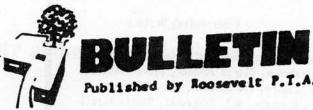
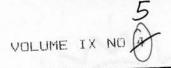
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COUNCIL NEWS

Sewage Repairs Needed

By Peter Gould

At the council's agenda meeting on February 10, Mr. Ferris Stout, Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, reported on the urgent need for repairs at the Borough's sewage treatment plant. Mr. Stout emphasized that the conditions in the sewer plant pump room were especially bad, describing them as "disgusting and dangerous", and he said that he would consult with the Borough Engineer about the problem.

Two days later, at the regular meeting, the council passed Mr. Stout's motion to approve the purchase of a standby generator for the sewage plant, a Rescue Air Pak for the water plant, alarm systems for both plants, and a one year monitoring agreement of the alarm systems, for a total not to exceed \$10,000. Mayor Freda Hepner noted that these items are required by the State, and Mr. Stout stated that he hoped to have other urgently needed repairs started at the sewer plant soon.

According to Mr. Stout the problems requiring immediate attention at the

sewer plant are: a leak in the recirculating line, a failing pump motor, and an electrical job involving the pump room and the control room. Other expenditures authorized at the regular meeting included \$2,800 for a new carpet for the Borough Hall Community Room and \$500 to purchase blinds for the Borough Office windows.

During the meeting, the council passed four resolutions: 1) appointing Karen Henkins as court Clerk for a one year term; 2) extending the SCAT (Special Citizens Area Transportation) services for senior citizens for 1986; 3) permitting a fireworks display, supervised by a properly licensed person, for the Fourth of July Celebration; 4) asking the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders to form a commission for a joint municipal insurance fund.

The introduction of an ordinance regarding snowmobile operation in the Borough was postponed at the request of Carol Watchler, Chairwoman of the Administration Committee. And it was

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observed that the roads were not being sanded because the sanding truck was not working.

Correspondence received by the Borough included a letter from the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission regarding the 1986 Aerial Spray Program. Spraying will take place between March 1 and October 31, and the Commission needs written approval from the Borough for the program. The council is investigating the nature of the chemicals that will be used.

Louis Esakoff wrote suggesting that the rabies clinic be rescheduled for the fall to facilitate the dog licensing process in January, and a letter was received from the White House acknowledging the Borough's resolution in favor of a nuclear weapons freeze.

Plans for Roosevelt's 50th Anniversary Celebration were discussed at



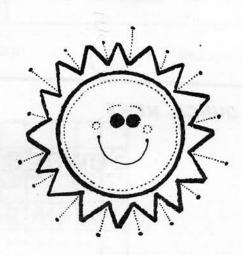
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the February 10th agenda Three members of the autonomous Reunion (Irving Bach. Committee Koffler, and Delores Chasen) came to express their support for Memorial Day Weekend (MDW) as the date for the Anni-This group has versary Celebration. been contacting former Roosevelt residents about the Celebration, and Mr. Bach said that over two hundred invitations had already been mailed with the MDW date. Ralph Seligman, chairman of the Council's Culture and Recreation Committee, expressed his support for the Reunion Committee's plans, and he maintained that a public commemoration of the anniversary could also be made on July Fourth without detracting from the MDW-50th Anniversary Celebration. Members of both committees were to meet for discussion.

Solar Village = Boon or blunder? part two

By Peter Berlinrut

Too close to the road

The charge heard most often was that Solar Village was set much too close to North Valley Road. I agree. I was just about the first to notice it when I observed the markers indicating the location of the buildings. And thereby hangs a story in which, in my opinion, there are no villians, only the fickle finger of fate.

The Farmers Home Loan Administration financed the project. They said that relative to the total sum allotted, there was an upper limit as to how much could be spent for acquiring the land. (That is the way it was conveyed to me). This meant that no more land could be purchased with the alloted funds than 2 acres. The architects, Kelbaugh & Lee, were given the problem of setting the buildings necessary to house twenty-one apartments on acres of land. I think they did the best they could, and the drawings were submitted to the town.

No site review or approval

Normally the next step should have been their submission to the Planning Board for site review and site approval. It never took place. Why?

