



Amalgamated - Mutual - Park Reservoir

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Amalgamated To Celebrate 35 Years of Cooperative Community Living

**GALA DINNER-DANCE AT THE CONCOURSE PLAZA SET
FOR SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 2, 1963**

Sponsored by the Amalgamated Board of Directors and the House Committee, with all the twenty-seven social, cultural and recreational groups and organizations meeting here serving as co-sponsors, the 35th Anniversary Banquet announced two weeks ago has already attracted some 300 reservations and more are coming in daily. Park Reservoir and Mutual cooperators are equally welcome to attend.

At the request of many pioneer cooperators who find it difficult to travel to 42nd Street, especially late evening, and at the suggestion of several mothers of very young children who'd rather be closer home—'just in case'—the Banquet was transferred from the Commodore to the Concourse Plaza Ballroom (on Grand Concourse and 161 Street) where nearly a thousand of us celebrated our 20th Anniversary in 1947.

In addition to a sumptuous dinner, Cooperator Murray Slonin's especially selected 8-piece Dance Orchestra, with Cooperator Murray Conwesser presiding at the piano, will provide appropriate music during the meal and dance music until one or two in the morning.

We all have good reason to celebrate again as we did in 1947 and 1951. The older folks who built this first successful cooperative community, have raised their families here, have seen many new and larger cooperative communities built by the same Abraham E. Kazan and his able associ-

ates and are still 'young' enough to enjoy the fruits of their own confidence and labors, — these Senior Citizens of ours surely have every reason to celebrate. The hundreds of younger cooperators, mostly veterans, who found homes here 10-12 years ago and are now raising their families in turn and contributing so much to the rebirth and rejuvenation of good old Amalgamated, surely have cause to rejoice and dance on March 2nd.

As on previous occasions, the presence of distinguished guests and representatives of other co-ops to be invited by President A. E. Kazan, will add pleasure and prestige to the celebration.

Formal invitations and tickets will shortly be delivered to all cooperators. Tables accommodate ten. We urge cooperators who wish to sit together, to register at the same time. Tables will be assigned in the order reservations are received, up to 1000 guests, which is the maximum capacity of the Plaza. The fee is \$8.50 per person. Fish dinners will be served to observant cooperators who must request it when registering.

HIGHLIGHTS OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

AMALGAMATED: June 7, 1962

After reconsidering the laundry situation in Building 9, it was voted to install a new laundry service there, same as in other buildings.

A \$1.00 per month increase for garage rentals was granted the lessee, in view of increased employees' wages and other expenses.

R.A.I.'s request for approval of annual subsidy (subject to the Commissioner's O.K.) was tabled, pending receipt of financial report for 1962 and budget for 1963.

MUTUAL: June 11, 1962

Mr. Herbert Schneiderman was introduced as the new Assistant Manager to replace Mr. Priftis.

Entire meeting was devoted to reports and discussion affecting allocation of apartments.

June 28, 1962 (Special)

Mr. Feder reported on car lots allocation.

After discussion it was agreed to let the 10-month fee of \$30.00 for use of private washing machines, remain as an annual fee, subject to subcommittee's report and final action by H.C. Manager's report included apartment allocation, renewal of leases, installation of parking beam lights, laundry windows and exhaust, and other matters.

President Ostroff reported that to convert a ground floor room to an apartment or the rear staircase into a ramp, as suggested by a member of the H.C., would be impractical and very expensive, at best.

It was voted to 'sublet' parking lots if original owner left town for 4 months or longer. When the owner returned, temporary lessee would withdraw.

Further reports and discussion on apartment allocations followed.

July 16, 1962 (Special)

Meeting was devoted to apartment allocations. It was then decided that hereafter Management will allocate apartments in accordance with the rules approved by the H.C.

PARK RESERVOIR: June 12, 1962

President Ostroff and Manager Shaviro analyzed in detail the annual financial statement, to be presented to the stockholders on June 15th, with emphasis on the deficit and ways and means to resolve it. One item in the picture is the growing deficit in electricity and an increase in the general liability insurance rates, due to increased claims. An educational effort is to be made to cut down on waste of electricity and to urge cooperators with claims to settle them fairly and equitably by dealing with the office directly.

It was reported that the Board of Directors had again voted to ask the Commissioner's approval of the R.A.I. subsidy for 1962-63.

