

450 ATTEND RECEPTION IN HONOR OF NEW COOPERATORS

M. SHALLIN TO BE IN THE OFFICE MORNINGS ONLY

Due to the pressure of business especially during these months of construction, apartment changes and other administrative matters, Assistant Manager Michael Shallin will be available for personal conferences only from 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. including Saturdays.

Anyone in need of his attention will please make an appointment or be prepared to wait about half an hour or more. Saturdays are reserved for those who cannot come in on weekdays.

During the afternoon hours, or should Mr. Shallin be suddenly called away some morning, Harold Ostroff will be available for consultation.

Our development is expanding and senior staff members can no longer give endless hours to minor matters which can be handled through the Service and Finance departments.

When our buildings and stores are completed the entire administrative machinery will certainly run more smoothly and satisfactorily. Until then your patience and cooperation in respect to the above arrangement will be greatly appreciated.

Abraham E. Kazan, *Manager*

Apartment Exchange Forms

All requests for apartment changes when units 12 and 13 are completed must be filed on special forms distributed nearly three weeks ago.

If any one misplaced his original copy and still wishes to file a request please call at the office for another form and return same, carefully marked and signed, not later than Tuesday, November 7.

Manager Kazan Delivers Major Address

Last Saturday night, October 28, the basement Cafeteria of Clinton High School was converted into a veritable Banquet Hall through the sweat and magic of some twenty-five ladies and a dozen gentlemen, mostly members of our administrative committees, staff members, and their wives under the co-captaincy of Ida Vozick and Fannie Weinstein.

Tastefully decorated with flowers, ferns and candlelight, the tables were filled with fruits, nuts, figs, dates and cookies, each table presided over by a tall bottle of chilled wine. Later, delicious co-op coffee and assorted cakes were served most efficiently by the charming hostesses who received an ovation at the end of the reception.

By 9:15, over 450 new cooperators, obviously in a holiday mood, their clothes checked in the other half of the huge cafeteria, filled every seat,

creating a striking pictorial effect as seen from the Dais.

Education Director Herman Liebman, who M.C.'d the Reception, introduced the entertainer of the evening, Radio and Television folk singer and accordionist Eddie Ross, who immediately got everyone swinging in unison, hands on neighbor's shoulders, and singing together American, Yiddish, Russian and Israeli folk songs.

About 10:15, the cheerful assemblage settled back to hear a few short greetings and an Address of Welcome by Manager Abraham E. Kazan. Mr. Liebman first introduced just for a bow all members of our House Committee and A. H. Consumers Society Board present.

A "FANTASY"

He then called on House Committee Secretary David Maness to read his own version of "The Evolution of A" (Continued on Page Two)

STOCKHOLDERS APPROVE \$100,000 LOAN FOR STORES

Reconstruction of entire block advancing rapidly.

The Auditorium at P. S. 95 was 'bursting at the seams' with stockholders of our A.H. Consumers Society meeting in special session Friday evening, October 20 to adopt a resolution for a Mortgage loan of \$100,000 from the Amalgamated Bank to finance the remodeling of the building for our new shopping center on Sedgwick Ave.

Chairman of the Board Max Bluestein introduced Manager Kazan who gave a brief history of our efforts to provide conveniently located stores for our expanding community and how we

plan to subdivide the block into a huge cooperative supermarket and about eight concessions for the most vital community services such as a Drug store, a Luncheonette, a Kosher Butcher, a Barber shop and Beauty Parlor, Dry Cleaning and Tailoring shops, a shoemaker and a hand laundry.

Our Co-op supermarket, said Manager Kazan, is designed and will be equipped to do up to a million dollars' worth of business a year.

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Cooperator" especially written for the occasion. Mr. Maness' satires on community life are well known and his fame in that direction has spread among the new cooperators as well. Despite the irritating inadequacy of the loud speakers throughout the evening which performed perfectly at "rehearsal" time earlier in the day, the hundreds of guests strained to catch every word, innuendo and gibe Mr. Maness recited in mock solemnity.

There were many a belly-laugh and outburst of applause as Mr. Maness delicately transforms an enthusiastic, grateful applicant into an indifferent, grumbling cooperator. (Space permitting this "fantasy" will appear elsewhere in this issue or in the next.)

GREETINGS

Among the greeters were Board of Directors' member Israel Ostroff, his son and staff member Harold Ostroff, young Charles Weitzberg, son-in-law of Cooperator Schindler, who wished to express his gratitude at being accepted in the community and how happy he is here. Mr. Weitzberg, who was one of a dozen blood donors last week when cooperator Morris Margolies was in a critical condition at Montefiore Hospital — and still is — appealed for another two dozen donors urgently needed to pull Mr. Margolies through. Another new cooperator, Mr. Joseph Dorfman, Assistant Manager of The Amalgamated Joint Board also expressed his satisfaction at living here but pleaded for more cooperation in keeping the buildings clean and restricting our children a little more.