Our Zoning law restricts one residence to a minimum of a half acre of land. Solar Village was to have twenty-one residences choked inside two acres of land. A variance from the Board of Adjustment was thus required. This was granted.

Another question arose: did this variance automatically bestow site approval for the project? [This question remains unsettled to this day, as far as I'm concerned.] I was on the Planning Board at that time and when someone raised the matter of our doing a site review of Solar Village based on the submitted drawings, we were told by someone in authority (I can't be sure who) it was no longer necessary, that the variance granted by the Board of

Adjustment automatically bestowed site approval for the project.

I once asked the late George Levinson who was then Chairman of the Board of Adjustment for his opinion and he was emphatic in denying that the variance did in fact constitute automatic approval of the site. And that's about where the matter holds today. The Planning Board never did examine the drawings and never did approve the use of the site nor the fifteen foot setback from the road.

As I look back upon it I see the situation as the failure of a proper liason and coordination between the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment. This is something that present and future boards should bear in mind. As far as Solar Village is concerned, its buildings are too close to the road and there is poor provision for parking and that should never have been. But I'm afraid we're fated to live with it. Perhaps the extension of Farm Lane will provide modest incidental help.

Graft?

We now come to what seems to me the ugliest and silliest weed in the gossip garden, namely that graft was paid by someone to someone else to conceal misdeeds involved in Solar Village. Let us see it this way: there were five separate and distinct parties to the enterprise: (1) the Trustees, (2) the architects, (3) the Farmers Home Administration, (4) the general contractor, (5) the Building Inspector, myself for general construction, and Middle Department Agency for the plumbing, electrical and fire subcodes.

How could anyone of these have bought off any other so that the others would not discover it sooner or later? While all five function in behalf of the same ultimate goal, namely to erect a particular structure properly, each has a different role in it, one that would make him critical and adversary

to the wrong-doing of any of the others. No matter what dishonesty any one of these might have harbored in his heart, the odds against his serving it successfully are enormous and prohibitive. I feel rather sheepish to dignify this gossip by noticing it at all but as long as it has raised its foul head, I thought it might be as well to wield a scimitar.

To digress: I served eleven years as the construction official in Roosevelt and four years in Hightstown. have often joked with friends that hurts my vanity and pride that no one ever offered me a dime to close an eye or look the other way in any instance of wrongdoing. Am I justified in complaining this is not the American way? I don't know. (Ah yes, there is one near-exception. I once came home to find two bottles of expensive liquor left by a contractor working in the vicinity. I picked them up and within an hour brought them to his car where I knew it was parked and put inside.)

Dead weight?

We arrive now to the vaguest objection of all: that Solar Village is going to be a dead weight contributing little to the life of the town. It will increase the flow of traffic, strain the town's utilities, provide more responsibilities to the First Aid Squad and the ambulance service and so on.

I'm quite confident that most people do not feel so at all, that most of us welcome Solar Village and its senior citizens, and not merely for human reasons. That is a part of it but there is also a hard profit-and-loss aspect.

The town takes in more than twice as much revenue in taxes from those two acres than it would if the land were occupied by four private residences. In addition, the revenue from water and garbage is greater than the expense. Then too there is a tidy annual sum saved in that there are no children to educate.

All in all, putting it bluntly, the town profits financially from the presence of Solar Village.

And if that isn't enough, there is

yet another consideration. The movement to force each town to allot some land for low income housing is bound to grow and face sharp teeth. Roosevelt will probably have satisfied that requirement with Solar Village. So much for the dollars and cents, the material factors.

There are some human factors just as important and even more so. with those who are not in favor sequestering older people munities of their own--successful and popular as many retirement communities are. The arch of life spanning the interval between cradle and grave rests far more solidly when the ages mix. Chronologically I am an old man myself and I profit spiritually from rubbing elbows with those younger and I dare say they profit from rubbing elbows It establishes the continuity with me. of life a bit more firmly for all of

I hope the people who have been living in Roosevelt a longer time will cultivate those now in Solar Village and vice versa, letting all such terms as senior citizen, junior or middling citizen fall to the side.

