



A HAPPY SUMMER TO ALL!

Amalgamated - Mutual - Park Reservoir

Community News

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AMALGAMATED AND CONSUMERS SOCIETY STOCKHOLDERS MEET JOINTLY

The 'two-in-one' tradition of combining the annual meetings of Amalgamated Housing Corp. and A.H. Consumers Society, Inc., was again in harmonious evidence (since they are the same people) on the evening of Friday, May 17, in the spacious auditorium of DeWitt Clinton High School.

What with Friday leisurely dining, the 10-minute leisurely walk to the school, the picking up of two sets of voting cards and in addition, this year, also a 64-page Joint Anniversary Journal, the Consumer Society meeting got a rather late start. But once President Sol Shaviro's gavel proclaimed 'loud and clear' that the meeting was on, things moved apace.

Since last year's Minutes and Financial Statements of both corporations had wisely been distributed in advance to all apartments, they were quickly approved after a thorough question and discussion period.

The most dramatic announcement by Mr. Shaviro was that the privately owned Amalgamated Pharmacy will be converted into a Co-op Pharmacy, and will be enlarged by utilizing the former shoe store area. The A.H. Consumer Society which owns the taxpayer (our shopping center) has entered into contract with our Federation of Cooperatives, which handles all Co-op Supermarkets, to reorganize, expand, modernize and manage the new co-op pharmacy.

Election results were as follows:

Terms had expired for seven Board members.

Robert Szold and Sol Shaviro were re-elected by acclamation to three year terms. Reelected to 3-year term: Abe Ozer; to 2-year terms: Ida Vozick and Morris Wallack; to 1-year term: Agnes Scholnick; newly elected to a 2-year term: Samuel Steinsaltz.

The A.H. Consumers Society meeting was then closed and the Amalgamated meeting opened.

Sol Shaviro, President of Amalgamated presided. Assistant Manager Herbert Schneiderman presented only the highlights of the financial report, since it had been distributed earlier in the week, and answered a number of questions. The report was unanimously approved.

A little surprise ceremony took place when some twenty members of our venerable 40-year old Women's Club, Jennie Schoenbaum, President, were pinned with corsages and called on by President Shaviro to rise while he paid them a brief but glowing tribute followed by prolonged applause.

In his president's report Mr. Shaviro highlighted the many exceptional activities of the past year, among them the Anniversary Banquet, rewiring of Buildings 14, 9 and 7, construction of Tower One, ready for occupancy in July, and other matters contained in the House Committee report.

He then announced that United Housing has asked him to head their Management Services Dept., which will drastically curtail his time at Amalgamated. He introduced Mr. Paul Kotick, a new assistant to serve under Herbert Schneiderman.

Mr. Harold Ostroff, Exec. Vice-President of United Housing, himself a child of Amalgamated and resident of Park Reservoir, who was present, was invited to greet his assembled neighbors. Mr. Ostroff reported briefly on United Housing's expansion in housing, insurance and consumer education.

The three vacancies on the Board were filled by reelecting Robert Szold and Israel Ostroff, and electing William C. Woolfson.

The four vacancies on the House Committee were filled by the reelection of Beatrice Simpson, Irving Kasell and Adrienne Kramer, and the election of Beatrice Schechter.

ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL DISTRIBUTED

The 64-page Joint Anniversary Journal, commemorating Park Reservoir's 10th and Amalgamated's 40th birthdays as cooperative communities, was distributed at Amalgamated's Annual meeting on May 17, and later delivered, in person, to all other cooperators in our three developments.

At least another 15 — 3 and 4 generation families had been invited to be photographed, but for one reason or another, absence at the time, illness, etc., were unable to appear.

Copies have been forwarded to all major co-ops in New York, and national organizations.

A word of apology for failing to include photos of contributor Herman Arthur (on Amalgamated's history) and Eli Axelbank (the Park Reservoir story). While a thumbnail bio did identify Mr. Arthur, Eli was completely overlooked.

Here he is: History teacher and Dean of Boys at James Monroe High School; for many years a member of Park Reservoir House Committee—three years its Chairman.

BUYING INSURANCE WITH OTHER COOPERATIVES BRINGS \$6,108.20 IN DIVIDENDS

The 3 Bronx cooperatives have received checks from United Housing Foundation's insurance department totaling \$6,108.20: Amalgamated Housing, \$4,763.49; Mutual Housing Association, \$412.88; Park Reservoir Housing, \$931.83.

The dividends are the Bronx co-ops' portion of total savings of \$96,272 realized through a special Safety Group program in which 36 housing cooperatives purchase jointly their general liability and workmen's compensation insurance. This is the seventh successive year of earnings totaling \$416,842 since the group was organized in June, 1966.

Park Reservoir Stockholders Meet — RFK Memorialized

A palpable sense of loss and sadness pervaded the atmosphere at P.S. 95 on Friday evening, June 14, when a large representation of Park Reservoir stockholders met to transact the affairs of their corporation. House Committee Chairman Harmon Zapakin presided.

As President of Park Reservoir, Harold Ostroff opened the proceedings with an eloquent tribute to Senator Robert F. Kennedy who, like his brother, the martyred President John F. Kennedy, gave his life in the service of his country.

Mr. Ostroff then briefly summarized the expanding housing plans and services, notably in the area of insurance, of United Housing Foundation of which he is Executive Vice-President.

The Minutes of the 1966 meeting which had been distributed a week earlier, (there was no meeting in 1967 for lack of a quorum) were approved without dissent.

The House Committee Report for 1967 was also delivered in advance to all cooperators, and approved. It contained a detailed resume of the year's deliberations in close cooperation with Management; also reports by the standing subcommittees: Apartment Allocations under Lee Levine, Parking under Morris Manes, Service under Joseph Feldman, and Employees Gift Fund under Max Goldberg. Special notice was given the Joint Anniversary celebration with Amalgamated, and Park Reservoir's active participation in the successful Dinner-Dance on January 20, at the Commodore Hotel, and the 64-page Journal which featured a history of Park Reservoir by Eli Axelbank. Sharing in the education programs of R.A.I., United Housing and Federation of Cooperatives was also stressed in their report, as was the welcome periodic publication of their own MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTERS, prepared by Herb Schneiderman and the R.A.I.

Mr. Shaviro presented the financial report for the year ended March 31, 1968. He noted that despite the rent increase of 10%, there was a book loss for the year as well as a real cash drain. He noted that in all probability Park

Reservoir Housing would have to face a rent increase every few years.

There were two avenues suggested Mr. Shaviro, to delay such increases. One was to negotiate with the City for increased Real Estate Tax abatement. The second hope was that with the continued assistance of United Housing Foundation, costs of operation could be maintained at maximum efficiency.

Assistant Manager Herb Schneiderman reported in some detail on various aspects of maintenance and security. Substantial economy was realized, he pointed out, by utilizing the collective talents of our own Service staff, instead of hiring outside contractors, in areas such as heating, plumbing, electrical and roofing jobs.

Mr. Schneiderman called attention to the generous insurance refund to Park Reservoir, due in large part to the confidence and cooperation of cooperators in settling claims amicably. He appealed to all cooperators who use air conditioners to make certain that they function properly at all times.

