attempting to develop an apartment complex in Millstone Township, directly adjacent to Roosevelt.

**CORRECTION!** The appointment of Harry Katzenellenbogen to the Board of Health was inadvertently omitted in the January issue of Roosevelt News. A thousand pardons, Harry!

## Editorial Comment

Large and small scale recycling programs have been initiated in most of the neighboring communities including Princeton and Hightstown, while response to attempts with several types of ecology programs in this borough has been feeble due to general apathy of the residents towards problems of our throw-away economy.

Mr. Counterman, who resides at 57 Lake Drive, has been assisting the United Methodist Fellowship group in Clarksburg which includes teenagers over 13 years of age, with their collection of glass and paper for recycling. Unfortunately, we went to press too late last month to announce their drive. Do we have to bring in outside organizations to do our job?

A recycling program is being organized by the fourth graders at the school to make it convenient for everyone to dispose of old cans, newspapers, bottles, magazines and cardboard by arranging two collection depots (on dates to be announced), one on School Lane and the other across the street from the Post Office.

It is felt that revival of a cleanup campaign by the borough council would not be remiss at this time. A recent letter to the school board by one of our residents asking why the school children were not asked to do something about the trash scattered about the school grounds has been impatiently brushed aside. There are also places such as N. Valley Road (everyone can point out other areas) where there is always litter.

Everyone's cooperation is vital to stimulate awareness of the need to save and beautify our environment. Surely we have enough local talent to make such efforts work. And think of the empty cellars and garages this may bring about!

**BIRTH...** Susan and Richard Marchon have a daughter, Jennifer Louise, 7 1/2 lbs., born February 6 at Princeton Hospital. Louise and Ed Rosskam are the proud grandparents.

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# SPOTLIGHT



## ROOSEVELTIANS IN THE NEWS

A small dog "Snoopy Fagan" awakened neighbors as fire gutted a three-story unoccupied frame house on Bellevue Avenue in Trenton one day early in January. The burned property is owned by Phillip Kay who lives on Homestead Lane in Roosevelt. Seven fire companies responded to the alarm. The blaze took almost two hours to bring under control.

We just heard about this.

The Trenton Times Action Line Reporter has done it again, this time with the help of Isidore Sackowitz who in his role as health officer obtained the cooperation of the owner of a delapidated building on the Yardville-Allentown Road to clear away weeds and debris piled high about the house--the view offended his neighbors.

## LOCAL RESIDENT RETURNS TO OLD LOVE - NOT AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

A shingle announcing the professional services of a member of the New Jersey Bar, is not in itself, an unusual event. However, the circumstances in which David Irwin, a resident of Roosevelt for the past 30 years, has hung his shingle out in Warren Plaza West, Route 130, make it novel, indeed. Mr. Irwin is resuming the practice of law after 29 years of an interrupting business career.

A graduate of John Marshall College of Law and admitted to the Bar in 1937, Mr. Irwin was persuaded to embrace the challenge of a business career after several years of law practice. With his cousin, Jules Levin, also of Roosevelt, he operated the Hightstown Lumber Company and found the experience varied and exciting. Asked what impelled him to make the change after so many years, Mr. Irwin said "I guess I never did get over the fascination that Law had for me. It is the regulating principle in human affairs and I had a growing belief that I could be of great service in it, so I went back."

Mr. Irwin realized that the Law is not static so he spent approximately 18 months in night study prior to returning to the practice. He also attended several seminars to become fully abreast of current trends, changes and rulings. Asked whether he felt that the many years of business were a detour from the road he wanted to travel, he answered, "Emphatically no. There is nothing like business to yield an understanding of people interacting with people; and that kind of understanding is the best base for the practice of law and I wouldn't have achieved it otherwise." Mr. Irwin's plans are to carry on a general law practice concerning itself with the representative problems of people living in this vicinity.

## BLAZE DESTROYS CHICKEN COOPS

Zero-degree temperatures and icy winds hampered firemen as they battled a raging blaze which engulfed the chicken coops housing live poultry behind the home of Mrs. Irene Sokoloff early Monday, February 1.

A passing truck driver detected the fire and notified the Roosevelt Fire Company. Aiding Roosevelt firemen in their three to seven a.m. ordeal were volunteer firefighters from Clarksburg.

