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**CONSTRUCTION ON THE FIRST PHASE** of the new Synagogue for Congregation Shaarei Zedek of Hicksville is scheduled to start in the latter part of October. The site consists of approximately two acres located on New South Road between Old County Road and Plainview Road. Shaarei Zedek (Gates of Righteousness) is noted for its fine religious school, under the leadership of Rabbi Eli Skafit. The congregation, which was organized in 1919 with a membership of twenty families, has been located on East Barkley Street in Hicksville, since 1925. The new expansion program can serve an ultimate membership of 400 families.

An unusual design is planned for the Synagogue. Included in the 10,000 square foot first phase of construction is a permanent structure whose arches utilize the structural shape of the Star of David. Two hundred permanent seats are provided with expansion facilities to seat an additional 600 persons. Other facilities are a large social hall with a dining capacity of 300; classrooms, youth facilities, meeting rooms, equipment and recreational areas. The building is planned around a large open garden court to afford privacy from the adjacent residential areas. The first stage of construction is budgeted at \$170,000 with an ultimate budget of \$500,000. Mr. Harold Gottlieb, President of the congregation, anticipates dedication of the building in Spring of 1964. The Architectural and Engineering contract

for the Synagogue was awarded to Keith I. Hibner, Associates, Architects of Hicksville, Long Island, specialists in the field of religious and community center design.

Rabbi Eli Skafit of Congregation Shaarei Zedek of Hicksville, since 1955, is presently leading his congregation through a large building and congregation expansion program. Construction of the new Synagogue will begin the latter part of October. After his ordination by Yeshiva University, he served as Rabbi in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His next post was as U.S. Army Chaplin, serving in the occupation forces in Germany. He received his Master of Science degree in Education in June of 1953. Rabbi Skafit, a member of the Rabbinical Council of America - the largest group of Orthodox Rabbis in the world - is also a member of the Long Island Commission of Rabbis where he served for a time as Vice President of Kashruth. Founder of the Mid-Island Hebrew Day School, he is currently a member of its Advisory Committee and previously served for five years as Chairman of the Board of Education for the Day School. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Education of the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County.

Rabbi Skafit, married and the father of three children, anticipates the new Synagogue expansion program to be one of the largest steps in the history of Congregation Shaarei Zedek.

## Music Lovers Have Great Year

A great year is in store for music lovers in Hicksville and Jericho this season with the Mid-Island Concert Assoc. planning for a record subscription drive during the period October 14 through October 19. Reciprocal concerts already scheduled, which members may attend at no charge, include pianists Tamas Vasary and Grant Johannesen, violinist Tosay Spivakovsky, Quartetto Italiano, Beau Arts Trio of New York, folk singer Martha Schlamme, all scheduled to appear at Carnegie or Philharmonic Hall this season. MICA call this \$8.00 subscription rate "the best musical investment ever offered to our community".

No soliciting will be done during the campaign period. Membership (deadline Oct. 19) and further details may be obtained by calling either of the following membership chairmen: Hicksville - Mrs. Anne Sherman WE 1-3016, Mrs. Marion Horowitz WE 8-6763; In Jericho Mrs. Edith Winston WE 8-7683.



DISTRICT COURT JUDGE BEATRICE BURSTEIN (right), Special Adviser to President Kennedy's Committee on Youth Crime, chats with Bernard Braun, president of the Hicksville Council of PTA and Hyman Schwartz prior to Council meeting at East Street School. Judge Burstein, the guest speaker at the meeting, discussed youth problems. (Judge Burstein is a Democratic candidate for Family Court Judge.)

## Pedestrian Walk At R.R. Crossing

Oyster Bay -- The Town of Oyster Bay will propose the acquisition of a right-of-way for a pedestrian walk and tunnel under the tracks for the convenience of people in the western area of the new viaduct and station in Hicksville, it was announced by Supervisor Thomas R. Pynchon.

The proposed land-taking maps will be given a public hearing by the Town Board on October 29th. Councilman A. Carl Grunewald, who has kept in close touch with all phases of the present grade crossing elimination plan, urged inclusion of a pedestrian crossing so that Long Island Railroad Commuters as well as other passersby would be spared a long walk easterly to Broadway. There is no other way to cross the tracks on the west.

