

Amalgamated Community Report



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PUBLISHED BY THE JOINT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
Herman Liebman, Editor

COME AND CELEBRATE
OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AND PARK RESERVOIR'S 20TH
SUNDAY, MAY 16 (RAINDAY MAY 23) AT THE
GALA BLOCK PARTY ON HILLMAN AVE.

AND

JUBILEE ART, PHOTOGRAPHY AND VARIED CRAFTS SHOW
IN THE SPACIOUS V.C. PARK PLAYGROUND
FROM 11:00 TO 5:00

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THE NURSERY SCHOOL IS RUNNING THE WILDEST MART EVER,
AND A FOOD STAND IN FRONT OF THE W.C. COMMUNITY HOUSE
TO RIVAL NATHAN'S IN CONEY ISLAND.

ENTERTAINMENT

"ABE & MALKA" - FOLK SINGERS; POPULAR NORMA REUBENS
TO LEAD IN FOLK DANCING IN THE HILLMAN AVE SCHOOLYARD;
A JUKEBOX LOADED WITH ROCK - FOLK - ISRAELI RECORDS

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DISPLAYS BY CO-OP SUPERMARKET, PHARMACY - OPTICAL

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MEET AND HEAR BRONX AND COMMUNITY 'BIG SHOTS'

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IT'LL BE A DAY TO REMEMBER, IF YOU COME AND MAKE IT SO...

STOCKHOLDERS MEET IN TWO SESSIONS TO COVER AGENDA AND DISCUSS RENT INCREASE

The 49th Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Amalgamated Housing Corporation, among the best attended and among the stormiest as well, centered around the Board's decision to request approval of the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal for a flat \$12 per room-per month increase beginning April 1, 1976. The first session was held on March 11, the final on April 8, both at P. S. 95.

During the recessed session on April 8, the State representative on the Board, Mr. Herman Auslander, attended the open hearing, with a court stenographer present, on the applied-for increase of carrying charges, and the stenotyped, verbatim record of the statements made by cooperators has been submitted to the Commissioner as part of the proceedings that are under her review in connection with the Board's requested increase.

More than 500 cooperators attended the "standing room only" first session on March 11, and more than 300 attended the recessed session on April 8. 599 ballots were cast by proxy for directors of the corporation. This was the third annual election conducted, on our behalf, by the Honest Ballot Association.

ELECTION RESULTS

The following incumbents were re-elected for three year terms:

Frank Schonfeld	355
William C. Woolfson	338
Jerry Gershner	330

Elsie Brody was elected to her first term by 323 votes. The other members on the 1976 Board are: Hyman Bass, Abe Paul, Elias Rosenblatt, Morris Schechter, Herbert Ullman and Evelyn Weinberg. The 11th member is Mr. Auslander, who serves at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Housing, Lee Goodwin.

At both meetings, the financial condition of Amalgamated Housing Corporation, previously published and distributed, and the stiff increase were discussed in great detail. Cooperators for the most part did not question the very substantial \$12.00 increase that, in the opinion of the Board - 9 to 1 - was needed in the required 3-year projection. The issue that stirred the most controversy, as it did 6 years ago after the Towers went up, was the method of distributing fairly and equitably the burden of this increase.

Cooperators in the 3 oldest buildings argued that due to the much poorer condition of their aging buildings, the increase should be on a percentage basis, thus keeping their increase at a lower level than that of the two Towers.

The directors, on the other hand, and after months of deliber-

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS (cont.)

ation, maintained that the substantial difference between day-to-day operational costs of the oldest and most deteriorating buildings, now urgently in need of \$1,5000,000 over the next 3 years, in basic and long-postponed renovations, as against the Towers, for example, still new and hardly in need of any repairs whatever, must be borne in mind. In all fairness, cooperative spirit aside, the Board argued against imposing a disproportionate increase for Towers dwellers based on the percentage formula, especially since the additional mortgage loan and high interest for immediate and long-term renovations of the 3 oldest buildings, will have to be borne equally, for years, by all cooperators occupying all the buildings.

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

Cooperators had a further opportunity to record their opinions at the official hearing conducted by the New York State Division of Housing at its headquarters in the World Trade Center on April 27th and overlapping to April 28th.

To accomodate the older cooperators, Management provided chart-tered buses on both days of the downtown hearings, but, regrettably, they were both half empty.