The House Committee report closed on a note of gratitude and hope: "Tonight we meet in our 10th Anniversary year as a cooperative community — no longer as 3 buildings and 273 apartments . . . Let us move into the second decade with pride and hope for even happier days and years to come, in a world of peace."

Election results were as follows:

Board of Directors: Robert Szold and Harold Ostroff, by acclamation to 3-year terms; Jacob Sheinkman, attorney for the Amalgamated Union, elected by a voice vote to a 2-year term.

By ballot: Yetta Cohen, 3 years; Seymour Cohen and Morris Freedenberg, 2 years.

House Committee: 3-year terms: Stanley Flaks, Stanley Fuchs, Arnold Kesten; 2-year terms: Roslyn Katz, Gertrude Lukomnik, Murray Rudawski; 1-year term: Abraham Weissman.

Refreshments were served at the end of the meeting.

Mutual's Annual Meeting Saddened by Tragedy

OUR CREDIT UNION IN THE LIMERICK BUSINESS

To stimulate more borrowing and saving *at home*, our 37-year old Van Cortlandt Cooperative Federal Credit Union offered three prizes (\$25, \$15, & \$10) for the three best limericks expressing the spirit and purpose of our local 'bank'. Etta Goldbaum of 14B/4B came up with this first prize winner:

*With Shakespeare we all can agree
Neither borrower nor lender be.
But if borrow we must,
In our Credit Union we trust,
And they serve us at such a low fee.*

Second and third awards went to Bill Woolfson of 13A/PHA and Muriel Moskowitz of 8C/8H.

The C.U. Board has also been issuing periodic newsletters, "Dollars and Sense", reminding cooperators of the advantages of borrowing for all sorts of providential purposes — from equity in apartments to trips abroad — at the lowest interest rates in town.

Place: 80 Van Cortlandt Park South (Bld. 7—Entr. D)
Hours: Mondays from 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

The assassination in Los Angeles, only two days earlier, of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, cast an almost visible gloom over the audience and proceedings of Mutual's Stockholders' Meeting on Friday, June 7, at Vladeck Hall. House Committee Chairman, Samuel Wolchok presided.

By common consent, the meeting was reduced to essentials.

After a long minute of a silent standing memorial, President Harold Ostroff opened the meeting with a deeply moving tribute to the fallen Senator. The Minutes of the 1967 Annual Meeting, which had been delivered a week earlier, were unanimously approved without reading. Manager Sol Shaviro briefly analyzed the Financial Statement, also previously distributed to all cooperators. After some questions and answers, the Statement was likewise approved.

Assistant Manager Herbert Schneiderman condensed the Management report which was followed by brief summaries on behalf of the standing subcommittees: Abraham Solomon for Services and Holiday Gift Fund; Leonard Stoller, for Apartment Allocations, and Milton Feder for Parking and Community Chest.

Election results were as follows:

Board of Directors: Robert Szold and Harry Van Arsdale Jr., by acclamation to 3-year terms.

Elected to 3-year term: Milton Feder.

House Committee: Elected to 1-year terms: Leonard Kammer, Murray Neus, Morris Rosen and Leonard Stoller.

AMALGAMATED HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS

Presented Friday, May 17, 1968 at DeWitt Clinton High School

The House Committee consists of 8 resident members of the Board of Directors and 12 members elected directly to the House Committee, a total of 20.

The resident Board members are: Steven Cole, Stanley Gladstone, Seymour Klanfer, Israel Ostroff, Eli Ruden, Elias Rosenblatt, Jerry Schechter, Sol Shaviro.

The number of Directors was increased last year from nine to eleven.

The elected members of the House Committee are: Ida Goldstein, Steven Goodman, Adolph Jacobson, Irving Kasell, Susan Koenig, Adrienne Kramer, Sol Leff, Henry Merritt, William Schneiderman, Beatrice Simpson, Isabel Suss, Stanley Wapner.

The initial meeting of the newly elected committee took place shortly after the stockholders' meeting on June 21, 1967, and organized itself as follows: Seymour Klanfer, Chairman; Stanley Gladstone, Vice-Chairman and Beatrice Simpson, Secretary.

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES

In keeping with our tradition of many years practice, the following standing subcommittees were set up to carry on specialized responsibilities and report at the monthly meetings of the House Committee as a whole: Service, Planning and Apartment Allocations, plus two new ones: Joint Anniversary and Purchasing.

The Service Subcommittee, chaired by Adolph Jacobson, oversees general services, entertains suggestions and criticism which is relayed to Management for action. Notices are always posted prior to their meetings, inviting cooperators to attend and make suggestions, or air grievances.

The Planning Subcommittee, Eli Ruden, Chairman, concerns itself with suggestions for general long range improvements, ranging from the beautification of our grounds to election procedures. Some of their recommendations are incorporated in our program, others shelved for future consideration.

The Apartment Allocations Subcommittee, headed by Jerry Schechter, has many pressing problems which they are called upon to resolve, and which are being resolved as fairly and humanely as possible. After careful review of allocation procedures affecting apartment changes, some modifications recommended by this subcommittee were approved by the House Committee and are now in effect. Details will be outlined in the next Management Newsletter.

The Joint Anniversary Subcommittee together with Park Reservoir, planned the very successful Dinner-Dance on January 20th at the Hotel Commodore, and supervised the publication of the Anniversary Journal distributed this evening. Their excellent work, under Israel Ostroff's chairmanship, and Herman Liebman's direction, was evident at our Gala Banquet and reflected in the beautiful Anniversary Journal.

The other new subcommittee, known as the Purchasing Subcommittee, was set up to arrange for group buying of new appliances for cooperators moving into the First Tower as well as others who may wish to benefit from this money-saving arrangement. Isabel Suss, Adrienne Kramer and Beatrice Simpson of the House Committee and the many volunteers who assisted them deserve our warm appreciation. The Appliance Show that the subcommittee staged in our Vladeck Auditorium the weekend of May 4-6, was one of the most exciting events of the season.

MODERNIZATION

A major preoccupation of your House Committee through-

out last year, and still continuing, has been the electric rewiring program. Building #14 was first to be rewired. Building #9 was next to go through the ordeal, and both are now enjoying that additional power which has brightened everything from rotisseries to electric can openers.

Building #7, now almost completed, had to bear extensive digging which turned their court into a veritable battlefield. The 207 families who have lived through this hectic period deserve sympathy, if not some special awards, for their patience and forbearance. Building #8 is next in line, where preliminary work is already underway, but the good people there will be spared much of the agony of Building #7.

The upgrading of Buildings #7 and #9 also included the installation of Master Antenna Systems.

FINANCES

The 15% increase in carrying charges voted at last year's stockholders' meeting, went into effect on September 1, 1967. Financial statements presented by Management received your Committee's close scrutiny and discussion.

COMMUNICATION

At the suggestion of the House Committee, during the latter part of 1966, the office began to prepare "Management Newsletters" to keep cooperators fully informed of major matters affecting the cooperative, including highlights of all House Committee meetings, and various administrative and maintenance problems. During this past year, under the direction of Herb Schneiderman and Herman Liebman, some 13 issues of the Management Newsletter have been distributed to cooperators. The reaction to this type of communication appears uniformly satisfactory.