He said the new walk will be about 550 feet west of what is now Jackson Place and which will become the new relocated right-of-way of Newbridge Road. The tunnel will be concrete, well lighted and about 12 feet wide. The walks leading to it will connect with John Street and Duffy Avenue near Marie Street.

## Christian Mothers Plan For Year

On September 23, the St. Ignatius Loyola Auxiliary of Christian Mothers held their first meeting of the 1963-64 school year.

Mrs. George L. Ryan, President, opened the meeting promptly at 8:15 PM and extended a hearty welcome to all the members. She then introduced the members of the Executive Board and the chairmen of the standing committees for the year: Mrs. Paul J. Conner, Vice President; Mrs. Lawrence McCaffrey, Recording Secretary; Mrs. John J. Brennan, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. James E. Wright, Treasurer; Mrs. Patrick McGee, Program; Mrs. Joseph J. Hecker, Publicity; Mrs. Frank Meiner, Typing; Mrs. Thomas Gooddy, and Mrs. John Seery, Mimeograph; Mrs. Joseph Gough, Membership; Mrs. Arthur Murphy, Hospitality; Mrs. John Petrone, Transportation; Mrs. Joseph Terlikosky, Medical; Mrs. Richard McNeely, Dark Horse; Mrs. John S. Horney, Refreshments; Mrs. Edward L. Brimlow, Candy; Mrs. Peter O'Reilly, Ice-Cream; Mrs. Andrew Novellano, Milk; Mrs. John Mulholland and Mrs. Frank Dannhauser, Uniforms; Mrs. Robert J. Neder, First Friday. In order to have the organization run smoothly, it was explained by Mrs. Ryan, it is necessary to have the cooperation of all the mothers in extending every possible help to the committee chairmen. A list was handed out to all members present, giving a resume of each committee's work in the hope that more of the mothers will volunteer their services and thereby better serve our children.

The Principal, Sr. M. Venard, O.P. welcomed the Mothers to the first meeting and introduced six new teaching sisters. They are Sisters Melitta, Jude Martin, Brigid Mary, Mary Floretta, David Marie and Ellen Therese. Sister pointed out that the very best available books had been purchased for the pupils this year at a great expense to the school. Volunteers are needed for the Milk Program, the Cafeteria and the Library, and Sister expressed her appreciation for the help already extended these committees by some of the members. Coaches are needed for the girl's basketball team in the CYO, as are Den Mothers to help our girls in the Girl Scouts and Brownies.

Instead of meeting the teachers each month before the business meeting, there will be an "Open School Week" starting Wednesday, November 13th, when parents can meet the teachers and discuss at greater length any problems that may have come up. On Monday, October 14th and Tuesday, October 15th there will be SRA testing of each pupil of grades 4, 6 and 7. This will give a comparison rating to every other student in the United States. An Art Exhibit is in the planning stage and the rules will be given later. A reading clinic will be established as an annex to the one now at Molloy College. This is not just for problem readers but to improve the comprehension, increase reading speed and vocabulary. It will not be limited to pupils of St. Ignatius School, but will be for all children in the area who are interested. Applications for the cooperative high school tests must be in the office by September 24th. Starting September 25th, released time will

begin with dismissal each Wednesday afternoon from 12 o'clock to 12:15. In order not to tie up traffic, 14 buses will leave from Cherry Street and 14, as usual, from Nicholai Street. Sister again expressed her appreciation for the cooperation given by the mothers.

On Sunday, November 17, after all the masses, a Cake Sale will be held in the School basement. The Chairmen for this affair will be Mrs. Benjamin Benaimino and Mrs. Thomas Riley.

The Executive Board recommended that a skating party be included in January's social events and that the Book of the Month Club for the children be continued again this year.

The Rev. Leo J. Goggin, moderator, welcomed the members and congratulated them on the good attendance at the first meeting. He reminded them of their serious obligation to attend these meetings in order to show an interest in the children and because the teachers need the cooperation of the mothers. Father pointed out that our children are attending school not only for a formal education but also to receive training in moral habits. He said that as mothers, our job is not only cooking, nursing and helping with the lessons, but also to give powerful example to our children in practising virtue in all that we do. All were urged to attend the mission starting on the 6th of October. Father Goggin also mentioned the start of the fund-raising campaign for our new Diocesan High Schools. Because the critical adolescent years are in such need of good training and guidance the success of this campaign is very important to all of us.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Timothy J. Flynn, Director of Radio and T.V.