In addition to urging the percentage formula rather than the flat rate upon the Commissioner, several opposition spokesman accused the Board of exaggerating unnecessarily the 3-year Projection figures, while the price of oil, for example, they argued, has been declining in recent months. Some proposed a reduction of the \$12 average per room to begin with. The Board spokesmen, however, insisted that projections even under relatively normal economic conditions can only be educated guesses, at best. Under the extremely fluctuating conditions, today and tomorrow, including oil imports in particular, the Board maintained that it has used its best judgment, leaning toward more conservative and therefore more secure estimates of future operating budgets.

All the evidence and opposing views are now before the Housing Commissioner and her staff. It is hoped that her verdict will be announced before long.

AMENDMENTS FAIL OF PASSAGE

The proposed amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation, calling for an increase in the capital stock as well as in the shares of common stock, failed of passage despite the fact that the overwhelming majority of those voting had approved the amendments but we were legally short the required 51% majority. It is discouraging to note that despite the easy proxy voting procedure, more than half of the stockholders failed to exercise their democratic responsibility on a clear and non-controversial issue agreed on (unanimously) by the Directors upon advice of our Counsel.

NEW BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETINGS' (cont.)

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors on March 17th, they elected the following officers:

President	Hyman Bass
Vice President	Elias Rosenblatt
Vice President	William C. Woolfson
Treasurer	Morris Schechter
Asst. Treasurer	Jerry Gershner
Secretary	Herbert Ullman
Asst. Secretary	Irving J. Alter

P. S. Management regrets that due to the unprecedented pressures on our clerical staff in connection with unusual demands, before and since the Stockholders' Meetings and Hearings, we failed to post election results promptly.

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT

In the 1930's, as 6 years ago, and predictably again today, there were no permanent polarization scars left despite the heat of the controversies. Neighbor did not perceive his neighbor as 'enemy' and no friendships were broken up over these issues, critical as they have been. The 'enemy' then, was The Depression; the 'enemy' 6 years ago and today is the sudden, violent leap of mortgage interest rates up from 4% and 5% to 7% 6 years ago and now 9% and possibly even 10%! This in addition to the skyrocketing costs of oil, electricity, supplies, labor - all unpredictable.

When this latest, most painful 3-year projection increase and method of distribution have been settled by the State and our Directors, the wounds inflicted by inflation and the social astigmatism of stone-hearted Washington, will not readily heal. They will hurt us all, and hurt bad, for years to come.

But, whatever the Housing Commissioner's final response to the Boards unpopular petition for so large an increase or method of its application, in light of fully and freely expressed opposition, the community owes a "standing ovation" to its incumbent, re-elected and newly elected unpaid Directors - the '9 and the 1' for their courage, integrity and ceaseless efforts on our behalf. In fact, their re-election in the very midst of the critical dialogue is that symbolic 'ovation' and confidence bestowed.

YES, good neighbors, all: we have every reason to celebrate our GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY this year, and proudly continue to be, as we have been since 1926, an example in democratic and financial responsibility, to all other cooperatives, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

Herman Liebman

FROM MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF APRIL 26, 1976

BY ABE BLUESTEIN

1. VOLUNTARY PREPAYMENT OF THE INCREASE

The response to the request for voluntary prepayment of the carrying charge increase was better than indicated at first.

Of the potential added income of \$75,000 per month, we received \$34,000 (approximately 45%) from 554 families, about 38% of all cooperators.

The number of families by buildings who prepaid follows:

<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>NO. OF FAMILIES</u>	<u>FAMILIES</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
1A)	158	76	48%
1B) Towers	158	71	45%
6	55	21	38%
7	206	67	33%
8	282	104	37%
9	115	28	24%
10	48	7	15%
11	30	12	40%
12	139	50	36%
13	151	59	39%
14	145	59	41%
	<u>1,487</u>	<u>554</u>	

The voluntary prepayment of the increase is important to Amalgamated because we are falling behind seriously in paying our bills. Our suppliers and service companies are pressing us for payments which we are compelled to postpone. Amalgamated's good record of paying its bills in the past is helping us now but not for much longer.

2. PLUMBING PROGRESS - BUILDING #7

a) Eight plumbers are now working in Building #7. They are starting to install the hot and cold water mains in the groundfloor apartments. Work was slowed during Passover. It is expected that the mains will be installed and in operation early in May.