THE MANAGER'S ADDRESS

Chairman of the A. H. Consumers Board Max Bluestein then greeted the audience in behalf of the joint Committees and introduced Mr. Kazan.

After expressing his pleasure at the response to the welcoming reception, the Manager begged to be forgiven for taking advantage of the evening to touch upon several important aspects

of our development.

He pointed out that ours is now the largest single cooperative housing project in the world, and that thanks to our success, other privately sponsored and government-aided cooperative developments are being projected. He deplored the lukewarm attitude of some and the indifferent attitude of others in matters of self-discipline, cleanliness, child behavior, etc. Mr. Kazan pointed out that while current construction makes it impossible for the Administration to take care of every detail at this time, it offers no excuse for cooperators to violate house rules and regulations and permit themselves and especially their children to ruin the limited park area and turn our halls and entrances into playgrounds.

In mentioning the magnitude of the enterprise Mr. Kazan reminded the audience that due to constantly growing costs of construction and our strict adherence to the highest standards of home building, we are compelled to borrow several hundred thousand dollars to complete the financing. The recently launched 5-year, 3½% Debenture Bond issue among our cooperators is one method of raising part of the required capital. A good start has been made, he said, mostly by the older cooperators. Mr. Kazan appealed to all new cooperators to subscribe to this sound, self-financing plan, and to subscribe generously.

He then asked for our moral support of the newly organized city-wide central cooperative housing agency, under the leadership of many outstanding citizens, which is planning several new major projects, as soon as current restrictions permit. "We expect that just as the older cooperators here undertook the responsibility of new construction which is now benefiting you," concluded Mr. Kazan, "that you, in turn, will actively support further cooperative home building to benefit others."

CREDITS

Judging by the compliments freely

given to members of the reception committee, last Saturday's affair was one of the most successful social events in many years.

In addition to Captains Ida Vozick and Fannie Weinstein, the following deserve a vote of thanks for contributing to the general success: Mrs. Kazan, Mrs. Niemela, Mrs. Liebman, Mrs. Ostroff (Junior), Mrs. Bluestein, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. P. Schuldenfrei, Mrs. Mandel, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Lipetz, Mrs. Urkowitz, Mrs. Grelick, Mrs. Dolney, Mrs. Case, Mrs. Ehrlich, Mrs. Cole, Lee Feder, Rose Scherl, Mary Yacker, Sophie Bender, Toby Slepian, Sally Greenberg, Esther Gershner, Millie Braunstein, Eleanore Wiener, Millie Harmon, Hilda Bobson, Minnie Levine, Mary Lukomnik, Ruth Schechter, Rose Schiff and Sandra Spiwack.

Of the several men who pitched in, grateful mention must be made of the yeoman service rendered by Murray Braunstein, Stanley Dolney, Milton Wiener and Larry Silverman.

The Clinton custodial staff and particularly the Cafeteria workers under their able chief, Mrs. Curtis, were most cooperative, and deserve the warmest gratitude of our community.

COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE SET FOR NOV. 13-20

While U.J.A. and similar rescue campaigns have enlisted our major efforts in recent years, as a community we did very little for such essential domestic relief agencies as Red Cross, Polio, Jewish Federation, Cancer, Tuberculosis and United Hospitals, to mention only the most outstanding ones.

For some time we've been thinking and talking of organizing a Community Chest for these charities to which each family would contribute a modest sum each year.

A group of lady-activists led by the recently organized social group calling itself the A.W.S.G.'s decided to begin this year with the Community Chest drive for the above mentioned charities. Special Bulletins will give further details. Please stand by for the call.

CONCERT AND ART EXHIBIT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

TERASPULSKY FEATURED CELLO SOLOIST

An evening of unusual artistic merit is scheduled in our Vladeck Auditorium for Saturday evening, November 18, sponsored by the recently organized local Music and Art Group — a new community activity for adults.

Called together by Education Director H. Liebman, Oct. 17, some two dozen musicians and artists, both professional and amateur, organized to promote and share their mutual artistic interests in a beautiful Studio located in Bldg. 8.

In order to attract other music and art lovers to the group and to begin raising a fund for equipping and furnishing the Studio, it was unanimously decided to conduct a combination Con-

cert and Art Exhibit in our Auditorium Saturday evening, November 18.

The outstanding concert artist in our community, Leopold Teraspulsky, just returned from Europe where he appeared at the famous Pablo Casals Festival and gave other recitals, was happy to lend his talents for the promotion of such a community group activity. He will perform Bach's suite No. 1 in G major for Cello solo and the beautiful Breval Sonata. Another artist-cooperator, violinist Archie Levin and a guest violist will also appear and with Leopold's participation perform some string trios. The pianist will be announced shortly.

The other half of this cultural event

will be in the form of a combined exhibit by several gifted artists in our community. The Auditorium will open at 8:00 o'clock for an hours' inspection of the exhibit. The Concert will begin promptly at 9:00.