A meeting was held with Building #7 cooperators on January 17th to discuss the rewiring of their building.

HOLIDAY GIFT FUND

Another traditional and pleasant concern of your House Committee is the annual Employees Holiday Gift Fund. A special sub-committee headed by Israel Ostroff, cooperates with Management in organizing these annual appeals and gift distribution to employees. The response last Christmas-Chanukah was generous, and we thank all donors.

IN CLOSING

While construction and rewiring are in progress, office and service staffs had to bear burdens far beyond normal. These difficult times have occasionally resulted in reduced services to cooperators. Your House Committee, especially the Service Subcommittee was fully aware of the situation. There is every hope that with the hectic activities over, we will be able to restore all services and maintenance functions to the high standards to which this community is entitled.

We wish to go on record in expressing our profound appreciation to Sol Shaviro, Herb Schneiderman and Herman Liebman, as well as to the devoted office and Service Department staff for unusual dedication throughout one of the busiest years of our history.

With this annual meeting, our 40th, the Amalgamated community ends an historic epoch and enters upon a new one: united in spirit, proud of the growth, under United Housing leadership, of cooperative housing and other consumer services we have inspired, let us all look forward to another 40 years of good health and good living for ourselves, our children and grandchildren, in a peaceful world.

Respectfully submitted,
SEYMOUR KLANFER, *Chairman*
STANLEY GLADSTONE, *Vice-Chairman*
BEATRICE SIMPSON, *Secretary*

OUR AMALGAMATED WOMEN'S CLUB – 40 YEARS OLD!

But do they look it?



Photographed by Dean Spiwack at the Amalgamated stockholders meeting on May 17 (almost as many were absent)
From L. to R. Front Row: Esther Spector, Agnes Scholnick, Jennie Schoenbaum, Bessie Schechter and Esther Shapiro.
2nd Row: Jean Ranzenhofer, Fannie Wishnak and Ida Zelditch.
3rd Row: Jennie Raphael, Bessie Ruskin, Rose Pollock, Sarah Vyorst and Esther Rubin.

TYPICAL 'TEST-TASTING' PARTY IN SESSION



Pauline Klanfer is trying to laugh off a bum guess (after 4 tastings!), Ida Goldstein, Mrs. Weber, Hannah Grossman (of our office staff), Annette Dworkin, Bella Klosk, Ann Klot, Belle Bender, and Minnie Kant, all guessed right: Co-op's best!!

ANNUAL RAI PROGRAM REPORT by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Since our last stockholders' meeting in March of 1967, the R.A.I. was deeply, and happily, involved in the festivities marking the 40th Anniversary of Amalgamated and Park Reservoir's 10th.

At the invitation of the two House Committees, the R.A.I. joined the special Anniversary Committee with Herman Liebman acting as Coordinator and Editor of the Journal. The two major projects which consumed a great deal of our Director's and his secretary's time and energy, were assisting with the vastly successful Banquet at the Commodore on January 20, 1968, and editing the attractive 64-page Anniversary Journal distributed last month.

Among other Festival activities were 4 Youth Dances (3 for Junior High School and 1 for Senior High School students) music by rented juke box, and an expanded series of 13 concerts, all drawing capacity audiences. Since all activities are individually reported in our COMMUNITY NEWS or Special Bulletins, we will dispense with dates, subjects and personal credits in this resume.

CONSUMER EDUCATION

In response to the request by the Bronx Consumers Co-operative Board, R.A.I., together with our Federation of Cooperatives and Mid-Eastern Wholesale, organized five consumer information meetings in Vladeck Hall, — all very well attended. In addition, we assisted in setting up, on a daily basis, a "Co-op Table" in our supermarket — all through last October ("Co-op Month") and beginning this May, and through June, a similar tasting and information table one day each week. The volunteer women who preside and promote Co-op label merchandise during these sessions deserve everybody's thanks.

MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTERS

During 1967 and until May 31, the R.A.I. (Mess'rs Herbert Schneiderman and Herman Liebman collaborating) produced 34 MANAGEMENT NEWSLETTERS: 15 for Amalgamated, 9 for Mutual and 10 for Park Reservoir.

LECTURE FORUMS

5 evenings were devoted to requested subjects: on Mutual Funds, the Stock Exchange, the Proposed N.Y. State Constitution, the Crisis in Our Public Schools, and on May 9th, the most exciting of all, on Marijuana, (story elsewhere).

TWO EXHIBITS

Adult Art Show, Feb. 23, 24, 25, 1968 attracted nearly 400 viewers to Vladeck Hall.

An Arts & Crafts Exhibit and Children's Art Class Show (combined) was staged Sunday, March 24th. Nearly 200 enjoyed this variety exhibit.

LITERARY EVENING

Two poetry readings and a lecture on the Negro in American Literature were not too well attended.

MEMORIAL FOR DR. KING

On April 11, R.A.I. organized a Memorial Meeting in Vladeck Hall for Dr. Martin Luther King, with Sol Shaviro, Harold Ostroff, Dr. Emanuel Patt and Rabbi Dr. Jacob Soden as speakers. Herman Liebman presided. Folk Singers Phyllis Chiron and Maida Feingold contributed appropriate songs.

YIDDISH THEATRE PARTIES

Senior Citizens were taken by Liebman in chartered buses to two Workmen's Circle Folkbiene shows on East Broadway.

STOP SMOKING INSTITUTE

During February and March 1967, four anti-smoking sessions were held in Vladeck Hall, with Board of Health specialists. The attendance kept dwindling. Results unknown.

WHEN TEACHERS STRUCK

During the teachers' walkout last September, 8 com-

munity rooms were made available to some 300 of our children, in the charge of 35 teachers.

ON-GOING CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Art: 3 Saturday classes (about 40)

Music: Bronx House Music School Branch (35)

Dance: 4 classes in Ballet-Acrobatics (40)

And, of course, our Nursery School (35) partly subsidized by The Workmen's Circle.

Two Puppet Shows: March 24th and December 26th, 1967

Two Junior Field Days: May 14, 1967 and May 19, 1968

TEEN AGE 'SPECIALS'

Seven of our high school boys, led by Mr. Liebman, participated in an all-day conference, Saturday, March 30th, sponsored by United Housing Foundation at its headquarters on Grand Street. Over 50 youths from other U.H.F. communities attended. A report by one of our delegates appears in this issue.

Another half a dozen boys joined a number of Board and House Committee members Saturday, May 19th, on a guided tour of Co-op City, again sponsored by United Housing. About 150 visitors from other co-ops enjoyed that trip. Two tickets to a Broadway show were promised our delegates for the best report on that trip. (The winning report appears in these columns).

"COMMUNITY NEWS"

4 issues were published: February, May, October 1967, and February 1968. The next one is due at the end of June.

ON-GOING ADULT CLASSES

Physical Fitness, Social Dancing, Pottery & Ceramics, Co-op Hobby Shop, Co-op Art Studio.