Communications for the Archdiocese of New York was the guest speaker. Msgr. Flynn also directs the Bureau of Information, is Director of the Vatican Pavilion at the 1964 World's Fair and Observer at the United Nations. A very interesting film was shown of the ground-breaking ceremonies of the Vatican Pavilion. Monsignor explained that the Church welcomes this opportunity to speak to those outside the fold. That the Pavilion will be more than a museum in which to view the Pieta, but will be the means of modern day apostolate. The theme of the Pavilion will be that the Church is Christ still living in the world, Christ teaching, Christ loving and Christ sanctified.

Mrs. Patrick McGee, program chairman, thanked Msgr. Flynn for a most interesting and informative evening. She announced the program for next month will be a "Hat Show," sponsored by the S. & H. Green Stamp Co. A prize will be awarded to women who can bring in hats dating prior to 1920. Ten other prizes will be awarded to the audience.

Mrs. Eugene Dammer won the Dark Horse prize for this month.

## GOP Club Hears Wolf

Superintendent of Highways, Town of Oyster Bay, Norman T. Wolf was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Theodore Roosevelt Republican Club. Very interesting color slides, showing the entire workings of the Highway Department, from office to street repairs, etc., were shown and narrated by Mr. Wolf.

Art Randall, Assistant District Attorney also gave an impromptu talk on "The Citizen and the District Attorney's Office."

The meeting was presided over by Ronnie Burke, President, who called for reports from Bill Ericsson, Political Affairs Committee Chairman;

Dave Levine, Finance Chairman and Henry Gioia, Finance Committee Chairman, who spoke about the Journal being prepared for the Third Annual Harvest Moon Ball which will be held at the Old Country Manor on October 11th. Supervisor Tom Pynchon and Receiver of Taxes Frank Hynes will be guest speakers at the next meeting on October 14th.

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WILLIAM J. BUEHLER (left), Executive Vice-President of the Williamsburgh Savings Bank of Brooklyn, is shown receiving one of the Grand Prizes in the Long Island Association's Annual Building Awards Program from Arthur E. Sanzenbach, Chairman of the Awards Committee, at the Association's annual dinner meeting held at the Garden City Hotel on Tuesday, September 24.

The bank's new modern Levittown Office, which won top honors in the category of office buildings with more than 25,000 square feet, was designed by Frederic P. Wiedersum Associates, Architects - Engineers of Valley Stream and New York City. The Wiedersum firm was also the architect for the new Valley Stream Public Library, another Grand Prize winner in the category of institutional buildings under 25,000 square feet.



Talking things over at the testimonial dinner for Kay Giannelli (center), Democratic candidate for Oyster Bay Town Clerk, are Nassau Democratic County Chairman Jack English (right) and State Committee woman from the 4th Assembly District, Maria Trivelli of Bethpage (left). Photo by Charbonnet.

## Bethpage Winners In Horse Show

Riding into the "Winner's Circle" to receive their Ribbon Awards at the Mid-Island Council 11th Annual Girl Scout Equestrienne Horse Show at the Bethpage Riding and Polo Academy from Bethpage were: Beginner Class: Deborah Brown; Junior Class: Carolyn Sofia and Daryl Waito; Intermediate Class: Jeannie Catalano, Marion English, Kathryn Pieplow, and Gayle Waito; Advanced Class: Karen Mangle, Joan Greenberg, and Audrey Rudden; Farm-Drill Team: Carol Lindeman; Parent and Child Class: "The Olivari's".

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## Willets PTA

The Willets Avenue PTA, Hicksville, will hold its first meeting on Monday, October 7, at 8 p.m. in the all purpose room. Following the meeting, there will be an opportunity to meet with the teachers. Refreshments will be served.

## School Board Trying To Gag Trustee Bruno

By Edward J. Van Allen

Hicksville School Superintendent Donald F. Abt called upon the School Board last week to "adopt some kind of a policy pertaining to the proper and accurate release of information."