At that time, the installation of new risers from the 6th floor to the first floor will start. Fifteen plumbers will be working supervised by two foremen. Work will proceed from the A & H Sections toward the middle. If a plumbing break occurs, the contractor will take care of the emergency and will replace the entire riser of that line with new control valves.

I expect that Management will be involved in making all apartments in a line available to the plumbers by advance notice or in

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MANAGER'S REPORT (cont.)

emergencies, if they arise.

b) FLUSHOMETERS

The Board approved the suggestion to have the plumbers replace the old flushometers in the water tanks at no labor cost, Amalgamated to furnish the flushometer.

3. FLAGSTONE WALKS BUILDING #6 & #7

#6. The flagstone walks and steps are in need of repair at Building

The flagstone in some areas at Building #7 and some sections of the inner concrete walk also must be repaired.

We have asked for bids for the damaged areas of flagstone and inner walks at Building #7 and all of Building #6. Where patches can suffice on walks and steps in Building #7, we will do the work ourselves this summer.

4. BENCHES

The slats were restored to the benches at the Towers. They were refinished and varnished. The carpenter will try to fix some of the slats further.

We bought new slats for the benches behind Building #8. After they are weatherproofed, they will be installed on the solid concrete foundations and we will again have a fine sitting area there.

5. JANITORIAL SERVICE

We started a new Porter Supervisor Monday, April 12th. He comes to us well recommended from Allied Maintenance for whom he worked at Co-op City until the rent strike terminated the service. He will be working Monday to Friday.

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A TREAT FOR SENIOR COOPERATORS

ANOTHER BOAT RIDE AND FREE MEDICAL TESTS FOR 43

SENIOR COOPERATORS, THURSDAY, JUNE 24. CHARTERED BUS -

\$2.00 PER PERSON.

REGISTRATION ACCEPTED JUNE 1 - NOT NOW! WATCH FOR

DETAILS IN A FURTHER BULLETIN.

THE FIRST GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

STAGED BY OUR COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION

- MARKING IT'S OWN 40TH BIRTHDAY -

ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 21 PROVED AN EXCITING SOCIAL EVENT

The Grand Ballroom of our W. C. Community House was crowded to the rafters that Sunday morning. Even before the 200 member-guests were tightly packed around colorfully set tables, the atmosphere became radio-active with hearty and loud greetings across the crowded room, much smooching, and obviously little concerned, even on this very special Annual Meeting, with the accuracy of Treasurer Eli Ruden's 'Balance Sheet'. (It's been balancing accurately for 40 years, except for an inexplicable "3¢ over" this time, which got Eli some hilarious catcalls, like "What happened, Eli?" "It's my 3¢, Eli". "Are you bonded, Eli?" But all this came later.

It took some effort on the part of tiny President Isabel Suss, (as yet unaccustomed to Presidential powers or to the Yiddish-oriented microphone afflicted with a permanent Yosl Mlotek accent) to bring the celebration - cum - Brunch-bent crowd to a semblance of legal order.

The stage presented a beautiful tableau, with spotlights on the entire Credit Union leadership lined up from Ida Vozick at one end and Assistant Treasurer Alice Siegel at the other, framed by the American and Israeli flags gracing the proscenium though no an-thems were sung. It was, after all, only a 'Business Meeting'.

When the happy pandemonium finally settled down and W. C. Shammes Abe Schechter hastily tuned the mike into English wave-lengths with his personal tuning fork, the meeting proceeded apace.

Alice Siegel read (again, too fast) the Minutes of the previous year, approved with a thunderous, impatient yell; Eli Ruden just held up for exactly 30 seconds, a huge dollar-shaped cardboard with various expenses marked in different colors (since the financial statement, handsomely printed, had been distributed a week earlier) and with the fastest "any questions?" ever heard at membership meetings in 40 years, sat down before anyone could even think of a question, let alone ask it. It was at that moment that Eli, facetiously announced the "3¢ over" that broke up the house and sank him with those catcalls.

Oh yes, the Agenda rituals were scrupulously observed: the Nominating Committee Chairman Morris Stern, (Amalgamated's Methuselah of 800 years and another 100 to go) cheerfully proclaimed the Directors' slate - requiring an actual secret ballot, first one in 40 years! - to demolish some floor-nominated upstart vs. an entrenched ancient. The Supervisory Committee Secretary, Joseph Green,

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attested to the accuracy of all Credit Union transactions. The Credit Committee Chairman, Simon Hertz, (who died suddenly on April 4, 1976) swore for the credibility and integrity of all loans and, Lo, the business was over.