GROUP MEETINGS

The following continue to meet in R.A.I.-controlled community rooms:

Women's Club, Pioneer Women, Senior Social Club, Jewish War Veteran's, Co-op Men's Club, Building 9 Social Club, City of Hope, W.C. Home Chap. 2, and American Veterans Committee.

OTHER SERVICES RENDERED

Due to the relocation, construction and rewiring programs, plus the special requirements of the Anniversary Year, the R.A.I. was called upon to render more publicity, more mimeographing and delivery services than ever before. In recognition of these added services and of the precarious financial position of R.A.I., the A.H. Consumers Society Board has made a donation of \$500. toward the Director's salary. We thank the Board and its president Sol Shaviro for the subsidy.

IN CLOSING

R.A.I. has done its very best during the preceding year in serving the cultural, social and publicity needs of our three communities, including considerable assistance in the consumer education program affecting our Supermarket. We again express our appreciation to Director-Editor Herman Liebman, to President Sol Shaviro and Assistant Manager Herbert Schneiderman for dedication and continued help in carrying out this program.

R.A.I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Harmon Zapakin, *President*

Stanley Gladstone, *Vice President*

Adrienne Kramer, *Secretary*

Arnold Kesten, *Treasurer*

Yetta Cohen, Sol Leff, Morris Manes,

Israel Ostroff, William Schneiderman,

Sol Shaviro, Abraham Solomon



TEENAGERS DISCUSS MARIJUANA

Director of SYNANON Guest Speaker

Over 50 young men and women and as many parents and some grandparents, too, had themselves a two-hour 'talk-in' Thursday evening, May 9, in Vladeck Hall which, in sheer involvement and intellectual fury, has never been surpassed in our community.

The subject was "The Blessings (?) of Marijuana"; guest speaker, the handsome 55-year old, soft spoken Director of the N.Y. branch of Synanon Foundation, Mr. Gil Faucette. Synanon is a novel, 10-year old, rehabilitation program based in part on group therapy (Synanon Games) and largely on a very strict regime of moral living in Synanon houses.

A hush fell upon the audience as Gil Faucette briefly told of his addiction since age 13, with nearly 30 years in various jails for pushing, theft and robbery to sustain his escalating habit until only a few years ago, when he joined the West coast Synanon House, where he was completely cured and is now dedicating himself to the movement.

To everyone's surprise, and, as it later turned out, delight as well, Mr. Faucette brought with him three other guests: an attractive 28-year old woman from a wealthy family, a confirmed addict and jail-bird until 'rescued' by Synanon and presently a resident in the N.Y. branch. She, too, moved the audience with the tragic story of early addiction, a broken marriage, two children she has not seen in years, now an enthusiastic Synanon'er. Another visitor was an Assistant District Attorney (N.Y. County), and a well known publicist, neither an addict, to be sure, but great advocates of the Synanon program. They, too, contributed much to the evening's discussion.

The dialogue began with demands by several teenagers: how come marijuana which, admittedly, is *not* addictive is illegal in all states, while hard liquor, responsible for millions of drunks and highway killers, and cigarettes, too, now recognized as another killer, are both legal and freely advertised?

Readily agreeing, even by the attorney, that many laws are confusing, inconsistent and some just stupid; the question raised by several parents was *why*, in the first instance, do youngsters turn to drugs, legal or not, addictive or not? What motivates or drives one to turn to escape pills of any kind, especially during adolescence? Based on his own experience, Mr. Faucette reported that in practically every instance it is a 'dare' by a friend already on a drug, or trying to be 'one of the crowd' at parties or emulating some headline hunters making a mystic thing out of some fantasy 'trips', etc. Most kids, he pointed out, do not go beyond marijuana, and many drop it as they grow older and find themselves through normal activity. But youngsters with unresolved emotional problems, do generally move on to LSD, heroin, opium, etc. and are hooked for a life of crime or prostitution to support the habit with a succession of jails and hospitals as the inevitable consequence.

A number of students, reflecting the rebellious idealism of intelligent youth, blamed it all on "The Establishment", including parents, schools, government, poverty, racism, Vietnam, especially Vietnam, they argued, "society's shameful resort to killing as an instrument of diplomacy", as one youth put it. It was exciting to witness the passion and eloquence of these youngsters on the question of peace. If the young generation, responded several parents, really wish to reform, even revolutionize society, they should, it would seem, abandon the negative escapist philosophy, stay physically strong, avoid undermining themselves with drugs, get all the education they possibly can, fight to reduce the voting age to 18 or 19, and proceed to organize politically to advance their program.

It was a night to remember. For another half hour after

We Mourn Our Losses

MORRIS ESTRYK, 2/7F (Park Reservoir)	Feb. 8, 1968
SAMUEL RIFKIN, K/2	Feb. 12
PAUL URKOWITZ, 7B/41	Feb. 17
ISIDORE LOWEN, 2/4G (Park Reservoir)	Feb. 20
MARSHA SHULMAN, 4/11E (Park Reservoir)	Feb. 20
THOMAS SOKOLOF, U/12	Mar. 17
ELAINE WALLBERG, 8A/3C	Mar. 22
DAVID MANES, 8A/7C	Mar. 23
MAX MARKOWITZ, 7F/51	Mar. 26
FANNIE BENDER, 10/B11	May 9
ANNA KAHN, BB/21	May 11
SARAH SANDERS, 3835 Sedgwick, 8F	May 18
NATHAN KANASKIN, 4/12A (Park Reservoir)	May 14
FRANK TAMARIN, 8B/5A	May 25
LEAH NEWDOW 8C/10E	June 9
JOSEPH MELTZER 12B/4D	June 10
NEWTON BROOKS, 12C/2E	June 17

To the Editor:

Please convey to our community of friends and neighbors, who mourned with us at the loss of our young son Paul, our deepest feelings of warmth and affection.

Paul would have been as grateful as we are, in knowing of the various synagogues and needy charities to which contributions were made in his beloved memory.

Max, Rose, Michael, Steven and Susan Urkowitz

We can not adequately thank so many friends and neighbors who attended Anna's funeral—including the community leaders—and who showered sympathy and condolences upon us at the loss of our beloved wife and mother. Thank you, one and all.

Morris and Sylvia Kahn

The family of David Maness wishes to express its appreciation to the many friends and neighbors, including our leadership, who attended the funeral and expressed their sympathy.

Bella Maness
Naomi Maness Newman

Chairman Harmon Zapakin adjourned the meeting, (R.A.I. Board member Stanley Gladstone had recommended it), two dozen youngsters flocked to the guest speakers to continue the dialogue. Mr. Faucette announced that Synanon House at 35 Riverside Drive, between 75th and 76th Street, has Open House every Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. All present were cordially invited to visit and observe.

A 400-page book by Lewis Yablonsky, "SYNANON — THE TUNNEL BACK" is available at the R.A.I. library for two-week loan periods.

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"COMMUNITY NEWS"

Editorial Committee: Yetta Cohen, Israel Ostroff, Arnold Kesten

Editor: Herman Liebman

There Is Something Wrong — But What?