Ending on a personal note, I can recall vividly the sloping land where Solar Village now stands. It covered with scrub grass, stunted trees that had given up the struggle to live too quickly, assorted underbrush and few sparse daisies here and there. used to pass there frequently on walk through South Valley Road and I can't say it was nature at her comeliest. However it was nature nature even in her homlier guises can arouse my appreciation. This summer when I passed there, the scene of course was all different. What I saw were people sitting and talking, doing their neighborly thing, sipping cool drinks, and I liked it. And even if the earlier natural scene as I recall it had been prettier and more impressive, I wouldn't have missed it. There is something about the presence of human life that nature as such, nature at her most besplendored can't equal or substitute for. So I thought myself, Welcome, Solar Village, welcome!

Cold Thought In February

Sunlight

penetrates

an old pink tulip in miraculous

water,

cat's gray zazen celebrates the

cobwebbed

window

tactfully,

cold February thought

swoops through my inside sky

like the finches

looping hungry

to the bird-feed: "Love, every

inch of you

provides a snuggle city

for this morning's

Neil R. Selden







PLANNING BOARD NEWS

By Bob Clark

In January the composition of the planning board changed slightly, and in February the board began the difficult process of updating the borough's master plan. Gail Hunton was appointed by mayor Freda Hepner as an alternate The board member. reelected Mallach chairman, Mel Friedman vice chairman and Deborah Metzger secretary. The mayor also serves on the board, as Seligman, do council member Ralph building inspector Harold Haught, Aaron Datz and Anita Cervantes (alternate).

The board designated the Asbury Park Press and the Windsor Heights Herald as newspapers to publish official public notices. Official notices will no longer be published in the Messenger-Press.

Chairman Mallach and a group of planning board members and interested residents met on February 5 to discuss a report that Mallach prepared to serve as a basis for discussion for the master plan update. The board will continue to work on the master plan at its meeting on March 5.

The board briefly discussed a new law which would allow a municipality of less than 2500 residents to eliminate its zoning board of adjustment and transfer its functions to a nine-member planning board. Mayor Hepner said she is opposed to such action in Roosevelt because an extra board encourages community participation by its members, and there is virtue in having a planning board appointed by the mayor and a zoning board approved by the council.

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

By Herb Johnson

The School Board has been anxious to have the library ceiling repaired so that the plastic covering over the magnificent Ben Shahn mural could be removed. Contractors said the price would be less if the library ceiling repair was part of the job of installing the proposed new ceiling in the gymnasium. The Board did not want to wait for that project and the low bid of \$5000 for the library job seemed exorbitant, so board members decided to do the job themselves. Gary Edelstein supplied a fifteen foot high scaffold on wheels and, on two Sundays early this month, led his colleagues in the perilous, intricate work of removing many sections of damaged ceiling tiles and installing new ones. Fortunately, none of the fiberglass insulation had to be replaced. As it was, the job they expected to take one day was not completed in two. The determined crew agreed to try and complete the job on February 16 and 17. Members agreed that they felt the bid of \$5000 was not as outrageous as they first believed.

For the first time in about two years, the required quorum of five members did not appear for a regular Board meeting on February 6, so there is only one meeting to report on.

On January 16, the school nurse, Mrs. Faye Josephson, described to the Board members and others at the meeting what she had learned at a December seminar on AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. She offered to lead an in-service seminar for staff members, and suggested that AIDS information be included in the family-life curriculum.

The board announced that they selected the following local citizens to supervise the school board elections and the vote on the school budget in April:

David Bulkin as Judge Syvia Gale as Inspector Virginia Edwards as Clerk Katherine Sajgo as Clerk Geraldine Millar as Alternate Board member Debra Allen is to open and close the polls.

The board approved of Ellen Francis becoming the lunch room aide for the balance of the school year at \$4.75 per hour.

The next meetings of the School Board, to which all Roosevelt citizens are always welcome to attend, are on February 13 and 20, and March 6 and 20. Regular meetings are scheduled for all first and third Thursdays each month at 8 PM in the school.



Assunpink Waste Note:

By Dave Teich

I just spoke with the EPA officer who made the inspection of the waste site I reported in the last issue of the Bulletin. I will have a copy his report in about a day, I hope. I know it's deadline time but if not this issue I'll get you the full story by the next one. He did say that it was not a toxic or hazardous site, it's a "solid waste dump." The matter was referred to the Wildlife Management office for cleanup. They say they need an access road, but there really isn't one very close to this site, just trails. I offered to help coordinate a volunteer effort, and they told me they were checking into just such an idea but they had to find out what their insurance coverage is, and I should call them back in about a month.

SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS.

By Helga Wisowaty

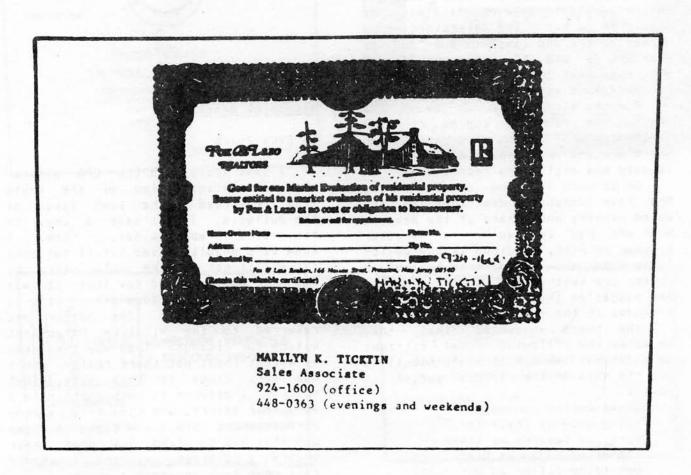
Jeannette Koffler chaired the February 4 meeting. We were pleasantly surprised when Paul Eichler presented us with a large box of stationary with our club name printed on top, a gift given to us by Edith and Sol Ernstein.

It was announced that too Seniors are taking advantage of the blood pressure measurements that are given on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 10am-1:00pm and that if this continues we are in danger of losing this check-up.

The confusion that exists regarding the lack of a second bus will be cleared up soon according to the super-

Plans are being made to attend a showing of Shenandoah at Club Bene, probably on April 8, and lunch.





Roosevelt Nuclear Disarmament Committee

By Herb Johnson

Fran and Jacob Landau, and Herb Johnson were among the 80 people who attended the 6 hour state-wide meeting of N.J. disarmament activists on Saturday, February 8 to work out effective responses to the Gorbachev proposal for complete nuclear disarmament, world-wide, by the end of this millenium. Herb and Florie Johnson, and Barbara Peters arranged to go with some Princeton members on Friday, February 21 to lobby our two U.S. Senators and Rep. Smith in Washington, D.C.

On Sunday, March 2 at 2:00PM, Monmouth College and the Monmouth Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament co-sponsor a Community Teaching Conference called "The United States and the Soviet Union: Will we Learn to Live Together?" Two impressive panels will discuss US-USSR relations in terms of past, present, and prospects for the future. Dr. Saliba Sarsar, our own devoted first-aid squad volunteer, is now Professor of Political Science at Monmouth College. He is to introduce, at 7:30 PM, after dinner at the college, the evening's speaker, the Hon. William Colby, who was the director of the US Central Intelligence Agency, 1973-1976, and whose topic is

"American-Soviet Impasse: Is There a Solution?" The conference and dinner costs \$12. Anyone wanting to attend is urged to call any Roosevelt Nuclear Disarmament Committee member for car-pooling.

Adeline Weiner was to have attended the Third International Conference of Nuclear-Free Zone Local Authorites in Perugia, Italy, in late February as representative of Roosevelt, one of New Jersey's four nuclear-free zones. It was postponed till the fall, so do not expect any reports soon, as was promised in last month's Boro Bulletin.





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LOVE OF LIFE

Confessions of a Hamiltonian

By Josef G. Solomon

At the time of the American Revolution, when it began to seem as though the Colonies might indeed attain their independence, the question arose as to what kind of government the new country should have. Many of those we now refer to as the Founding Fathers drew up separate plans for a government, discussed them, compared them, etc. When Alexander Hamilton showed his plan once, it drew the complaint, "I see no room here for the people." Hamilton angrily replied "The people? Sir, the people is a great beast!"

There are times when I tend to agree. As individuals, of course, persons cover the spectrum. In fact, some of my best friends are persons. But when persons become a group of people, their behavior seems to worsen. If two persons murder someone by hanging him, it's murder. If a group of 50 people murder someone by hanging him, it's not called murder any more: It's a lynching. As a group, the people is indeed a great beast.