The subfreezing temperatures and brisk wind turned water spray to ice and caused chattering teeth. Thanks to the women of the First Aid Squad, most of the men found relief in the warm ambulance and cups of hot coffee. There were many tired men who reported to their regular jobs later that Monday morning.

## SISTERHOOD STAGES SOUP FESTIVAL

The synagogue was the scene last Sunday night, February 21, of a soup festival, held by the Sisterhood of Congregation Anshei Roosevelt. A variety of savory soups (cabbage, vegetable, split pea and garlic with meatballs) followed by cake, coffee, and soda, were prepared and served by Frieda Rockoff, Augusta Chasan, Ann Blutstein and other gourmet cooks in the Sisterhood.

The festival also featured a display of art works by local artists, Landau, Prestopino, S. Martin, Wisowaty, Berlinrut, M. Chasan, Schlinski and Simonson (a friend of Wisowaty), in addition to handcrafted items by Clara Katzenellenbogen (ponchos and dolls) and Ilus Lobl (decorative items for the home and clothing). A painting by Tony Wisowaty was the prize for a raffle which was won by Mr. and Mrs. Gruber of Robbinsville.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

The youngsters in town know they have a friend at the library. During the day it's a built-in convenience, and it's still open when the high school bus returns in the afternoon. For those who enjoy getting out of the house in the evening, the corner "fireplace" was warmed many fingers and toes.

As for the oldsters, many of us find the Bookmobile hours inconvenient and a subscription to the Princeton Public Library expensive. If only the limited selection of titles and authors in our own library could be expanded to include our current interests!

Should our library be primarily a reference center or should it obtain more current and popular fiction and nonfiction? How can we best serve the Roosevelt community?

Your reply on the enclosed questionnaire, prepaid for your convenience, will help us determine the direction we should follow.



## COFFEE HOUSE RAP

The Jaycees of Hightstown will sponsor a dance at the High School Saturday night February 27. Music will be provided by Bobby Drapola, Jeff and Bobby Prezant, Ezra Herman and Bill Wisowaty. Admission requires an I.D. card and 50¢.

The Hightstown track relay teams in 880, two-mile, and shuttle-hurdles, scored enough points to tie with Springfield for first place in the State Relays meet for Groups I & II, New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association at Jersey City on January 30.

They also established a new time record at HHH. Four hurdlers who won silver medals were Bill Wisowaty (Roosevelt), Dave Van Hise, Tim Norland and Rod Barnes. A trophy will be awarded to the team. Herbert Godwin, coach of the HHH track team, can be proud of his ability to lead his team to victory.

By tough rebounding and top scoring, the Roosevelt basketball team registered a 61-28 triumph over New Hanover for their second victory in five years on January 28.

Robert Klein led the rebounding with 16, followed by Bob Prezant's 15 rebounds. Daniel Esakoff and Larry Barth each had 18 points for Roosevelt. The team defeated Hanover two weeks earlier 82-31.

### HONORS AT HIGHTSTOWN HIGH

The following Roosevelt residents were among the 176 students who made the Honor Roll at Hightstown High School: House A - Grade 12, Second Honors, Robert Spero; Grade 11, Second Honors, Joanne Shally. House C - Grade 12, Harriet Weisberger; Grade 11, Second Honors, Wonna Eng, Deborah Sacharoff; Grade 10, Second Honors, Sharon Esakoff. House D - Grade 11, Third Honors, Doreen Breder.

### COMMUNITY/SCHOOL ASSN.

C/SA will present a film "Pepe", starring Cantinflas, on March 5, 7:00 p.m., in the school gym. Students \$.50, adults \$1.00. The admission fees help pay for the film rental. This film was selected to offer fun viewing for the entire family.

If this venture proves successful C/SA hopes to show films on a regular basis. Don't forget March 5 - 7 p.m. - Gym - Join Us!

C/SA will offer a program introducing Poppi Kennedy as guest speaker on (tentatively) March 26, 1971, 8:00 p.m., Library. Subject: Women's Liberation. We hope to start soon a Consciousness Rising group, to meet once a month.

Volunteers are needed evenings to help mend books at the library. Call 448-7227.