Editorial Comment

An open letter, on this very page, by the popular young couple, Mimi and Arnie Rosensweig, lamenting the near-cancellation on May 17 of both the Amalgamated and A.H. Consumers Society Meetings, will not come as a shock to most veteran cooperators who've witnessed more than one such cliff-hanger over the years. When rent increases threaten, apartment allocations are questioned, or some second or third generation cooperators run for the House Committee or Board of Directors and bring hundreds of their age-peers to Clinton on behalf of their slate, a legal quorum is always a sure thing. But since rents had been increased a year ago, apartment allocations moving smoothly, several young ones elected, why bother?

Why indeed? Why *not* spend *one evening a year*, to meet leadership face-to-face, conduct a meaningful dialogue, and thereby indicate a respect for the democratic process, if nothing else?

Boards and Committees must be replenished each year. Who is to elect them and hold them responsible for the general welfare? If only a dedicated minority does the electing and policy-forming, has the absentee majority the ethical right to complain if administrative procedures do not suit their taste?

It has been suggested that quorums be reduced to 10% instead of 33% of stockholders, and avoid trembling in our collective shoes at each annual meeting lest some disgruntled cooperator, or a 'perfectionist' — rises to challenge the legality of the whole performance.

Another suggestion was holding these meetings *every other* year and withholding all reports until actual meeting time. It may well be in order to give such recommendations some serious thought. An easy, but 'immoral' way to fill the house each year would, of course, be to emulate the recent example of our Bronx Consumers Co-op meeting which jammed P.S. 95: give away as door prizes, a TV set, a rotisserie and a month's rent, but only on quiet years, like this year . . .

So What Else is Wrong?

Two things more: car insurance and our co-op market.

It's not easy to explain the rather lukewarm response, so far, of hundreds of car owners to joining *our own* insurance service, the Urban Community Insurance Co., wholly owned by United Housing Foundation. Because it is cooperative all the way, and limited to cooperators only, a tremendous factor in rate economies, URBAN is in a position to offer maximum coverage at minimum cost, plus constantly rising dividends as we grow and expand.

"The money you'll save will be your own" is an accurate paraphrase of the popular safety slogan all drivers remember — or should.

But are cooperators listening?

On May 27 and 28, after advance saturation publicity throughout our 3 co-ops, representatives of URBAN spent two long evenings in our office, ready to answer questions and accept applications. Attendance? Quite disappointing. Why? Are we *that* affluent that we can afford to overpay?

And Finally — Our Market . . .

Why is volume still too low to allow for wider operating margins and bigger rebates at the end of the year? We run a good store, a bit crowded but honest, clean and friendly. Delivery service, too. Prices definitely competitive, and better, as proven again and again by volunteer pricing committees, and involving hundreds of standard brands. Consumer infor-

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Cooperators:

After attending the Amalgamated stockholders' meeting, Friday, May 17th, our eyes were opened to some of the whys and wherefores of our community.

Our first observation was that the so-called 'young element,' with few exceptions, was not in attendance. They must have been home saving their strength for the hard ordeal of complaining about conditions in the Amalgamated, to their peers in the park.

The people who did attend (the same people who have attended for years) carried out the order of business, one of these being to elect members to the Board of Directors, and House Committee. Our point is that the members present held elections without the participation of the young cooperators of the community, except for a handful. Where were all the PARK BENCH OPERATORS when it came time for them to exercise their right to vote?

It should therefore be understood by those who did not see fit to attend the meeting, that Management does not have to reflect their wishes, until they exercise their rights to participate.

Management has a monumental task operating a cooperative of this size, and the fact that a large portion of the community does not exercise its democratic responsibility, only adds to the problems.

With this letter we mean only to awaken our community to its obligations, and not as a personal affront to any individual.

Cooperatively yours,

Mimi and Arnie Rosensweig

mation meetings in Vladeck Hall, Tasting & Testing Parties, a Hostess Table in our store one day a week, — all testify to our promotional efforts as well as to the quality and honest labeling of our own Co-op Label foods.

Why then enrich commercial markets instead of strengthening our own store?

Postscript

Co-ops are more than 'business'. Since 1844, Co-ops the world over are institutions of social as well as economic significance, aimed at a more civilized way of serving all consumer needs through consumer ownership and control, — be it housing, food, insurance, credit, drugs or furniture. Only such ownership, accompanied by loyal patronage and democratic control, can ultimately assure highest quality and honest merchandising at lowest possible cost, plus generous patronage refunds.

But, as implied in Mimi's and Arnie's outcry, how can we convey this lesson to those among us who don't come to stockholders' meetings, ignore consumer education forums, continue their car insurance with commercial, profit-motivated companies or shop for food elsewhere except on stormy-weather days?

Anybody have some good, workable answers??

RAI ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

Due to first thunderstorm of the season and the absence of a quorum on June 19, RAI stockholders will meet in September.

REPORT ON UHF-SPONSORED YOUTH CONFERENCE

By ARTHUR AXELBANK (age 17)

On Saturday, March 30, a delegation of ten journeyed down to Grand Street for a city-wide Co-op Youth Conference at United Housing Foundation headquarters. The theme: "Cooperation—The Generation Gap and You". In attendance from Amalgamated, Mutual and Park Reservoir were Mark Dworkin, Robert Holzapfel, Barry Kaiser, Paul Markowitz, Ira Merritt, Anselm Rothschild, Michael Schaffer, his father Jon Schaffer, Mr. Herman Liebman, and myself.

After an eloquent keynote address by the Executive Vice-President of the United Housing Foundation, Mr. Harold Ostroff, on "The Meaning of Cooperation", five youth panelists from co-ops in different parts of the city, myself included, were called upon to expound on "What The Co-op Can Do For Us". Various suggestions were made; among the most noteworthy were: inter-co-op dances for teenagers, perhaps also some co-op seminars, and local Youth Councils to promote closer ties between teenagers and the managements. A general discussion ensued, with the different ideas being batted back and forth among the 60 delegates.

Following the morning session was a delicious luncheon, during which we were delightfully entertained by our own young Michael Schaffer with his accordion. Afterwards, the conference continued with ideas put forth by the managers and assistant managers of several co-ops on "What You Can Do For The Co-op". Of course, these proposals were not greeted with the same enthusiasm as the ones on "What The Co-op Can Do For Youth". We were then addressed by our Education Director, Mr. Liebman, on the subject of "Rewarding Careers In The Cooperative Movement". He pointed out the social significance and personal satisfaction in serving a non-profit movement. Various positions are open, he said, at salaries comparable to those offered in business and industry, such as: administrative, architecture, site planning, education, insurance, supermarket management, and other categories.

Before the conference was adjourned, we resolved to form individual youth councils in each co-op, which might in time lead to a city-wide youth congress.

We also decided unofficially to "get together" socially, sometime in the near future. The tone of the entire conference was as it should have been, one of brotherhood and friendship between cooperators of all ages.

(The April issue of UHF'S "The Cooperator" carried a two-page spread with photographs of the conference. Editor)

A TRIP TO CO-OP CITY

By MARK DWORKIN (age 17)

On the chilly Saturday morning of May 18, delegates from many co-ops in New York came to visit the construction site of Co-op City. Among a number of our own leaders, were Mr. Sol Shaviro, Mr. Herbert Schneiderman and Mr. Liebman, who drove a car full of students, this reporter among them.