It's Enough to Curl Your Hair

Earlier in this century, a mayor of Boston was convicted and sent to prison for the felony of taking a civil-service exam in the name of someone else (who was unable to read or write, I think). While in prison, he ran for re-election--and won! A few years ago, when George McGovern ran for re-election as senator from South Dakota, his opponent claimed that McGovern was "anti-family". McGovern has been married to the same woman for some forty years, has several grown children, and, in short, is a member of what used to be considered a reasonably typical American family. His opponent was a middle-aged man who had never been married. Who was accusing whom of

being "anti-family"? McGovern lost. (Admittedly, there just might have been other factors involved.)

It Isn't Always Black and White

The first time Tom Bradley ran for mayor of Los Angeles, the incumbent, Sam Yorty, claimed that Bradley, a black, was anti-police. The accusation damaged Bradley; many blacks were violently anti-police. The people of LA apparently believed the charge, and re-elected Yorty for the nth time--disregarding the fact that Bradley was a 21-year veteran of the Los Angeles police force. How could Bradley be anti-police, with that record? You might as well say the Eisenhower was anti-army. The second time Bradley ran against Yorty, Bradley won. Apparently, Bradley was no anti-police.

On a similar subject, we have seen instances in our own country where die-hard segregationists are adamantly opposed to having blacks move near them, because "blacks will ruin the neighborhood". And how do these "Americans" express their opposition? By fire-bombing the house that blacks have moved into, of course. That improves the neighborhoods?

What Interests the Public?

A newspaper claimed that, of all the telephone calls received by the ABC television network on January 28, 1986, 80% were complaints that General Hospital had been pre-empted. All regular programming that afternoon had been pre-empted, of course, in order to cover the disaster of the space-shuttle Challenger.

Similarly, Fred Friendly resigned

from CBS News many years ago because CBS insisted on broadcasting the previously scheduled nth reruns of "I Love Lucy", instead of pre-empting them in order to broadcast the congressional hearings then making headlines across the country. Oddly enough, Friendly thought the hearings were more important. Maybe the people really doprefer situation comedy to real life.

After he was elected president, John Kennedy appointed Newton Minow to be the chairman of the FCC. In a famous speech to the television industry, Minow challenged the executives gathered there to go home and watch what their networks were broadcasting to America. He described what they would see as a "vast wasteland". He also told them why: "You are confusing the public interest with what interests the public."

What's It All About?

The question is, of course, why do large numbers of people--individually or in groups--act as if they had no sense at all? Is judgement really fled to brutish beasts? (as Shakespeare and I always used to say)

Iron Ships and the Iron Maiden

I don't know, but here's another example. Several years ago, the military ruler of Argentina announced that those islands off Argentina's coast, that British called the Falkland Islands, and claimed to own, were Argentina's. Not only that, he announced that Argentina was going to reclaim its property. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Great Britain ignored him.

So, after waiting several months, he did it: He sent a small force to the largely undefended islands, and triumphantly recaptured them for Argentina. Then, and only then, Thatcher sent a British fleet across the Atlantic. In these days of ICBM's, and their 30-minute warning before nuclear holocaust, it still took the British fleet a week to sail from England to Argentina, as everyone had known it

would. Once the fleet arrived, the islands were retaken--but at a cost in Argentinian and British lives and ships. There were months between Argentina's threat and its invasion.

Why did Thatcher wait? Why didn't she send a fleet at once? She could have prevented the invasion altogether, instead of being forced to stage her own. There would have been no loss of life at all. Nonetheless, she called for elections shortly afterward. Buoyed up on a groundswell of nationalist enthusiasm for her glorious victory, she was swept into office in a landslide. (Mixing metaphors is fun!) Why wasn't she pitched out on her ear, as a result of that horrendous waste of lives and money?

And then there was Grenada...

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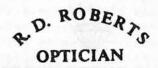
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Sights and Sounds is a student-run professional concert club. It's the only one of its kind known in the United States. The club is run by the Hightstown High School student members, along with one adult member, John Bates. Mr. Bates is a staff teacher in the math-computer science department.