It is expected that many of our music and art lovers will plan to attend this gala event. Not only will they spend a delightful and profitable evening, but by their presence and support will encourage the new group to go forward with their plans for a creative artistic circle in our community.

This initial event, if well attended, will be followed by similar presentations by other artists and musicians in the community as well as by invited guest performers.

Single subscriptions are \$1.00 — Couples \$1.50.

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loan was put to a vote, not a single dissenting vote was registered.

Since this part of the meeting was over rather early Mr. Kazan took the opportunity to speak of several matters which caused a number of inquiries in recent weeks, and some misunderstandings, too.

HEATING:

Our newly installed central heating system is not yet fully completed and was not ready for instant operation during the cold snap in September. Moreover that sudden spell occurred on Saturday and Sunday when the heating engineers were not available since the heating season seemed far off.

Mr. Kazan warned that a number of minor 'bugs' must still be discovered and adjusted before so huge and complicated a mechanism will function perfectly, and asked the indulgence of all cooperators.

GARAGE:

Despite the completion of our Garage some months ago, less than 150 local cars are parked there. The streets around the development, the Manager

pointed out, are still crowded with parked vehicles and entrances blocked solid most of the time — a serious menace should an emergency require an ambulance or Fire truck to park at a door.

A number of outsiders have now rented space in our garage with our full permission, Mr. Kazan said, and more are applying. Should our own cooperators later on discover that no more space is available, they'll have only themselves to blame.

PARK FRONT:

The appearance of the park area in front of our building is going from bad to worse. Children are permitted to dig away as if they were on the Coney Island beaches, and holes and tunnels in one area are beginning to resemble a wind swept, woodchuck infested prairie.

Mr. Kazan suggested that the lot near building 9, reserved for our Community Center, and now being cleared of building materials, be used temporarily as a playground for smaller children and relieve the congestion in the park. Education Director Liebman was authorized to call a meeting of all

parents in buildings 7, 9, 14, and 8 to devise plans for proper supervision and maintenance. A sturdy fence is now being erected around the entire plot.

T.V. ANTENNAE:

In response to a question, Mr. Kazan explained that in addition to technical problems involved in installing master antennae and the necessary outlets, a serious shortage of man-power and wire developed since the Korean war which held up all our plans here and in the down-town project. Word just arrived that some wire has become available but not in sufficient quantities. As soon as conditions permit, the installations will proceed and cooperators will be duly advised.

DEBENTURE BONDS:

While a substantial portion of the \$300,000 issue of 5-year, 3½% debenture bonds has been subscribed by many cooperators, the Manager urged that more participate in this sound, self-financing program and thus reduce the amount still to be borrowed to complete the financing of our project which will certainly be higher than even recent estimates indicate due to the rapid, war-time inflation of all costs involved.

CAR OWNERS SPEAK THEIR MIND

Editor's Note: In the last issue, as a result of many and bitter complaints against street parking and horn honking at all hours, the editor took sharp issue with car owners for not utilizing our own garage built for that purpose. Less than 150 cars are parked there. Capacity is 300.

In reply to the argument given in both letters that \$15.00 a month is excessive, and if the rate were reduced to \$10.00 another 150 car owners would immediately move off the streets, let us ask in return: How many commercial garages in this area charge less than \$15.00 per month, and if some do, for how long? Have we forgotten the \$25.00 to \$35.00 garage fees? Furthermore, when it was proposed that our

Garage be operated on a *cooperative* basis, by investing about \$600.00 per car, at \$10.00 *per month* rental, only about 75 car owners responded reluctantly, and at a meeting called for that purpose the majority voted to pay a higher rental rather than make an investment. Even a cooperative can not change the truism that one can not have it *both* ways, eat his financial cake and have it, too.

In addition, who benefits from the \$2,000.00 per month rental we collect?

To the very few who really and truly can not afford the garage fee we apologize for the crack that "those who can't afford a garage shouldn't own a car." Let those few keep and park their jalopies a little out of the way. Besides, the

Editor gets an occasional lift in one of them. The statement was addressed to the owners of shiny 1950 jobs, who for the sake of security and harmony should make it their business to find the differential between \$10.00 and \$15.00 per month.

As to the slightly-below-the-belt references to the Editor contained in these letters, including the suggestion of "editing" his writings, he wishes to state for the record that since he likes to "dish it out" at times, he doesn't mind getting it back, too, occasionally. It's all in the family, and for the good of the community. Honest criticism, both ways, is the essence of democracy. Let's have more of that and less of horn honking and we'll all be happier.

H. L.

**by Arnold D. Naidich,
Bldg. 8, B-8F**

As one of the street-parking car owners whom you so bitterly attacked in your recent article ("Does the World Belong to Car Owners?"), I feel constrained to defend myself, and correct certain of your statements and generalizations, which would otherwise be accepted as gospel by our non car-owning cooperators.