Management reported that the lot recently purchased from Mutual will be converted into a parking lot temporarily.

There were reports on apartment and parking allocations. \$212.00 was contributed by Building 2 cooperators for dressing up the lobby. Cooperators who have parking spaces may not make any exchanges without Management's approval.

It was voted to bring the following recommendations to stockholders on June 15th:

- (a) No member may serve more than two consecutive 3-year terms on the H.C.
- (b) Messrs. Kazan and Szold, whose terms as Board members had expired, shall be re-elected by acclamation.

June 26, 1962

Newly elected H.C. organized itself as follows: Harmon Zapakin, Chairman; Leon Jaffe, Vice-Chairman; Yetta Cohen, Rec. Secretary, and Lee Levine, Corr. Secretary.

The following standing committees were set up:

- (1) *Service*: Petluck, Axelbank, Kaplan, Belsky and Piscitello.
- (2) *Apartment Allocations*: Lee Levine, Yetta Cohen, Jaffe and Piscitello
- (3) *Parking*: Belsky, Goldberg and Freedenberg
- (4) *Lobby*: Lee Levine, Axelbank, Kupferman and Mindy Brownstein
- (5) *Fifth Anniversary*: Petluck, Zapakin, Yetta Cohen, Lee Levine and Leon Jaffe
- (6) *Holiday Fund*: Belsky, Goldberg, Mindy Brownstein and Freedenberg

Manager Shaviro reported that (a) the temporary parking lot will not be ready for service till a license is obtained; (b) 3 apartments will be vacated and the allocation committee will be called to assign them; (c) another drive will be made to raise funds for completing lobby in Building 4.

R.A.I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: September 19, 1962

In view of President Seymour Cohen's retirement from Park Reservoir House Committee and, consequently, from the R.A.I. Board, Vice-President Leonard Stoller was elected President and Harmon Zapakin, Vice-President.

Secretary Bentley Fredane was appointed to the Executive Committee, to replace Richard Petluck of Park Reservoir, who resigned from the Board due to added professional responsibilities.

The Board approved the final version of the 1963 Budget.

The Board approved the request from our Music School to admit students from areas beyond the immediate neighborhood. It was pointed out that additional registration would improve the school program for our children as well.

The Board approved the following program: (1) work with the Parents' Teen-Age Committee (possibly a 4-5 week Seminar with Federation counsellors); (2) Lecture Series on Heart, Cancer, Obesity and Mental Health (with Montefiore specialists); (3) 3-4 lectures on Contemporary American Novel; (4) 3-4 Juilliard Concerts; (5) 2 Puppet Shows (Xmas and Easter time); (6) Golden Age Yiddish Theatre Party on December 23rd; (7) Sunday Forums in Yiddish with cooperation of Workmen's Circle; (8) 2-3 discussions on Cooperation; (9) Continuing with Teen-Age Co-op Study Group; (10) Annual Field Day in May.

The Board approved Park Reservoir request for assistance in planning their 5th Anniversary.

"COMMUNITY NEWS"

Editorial Committee: Stanley Gladstone, Israel Ostroff, Leonard Stoller and Harman Zapakin.
Editor: Herman Liebman.

LET'S BE PRACTICAL

• By HERMAN LIEBMAN

Now THAT another social and cultural season is off to a flying start (Nursery, Dance and Music Classes, Shule, Forums, Lectures and Concerts, Fund-raisings, etc., etc.), let us also turn our attention to some practical matters — large, small, and medium-size — that affect the physical and financial well-being of our Co-op homesteads, all three of them.

ELECTRICITY:

The constant rise in our electric deficit is due as much to sheer waste as to increased rates, and more appliances. Ever since we were compelled to discontinue individual billing, people no longer seem to connect the extravagant use of electricity with their personal share of the cost. Yet the corporation, which is all of us put together, keeps paying out thousands of dollars, which belong to all of us, for radios and TVs going when nobody is listening, and for oversize bulbs burning all over apartments, when nobody is there to use them. Our various clubs using community rooms are equally guilty of switching on all the fixtures when a good deal of the time, half the lights should be out.

NOISE:

A long chapter can be written on this subject alone. A few typical examples will do:

Radios and TVs playing too loud, too late or too early;

Turning courts, entrances and sidewalks into social centers or open-air kindergartens and playgrounds with two-way mother-child broadcasts loud enough to wake up all babies asleep within a square block;

Permitting small children to begin their happy day of stomping and toy-banging on Sundays and holidays at about 7:30 A.M., to the distress of neighbors below.