Mr. Harold Ostroff, Executive Vice-President of the United Housing Foundation which is building Co-op City, was there to greet the visitors. In his brief and interesting story of this huge complex, costing about 300 million dollars, Mr. Ostroff told of the great plans United Housing has for the future inhabitants of Co-op City. For the shoppers' convenience there will be three shopping centers, including three huge Co-op supermarkets, optical services and Co-op pharmacies. Above these stores there will be dozens of community rooms of all sizes, all air-conditioned, to house a variety of activities for the young, the teenagers and the old. There will be two grade schools, two junior high schools, and one senior high school, forming an "Educational Park", the first of its kind in the City. Mr. Ostroff said that the 35 apartment buildings would not be of equal height or even the same colored brick. For those desiring a more luxurious home, there will be many Town Houses scattered through Co-op City, to break up the uniformity of the high-rise buildings.

It was then pointed out by Mr. Ostroff, that the old parking lot system has been eliminated, and in its place there will be eight 6-story garages, accommodating about 11,000 cars with two elevators in each garage. Car owners will be assigned to one of these garages and given a card admitting to the garage where a space would always be available, but not necessarily the exact same spot. This, we were told, was to utilize part-time empty spaces for the hundreds of visitors, at a nominal fee.

After hearing Mr. Ostroff, we proceeded to our cars and drove through part of the vast construction site. On our last stop, we went into one of the garages which was nearly completed and saw nearby the monster-size power house nearing completion.

Although the brisk morning air chilled our bones, there was warmth in our hearts as we toured what will be the largest co-op community within the great city of New York, housing 15,400 families of all races and religious creeds—a true cooperative.

TYPICAL GATHERING OF OUR PIONEER WOMEN'S GROUP — YETTA SHAYNESS, PRESIDENT



Photo by DEAN SPIWACK

CANDLES IN THE WINDOWS . . .

Promptly at 6:45 o'clock, on the evening of April 24, memorial candles in traditional glass jars appeared in hundreds upon hundreds of darkened windows throughout our three cooperative communities. The impact on everyone who strolled outdoors and witnessed this tragic illumination, was breathtaking. It was a most dramatic reminder of the loss of the "6,000,000" in Hitler's crematoriums, as well as the 25th anniversary of the heroic uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto, the historic sequel to the glory of Massada, two thousand years ago.

The poignant ritual of communal candle lighting was devised and organized by the Workmen's Circle Community House and its affiliates. The memorial candles were distributed at the Community House, or delivered to all apartment doors — free.

Tragic Exhibit

During this anniversary, a grimly memorable exhibit of photographs, documents, books, diaries, Nazi bulletins, even a piece of soap manufactured from human — Jewish — flesh, was staged at the W.C. Community House. Hundreds of school children, on foot and in buses, were brought by their teachers to view the tragic evidence of Nazi genocide. Countless cooperators, neighbors and people from all over New York City, made the pilgrimage and stared in stunned silence — with frequent recourse to handkerchiefs and occasional sobs . . .

This reporter visited the Exhibit four times — as did many others. And each time it seemed less and less believable that such inhuman cruelty could have infected a whole, supposedly 'civilized' people, or that nothing was done by our own and other Western powers to reduce, if not halt, the most massive massacre in all recorded history.

Candles in the windows flickered and died on the evening of April 24. Will the memory of martyred millions also flicker and die in the hearts and memories of future generations?

H.L.

BARRY WIENER IN BRILLIANT DEBUT

One listened, watched and wondered: where does a skinny 15-year old get the sheer power, endurance and artistic authority demanded by such giants in the Sonata form as Beethoven's "Waldstein", or Schumann's G minor, which Barry performed with technical aplomb and deep musical insight on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18 at Vladeck Hall? Or, for that matter, how does an adolescent encompass the profound romanticism of Chopin's Ballade in F, op. 38 or his Nocturne in C minor, op. 48? And the answer, of course, is talent, lots of it, dedication and hard work, plus superb training for five years at the Juilliard under Henrietta Wendt and for the past three under Irwin Freundlich. Mr. and Mrs. Freundlich attended the concert, and were much impressed with the enthusiastic audience, the near-perfect acoustics and general attractiveness of our Vladeck Hall.

Other works on the taxing program were Chopin's Etude in A flat, op. 10, Prelude and Forlane by Ravel and a Vivace by Aaron Copland.

Barry has promised us another concert next season to which all our music lovers will certainly look forward.

FINAL CONCERT FEATURED SUPERB VIOLIN-PIANO TEAM

Gilda Muhlbauer, young American violin virtuoso and veteran Polish-Jewish keyboard master Leon Pommers, thrilled another capacity audience at Vladeck Hall on Sunday evening, April 21, in the eighth and final concert of our Joint Anniversary season.

In a taxing program of three masterpieces in the Sonata form, the 'Duo' in A by Schubert, the C Minor by Beethoven and the D Major by Prokofieff, both artists excelled equally in virtuosity, musicianship and beautiful ensemble.

For good measure Gilda performed the famous Bach Chaconne for violin alone, with impeccable taste and technical finesse.

POST 733 — JEWISH WAR VETERANS



One of the jolliest groups in the community.

Photo by LOU GARBUS

FAMILY CIRCLE

BORN:

A granddaughter, Lisa Christine, to Mr. & Mrs. Norman Friedman of 3/9B, via Sandee and Frank Perrone.

A grandson, Craig Mitchell, to Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Lerner of 8A/8E, via Eileen and Joel Sirkes.

A son, Robert Andrew, to Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Strichart, of 8C.

A second grandson, Jeremy Haskell, to Mr. & Mrs. Nachman Libeskind of 8C/12B, via daughter Annette Berkovits.

A granddaughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rosborne of 12A/4A, via Dianne and Philip Meranus.

A grandson, Lance Adam, to Mr. and Mrs. Sol M. Cohen of G/11 via Judy & Howard Butnick.

MARRIED:

Thomas Chartier of BB/11 to Jeanny Drago.

Howard Kalish of 7C/63 to Susan Schonfeld of Brooklyn.

ENGAGED:

Bernard Jacobson of 7D/51 to Bella Latowicki of the Bronx.

Wendy Silvers of 8A/4E to Martin Cohen of the Bronx.

Sharon Pockler of BB/42 to Stuart Bogard of Jackson Heights.

Beverly Davis, of 9C/21, to Steven Gilbert of Brooklyn. Beverly graduated Hunter and will teach Physical Ed. at the James Monroe H. S.

Shelley Hoffman of 8C/PHC to Daniel Bender of the Bronx.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Sonia & Irving Gottehrer, 7E/24, on their twenty-fifth anniversary.

Sonia & Sam Eckstein, 9C/33, on their twenty-fifth anniversary.

Harry Freedman of Park Reservoir 2/3E, graduated from N.Y.U. Law School at the top of his class. His younger brother, Mel Freedman, graduated from City College with honors in chemistry and a medal for Scholarship and Leadership from the American Institute of Chemists.

Daniel Libeskind, 8C/12B, studying at the School of Architecture, Cooper Union, is on a 4-month exchange scholarship in Holland.