Let me assure you, Mr. Editor, that, as the recent purchaser of an ancient Chevrolet, I do not "feel so superior and indifferent to the feelings of other people." Nor does this purchase ipso facto convert me into a bloated plutocrat. By purchasing the car, I have merely solved the very pressing problem of obtaining a relatively inexpensive and quick means of transportation for my wife, who works in White Plains.

A check of the cars that nightly line our streets will reveal that the majority of them are rather ancient, and show signs of daily use, a clear indication that our car-owning cooperators are far from wealthy, and that their vehicles most probably are used chiefly for business purposes. To impose upon such people the requirement of paying

\$15. a month for garage space would, as in my case, force them to give up a necessary part of their earning capacity. It is quite understandable that a person who dodges cars for the one block he walks from his home to his office every morning feels that such vehicles are luxuries to their owners, and nuisances to pedestrians. You state, Mr. Liebman, that "whoever can afford a car can, and must, afford garage facilities. If not, he has no right to own a car". May I ask, in reply: "Does it follow, as a matter of course, that a person who needs a car for business purposes, can afford garage facilities? Shall we deprive him of his livelihood if he can't afford a garage?"

Since many people are annoyed by the noise of cars under their windows during sleeping hours, a solution must be found. May I make two suggestions?

1—It is clear by the presence of so many cars parked overnight in our streets that the present garage rate is too high. We have a 300 car garage. Assuming that it remains half-full at the present rate, the monthly return therefrom is \$2,250. Reduce the rate to \$10. per month, and you will certainly fill the garage. In addition thereto, your monthly income will increase to

\$3,000. Our chain stores discovered long ago that greater sales at a lower price often bring greater returns. Nevertheless, there will still be a few car owners who can't afford even \$10. a month, despite your opinion to the contrary. For then, I offer solution number 2.

2—Restrict street parking to the northern side of Van Cortlandt Park South. As a result, the cars will be removed from below house windows and everybody will be happy.

In conclusion, Mr. Liebman, may I respectfully submit that a more realistic approach and less brow-beating will bring quicker solutions to our cooperative problems.

**by Seymour Koenig, 8A-6E
and Sam London, 8A-6G**

Although undoubtedly prompted by gilt-edged motives, our crusading editor was, to put it in the most charitable light, somewhat presumptuous in having remarked in the last editorial that "... whoever can afford a car can, and must, afford garage facilities. If not, he has no right to own a car.

"The vast majority are not car owners for the simple reason that they can-

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COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO CALL FOR BLOOD

For the third time in recent years, our cooperative family proved itself in an emergency.

Morris Margolies of Bldg. 1 is ill at Montefiore Hospital for nearly a month with bleeding ulcers. He had already received many transfusions, but when the family finances were exhausted, and the needs in Korea left the Hospitals empty of blood plasma, the office received an S.O.S. for blood a week ago Friday afternoon, Oct. 20. That evening, at the special stockholders meeting, Manager Kazan appealed for blood donors. A dozen hands went up, and on the way out, dozens of cooperators who said they couldn't give blood contributed over \$100.00 toward the purchase of blood, if still required.

Saturday morning, early, eleven volunteers appeared at Montefiore and demanded that their blood be taken despite the regulations that no blood is drawn on Saturdays and Sundays. The Doctors were so impressed with the spirit of the group that an exception was made and eleven pints of good, cooperative blood was deposited toward Mr. Margolies' "account".

Incidentally, this same cooperator's

life was saved several years ago in exactly the same manner when he was stricken in the street and rushed to Lincoln Hospital.

A number of transfusions are still urgently required before Mr. Margolies can be declared out of danger. The appeal for blood donors still stands. Please call Montefiore Hospital Blood Bank, KI-7-1000 and they'll give you all the necessary information.

As a result of this dramatic incident, a number of cooperators suggest that the community build up an Emergency Fund by contributing say, one dollar per family per year, to be used in a confidential manner to relieve distress or to help purchase blood, etc. Such assistance will be especially urgent in case of a future depression.

It is such warm regard for one's neighbor and the willingness to give even blood, if necessary, that transforms a group of individuals into a "community", and endows it with the kind of spirit that has made our development unique.

Your reactions to these suggestions will be much appreciated and, with your permission, published in these columns.

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not afford cars".

A persuasive case for keeping cars in a garage could have been presented without the necessity of measuring the bulge in one's mattress or weighing the gold in one's sock.

Since our distinguished editor feels constrained to place the matter on a monetary basis, it should be pointed out that \$15.00 per month for garage rental is somewhat excessive; particularly when one considers this to be a cooperative enterprise.

His opinion as to our solvency notwithstanding, the average car-owner in our development — and he is not in the small minority incidentally, but one of a group of 25% or so — cannot

afford this amount.

If in the true cooperative tradition, the garage rental had been maintained at the original, more reasonable level, I am sure the condition complained about would be considerably alleviated. Refuge cannot be sought in the fact that the garage has been leased to a private party. Surely, the determination of the rental must have been made with the consent and knowledge of the powers that be.