The Abt request was interpreted as an answer to the suit of Hicksville School Trustee William A. Bruno, Jr. in which Bruno is asking State Education Commissioner James E. Allen, Jr. to order Abt and the six-man School Board majority to "forthrightly and promptly supply me with records or information concerning Hicksville School District affairs whenever I request such data."

Abt also took what could be regarded as a castigatory jab at Bruno. "Secondly," he told the Hicksville School Board at last week's meeting, "it will be my hope that the Board will establish some policy pertaining to the behavior of its own members."

Bruno has been critical of both the school superintendent and the six-man Board majority in articles that have appeared in the Mid-Island Times, printed by Littmor Publications.

In his letter petition to the Education Commissioner, Bruno charged that Abt has "answered none" of a recent series of Bruno letters to him. One of the letters asked why some third-grade Hicksville children are reportedly without textbooks.

The minority Board member also accused President George A. Jackson with having issued a recent "presidential directive" telling the school administration not to give Bruno copies of school district bills.

The leading Long Island case involving a school trustee's right to see school records was that of King versus Amellian, decided by then Supreme Court Justice and now Appellate Division Justice Marcus G. Christ in 1958.

In that case Gerald King, then a Levittown school trustee, sued then Superintendent of Schools Fred Amellian for refusing to show him records concerning a "Trouble-Prone Youth activity, also known as Club 18," being operated by the Levittown School District. Judge Christ ordered Amellian to release the records "forthwith" to King.

In his decision the Justice said that a school trustee is "elected to act upon behalf of the people and to do this he must have full information concerning the whole operation" of the public school system. He also ruled that the "majority members of the board of education may not by resolution or otherwise restrict this right of every board member to be fully acquainted with the records and business of the district."

## Allstate Company Passes One Billion

Ray Walsh, district sales manager at Hicksville's Allstate Insurance Co. happily announced this week that the local office had played a significant part in the company passing the historic one billion dollar level of individual policy holder's insurance in force in record breaking time.

President Judson B. Branch on Monday delivered to a Chicago suburban family the policy that put Allstate Life over the insurance industry's milestone just six years after the Company began operations in September, 1957.

Of the more than 1400 U.S. legal reserve life companies, no other has reached this billion dollars of individual ordinary insurance in force in so short a time. According to latest industry records, only 57 other companies ever have achieved the goal and it has taken them 25 to 50 years or more to do it, Branch pointed out.

Long Island Regional Manager, Robert Ley, said Family Security Plan insuring the father, mother and all children under one policy, is contributing increasingly to sales gains. Allstate also offers a full range of other life contracts, including policies guaranteeing money for a college education, for retirement, or to pay off the mortgage in event of death.

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## Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Morgan

We think that the Hicksville School Board made a mistake in not passing the motion of School Trustee William Bruno to close the schools on the Jewish High Holy days. And this is not a religious statement in our case. We respect the Jewish religion of course, but the reason we believe the schools should be closed on these Holy days is economic. There is no reason to keep schools open when a large percentage of the students and teachers cannot attend. Practically all districts in the area have come to this conclusion and save money on substitutes. We doubt very much also that much can be taught during these days because of the absences and also because it just would not be fair to penalize a student for being absent because of his religion.

We are not afraid of this being a religious matter interfering with the schools. A foundation of our democracy is that all religions will be respected and the nation will be far better off when this becomes a mutual thing. Public school children would be getting this easy to take lesson which would have been coupled with a four day weekend this year (and next year).

We hope that civic groups will get together and do their best to influence the Board to reconsider.

## Neuralgia Treatment Depends On Its Cause

By C. A. Dean, M.D.

(Q) "What is the cause and treatment of severe neuralgia?" Mrs. J.S.

(A) Neuritis-neuralgia refers to any type of involvement of nerves resulting in pain or other nerve symptoms (tingling, numbness, etc.). The causes are (1) mechanical — pressure from bony spurs, ruptured disks, tumors, etc.; (2) poor circulation; (3) infections such as shingles, tuberculosis, measles, etc.; (4) poisoning from metals (lead), cleaning fluids, etc.; (5) certain diseases, such as vitamin B deficiency, alcoholism, diabetes, anemia and gout. The treatment depends upon the cause.

(Q) "I have a very noticeable varicose vein that goes from mid-thigh to mid-calf. Will an operation correct it?" Mrs. K.