Joel M. Friedman, 11C/23, graduated from Columbia U. College of Dental and Oral Surgery and has been appointed to a residency at Jacobi Hospital.

Lewis M. Koss, of Mutual, 10A, graduated U. of Minnesota Law School with a Doctorate in Jurisprudence. (Being Captain of the R.A.I. Delivery Squad for 3 years didn't hurt Lewis one bit . . . Ed.)

Steven Spirn, of Mutual, graduated from Hunter College and has been awarded a National Defense Education Act Fellowship in Industrial Labor Relations at the University of Illinois leading to a Ph.D.

Alexandra Vozick-Strier (14B/4F), a graduate of City College, received her Masters in social work at Boston U. The couple resides in Boston where Richard attends Harvard U.

David Liebman, 9D/23, received in February a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State U. at Buffalo (recipient of a 4-year State Scholarship).

WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

Off-Off-Broadway's biggest hit this season was the Appliance Show produced by the Purchasing Committee, (wholly owned subsidiary of the Amalgamated House Comm.) which ran for three 'Standing Room Only' performances at our Vladeck Hall, May 3 to 6.

Featured at the show were fantastic values on appliances for the home. Set decorations were done by Tappan (gas ranges), Westinghouse (dishwashers), J & E Products (bathtub enclosures), Kitchen Originals (vanitoriums and kitchen sink units), and Miami-Carey (range hoods and bathroom accessories).

When the final curtain came down, the box office receipts came to 530 orders totalling over \$46,000, with orders still coming in. (Orders will be accepted only up to June 28th.)

The show was produced and directed by Isabel Suss and Adrienne Kramer. Bouquets to the star performers, Enid Berman and Rae Birnbach, for their behind-the-scene work in helping to make this show the big success that it was. In addition to their starring roles, we applaud the supporting cast whose fine performances at the show helped it run so smoothly: Marlene Cohen, Joyce Cooper, Annette Dworkin, Esther Fram, Gert Gang, Irene Gorn, Edith Gross, Hannah Grossman, Muriel Hann, Bella Hester, Eve Isaacman, Nettie Katz, Rose Kemsley, Shirley Leff, Shirley Levine, Irving McKible, Essie Novak, Selma Pockler, Archibald Richer, Lottie Rossman, Rosalind Rothman, Carol Schmutter, Sandra Schwartz, Alice Siegel, Bea Smipson, Anita Weill, Evelyn Weinberg, Eleanor Wiener.

We're looking forward to future productions featuring terrace enclosures, screens, storm windows and kitchen cabinets. The original production will be revived for your pleasure in two years!

"LES GIRLS"

A TRIBUTE

Dear Anniversary Committee:

Just as we felt compelled to express our appreciation, in the February "NEWS", for our Anniversary Dinner-Dance at the Commodore of last January 20th, so too are we motivated to voice our gratitude for the splendid Joint Anniversary Journal commemorating this event.

This Journal is no mere recapitulation of 40 and 10 years of accomplishment. Nor, is it just another chronological tale of times past, replete with self-praise. Rather, it is a living and breathing document vibrantly testifying to the more worthy aspects of human endeavor.

While one could not help but bask in the warmth and light of plaudits elicited from such prominent public figures as President Johnson, Senators Javits and Kennedy, Mayor Lindsay et al, the real twinge of pride came from the greetings of those intimately connected with our community. We particularly have in mind Abraham E. Kazan, "the best of the breed", as Robert Moses so aptly designated him. In this regard honorable mention must also go to Messrs. Sol Shaviro and Harold Oostroff, as well as to our Herman Liebman.

The Journal is tastefully sprinkled with pictures and articles depicting life in our community, past and present, and affords the reader moments of real joy, both nostalgic and contemporary.

To you as the coordinating Committee, and all who lent their assistance, may we say "THANKS".

Sincerely and Cooperatively,
SHIRLEY & NAT LEVINE, 14B/1E

HOW TO PARK A CAR IN A COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY

BY STANLEY GLADSTONE

A true cooperator does not solve the 'parking problem' merely by buying a parked car. Ultimately he must move it, and from that moment he has many problems.

First, — a licensed driver today, must know what a "Tuesday-Friday" side is, and how it differs from a "Monday-Thursday" side. A Town-Hall type community forum should be held to decide whether a Tuesday-Friday side is the side of the street where one may park all day Tuesday and Friday, or is that called a Monday-Thursday side? Wednesdays, so far, take care of themselves, so long as the co-operator is certain that it is actually Wednesday. Costly mistakes have been made; — the records of the Traffic Department are replete with sad examples of the husband who has come home to the confused wife, and is greeted with "Dear", — (a form of address reputed to be used by newly-weds, or among older couples on public occasions and at anniversary dinners,) — "I didn't move the car — I thought it was Wednesday! Here's a ticket."

The late Woody Guthrie often sang a song of social significance about this very aspect of the parking problem. He called it "Which Side Are You On?"

The problem of alternate-side parking becomes more complicated when there is super-imposed upon it the seltzer-man.

The Seltzer Man

A seltzer-man in a cooperative community is a licensed driver who double-parks his 3-decker truck alongside your car as you are ready to pull out. If you object, he lifts the case of bottles to his shoulder, sticks his head into your car window (which had better be open), and advises you of his decision: "I'm on the shoulder already — you'll have to wait — I'll only be a minute."

He is lying. You won't see him for at least ten minutes. Do NOT blow your horn. Do not antagonize a seltzer-man, especially if he is not YOUR seltzer-man. He is a Thursday seltzer-man; what is he doing here on a Tuesday? The Tuesday seltzer-man always double-parks on the OTHER side of the street, and he has been here already. You are perplexed.

But only for ten minutes. When he returns to his truck with his associate (who carries a case of empties) the seltzer-man is too busy to talk to you. He is bitter. He wouldn't even

want you as a new customer. He is grumbling about retiring while he can still enjoy "GOOD HEALTH", and then he won't have to listen to housewives complaining to him about the need for extra seltzer, just because Thanksgiving Day is coming. Aha! That's it! Now you know why a Thursday seltzer-man dares to come around on a Tuesday. Had you known, you would have parked further down the block at your Thursday spot. Shouldn't the Community News or a Management Bulletin have warned co-operators of the holiday seltzer schedule? Isn't it as important as turning off the hot water for boiler repairs?

Tiger in The Tank

Most solutions to the problems of parking in a co-operative community are not so simple as the so-called Rhythm Method of Abstinence from double-parking as outlined above. The amount of space to be taken by each car, for example, may pose a problem for the thoughtful, considerate co-operator. The more voracious, animal-like type of parking co-operator believes that so long as there is space for seven-eighths of his car, then with co-operation from the cars ahead and behind and by some judicious use of the tiger in his tank, he is able to slam himself into the "spot".

The more lady-like type of parker shows consideration for the cooperators who own the cars ahead and behind the space. If the space is large enough for, say, two and a half cars, this cooperator will park smack in the center of the space, leaving three-quarter spaces in front and behind her car, making it easier for the OTHER cars to get out.

So, dear reader, — who parks more co-operatively: — the lady, — or the tiger?