A huge 40th Birthday cake was then brought stage-front, publicly violated by the President's weak and trembling hand and the Brunch was on!

The variety of gourmet goodies provided by our Co-op Appetizing Department was overwhelming - and so were the quantities. Wine was flowing and a variety of cakes and cookies, plus piping hot coffee and tea - wrote FINIS to the brunchiest Brunch and most delightful social Sunday in memory. The service was fabulous!

But the piece-de-resistance was the appearance of our popular, charming and tremendously gifted Folk Singing Duo - "Abe and Malka" (Mandelblatt) who regaled us with songs of many nations - accent on Israeli songs.

The Credit Union Celebration brightened for one happy Sunday the gloomy economic skies, the Fordian stagflation and our own meshugene rent increase.

Maybe that's why so many cooperators and spouses showed up and had such a ball. The community needed one and our dedicated and imaginative Credit Union leadership provided it.

Thank you, Madam President!

H.L.

BARE FACTS

Credit Union organized in 1936

Loans since 1936: 7,662

Dollar Value of these loans: \$7,637,077.37

1975 Membership: 1,048

1975 Loans granted: 243
AMOUNTING TO \$587,507.00

A SAVINGS AND LOAN INSTITUTION 'OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND
FOR THE PEOPLE'!

JOIN IT! IT'S ALL YOURS!

(Next page for 1976 Board and Committee members.)

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ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR THIS ISSUE -

ABE & MALKA's 208-PAGE, RECENTLY PUBLISHED "100 GUITAR ACCOMPANIMENT PATTERNS", ISSUED BY AMSCO MUSIC PUBLISHING COMPANY AND ALREADY A BEST SELLER, WILL BE REVIEWED IN OUR NEXT "REPORT".

COOPERATORS ABE MANDELBLATT AND MALKA ACKERMAN HAVE APPEARED ON NUMEROUS COMMUNITY OCCASIONS AND WILL PERFORM AT OUR ANNIVERSARY BLOCK PARTY, SUNDAY, MAY 16.

ABE & MALKA WILL APPEAR ON THE CHANNEL 5 "MID-DAY LIVE" TALK-SHOW WITH BILL BOGGS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th.

LISTEN IN FOLKS!

CR, U, CELEBRATION -

1976 CREDIT UNION BOARD

OFFICERS

Isabel Suss, Pres.
George Werner, V. Pres.
Eli Ruden, Treas.
Alice Siegel, Asst. Treas.

SUPERV. COMM.

Richard Birnbach, Ch.

CREDIT COMM.

George Werner, Ch.

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1st MONDAY AFTERNOON OF EACH MONTH, from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M.

A letter we are proud to publish

**AMALGAMATED CLOTHING WORKERS
OF AMERICA - AFL-CIO, CLC**

15 UNION SQUARE , NEW YORK, N.Y, 10003 . TELEPHONE: 255-7800

Hyman Bass, President
Amalgamated Housing Corporation
Frank Schonfeld, Chairman
Golden Anniversary Committee

Dear Brothers Bass and Schonfeld:

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America is proud to accept your invitation to participate in and to be a sponsor of the Golden Anniversary observance of the Amalgamated Housing Corporation. When the Amalgamated first pioneered in cooperative housing 50 years ago, it was an experiment and many so-called experts predicted doom and failure. But careful administration and close supervision, under the direction of Sidney Hillman, Jacob S. Potofsky, Abraham D. Kazan, Harold Ostroff and others like them, helped to prove those experts wrong. And the celebration this year will prove it.

It is fitting that Jack Potofsky and Abe Kazan will be honored also. They were, through the long years, dedicated and creative individuals who made important contributions not only to cooperative housing in New York City, but to the entire concept of cooperative living.

We of the Amalgamated look forward to joining with you in this celebration and working with you to insure its success.

Fraternally yours,
MURRAY H. FINLAY
General President

HOLOCAUST EXHIBIT

Dear Friend Liebman:

Thank you for your eloquent bulletin two weeks ago, on behalf of the V.C. Ch. of Israel's Red Magen David, urging families to view the annual exhibit of the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto Rebellion on display in the W. C. Community House.

You will surely be glad to know that, in addition to hundreds of cooperators, a large number of school children from several nearby schools were brought by their teachers and discussed what they saw.