In any event our editor's gratuitous observation that "... whoever can afford a car must afford a garage ... or ... he has no right to own a car" was, at best, in bad taste. Perhaps the editor's remarks should in the future be edited.

STORY ON HEATING

by MICHAEL SHALLIN

Due to the recent 5 week strike in the steam heating industry, we are about that much time behind in getting our heating equipment in full readiness for the heating season.

The work which is being done now in connection with our central heating plant is to provide an automatic system of heating for all buildings whereby it will no longer be necessary for a fireman or engineer to determine by looking at a thermometer whether or not heat should be supplied.

This work is being done at a very great expense in order to give more reliable heating service than in the past.

Each building will be equipped with indoor thermostats and outdoor weather controls which will, upon a drop or rise in temperature, open or close a motorized steam valve for the particular section of a building which will demand a supply or discontinuance of heat.

Of course, it is understandable that even such highly mechanized equipment can give mechanical trouble causing a heating interruption.

It is estimated that this system will be fully completed within a few weeks. Until then, may we ask our cooperators to bear with us should there be a lack of heat in one part of some building or another.

ATTENTION, FUTURE COOPERATORS

With space in our house garage to be at a premium when all buildings are completed we urge you to make inquiries now and reserve your car space in advance.

In spite of the fact that many resident cooperators who own cars are taking their time about signing in, there will be at least twice as many cars in the development, when completed, than our garage can hold. Mr. Palamar operates on a 'first come, first serve' basis and is even authorized to accept outsiders, if our own car-owners hesitate. The rates are \$15.00 a month. For further details call KI 6-6920.

THE EVOLUTION OF A COOPERATOR — A SHEER FANTASY

Written on 24 hours notice and dedicated to our new cooperators, especially in Bldgs. 8 and 14

By DAVID MANESS, Secretary, House Committee

The story begins in the year of our Lord 1946 B.C. No, not Before Christ. B.C. stands for: Before the little Caves were dug in the park area opposite our new "Building 8."

So it is the year 1946. It was soon after it became known that the Amalgamated Cooperative Housing corporation was going to expand and build additional dwellings. The news created a tremendous stir among the "Have-Nots." People began flocking from the 5 corners of the land — from Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx, Brownsville and Far Rockaway. Some came on foot, others by ox cart. They came in trailers, by automobiles, on bicycles. They brought their belongings with them. Some brought tents and pitched them in Van Cortlandt Park. Others spread blankets on the grass and made themselves at home. They came to help build the new homes. They were going to blast rock, cut down trees, mix the concrete and paint the walls. Men, women and children rolled up their sleeves and flexed their muscles. Give them something to do.

They descended on the office en masse. Their spokesman mounted a platform and addressed the multitude: "A Moses came out of Egypt to deliver us!" he shouted. "Kazan is God, Shallin is his Prophet and Harold Ostroff his divine echo!" "Hallowed be their names," chanted the crowd . . . "From the rat holes of Hester and Grand Streets on the lower East Side, from the cellars of Pitkin Avenue in Brooklyn, from the pest houses in Williamsburg, Kazan brought us out into the light and sunshine, clean air and tree-lined streets of Van Cortlandt Park!"

"Glory be his name," responded the crowd.

"A Joshua came down from the hills of Gilead," continued the spokesman, "to rescue us from the bitter dregs of defeat and despondency, to give us and our children a chance to grow, to re-

cover our self respect, to claim our human heritage!"

"Kazan's name shall be everlasting!" intoned the multitude.

"Over the face of Manhattan and the Bronx have we wandered, from landlord to landlord and back again," continued the spokesman, "we paid on the table and under the table, we shared our bread with rats and roaches, we slept with bed bugs and were eaten by insects . . . we have longed not for the luxuries of life but for the simple necessities: a leaf on the branch of a tree, a blade of grass, a breath of God's pure air and the warm feeling of comradeship, brotherly love and understanding between us and our fellow men."

"Kazan, our Redeemer and deliverer from all evil," shouted the crowd in ecstasy. "Bring him out here, bring out Shallin and Harold . . . and Liebman, our interviewer and educator . . . We'll pour our hearts out to them in gratitude. . . ."

And Kazan came out. He looked at them and dismissed them with a wave of his hand. Said Kazan: none of that nonsense . . . Come down to earth. We are not looking for adulation. We are practical people. Give us a hand. We are in the midst of a drive for the United Jewish Appeal, we have a Bond issue for you to subscribe to, we need a Community center, we want a contribution to the Christmas Fund . . . Pitch in and help. It's all for you.