### PLANNING BOARD

Ralph Seligman told a full quorum of planning committee members on January 25 that the public hearing on the proposal to construct 776 rental units on Millstone Township Route 35 near the Roosevelt border will not be scheduled until March. When the proposal was brought before a special Millstone planning board meeting in December, Mr. Seligman and Mayor Bert Ellentuck questioned the project's effect on traffic conditions and utilities in the area.

Route 35 is an unpaved extension of Oskar Drive which is the main access road for the new development. Plans for water and sewage treatment for the new development will directly affect the borough of Roosevelt.

The board also discussed a preliminary progress report on the educational system in the borough; it follows new guidelines and places greater emphasis than did earlier reports upon the effect of the school on the immediate community.

In other matters, Mr. Seligman was reelected chairman of the board, Howard Chasan was elected vice-chairman and Ed Rosskam and Leonard Sacharoff were seated as new members who had been appointed to the board by the borough. Mel Adlerman will be a consultant to the board.

Further discussion centered about the need for a council ordinance to provide for alternates to the present board due to the temporary absence of two members. One of the board members, Isidore Sackowitz, is happily convalescing at home following a short stay at Princeton Hospital for an undisclosed ailment.

### ART NOTES

A wood engraving by Stefan Martin is included in "Variations on Paper," an exhibition of watercolors, drawings and prints by the Associated Artists of New Jersey now traveling under the auspices of the N.J. State Council on the Arts. The show will stop at the Willingboro Public Library during the month of March.

### SCHOOL BOARD OK'D MURAL CONTRACT

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this task by the late Mr. Shahn. A Roosevelt resident since his early childhood and a graduate of the Roosevelt School, Mr. Bressler attended Allentown High School, received his B.A. from Rutgers University and law degree from Harvard Law School. At present he practices law in New York.

Before the board meeting was adjourned, permission was granted for the use of the school gym on April 24 and 25 for an art show to be sponsored by a group known as the "Friends of Ben Shahn," to give the people of Roosevelt "a chance to contribute toward the fund for the mural restoration."

## School Board

At the January 28 meeting, the Board of Education explained the budget items to the eight persons who turned out for the public hearing on the proposed school budget.

The tentatively approved 1971-1972 Roosevelt School budget was approved by the board after the hearing. It represented an approximate four percent increase over the 70-71 budget, to \$220,950, which was mainly attributed to a 10 percent increase in salaries and higher costs of materials and anticipated improvements in heating and roofing.

The board estimated a school tax rate of \$3.37 for each \$100 assessed valuation. Only the \$163,436 in local tax levies to support current expenses were to be submitted to the voters for approval February 9.

Teachers' contracts were ratified by the board. These included three separate salary ranges for persons with no degree, and holders of bachelor's and master's degrees, with guide running in 12 steps for each scale. The agreement also included complete medical insurance with full coverage for teachers as well as custodian and principal to be paid for by the board.

In other business, Mrs. Herman obtained permission to arrange a two-day overnight camping trip to state forests in April or May. Her plan called for four chaperones and four cars; all will be properly insured. A member of the audience noted that the school needs urgently some new window shades.

### C/SA CANDIDATES MEETING

A sizeable audience was on hand the evening of January 31 to hear comments by the candidates for the six Board of Education positions on various issues and what they expected to accomplish if elected.

Following introductory remarks by C/SA Program Chairman Liz Johnson and Mayor Ellentuck, the candidates commented on school regionalization, the professionalism of the Board in the past and the future, the veil of secrecy adopted by the Board in the past, Board responsibility for recreational facilities, class size and consolidation, and allocation of funds.

All candidates expressed their views on each issue; several candidates responded to specific questions posed by members of the audience.

### Note of Thanks

Bruce Bulkin and his family wish to thank Jan Gale and the First Aid Squad who brought him to the hospital, and the many neighbors and friends who sent him good wishes.

## SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS NAMED

Melvin Friedman was elected president of the school board by a 5-4 vote at the annual organization meeting on February 15. He replaced Ed Johnson who had held the post for the past two years. Mrs. Diane Weissman was elected vice president.

Reappointed were: Harold Bogatz, attorney, and Robert Eisner, auditor. Louise Rosskam, Mel Friedman and Diane Weissman were sworn in for three-year terms. Laurence Altman, Herbert Steinberg and Edwin Johnson were sworn in for two-year terms.