SHLOMO KOWARSKY

Greet Your Anniversaries in Your Own Words

AMALGAMATED AND PARK RESERVOIR COOPERATORS
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED -

TO SUBMIT GREETINGS FOR PUBLICATIONS IN OUR FORTHCOMING GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL NOW IN PREPARATION. Our 1947 and 1967 Journals were brightened with many heartwarming comments by residents, expressing their feelings about their cooperative in simple, often touching prose and even verse.

Now that we have attained the half century milestone, and Park Reservoir two decades of similar co-op life-style, your greetings will not only mirror the sentiments of the people, old - middle age - young, but lend authenticity and sparkle to the Festival Journal which promises to be of book-length dimension, and destined for Universities, Libraries, Trade Unions, Cooperatives, and some UN economic agencies, including London and Geneva offices of the International Cooperative Alliance and ILO.

A number of major articles and greetings have already been submitted by leaders who had worked closely with Abraham Kazan and his associates in the promotion of cooperative communities in N.Y., among them Robert Moses, former Mayor Wagner, Nelson Rockefeller, Jacob Potofsky, State Housing Commissioner Lee Goodwin, architect Herman Jessor and many others on the way.

There will also be an attractive Yiddish Supplement (remember our 1947 Journal?) now in preparation by a number of distinguished poets, novelists, editors, educators, and journalists gracing our community, - Chaim Grade, Joseph Mlotek, Saul Goodman, Irving Vogel, Morris Crystal, Mates Olitzky, Saul Maltz, Ahrne Thorne and Meyer Rak.

A special chapter will be devoted to Abraham Kazan (as part of his Memorial) with biographical notes and several of his own major articles on co-op housing and related activities he set in motion, since 1926.

All in all, then, your greetings will be in excellent company, and vice versa.

Please mail (or deliver) your offerings to the Amalgamated office, typed, if possible, (double spaced) but all written in ink on one side of paper and signed.

Space limitation and some editorial responsibility are of course, expected by the Anniversary Executive Committee which is made up as follows:

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ANNOUNCING AN ESSAY AND SONG CONTEST

FOR RESIDENT STUDENTS OF AMALGAMATED & PARK RESERVOIR

IN CONNECTION WITH

AMALGAMATED'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND
PARK RESERVOIR'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY

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THE THEME:

(IN 500 to 1000 WORDS)

"WHAT DOES LIVING HERE MEAN TO ME?"

FIRST AND ONLY PRIZES

\$100.00 U.S. BOND FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

50.00 " " " SENIOR H.S. STUDENTS

25.00 " " " JUNIOR H.S. STUDENTS

SPECIAL PRIZE OF \$100.00 U.S. BOND

FOR AN ORIGINAL

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SONG (MUSIC AND LYRICS)

(THIS CONTEST OPEN TO ALL AGES)

WINNING ESSAYS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN OUR ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL

DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 1976

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JUDGES: FRANK SCHONFELD, CH. ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
DR. WILLIAM C. WOOLFSON, CH. JCAC
HERMAN LIEBMAN, EDITOR
HERMAN ARTHUR, CONTR. EDITOR

JUDGES FOR THE SONG WILL INCLUDE RAY STEIN AND "ABE & MALKE".

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IF, IN THE OPINION OF THE JUDGES, THE QUALITY OF OFFERINGS,
IN ANY CATEGORY, IS UNWORTHY, PRIZES MAY BE WITHHELD.

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ALL ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED, DOUBLE SPACED, ON ONE SIDE
OF 8½ x 11 WHITE PAPER, AND MAILED OR DELIVERED
TO THE AMALGAMATED OFFICE, 98 VAN CORTLANDT PARK SOUTH,

NOT LATER THAN JUNE 15, 1976



NOTES FOR THE BICENTENNIAL



BY DR. WM. C. WOOLFSON, CHAIRMAN
JOINT COMMUNITIES ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE



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The Bronx, geographically, is one of the most important areas in the City of New York. It is the only sector that is on the mainland. All the other borough's are islands or parts of islands. Our area of the Bronx provided the access from the colony of New York to upstate and New England. Kingsbridge was the location of a ford through the shallow water at Spuyten Duyvel and later of a bridge to Manhattan.

During the War of the Revolution, our area was a no-man's land. It lay between the lines of the British and their mercenaries, the Hessians, who controlled Westchester County, and safeguarded the Hudson Highland corridor, West Point and the roads to New England.