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The scene changes. It is now the year of our Lord 1950. The 14th building is up and occupied. The 8th building is completed and occupied. It is a sunny morning in October. The windows in the 8th building are a riot of color. Red blankets with orange flowers are hanging out, like bloody tongues, from some of them. Quilts and bedding in subdued Fall colors are sticking out from others. Terraces and Balconies are decorated with mops, rugs, diapers and, here and

there, some lace panties. . . . In the streets below the fruit peddler is hawking his wares. Women stand in line to buy. Says one woman coöperator: he looks like a refugee; it's a pity but we can't be selfish about it . . . I know that I have to pay a few cents more here on the wagon than I would in our co-op store on Saxon Ave., but "those people" on Saxon Ave. are rich enough and won't miss my purchase at all. Look at the great Supermarker "they" are building on Sedgwick Ave. "They" are building for spot case too. . . . "They" must have amassed a fortune in rents from those stores on Sedgwick Ave. You and I ought to give the little fellow a break. . . .

Across the street, in the park, youngsters are busy building a new set of Bomb Shelters — just in case. . . . Others are throwing rocks at the 8th building windows. They have not yet succeeded in reaching the 10th floor and breaking windows there, but give them time . . . they are still so young and their arm muscles are still in the process of developing. . . . A group of proud mothers is standing by watching that nobody from the office come along and stop the children's "self-expression" Says one mother: "You would think that Kazan, Shallin and co., who pretend to know so much, would know something about child psychology . . . To thwart a child in its natural inclinations is tantamount to letting it grow up into a Liebman or a Harold Ostroff — God forbid . . . Look at my Sidney. I moved out here, in this God-forsaken corner of New York, primarily for his benefit. He loves nature, particularly trees. His pet love are tree trunks, he has no use for the branches, so he breaks them off. What is more natural? So, you would think that Shallin or Kazan would understand and sympathize with him. No, they don't. Another thing my boy loves to do is to throw sand in the washing machines on our
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floor. What is wrong with that?

A group of men are sitting on the benches in the park discussing the various disadvantages of living in a cooperative development. . . . Says one — who looks very much like the spokesman for the pilgrims whom we met in 1946 — says he: I like to call a spade a spade. . . . You want some money under the table for letting us move into the development here, say so. . . . Why call it a Bond Issue and call it a voluntary thing and then get angry if we don't subscribe to it in sufficient numbers?

Another thing, says he, is the Garage. I thought the Garage is for free! Who ever thought of men building homes for themselves and investing millions of dollars and not having any place to put away their new Buicks and Oldsmobiles? It's all so silly. . . . So what do I do? I park my car right in front of my entrance on Gale Place and do me something! . . . That's what my friends in the old neighborhood where I lived used to call me: "Do me something" Liphshitz. . . .

Another problem here in the Amalgamated Houses, chimes in another, is that fellow Liebman. Isn't he a crackpot though! Running around all day and far into the night — doing what? "Community activities," he call his job. I don't want to be active. It's not good for me. I want to relax. I have my radio and I have my Television and I play a fair game of poker. . . . Give me comfort, give me warmth these chilly mornings. I figured that now that I am here, I won't have to go to Florida this winter . . . So, what do they do? No heat! Such a penny pincher, this Mr. Kazan! It's my money he is spending, not his own, so what the hell!!

The way they lord it over my money and my property, said a third, who looked like a member of the ILGWU. I came into Kazan's office the other day asking him to give me a key to the Solarium. I want to take a sun bath, I told him. But you know what? The guy didn't even answer me. He just looked

at me . . . I had a sudden feeling of getting smaller and smaller . . . Pretty soon I felt so small that I did not even bother to open the door. I just slipped under it and ran home to take it out on my wife and children.

And yet another new cooperator, a member of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union this time, had this to complain about. Said he: I was never so humiliated in my life. I had some friends visiting me the other day. I wanted to show off my penthouse apartment to them, the new furniture and so on. You know how it is . . . I told my friends about the doorman in uniform in the lobby of my new home, about the carpeted hallways . . . What they saw when they came was something else again. On top of that, while we were sitting there sipping our cognac, the bell rang and 2 "intellectuals" from the 9th building came in to sell me tickets to the Workmen's Circle schule for their opening of the new winter season . . . I felt smaller than that fellow who wilted under Kazan's look. . . .

Well, said the spokesman for the pilgrims, all is not lost yet. All we have to do is organize and take over the project ourselves. We will bring into this enterprise a new deal and a fair deal. The first thing we will do away with is this "Cooperative" business. I am a rugged individualist. I love my home and I love my children and I tolerate my wife. . . . I have a friend of mine who knows more about real estate than Kazan ever will (and he needs Kazan's apartment besides). I will give Shallin his walking papers too. Liebman will be our doorman. We will put a uniform on him with big, nice shiny buttons. I would just like to see him standing still for a day doing nothing else but opening the door and bowing people in.

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I overheard this sort of conversation and saw these doings around the park and around the new buildings. And listening to these people talk, I too, began to feel smaller and smaller, until the wind picked me up and blew me into one of the little caves in the park opposite building 8.

PROGRESS REPORT



Since this photo was taken by Mr. Kocsis, the brick work on this "Unit 13" has reached the 12th floor.



"Unit 12", opposite P.S. 95, is rapidly catching up with No. 13 and will be ready about the same time. It will be eight stories in height.