NEATNESS:

Empty milk bottles and cartons should not be left in the halls during daylight hours. Refuse should first be wrapped in newspapers or bags before disposing in incinerator chutes.

Mops should not be shaken out in halls, stairwells or out of windows, nor should rags be put on window sills to dry. Maids, if any, should be carefully instructed and warned against such practices.

Car owners should not leave rags and newspapers in the streets after cleaning their cars; should refrain from blowing horns and advise visiting relatives and friends to do likewise.

People sitting in the park should not leave papers, ice cream cups, empty cigarette cartons when they leave; and cigarette butts in the halls and elevators!!

TEACHING THE YOUNG:

And, finally, parents must educate their children (a never-ending process, we admit) to respect property, their property, cleanliness, consideration for others and respect for elders who may, occasionally, admonish them for misbehaving. (It's shocking to hear some youngsters react disrespectfully when a neighbor, sometimes a senior citizen — will ask them to stop racing through the courts on their bikes or play ball in the park instead of under their windows!)

If we could only extend the pride we all take in our own apartments to the areas outside the apartments, and consider other people as members of an enlarged family circle, this fine community would be even a finer and happier place to live. Why not make this year, the 35th anniversary year of good old Amalgamated, a year of continuing effort toward good will and good conduct by all of us?

BULLETIN BOARDS

Organizations wishing to post notices (at \$5.00 fee) must bring 65 leaflets *plus* the fee (checks payable to Amalgamated Housing Corp. NOT R.A.I.) to the main office. These notices will be stamped and permitted to hang one week.

Cooperators are urged *not* to remove any notices for any reason. Office boys will do that.

NO one is permitted to post anything without permission of the office.

NO commercial or *political* posters are permitted at any time. Advertising will be accepted by Mr. Liebman for inclusion in the COMMUNITY NEWS.

Thank you for respecting the above regulations.

REMINDER ON CO-OP SALES SLIPS

The end of September marked the end of the fiscal business year of our Supermarket.

All store slips (our store, naturally) dated from October 1st, 1961 to September 30th, 1962, must be carefully assorted, month by month, added up, recorded on the special manila envelope provided for that purpose at our store, sealed and delivered to the store as soon as possible.

The sooner and the neater the job is done, the sooner will refunds on purchases be distributed.

AUDITORIUM AND PIONEER CLUBROOM REDECORATED

Community groups and individuals with parties on their minds, will now find the two most popular and busiest community rooms looking 'ten years younger' after their bright new make-ups.

Reservations may now be made through the R.A.I. office by contacting Mr. Liebman (LO. 2-9300).

"CONSUMERS REPORTS"

These monthly reports, published by the Consumers Union, are universally regarded as factual, impartial and authoritative. Some call it the 'consumer's Bible'. The September and October issues have ratings of refrigerators, articles on used cars, stereo amplifiers, auto insurance, fallout 'iodine-131' in milk, car straps, safer drugs, foam mattresses, etc.

A copy each month is available at the R.A.I. office on loan for a week or ten days.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 'CO-OP HIGHLIGHTS'

(Published by Mid-Eastern Co-op Wholesale)

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY is Oct. 19th. 16 million members now belong to more than 28,000 credit unions in 67 countries. 550 co-op groups in U.S. have credit unions.

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CARE feeds more than 20 million children with a school lunch every day of the year, reported Wallace J. Campbell recently, before a U. S. Senate Committee.

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THE COOPERATIVE LEAGUE announces that over 15,000,000 American families own shares in co-ops compared to 9,500,000 owning shares in publicly-held corporations.

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CONSUMER COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION in Kansas City sales are running 15% ahead of last year and may top \$222 million this year.

UNDERSTANDING OUR TEEN-AGERS

Between the heartbreaking outcry of one desperate mother of a teener in trouble: "Judge, you ought to bury them at twelve and dig them up at eighteen," and Margaret Mead's compassionate defense: "Teen-agers are the current scapegoats for adult apathy," lie many sensitive shades of juvenile conduct which must be understood and evaluated by every parent.

In view of recent discussions and meetings relating to teen-age conduct, it may be useful to ponder these quotes picked at random from Edgar Z. Friedenberg's widely accepted study *The Vanishing Adolescent* (Dell-Paperback-50c).