Within this corridor, known as the Neutral Ground, marauding patrols constantly probed and pillaged. These raids and forays are described by one of our early authors, James Fenimore Cooper in his tales of the Revolutionary War. Neither property nor persons were safe here.

In 1776 Fort Independence (at what is now Giles Place) was seized and held by Loyalist Rangers and Hessian troops. The home of John Peter Tetard (for whom J.H.S. 143 is named), patriot and Continental Army Chaplain, was sacked, as was the home of his famous military neighbor, General Richard Montgomery. The Jewish financier of the Revolution, Chaim Solomon, is believed to have passed through our neighborhood on his way from Philadelphia to White Plains to join his friend, General George Washington.

French Cavalry raided in the area as far south as Morrisania. Major Andre passed through here to rendezvous with General Benedict Arnold.

Bandits roamed the area at will. The word "Cowboy" came into being here for those Americans still loyal to the King and renegade British who stole cattle and sold them to the British forces. Their American counterparts were the "Skinners" who got their name from those of their victims who believed that these thugs would literally "skin them alive".

Pierre Van Cortlandt was the first lieutenant governor of the State of New York and presided over the convention that framed the first N.Y. State Constitution. His son, General Philip Van Cortlandt witnessed the surrender of the British at Yorktown.

Washington had fled through our area after his defeat in New York City in 1776. But he returned in triumph in 1783 to the Van

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HAROLD OSTROFF CHOSEN FOR ROCCHDALE INSTITUTE EDUCATION AWARD

New York, N.Y. (CNS) -- Harold Ostroff, president of the United Housing Foundation, recently was chosen to receive the Rochdale Institute's Distinguished Service Award for Cooperative Education.

The members of the Rochdale Institute also elected Professor Samuel Handel and Ernest C. Green as new members and trustees. Handel teaches at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., while Green serves as executive director of Recruitment and Training Program.

In other action, the members re-elected Dr. William M. Birenbaum to a second three-year term. Also re-elected were Donald D. Martin, president; William Stern and Stanley Dreyer, vice presidents; Irving J. Alter, secretary; and Anthony T. Marino, treasurer.

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W.C. CHORUS AT TOWN HALL

SUNDAY, MAY 16, AT 5:00 P.M.

Our Workmen's Circle Chorus will sing with the Zimrah Chorale at Town Hall, 43rd Street, near Sixth Avenue, on Sunday, May 16th, 5 P.M., with Eugene Malek, conducting. There will be fine operatic soloists, including the renowned tenor and Cantor Jacob Barkin, who will sing treasures of Jewish melody. This event is sponsored by the Educational Alliance as a Bicentennial feature. Tickets are \$3, \$4, & \$5.

J.G.

Ed. Note: It is unfortunate that, due to necessary advance planning, two major community attractions collided nearly head-on on the same Sunday, May 16. But while the annual Town Hall concert by the renowned W.C. Chorus and Zimrah Chorale is scheduled for 5:00 P.M., our own Block Party - Art Exhibit opens at 11:00 A.M.

We urge all lovers of Chorale music to attend the Town Hall Concert, AFTER spending an hour or two at the local festivities.

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BICENTENNIAL CONT.

Cortlandt mansion (just down the hill from us) and with George Clinton, the first governor of New York State and the lieutenant-governor, Pierre Van Cortlandt, Washington came back - to celebrate victory and independence.

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WE MOURN OUR LOSSES

MARY EKSTEIN, 14B/12E	December 12, 1975
BEN ZAGAROW, 8C/1C	January 3, 1976
SARAH FUSSINER, 8C/6A	" 15, "
RUTH COYNE, 8A/5F	" 18, "
ROBERT CENTRE, 1B/20F	" 21, "
SAMUEL HOFFENBRATEL, 8C/4F	February 8, "
NATHAN HORNSTEIN, 9A/33	" 18, "
HENRIETTA DRIGAND, 7A/53	" 21, "
EMMA HOFFELD, 12B/8E	" 22, "
SOPHIE WILSON, 12C/5D	March 10, "
AGNES ULICH, 14B/11D	" 11, "
LEAH SCHREIBER, 14B/2F	" 25, "
TESSIE COGAN, 8C/9C	" 25, "
AARON TRAISTER, 1B/20E	April 2, "
SIMON HERTZ, 7C/34	" 6, "
PAULINE HELLER, 8B/10D	" 19, "
HOWARD OLKIN, 1A/3C	" 23, "
ANNA YELLIN, 7H/35	" 27, "

SIMON HERTZ 1902 - 1976

The Golden Anniversary Art Committee deeply mourns the sudden death of our respected colleague and committee member, Simon Hertz.