(A) This vein could either be removed or tied off, depending upon its size. The operation is not serious and you would regain mobility in just a few days.

**MEDITORIAL:** Getting old can be either a pleasurable or a frightening experience. It usually depends upon how soon the mind is affected by the aging process. If the mind is the last to age, then the person is almost always productive and happy up to the very end.

A letter from F.D. illustrates what happens in the other case. The mother has high blood pressure and a bad heart. She accuses her husband of trying to harm her in various ways by the use of electricity, etc. She hears noises of all sorts when around him.

There is no way I can tell who is at fault, the husband or the wife, but both are well up in their years and neither is responsible for his actions. The only avenue of approach in all cases of this type is to seek professional help. The family doctor should be contacted for guidance. Psychiatric treatment may be necessary. Careful detective work is suggested to see who is at fault and then act accordingly.

## Workshop

The Eastern Long Island Branch of National Womans League will hold a workshop meeting at the Bethpage Jewish

Community Center, 600 Broadway, Bethpage, on Tuesday, October 8, at 10 a.m. The Sisterhood of the Center will hostess this workshop.

## Toward A Real Educational Association

By Russell Kirk

Many of the better teachers throughout this country have been discontented with the organizations that nominally represent them. The National Education Association and its state affiliates generally are dominated by the duller school administrators, and often have set their faces against reform of curriculum and teaching. The American Federation of Teachers and its state affiliates are interested almost wholly in more pay — and often fail to back up their members in their hour of need.

Similarly, earnest parents have been out of patience with the Parent-Teacher Association, which from its foundation has been mostly a tool of the school administrators' lobby. They want something for the mind. Admiral Rickover says the PTA is a nuisance which ought to be abolished, in the interest of improved schools.

At last a step has been taken toward a new organization genuinely dedicated to educational improvement — not merely to fatter pay-envelopes and night basketball. This body has arisen in California, where public education is in healthy ferment nowadays. It is called the Education Association of California (Box 2146, San Francisco 26).

The president is Mr. William A. Hendrickson, a district superintendent of schools; the executive vice-president is Dr. Edwin F. Klotz, a sound historian and college professor. They invite to membership teachers, retired teachers, and all interested people not in the teaching profession.

Their statement of principles begins boldly: "We share a philosophy of education which stresses duty to God and the integrity of the individual. We believe in the freedom, with responsibility, of the individual. We assert the existence of eternal verities, and we believe in the search for, and the dissemination of Truth. We reaffirm our deep conviction in the necessity of promoting and preserving these values in our educational institutions."

This is a far cry from the doctrines of John Dewey, which have dominated American public schooling for the past generation. This new Education Association emphasizes basic skills and fundamental knowledge; improvement of the teaching profession; local control of schools; local choice of textbooks, rather than selection by central state authority.

Though this is the most coherent of "traditionalist" organizations for school reform, similar groups are appearing in other states — one of the soundest of them being Michigan Monitors in Education. As concerned teachers and parents come to know about these associations, we may see a real challenge to the preponderant apathy of teacher, parent and pupil.

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HOWARD W. SHARTS,  
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of the Domestic Relation Law.

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**AN INTERESTING THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO... ROOSEVELT RACEWAY****THE ROOSEVELT TROT**

One of the best known stakes for harness horses is the Roosevelt Trot, a long-distance race for older horses that was revived last year at Roosevelt Raceway after an absence since 1955. Famous trotters have won this race—Chesterstown, Proximity, Pronto Don, Demon Hanover, Chris Spencer, Katie Key,



Gene Mac and Merrie Duke. From 1947 to 1952, it was contested at the grueling distance of two miles. Pronto Don won in 1950 and again in 1951, when he set a world record of 4:10 4.5. It has been raced at a mile and a half since 1955, when Katie Key was the winner. She repeated in 1958. The 1962 winner was Merrie Duke. Harness racing fans are looking forward to the 1963 edition, to be raced on Friday, Oct. 4 at Roosevelt Raceway. Invitations have been extended to the best trotters in the nation to compete in this \$50,000 event.

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Hicksville Theatre - Wed. thru Sat. Oct. 2 thru 5 - The Castilians 2:00, 5:50, 9:50. Eric the Conqueror 4:20, 8:20. Sunday thru Tues. Oct. 6 thru 8 - Shock Corridor 3:30, 6:40, 10:00. Hercule & The Captive Women 2:00, 5:10, 8:25.