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A JOB WELL DONE

by EVELYN FRISHMAN, Chairlady,
1950 Circle Pines Day Camp

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow workers on the 1950 Camp Committee for their excellent and enthusiastic cooperation. It was entirely due to their combined efforts that we were able to operate so successfully the huge project our day camp suddenly has come to be. Their names and photographs appear elsewhere in this issue.

Many problems beset the committee. Due to the growth of the community we had the largest registration ever. The total, including part-time campers, numbered something over 300. Our physical set-up was not quite adequate. But not one bit daunted, your camp committee and your camp director went to work making space and engaging a good and efficient staff — result — a happy and exciting season for all.

Our closing event, the Carnival, held at P. S. 95, was noisier and merrier than ever and also very successful. At this event, many of our campers' mothers and fathers, not on the regular camp committee rolled up their sleeves and pitched right in, notably: Mr. Wallach, Mr. Korn, Mrs. Ethel Siegel, Mrs. Nora Linn, Mrs. Hilda Bobson, Mrs. Wm. Schneiderman, Mrs. Toby Slepian and Mrs. Sophie Bender. All our thanks for their good work.

Pardon the Delay

Due to some muscular injuries sustained at the Camp Carnival on August 30, the Editor has been 'ailing' for several weeks including a 12-day sojourn at Bronx Hospital. Hence the delay in publication of C.N. for September-October and the late start of other community activities.

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I want to take this opportunity to thank the many cooperators and such groups as the Women's Club and the WAGS for sending cards and greetings during my 'confinement'. It's always nice to be missed — a little.

H. Liebman

1950 CAMP COMMITTEE



Photo by Louis Garbus

Front Row, L. to R.: Sylvia Robbins, Dorothy Segall, Ruth Schechter, Sally Greenberg, Secretary; Chairlady Evelyn Frishman, Vice-Chairlady Lee Feder, Zela Baral, Treasurer, and Fannie Weinstein.

Second Row: Zlata Shonbrun, Louise Mattis, Betty Traister, Esther Gershner, Kitty Auerbach, Muriel Moskowitz, Rose Schiff, Doris Sherman and Mary Yaker.

Third Row: Camp Director Herman Liebman, Co-Treasurer Mildred Sherman, Ann Siegel, Leah Binstock and Celia Kass.

Not in photograph: Clara Lyman and Rose Altbaum.

COMBINED CAMP STAFF



Photo by Paul Kosci

CONCERT PASSES AVAILABLE

Music lovers will find in our Office programs and passes (generally requiring payment of Tax only) to some of the finest recitals in Town Hall and Carnegie Hall. Many of these artists are from abroad or young award winners who haven't as yet acquired big reputations, but judging by the press acclaim that often follows their appearances most of them are certainly worth hearing.

P.S. 95 OFFERS RECREATION PROGRAM FOR YOUNG

The Board of Education Division of Community Activities opened P.S. 95 every afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00 for grade school children and Mon., Wed., and Fri. evenings, 7:00 to 10:00 for teen-agers.

In addition to gym and playground facilities the afternoon Center offers Arts and Crafts. Membership fee is only 25¢ a season.

MANDOLIN AND GUITAR GROUP FORMING

At the request of several cooperators who would like to learn to play the Mandolin or Guitar, a class in these easy-to-play instruments will be organized under the able leadership of Cooperator Thomas Sokoloff Conductor of the well-known Fraternal Mandolin Orchestra. If interested, please send your name, Apt. No. and phone number, if any, to Mr. Liebman at the office.

IS YOUR SON IN UNIFORM?

With young Americans again donning uniforms in defense of our way of life we should like to keep in touch with Amalgamated draftees by mailing them copies of our "Community News", as we have done all during the last war.

Please drop a penny postcard to the Editor giving him full name and address, or leave same at the switchboard. There will be no charge for the service. Please don't telephone this information.

AN EARLY LESSON IN COOPERATION —

The other day a little boy of six came to the office, followed by his charming mother, and holding his piggy bank tight against his belly-button.

"I broke a window in Bldg. 11 throwing stones", he told the cashier in measured tones, "and my mother

KITCHENS TO BE PAINTED WHITE, NO OTHER COLORS

In spite of repeated decisions by Management and House Committee, and published in our "News", namely, that all kitchens and bathrooms are to be painted white, regardless of previous colors, a number of cooperators still insist on colored kitchens, and feel resentful when told that no exceptions can be made.

The technical problems involved and consequent rise in costs when colors are added to enamel paint is the reason for painting all kitchens and bathrooms a uniform white or "off white".

Cooperators are asked not to take the painter's time or office time in arguing the matter. Thank you.

GRATEFUL

On behalf of my daughters and myself, I wish to thank our many good friends, who have shared with us our deep loss at the passing of our beloved husband and father. Their expressions of sincere, heart-felt sympathy, helped us in our darkest hour of sorrow.