How long after eight o'clock does it still pay to rush down to move the car rather than give in to complete despair, get a ticket and finish that second cup of coffee — or is it Sunday? Should one park directly in front of the hydrant (hoping the authorities won't notice the violation if they can't see the hydrant) or does a space of six feet at a hydrant show enough of a spirit of co-operation lacking in so many other communities? These and many other aspects of parking will have to be discussed thoroughly, at a conference which the Mayor of our Fun City should attend.

He should not come by car . . .

UNITED U.J.A. DRIVE NETS \$30,000

In honor of Israel's 20th anniversary as a State, the two neighborhood U.J.A. campaign organizations, one representing the 3 co-op communities and the other covering the rest of the area under the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center sponsorship, combined forces — and leadership — and conducted one drive sparked by the oversubscribed U.J.A. BREAKFAST on March 31.

Treasurer Jack Rothman has just announced that as of June 15, and including pledges, close to \$30,000. has been collected and forwarded to N.Y. U.J.A. headquarters.

COMMUNITY CHESTS RAISE \$10,000

\$8,720.95 was contributed by Amalgamated and Park Reservoir cooperators towards 19 Health Funds, according to Sophie Bender, 1968 Co-op Community Chest Chairman. A detailed financial report and list of all volunteer captains was distributed last month.

Mutual, which conducts its own little Chest, raised over \$1,000. from its 123 families, announced Samuel Wolchok and Murray Neus, who sparked the drive this year. 14 Funds were the beneficiaries.

WILL BLDG. 6 BECOME ANOTHER TOWER?

On May 10 President Sol Shaviro addressed a communication to cooperators in the last remaining old walk-up unit, advising them that "a study is underway to remodel or replace Unit 6". It is still very much in the "study" stage. Consideration is being given to replacing that building with a third Tower, retaining the 'frame', but remodeling it completely from within with elevators installed in each entrance, or simply re-wiring it 'as is' for some years to come.

"We are writing this letter at this time", Mr. Shaviro continued, "in the belief that in a democratic cooperative society, the members are entitled to know and there is still time for them to contribute to the planning."

"We stress," he concluded, "that no action will be taken until this matter has been thoroughly aired by all members of the community, including the cooperators in Building #6, and approved by the House Committee and the Board of Directors."

SARAH RUSSO, POPULAR SCHOOL GUARD

For more than 10 years now, throughout the school years, smiling and vigilant Sarah Russo has guarded the dangerous crossing at Sedgwick and Van Cortlandt Ave. West three times a day, when hundreds of children crisscross to P.S. 95.

Parents and children alike, as well as the Police and School authorities have great confidence in Sara's no-nonsense management of her entrusted beat. The entire community is grateful for her devotion to duty.

Mrs. Russo is married to Post Office clerk Carmine, and is the mother of three daughters. The Russos make their home at 3375 Sedgwick Ave.

"The one improvement I'd like to see," said Mrs. Russo

when interviewed recently, "is for the Traffic Dept. to cut out the left turn from Sedgwick to Van Cortlandt Ave. West, right opposite the Co-op Market, and make all cars drive around the island light and turn there. Cars cutting left in front of that light," she said, "keep me nervous when guarding the crossing, and several accidents have occurred there in recent months. Thank God no children were involved—as yet. Why don't the people in this neighborhood," asked Sarah, "do something about it?"

P.S. Sarah's suggestions on that short-cut turn seems practical. How about some letters to Commissioner Barnes or other community action?



MRS. RUSSO SHEPHERDING HER FLOCK TO SAFETY

Photo by LOU GARBUS

Annual Junior Olympics Score: 35 Gold Medals and 31 Ice Cream Sodas!

Once again half-a-hundred youngsters from Nursery School through Junior High School-age competed Sunday morning, May 19, in some 30 events staged at the Van Cortlandt Stadium under the auspices of R.A.I. Firstliners got gold medals (several even two and three!) and in keeping with R.A.I. policy of 'no losers', 31 other participants were awarded consolation prizes of an ice cream soda each at the Hermax emporium.

The threat of rain early that Sunday (though the sun came through by 10:30 when competition began) and an inadvertently scheduled Little League baseball game for the same morning, reduced the usual number of entries and,—the number of ice cream sodas as well.

The Grand Finale was a 60-yard dash by a dozen huffing and puffing fathers (the 100-yard challenge was unanimously rejected!) with pipe-puffing Leslie Rosenthal leading the pack.

Thanks for assisting with supervising the two-hour program are due Ike Hann, Dr. Lou Gitelman, Julius Solomon, Stanley Fuchs, Arthur Gross and champion sprinter Les Rosenthal.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR CO-OP SUMMER INSTITUTE

A six-day combination of ideal vacation and advanced cooperative education, is in store for cooperators this summer at the beautiful Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa., some 30 miles from Philadelphia.

The Institute, now in its 39th year, will be held from August 18 to 24.

Our several corporations will again offer scholarships to members of their respective Boards and House Committees, or to other leaders in community activities.

The fee per person for non-scholarship applicants is \$77.00 per week, including tips.

Illustrated folders of the Institute are available at the office. If interested, please contact the R.A.I. office, in person.

NEW JEROME PARK GROUP INCORPORATED

Under the official title *Jerome Park Community Association, Inc.*, well over 500 residents surrounding the Jerome Reservoir have paid in the \$1.00 annual membership fee, and at a mass meeting at P.S. 95 on May 1, elected the following officers and Board of Directors.

William C. Woolfson, President; Pastor Frank Lampe, Vice-President; Angel Tekirian, Sec'y-Treas.; Robert Belsky, Charles Chartier, Steven Cole, Bentley Fredane, William Finger, Fred Forman, Sol Leff, Jerome Rheiner, Alan J. Saks, David Seader, Philip Shapkin, Sol Shaviro, Rabbi Jacob Sodden, Abraham Solomon and Milton Storch.

Born a year ago in protest over the City's proposed construction of a large housing development on the surface of the Jerome Park Reservoir, declared Bill Woolfson who presided at the P.S. 95 meeting, the newly incorporated J.P.C.A. will function as a permanent civic body dedicated to improvements in Education, Housing, Safety, Transportation, etc. Mr. Woolfson repeated statements made at previous meetings that the organization is all for city and state-sponsored, economically and socially integrated housing communities. It is only opposed to encroachments on the one water beauty-spot in this residential area, the Jerome Reservoir.

HOSTESS TABLE IN CO-OP MARKET

Every Tuesday throughout May and Wednesdays in June, a Co-op Hostess & Information Table was presided over by volunteers who served cups of Co-op coffee, cake, cookies, and various Co-op Label foods to tired shoppers.

We are indebted to the following Good Samaritans who gave of their time and charm in the interest of our Co-op Market: Fran Berglas, Joyce Cooper, Naomi Davis, Celia Gladstone, Ida Goldstein, Yetta Heyman, Sarah Koshes, Adrienne Kramer, Ruth Newman, Abby Panken, Stella Reiffe, Bernice Rothstein, Adele Rudawski, Agnes Scholnick, Rose Schwab, Renee Stoller, Fannie Weber, Anita Weill.