"Adults read their own hopes and fears into the actions of adolescents, and project onto them their own conflicts, values and anxieties. They take desperate measures to protect the young from imaginary menaces, which are in fact their own fantasies, and to guide them to imagined success, which is in fact surrender."

"Adolescence is the period during which a young person learns who he is, and what he really feels. It is the time during which he differentiates himself from his culture, though on the culture's terms. It is the age at which, by becoming a person in his own right, he becomes capable of deeply felt relationships to other individuals . . ."

"Must there be conflict between the adolescent and society? The point is that adolescence IS conflict — protracted conflict — between the individual and society . . . But conflict is not war; it need not even involve hostile action. It must, to be sure, produce some hostile feelings, among others. But there need be no intent to wound, castrate, or destroy on either side. Conflict between the adolescent and his world is dialectical, and leads, as a higher synthesis, to the youth's own adulthood and to critical participation in society as an adult."

"A society which has NO PURPOSES of its own, other than to insure domestic tranquility by suitable medication, will have no use for adolescents, and will fear them . . . It will set up sedative programs of guidance, which are likely to be described as therapeutic, but whose apparent function will be to keep young minds and hearts in custody till they are without passion."

Mr. Friedenberg is very critical of our school system as it affects the personality growth of our children. The book also contains a fascinating psychoanalytic case history of five boys based on the sentence-completion technic.

Arrangements are under way to conduct an open seminar on teen-agers under professional guidance, in cooperation with the recently formed Teen-age Committee of Parents (story elsewhere).

CIVIL DEFENSE INVITES RECRUITS

As a result of the two mass meetings held in the spring on overflow Teen-age gatherings in the playground and courts, a dozen fathers volunteered to join the Civil Defense program conducted at our Police Precinct 50 under the direction of Ptl. Richard Lutz. We are proud to list these volunteers and hope others will join and be of service here and in other areas when needed: Harvey Aronson, William David, Samuel Eckstein, William Finger, Matthew Katz, Charles Margulis, Bernard Mogil, Abraham Ozer, Vincent Rodd, Julius Sanderov, Henry Shapiro, Gerald Solomon, Henry Winokur.

PARENTS' TEEN-AGE COMMITTEE FORMED

On September 25th, nine parents of teen-age children met with Director Liebman to plan some activities, social and recreational, for our 13 to 17 year olds as possible alternatives to the massive night gatherings in our playground and overflowing into courts and basements.

It was suggested that, if enough fathers would volunteer to help, basketball, baseball, football, skating and bowling clubs for boys may have wide appeal. With mothers' help, girls, too, could organize basketball, bowling and skating teams, drama and folk dance clubs, and jointly run dances in our Auditorium on a membership basis and under careful supervision.

The one activity all nine parents present agreed on, was a course for parents of several lecture-discussion sessions under competent, professional guidance, with emphasis on parental responsibility for the conduct and associations of their own teen daughters and sons.

Mr. Liebman informed the group that the R.A.I. Board had approved such a series now planned in cooperation with Federation's Jewish Family Service. The first session will be held in The Pioneer Clubrooms, 3975 Sedgwick Ave. on Tuesday evening, October 30, at 8:30 p.m.

The committee consists of Herb Fuss, Chairman; Essie Novak, Secretary; Isidore Forman, Roz Rothman, Judy Harkavy, Sylvia Anderson, Hilda Spectorman, Rida Salant and Mitzi Katz.

We Deeply Mourn

Regretful Oversight: The announcement of the death of Dr. Samuel Miller (Mutual-11E) on April 22, failed to appear in the May-June issue. Mrs. Miller wishes to thank all friends and neighbors for their expression of grief and sympathy.

MAX GOODMAN, of E31 (Amalg.) on July 6th
HENRIETTA BERLIN, of F-12 (Amalg.) on July 10th
SADIE GERSHOWITZ, of 9D-15, on July 14th
JACOB BLACKMAN, of 13B-9E, on July 16th
MOLLIE UNGER, of 14A-8B, on July 29th
WILLIAM PICK, of K-22, on September 4th
BECKIE FREIMAN, of T-22, on September 18th
MRS. SARAH SMITH, of 7F21, on October 10th
MRS. BLANCHE SPERANDEO, of 8B-8B, on Oct. 16.