Simon was a talented artist and for decades a most active participant in all community art exhibits. He will be sorely missed.

We extend profound sympathy to widow Mary Hertz and their son, Dr. Matthew Hertz and his family.

ISAIAH EHRLICH, Chairman

1976 COMMUNITY CHEST REPORT

AMALGAMATED - PARK RESERVOIR

Dear Neighbors:

The officers of the 1976 COMMUNITY CHEST wish to extend their warm thanks and sincere appreciation to all cooperators of Amalgamated and Park Reservoir who contributed so generously. Your contributions are very heart-warming and proof of our community spirit.

1976 CHEST COMMITTEE

Terry Perfit, Chairperson
 Pearl Lorsch, Treasurer
 Etta Blackman, Secretary
 Sophie Schechter, Asst. Secretary

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED	\$6,523.11	
Advanced expenses by organizations	720.00	
Balance from 1975	185.00	
 Total available for distribution	 \$7,428.11	
Less expenses incurred		\$377.75
Reserve for 1977 Campaign		250.00
	627.75	
 CASH DISTRIBUTED 1976	 \$6,800.36	

	<u>ALLOCATED</u>	<u>NON-ALLOCATED</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Arthritis Foundation, Inc.	\$ 444.00	\$ 80.52	\$ 524.52
Assn. for Retarded Children	330.50	80.52	411.02
Mental Health - Bronx County	268.25	80.52	348.77
Cancer Care - Bronx Div.	623.00	80.52	703.52
City of Hope - Bronx Div.	245.50	80.52	326.02
Children's Asthma Res. Inst.	217.00	80.52	297.52
Deborah Heart & Lung	274.00	80.52	354.52
Fight For Sight - Bx League	319.00	80.52	399.52
Kidney Foundation of N.Y.	252.50	80.52	333.02
Leukemia Society	300.75	80.52	381.27
Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.	218.50	80.52	299.02
Multiple Sclerosis	286.25	80.52	366.77
National Tay-Sachs Assoc.	252.25	80.52	332.77
N.Y. Heart Association	514.50	80.52	595.02
United Cerebral Palsy	182.00	80.52	262.52
N.Y. Diabetes Assoc.	331.00	80.52	411.52
March of Dimes - Bronx Div.	183.50	80.52	264.02
American Red Cross	108.50	80.52	189.02
TOTALS	\$5,351.00	\$1,449.36	\$6,800.36

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

Dear Herman:

We read the Park Reservoir Community Report, from cover to cover, every time we secure a copy. In addition to being full of interesting information, the Report revives fond memories in us of the years we lived in the Amalgamated and in Park Reservoir.

We recently read the Jan. - Feb. 1976 issue, and we were enthused by your article, "Nursery Alumni Scholarship Fund - Revived".

Bunny and I were actively involved in the Nursery School (Bunny was chairman of the nursery school board and I was the accountant) while our children, Steven and Sharon, attended, and we appreciated that it was available to them.

We want to support your, nay our, Nursery School Alumni Scholarship Association.

Enclosed is our check for ten dollars in payment of the dues for our two alumni.

Cooperatively yours,

LEON & BUNNY JAFFE
324 Jordan Road
New Milford, New Jersey

Another charming little note accompanying their contribution was by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Rosakoff of 7A/63 saying that although they are not a Nursery Alumni family they, nevertheless, wish to support the Scholarship Fund.

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Dear Mr. Liebman:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciated the publicity concerning my book of poetry in the recent issue of our local News Report. As you can well imagine it is very difficult to get a book known --- and every bit of exposure helps. It was really kind of you to invite the esteemed resident poet, Peretz Kaminsky, whose review was so heartwarming. Also, how lovely what you said in your little introduction. It was a human and warm presentation that made me and Mother feel very good. It was definitely a highlight in the young history of the book. Thank you again.

IRENA KLEPFISZ

NURSERY ALUMNI RESPONDING

Many thanks to the 55 generous contributors (so far) to the Nursery Alumni Scholarship Fund this year.