Incumbents and newly elected board members participated in a heated discussion about future Board policy on a number of questions: 1) Should they reexamine and justify the use of standing committees; 2) should all board meetings be public, with no private executive sessions, and 3) should the principal be permitted to handle the administration of the school.

Regarding the last item, the board was reminded that the principal was employed as a teaching principal, not as a full-time administrator. They agreed to hold a series of discussions on these topics and to resolve most of the problems before the next regular meeting in March.

The following temporary committee chairmen were appointed: Ed Johnson, teachers' committee; Les Wiener, finance; Bob Mueller, building; Diane Weissman, library; Laurie Altman, high school and transportation; Louise Rosskam, health and public information; and Lou Esakoff, legislative committee, which he rejected pending the outcome of the aforementioned discussions.

The principal's report described innovations in the educational programs now in progress: 1) Room visiting with permission of the teachers involved, 2) reactivation of the student council, 3) talk-out for the children of the fourth grade and up. Representative of each grade may meet with three teachers and a board member once each month to explore ideas pertaining to the school, i.e., grades, 4) Physical education program. New activities were described: Modern dance guided by Toni Herman and fencing with equipment loaned by fencers in the borough. Instruction has begun in playing the recorder and auto-harp. Dance groups will be invited to rehearse at the school to encourage the children to mingle with the dancers and learn what it's all about.

### ATTENTION -- ALL CRAFTSMEN!

The Fund for Peace Education is planning a new exhibition in their Peace Gallery for early March, with the opening reception slated for Sunday, March 7. The theme of the show will be Craftsmen in the Community and will feature a variety of quality items created by local artisans, i.e., jewelry, small furniture, weaving, etc. The Gallery commission will, as always, be used to further the cause of peace through contributions to peace organizations. Those who wish to participate may call Jeanette Koffler, 448-2259, for detailed information.

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*If you have not already sent in your contribution to help defray the cost of printing and distributing this newspaper, you are urged to do so as soon as possible.*

#### SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES

The Golden Age Club celebrated the birthdays of Aaron Rockoff and Sarah Rubinstein and the 44th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Topal at a party held on February 11.

One week later, on February 18, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lachman entertained the senior citizens' group at another festivity to celebrate the February birthdays of three grandchildren. Refreshments were provided by the Lachmans.

A program is being planned for a Purim celebration to be held on March 11 at the borough hall.

A Monmouth County council of senior citizens has recently been organized and is arranging to send Golden Age Club representatives to a Washington, D.C., conference on aging in November, according to Harry Sokolow, president of the Roosevelt group.

The club meets at the boro hall Thursdays at 2pm. Officers of the club include, in addition to Mr. Sokolow, Aaron Rockoff, vice president and recording secretary, and William Naroditsky, secretary-treasurer.

#### NOTE OF THANKS

Samuel Sherak and daughters, Faith and Nona, of 4 Maple Court, thank their friends and neighbors for many kindnesses during their recent bereavement.

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#### CALENDAR

- Mar 5 - C/SA film - school gym, 8 pm.
- Mar 8, - Bookmobile - market parking lot, 2:30-4:30 pm.
- Mar 9 - School Board - school, 8 pm.
- Mar 10 - Borough Council - public hearing on budget- Boro Hall, 8:30 pm.
- Mar 11 - Golden Age Club, Purim celebration - Boro Hall, 8 pm.
- Mar 13 - Sisterhood- Chinese Auction- Congregation Anshei Roosevelt Social Hall, 8 pm. Info: 448-2455.
- Mar 20 - Pioneer Women - Purim Musicale- Boro Hall, 8 pm.
- Mar 26 - C/SA - Women's Lib- school library, 8 pm
- Apr 5,- Bookmobile - market parking lot, 2:30-4:30 pm.
- Apr 24,- Art Show (Friends of Ben Shahn)-school gym (time to be announced)

#### Death Notice

Eve Glickman, resident for 31 years, who had resided at 14 Farm Lane, died February 12 after a long illness. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Karen Blair, a son, Dr. Ralph Glickman, and a brother, Lester Luria. Coincidentally, her grandchild was born only some hours after her demise.