Condolences are hereby extended to all families and friends of the departed cooperators.

FAMILY CIRCLE

Recent Arrivals:

A granddaughter, Debra Ruth, to Mr. & Mrs. Mac Wolfe of 13B-10E, via Judy and David Burger of Miami, Fla.

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A granddaughter, Mindy Lee, on June 5 to Mr. & Mrs. Sam Wiskoff of 8C-6G, via son Martin and Marilyn Wiskoff. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Ida Gilman, of 7B54.

Married:

Pvt. Stephen Strickhart of 10-F2, on Aug. 26, to Lois Barbara Mazor of the Bronx.

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Robert Linn, of 12B-7E to Joan Corrado, on Sept. 15.

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Judy Frechtman, of 7C44 to Michael Rogers of 7F12.

1963 COMMUNITY CHEST SET FOR JANUARY

At an open meeting held last month, the following were elected to serve on the 1963 Chest Committee (for Amalgamated and Park Reservoir. Mutual conducts its own Chest.)

Sheila Fredane, Chairman; Nettie Verby, Treasurer; Eleanor Strum, Asst. Treasurer; Archibald Richer, Rec. Secretary; Helen Simms, Corr. Secretary; Sophie Bender, Helen Frankel, Mildred Sherman, Hilda Paul, Terry Perfit and Bertha Winevsky.

The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, the Red Cross and Cancer Care have been added to the list of Health Funds. January has been designated as Chest Month. Further details will be announced through special Chest Bulletins.

YIDDISH THEATRE PARTY DECEMBER 23rd

The first Golden Agers' theatre party this season will take place Sunday evening, December 23rd. Forty orchestra seats at \$1.25 (regular price \$3.25) have been reserved at the Workmen's Circle-sponsored *Folksbiene* on East Broadway, to witness Moishe Dluznowsky's new drama of contemporary American life, "THE ELVENTH HEIR" (*Der Elfter Yoresh*).

Tickets may now be obtained at the R.A.I. office (Amalgamated).

As in the past, a chartered bus (at \$1.00 per person) will transport the party and Mr. Liebman will again be personally in charge.

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR MAIDS

Although most employers of household workers in this area are now complying with the social security law and reporting their employees' wages, some are reporting only approximate amounts, Mr. Abraham Asofsky, Social Security District Manager in Washington Heights (and cooperator-13A), said today. Exact amounts are needed, he pointed out, so that social security benefit payments can be figured correctly when the worker becomes disabled, retired or dies.

Mr. Asofsky suggested that housewives keep just a simple record of the cash amounts paid to household workers during each calendar quarter and add up the payments when it comes time to make out the report. The Washington Heights Social Security District Office has explanatory leaflets which will help the employer to correctly prepare the report, he said. The telephone number is LO 8-6400.

Any housewife who pays a household worker \$50 or more in a 3-month calendar quarter of the year *must* send in a quarterly report to the District Director of Internal Revenue. Reports of the July-August-September quarter are due by October 31, Mr. Asofsky said. He emphasized that it is the amount of cash wages paid, not the hours or days worked, that determines whether or not a household worker must be reported.

ADULT CENTERS SERVING COMMUNITY

Under the dynamic leadership of cooperator Jerry Klot, and with generous support of the Board of Education, the adult centers operating at Clinton and Walton High Schools continue to serve the recreational and intellectual needs of hundreds of adults in our three co-ops, as well as of the entire North Bronx area.

Evening classes from swimming to philosophy, from typing to Hebrew, from guitar to Shakespeare, with ballet, folk dancing, painting, symphony orchestras and a dozen other cultural activities scattered in-between, are attracting hundreds upon hundreds of adults to these High Schools throughout the fall and winter months.

Jerry Klot, the community is grateful, and proud of your dedicated efforts.

LOOKING BACK

By ELI AXELBANK

I recently came into possession of an assortment of back issues of Amalgamated Financial Reports and Community Bulletins. After perusing the copies dated 1930 and subsequent years, I was impressed by the story these publications told. I'd like to share some.

"AMALGAMATED COOPERATOR" Feb. 28, 1930. Quotes from an article by A. E. Kazan entitled "Success and Failure of Our Commissary": "When we speak about our business enterprises, we generally have in mind the activities that came to life as by-products of our housing undertaking. These are the grocery, fruit and vegetable stores; laundry service and milk and ICE distribution." (Capitals are mine.)