Mrs. Esther Grossman—S2

tells me I must pay for it myself. How much is it?" After the cashier caught her breath and keeping a straight face told him that it was 50¢, he slowly counted 50¢ out of his piggy bank and handed it up to her. She handed him his receipt and with an understanding look at his mother they both marched out in dignified silence.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Dance Classes

Fifty girls, ages 3½ to 10, are enjoying dancing lessons in Modern (Thursdays) and Ballet (Fridays).

With classes averaging about 10, a full hour's instruction under expert guidance (Julia Levine for Modern and Lynn Netzer for Ballet) and no farther to travel than the Auditorium or Nursery, these children are certainly getting "their dollar's worth".

"Wizard of Oz"

Some 35 boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 12 responded to the "casting call" last week and are now busy preparing the production of "The Wizard of Oz" under the kindly and patient direction of Mr. Bernard Kaplan, a newcomer in Bldg. 8. Celia Kass, also of Bldg. 8 provides the music.

Mr. Kaplan, a teacher, is also an experienced Camp director and dramatic coach. He is experimenting with the idea of developing a children's theatre here and judging by the variety of theatrical talent in the "first thirty" he should have little difficulty in realizing such a dream.

So far there is no charge to the children. It is expected that the admissions to at least two presentations of "The Wizard" at our Auditorium during the X-mas Holidays (one for children, one for adults) will bring in enough to cover the cost of production, pianist's fees, and something for the Director.

Meanwhile full-scale rehearsals are on every Friday at 4:00 P.M.

At the parents' meeting Monday, October 23, the following were elected to serve in this winter's Youth Activities Committee and assist Mr. Liebman in carrying on a children's program: Esther Smoke, Bella Klask, Mary Yaker, Sophie Bender, Dessie Itkin, Winifred Stone, Celia Kass, Kitty Auerbach, Zelda Baral, Sylvia Robbins and Sally Greenberg. Plans for a Suzarri Marionette show, a Children's Concert and two or three parties are underway. Watch for special Bulletins.

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Home Front

BORN:

A boy to the Jack Altbaums, Bldg. 14.

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A second son, Benjamin Allen, to the Louis Garbus's of Bldg. 14.

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A daughter, Sari Nadine, to the Frank Schonfelds of 7H-21.

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A daughter, Reona Kay, to Selma and Morris Weiss, Bldg. 8, B-5F.

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A grandson to House Committee Member and Mrs. R. Wachtel of 9B-24, via son Arthur, Lt. U.S.N. Stationed in Washington.

*

A daughter, Karen Francine, to the Morris Schechters of Bldg. 8, C-2C. Morris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schechter who claim the distinction of being the very first 'pioneer' family to move in in November 1927!

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Twin granddaughters, Carol and Deborah, to the Harry Slotkins, Bldg. 1, via son Eli.

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A son, Paul Michael, to Eleanor and Harry Freier, of Bldg. 8.

ENGAGED:

Gloria Marshall (D-42), to Herbert Klein of the Bronx.

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May Schuldenfrei, youngest daughter of A. H. Consumer Society Board member Irving and Mrs. Schuldenfrei, to Gerald Fesman of the Bronx.

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Gloria Silver, 7B-21, to Ralph S. LeVine of Manhattan.

MARRIED:

Rima Greenberg (9B-13), to Martin Rubin, son of I.L.G.W.U. Vice Pres. S. Rubin. The couple settled in Apt. H-32, Bldg. 1.

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Beverly Schindler (9C-62), daughter of "Club 9" President Harry and Mrs. Schindler, to Charles Weitzberg, of the Bronx.

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Gladys Ranzenhofer, of G1, to Erick Griminger, of the Bronx.

Libby Goldberg (9C-16), to Harry Rohde of the Bronx. Mr. Rhode is now in the U. S. Army, stationed in Arkansas.

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Sally Miller (9D-52) to Bobby Blackman, son of A. H. Consumer Society Board member Sol and Mrs. Blackman, Bldg. 6.

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Marvin Friedman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Friedman of F1, to Rose Louise Rosett. The bride is a professional singer who recently returned from Hollywood where she appeared in "The Hit Parade of 1951" soon to be released. The couple purchased an apartment in Bldg. 12.

DIED:

MRS. MINNIE JACKEL, Apt. A-6, an old cooperator who will be missed by many neighbors. Our condolences to the family.

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Mr. Arthur Mulenthaler of B-42. Our sympathy to the widow and sons.

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Mrs. Jennie Beloff, mother of Mrs. Anna Weinstein, 7D-33. Our condolences to the family.

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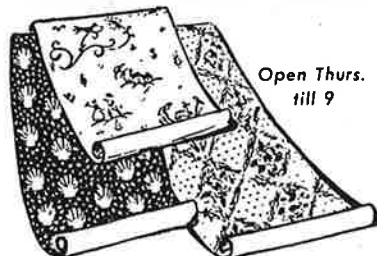


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