Pine Hollow Theatre - Fri. & Sat., Oct. 4 & 5

Wives and Lovers 2:25, 4:35, 6:30, 8:45, 10:55. Wed. Thurs. Sun. Mon. Tues., Oct. 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 - Wives and Lovers 2:05, 4:00, 5:50, 8:00, 10:05.

Westbury Drive - In Wed. & Thur. Oct. 2 & 3 - Johnny Cool 7:30, 10:35. Cry Double Cross 9:30. Fri. Oct. 4 - Cartoon Rev. 7:10. Johnny Cool 7:40, 10:45. Cry Double Cross 9:40. Sat. Sun. Mon. Tues. Oct. 5, 6, 7, 8 - Johnny Cool 7:30, 10:30. Cry Double Cross 9:30.

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## Judge Burstein Wants Schools To Mind Children

District Court Judge Beatrice Burstein urged this week that schools in Nassau County be kept open until 6 p.m. to take care of children of working mothers who are unable to have these youngsters properly supervised while they are away at work. The jurist, who is Special Advisor to President Kennedy's Committee on Youth Crime and a Democratic candidate for Family Court Judge, told a meeting of the Hicksville PTA Council that many of these unsupervised children are roaming the streets and are contributing to a growing youth problem.

"They are not bad children, but if they continue to be left unsupervised, they are undoubtedly going to become delinquency cases," she said. "We must do a preventative job with them now, rather than let them become conditioned to anti-social behavior."

Judge Burstein said that the number of working mothers had gone up sharply in Nassau County. "When the first population surge to the suburbs began, there were very few working mothers here, but because taxes and other costs have gone up appreciably in recent years, a great

many mothers have had to find jobs in order to contribute to the family income and to keep their homes," she said.

Judge Burstein emphasized that the mere fact that a mother works has no direct bearing on the delinquency picture. "Many of the mothers who work are able to have their children properly supervised and their children are not problems," she said. "I am greatly concerned however, about those children who for financial or other reasons, are not left under proper supervision."

Judge Burstein said that if these children were kept in the school area until their parents got home from work, they could use the time doing homework, reading, and participating in group play. She said teachers or other trained personnel should be kept in charge, but said that some of our senior citizens who don't have responsibilities at home might volunteer to help supervise these youngsters. She suggested that local community chests and service organizations like Kiwanis or Rotary might contribute to the cost of keeping the schools open so as not to add to the general tax burden. Another possibility is to have businesses that employ working mothers contribute to the cost of the program," she said.

Judge Burstein, a former State Correction Commissioner, is chairman of the Juvenile Law Committee of the National Association of Women Lawyers.

urban life which was received with great acclaim by the members and their guests. Other members of the cast were Mrs. Elaine Goldstein and Mrs. Lorraine Ayrons of Plainview, Mrs. Edith Eichler and Mrs. Sarah Weiss of Jericho. Mrs. Lillian Goldstein of Woodbury is President of the chapter. Mrs. Duhl is Program Chairman.

All the meetings planned for the coming season are sure to be equally enjoyable and any one interested is invited to attend. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. Funds raised by the Chapter's various functions help maintain the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic at Long Island Jewish Hospital in New Hyde Park, New York.

The next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Oct.

2 at the home of Mrs. Max Kossove, 227 Birchwood Drive, Jericho, will feature a Fashion Show of Henry Rosenfeld vogues.

For information please call Mrs. Phyllis Berger at OV 1-7798.

## Junior Women Exec. Board

Mrs. Ernest Marshall of Coronet Crescent, Bethpage will be hostess to the executive board of the Junior Woman's Club of Bethpage on Monday evening, October 7 at 8:15. The Club will sponsor a Masquerade Ball at Old Country Manor, Hicksville on October 25 for the benefit of its welfare fund and final arrangements will be discussed at the meeting.