COMMENT: The price of the ice is not given.

"Sufficient capital is equally important, for a cooperative organization finds generally a great deal of difficulty in getting credit."

COMMENT: Finally, after 32 years, the Co-op Store is increasing its capitalization.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Nov. 30, 1932—Pages 5 and 6 contain the following: Bldgs. 1-6 have 32 vacancies, bldg. 7 has 45 vacancies; bldg. 9 has 17 vacancies. (It was a new building then.)

COMMENT: If this were 1962, a million New Yorkers would be standing in line at the office for applications.

FINANCIAL REPORT, Nov. 30, 1933 — "EMERGENCY LOAN FUND CREATED." "Its purpose, to help tide over members of the community who were temporarily lacking means of livelihood." (There was no Unemployment Insurance in those days.) "\$7,520 in loans paid out, 2% for 2 years." (And so began the idea for the Credit Union.)

REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE, Nov. 30, 1940: "The House Committee met regularly every other week."

COMMENT: "OI!"

FINANCIAL REPORT, December 30, 1943—This report starts with "COOPERATORS VOTE TO PAY HALF THE RENT OF DRAFTED FATHERS IN THE COMMUNITY." "A Victory Rent Chest was created with voluntary contributions of \$1.00 per month payable with the rent."

COMMENT: All that can be said is that this was one of our cooperative's 'finest hours'.

(To Be Continued . . . Maybe.)

CAMPERS HAIL SUMMER PROGRAM

Judging from the campers own enthusiastic 'testimonials' in both editions of the Camp paper as well as many expressions of satisfaction from parents, some 160 youngsters spent a happy hummer — Amalgamated's 34th — in our community Circle Pines Day Camp.

An unusually fine staff of counsellors, good top leadership and programming, an adequate budget, and a dedicated, watchful Camp Committee combined to make it a truly delightful and profitable experience for all age groups.

The Community is indebted to Minnie Solomon, Chairman, Ann Ogulnick, Registrar, Ruth Linder, Secretary, Sheila Fredane, Corres. Secretary, Lillian Rothenberg, Ruth Mandel, Joan Boriss, Elaine Sherman, Mildred Thalblum, Gert Gang, Frieda Markowitz (also bookkeeper) who constituted the 1962 Camp Committee. There is every reason to hope that a number of our children who experimented with outside day camps, at considerably higher fees, may return to the fold next summer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ready and Willing . . .

Dear Editor:

As you know, we have over 100 Girl Scouts in our neighborhood, ranging in age from 8 to 13. Our troops are occupied with many service projects throughout the year, making articles of use in hospitals, etc.

Our girls are very anxious to be of service in our community. We are hoping you can help us. Do you know of any shut-ins who would need help with shopping — who would like someone to read to them?

If you can think of anything else, we would be grateful. "A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others" — and we would like to apply this Girl Scout Law in our own community.

RIDA SALANT
74 Van Cortlandt Pk. So.

Grateful For Help . . .

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank you very much for providing me with such valuable material and information concerning the cooperative movement. This material proved most valuable for a paper that I was required to complete for a New York University course.

EDWARD TORTORICI (Riverdale)

(A number of local students each year also avail themselves of the R.A.I. library, and more are welcome. H. L.)

Books For Children at P.S. 95

Dear Editor:

The Parents' Association of P.S. 95 has been successful in converting the school Library into a Circulating School Library for our children. This is truly a wonderful opportunity for the children to read, read, and read.

However, we need books, books and more books. If you have books your children have outgrown, would you please donate them to the school library? All books up to high school level are accepted. However, paper-backs, series books (not of school type) are not acceptable. Please look through your bookshelves and call me at KI. 3-1849. The books will be picked up.

Beatrice Simpson, *Chairman*
Library Committee, P.S. 95 P.A.

Disabled Veterans Need Help

Dear Editor:

The Veterans' Administration Hospital, Kingsbridge Road and Sedgwick Avenue, is in need of older people as "feeders". Feeders are those who, as the word implies, feed hospitalized veterans not capable of feeding themselves. There is no remuneration, other than the satisfaction of doing something for others, especially for those who fought for us and our liberties.

Persons interested should contact Mr. Fred Crowell at the V.A. Kingsbridge Hospital, LU. 4-9000, for appointment and free physical examination.

Cooperator William L. David, *Sec'y*
Van Cortlandt Chapter A.V.C.