Alumni parents have mailed checks (some with fond memories enclosed) from as far as Massachusetts and Connecticut. Of special interest were letters from those in our community who had no children attend our Nursery, but recognize and support its valuable service.

We are, of course, still accepting \$5.00 dues, for 1976, from any who wish to help keep tuition costs down and to provide more partial scholarships.

Please mail your checks 'payable to NASF' to Susan Koenig at 74 Van Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, N.Y. 10463, and meet us Sunday, May 16th at our community Block Party on Hillman Avenue. We'll be there with exciting booths and helping with refreshments to benefit our Nursery School and looking forward to thanking every donor personally.

NURSERY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Caryl Bernstein, Chairperson

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CONSUMERS MEETING ON SPECIAL DIETS

BY BOARD MEMBER ROBERTA GERSHNER

Bronx Consumers Cooperative, Inc., in conjunction with the Van Cortlandt Workmen's Circle Community House, sponsored a program on Special Diets on April 6, 1976. This most interesting program featured Sister Margaret Frank, M.S., R.D., a registered Dietitian and President-Elect of the Greater New York Dietetic Association.

The many cooperators who attended enjoyed a most informative evening. Among the special diets discussed were low sodium, low cholesterol, low purine and bland. As usual, a question and answer session followed the talk.

Other special programs are being planned by Bronx Consumers and will be announced shortly.

Door prizes and refreshments concluded an enjoyable and informative evening.

AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

It was no editorial neglect or oversight that kept another of our native sons, now a distinguished national Psychologist, concealed from local view all these years. It was his Mom's fault. Much too modest, Hannah Manis (of building 12) "didn't think people would be interested" and kept her son's academic achievements and latest opus from these columns.

We are therefore delighted to add the name of another native son, Dr. Melvin Manis, born here in 1931, a graduate of P.S. 95, Music and Art, Marshall U. in Lancaster, Pa., ending with a Ph.D. in psychology at the U. of Ill. at the ripe old age of 23! Now married, father of two sons and living in Ann Arbor, where he is Professor of Psychology at the U. of Michigan and contributes a constant flow of articles to top journals dealing with this occult (to your reporter) science.

"AN INTRODUCTION TO COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY" is his second book, described as "representing a thorough and comprehensive overview of the major research areas that fall within this cognitive tradition."

Professor Melvin Manis is currently Chief of the Psychology Research Section at the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital; Consulting Editor of the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology; and a member of the Manuscript Review Committee for Behavioral Science. During 1966 Dr. Manis was a Fulbright Lecturer at the U. of Ghent in Belgium.

How could you keep all this to yourself, Hannah Manis (Pa Manis died several years ago) and why??

Please convey to Melvin the community's pride in his superlative achievements and wish him and his family, on our behalf, good health, happiness and even greater accomplishments in his chosen discipline.

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WHAT A SLEIGH RIDE HE GAVE US!

Will Schneiderman (of 14B) that is, the Master Carver himself of miniature sleighs now on exhibition at the beautiful Hudson River Museum in Yonkers - an exhibit already twice extended by popular demand.

On a lovely day, a couple of weeks ago, Will and Yetta drove your reporter, his Emily and friend Hilda Bobson (her second trip) for a personally guided tour of the museum and its most exciting exhibit in years, Will's fabulous collection of miniature sleighs, modeled perfectly after sleighs of many lands, some dating back two centuries, and carved out of one piece of wood! An art hailed in magazines and museums, and in constant demand for public view.

Many cooperators have already seen and admired the collection. Anyone with a car and a taste for remarkable craftsmanship should make for Yonkers and the Hudson River Museum posthaste. And take friends along, and kids. They'll thank you, as we did our Will.

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DON'T MISS IF POSSIBLE -

the annual exciting OPEN STUDIO DAY by artists-cooperators Hortense ("Honey") and Bernard Kassoy Saturday, May 22, from 10:00 to 6:00 in their spacious workshop at 130 Gale Place, way down the bottom of the steps. A demonstration will be held at 1:00.

The Kassoy's are among a dozen other artists who will be represented, and be present, at the outdoor grand Golden Anniversary Art Show Sunday, May 16th. (story elsewhere).

IN APPRECIATION -

The family of Pauline Heller wish to thank all our friends for their thoughtfulness, sympathy and attendance at our Mother's funeral.

Blanche Kasanoff - 13A/1F

Ruth Loewinthan - 8B/10D