In 1974, the club was started by Mr. Bates. He loves music and aside from the band and drama club, there was no other outlet for their music, acting, and dancing abilities.

The first year Mr. Bates tried to get a group of students together to produce a concert, he only found six. These students were fans of folk music, not rock. The seven people had a dream of raising enough money to bring Steve Goodman to Hightstown High School. That year they did a show of two bands and just managed to break even.

In time this changed. The club was able to make itself known to its peers and the profits from the annual show, the variety show, and the Talent Sandwich, in which the students and staff members act, were given to help the yearbook staff get the yearbook out. That was just the beginning of their charity events. After the death of Steve Goodman, they raised money for cancer care. At the present time the students are working on a food drive for local families.

In the past few years, the club has grown to 90 members including Mr. Bates. Along with more members came professional concerts. The first professional concert was five years ago when Andy Breckman played at the Talent Sandwich. This was only the beginning. Sights and Sounds brought professional talent from across the United States; Bicks Mortar, 14 Karat Soul, Bryan Bowers, Michael Cooney, Mike Cross, Gamble Rogers. Beside the list from the US, two bands came from Scotland: the Tannahill Weavers and the Battlefield Band.



The students learn all about production. They learn about ticket sales, putting together posters, writing and making radio ads and writing for newspapers.

At the present time the club is preparing for an exclusive Mike Cross concert. The concert will take place in the Hightstown High School auditorium on March 1 at 8:00 PM. Ticket prices are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door.

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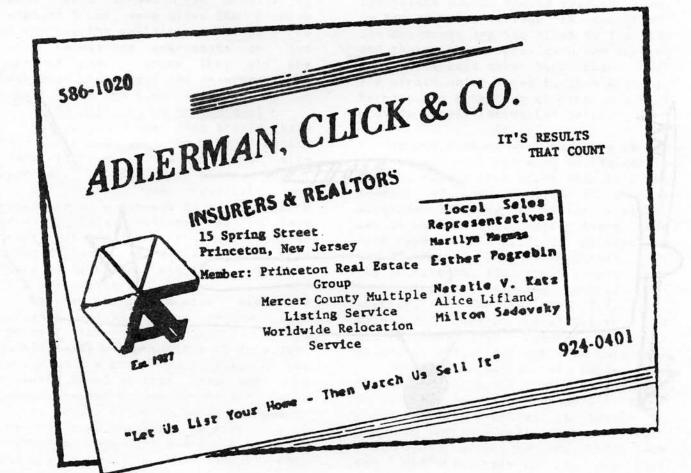
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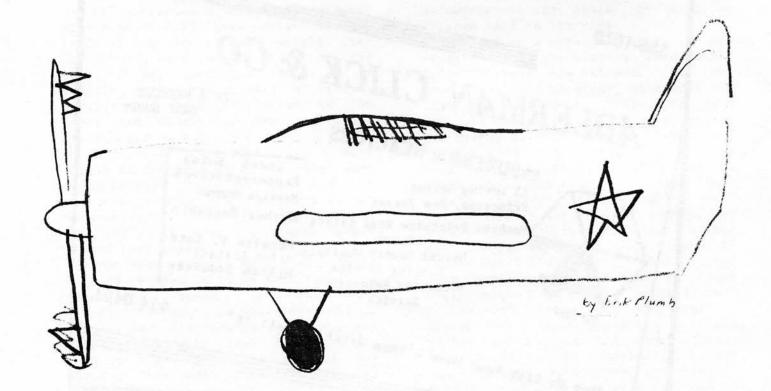
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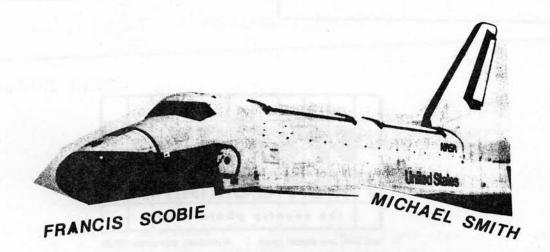
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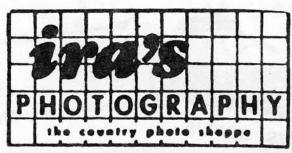
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