CO-OP SUMMER INSTITUTE — A Delightful Experience

Picture, if you will, a typical small-college campus in up-state New York (Hobart College, Geneva), excellent dormitory accommodations, food a-la Grossinger's, 110 sociable and dedicated co-op workers from Board presidents to store clerks, 14 seminars and discussions sessions to choose from (including one on co-op housing given by Don Martin of U.H.F.); folk dancing, tennis, swimming, and side trips to exciting places (Niagara Falls, Watkins Glen, Corning Glass) capped by perfect weather — and you'll have *some* idea of the annual one-week Co-op Institute, held July 17th to 23rd and which the undersigned, 1962 R.A.I. delegate and his lady found so attractive and stimulating.

An off-shoot of Co-ops in the Mid-Eastern area, and very ably planned by a Board headed by Ben Rosenzweig (Greenbelt) and brilliantly managed by Ruth Deabler (Ithaca), the Institute, now in its 33rd year, is indeed "a vacation with a purpose" and should attract many more New York City delegates than it has in recent years — only 6 from all the metropolitan co-op housing projects this summer!

It was both refreshing and broadening to spend a week in study and evaluation of the cooperative movement in the U.S. and abroad. We look forward eagerly to next year's Institute.

H. LIEBMAN

TWO PUPPET SHOWS SCHEDULED

On Wednesday afternoon, December 26th, "ALICE IN WONDERLAND" and on Wednesday, April 17th, "THE SNOW QUEEN" will be presented in our Auditorium to our youngest set. The original Suzari Players who've been appearing here for years, have recently split into two separate companies, the Cicolo Marionettes who will present "ALICE" and the Dozari Marionettes, who will stage the "QUEEN."

NURSERY OPENS WITH 45 CHILDREN

Since the post-war population explosion is now definitely receding, our community W.C. Nursery has entered another season of half-day sessions, 9 to 12, serving 45 pre-school youngsters.

The 1962 Executive Committee consists of Mimi Rosenzweig, Chairman; Esther Mendelson, Co-Chairman; Bea Slater, Secretary; Mindy Brownstein, Treasurer; Flo King, Bookkeeper; Audrey Maiers, Editor "News Letter"; Gloria Le Vine, Librarian; Dorothy Bradbury, Program; Sandy Spector, Luncheon; Sharon Teplitzky, Socials; Barbara Randall, Maintenance, and Joyce Cooper, Alumni.

'FUN WITH MUSIC' ENROLLS 47

What began three years ago as an experiment in fun with music, involving a small group of 5-to-7 year olds, has grown to a substantial activity in our community. "It is instructor Judy Rosenblum's magic way with the children," declares Chairlady Ruth Solomon, "that is wholly responsible for the success of this program."

Indeed it is. Judy's versatility in piano, guitar, folk dancing, folk singing, and her warm approach to children was for several summers a highlight in our Camp program, when she served as music counselor, as well as the magnet in the "Fun With Music" course, conducted Mondays and Fridays in the Solarium.

U.S. CO-OPS TO RAISE A MILLION

In support of a nation-wide appeal to the 13,000,000 members of co-ops and credit-unions, launched by the Co-operative League of the U.S.A., United Housing Foundation President, Mr. A. E. Kazan, has issued an appeal to its own 10,000 member-families for contributions.

The one million dollar fund will be used to promote cooperative enterprises in emerging countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The organizing campaign will be known as "Worldwide Co-op Partners" and will send experts to various countries requesting such help.

Please see the forthcoming issue of CO-OP CONTACT for further details.

OUR MUSIC SCHOOL WILL ACCEPT

— a limited number of late registrations. Please call Mrs. Frances Kaplan, after 7:00 p.m. KI 3-8445.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME —

New members are welcome at the beautifully equipped Electric R. R. Club in Building 10, Irving Simpson, Chairman (KI 3-1849) and the modernized, all-purpose Workshop, Bldg. 1, John Schaffer, Chairman (KI 3-8759).

ART STUDIO ACTIVE

Isaiah Ehrlich, Chairman of the small group of artists who have made their work-shop headquarters in the spacious community room at 3915 Orloff Ave., is extending an invitation to two or three more serious painters to join the group. The rental fee is moderate, accommodations excellent. Anyone interested please call Mr. Ehrlich at KI 8-3319.

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