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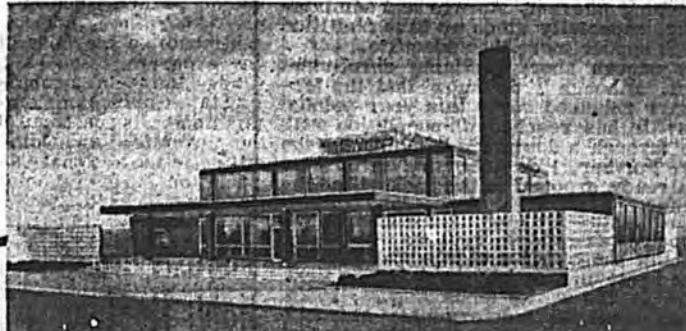
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## My Opinion

By Hicksville School Trustee William A. Bruno, Jr. (Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the opinion of this newspaper.)

I have been asked by various Hicksville School Board members whether I am for or against the building program, slated for a November vote, which could cost Hicksville taxpayers as much as \$2,276,862.50, again hiking their taxes an indeterminate amount.

I have answered that I don't know at this point precisely where I stand on the issue, simply because I, as a School Board member, don't know enough about the propositions which the people will be asked to vote upon.

I don't know enough about the need for building 22 additional classrooms at the high school.

I don't know enough about the need for a \$821,700 (net cost, including interest) storage and administration building, especially since we have facilities at present which appear more than adequate.

I don't know enough about declining enrollment in the district, although I do know that the McCormack Report released early this year pointed out that Hicksville has reached its population peak and should go through a downward trend during the next 20 years. Further, I do know that enrollment has actually already dropped in the Hicksville elementary schools.

Why do I say that the adoption of this new building program (which I just this week learned, for the first time, has been in the works since August, 1962) will raise your taxes an indeterminate amount? Because a prospectus you will eventually receive from the Board talks about building costs exclusively. Not one word is said about the cost to the district of additional teachers, additional custodial help, additional administrators, and the additional equipment needed to operate 22 more classrooms.

This is an old trick, long in use in Long Island school districts, of not telling the people the complete truth about the actual cost of building propositions to district taxpayers.

Oh, the Board will probably tell you that the building plan will "eliminate the added expense of additional teaching personnel now required by a staggered session" at the high school -- as though the 22 proposed classrooms won't need 22 additional teachers to man them.

Interestingly enough, in January, 1963, Newsday quoted Superintendent of Schools Donald Abt as saying that he "favored adding (only) 10 rooms to the existing high school." Now the proposal is up to 22 classrooms plus an astronomically expensive administration and storage building, even though the McCormack Report cited a need for a small \$445,000 building program.

When you get the report from the Board advertising the two building propositions, read it carefully. Watch out particularly for figure juggling. Like Madison Avenue hucksters, they will probably ask you to believe you can save money by spending money, a reason-abusing fallacy that needs no further comment.

Remember this: Schools aren't built to be used a few hours a day. There happen to be other hours in a day that could be used profitably -- even by educators. (More next week.)

### In Austria To Study

Miss Dorothy Christ, 172 Lee Avenue, is one of 25 college students who will arrive in Bregenz, Austria, Sept. 30 for a year's work in the Wagner College Study program abroad.

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A graduate of Hofstra College, Mr. Bernard started his banking career with the Eastern National Bank of Smithtown and joined Hempstead Bank in January, 1963 as assistant manager of the Hempstead office. He presently serves as Treasurer of the Salvation Army Service Unit in Bethpage.

Mr. Bernard is married and resides with his wife and two children in Great Neck.

## Torah Party

The Men's Club and Sisterhood of the Bethpage Jewish Community Center will sponsor a joint party at the Temple, 600 Broadway, on Thursday evening, October 10 at 7 p.m. The Services and party are for all children of the Congregation in celebration of Simchas Torah.

## Queen Crowned At Sisterhood

The Sisterhood of the Bethpage Jewish Community Center will hold their October meeting at the temple, 600 Broadway, Bethpage, on Mon., October 7 at 9 p.m.

Mrs. Leon Carlen, Vice President-in-charge of Programming, has announced that the annual "Queen for a Year" coronation will be held. The Queen will receive gifts befitting her position.

The Rebecca Circle, under the leadership of Mrs. Dudley Segal will hostess this function. Refreshments will be served.

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ber of the American Civil Liberties Union. The topic of discussion is "Censorship."

Invitations have been extended to both gentlemen.

The meeting promises to be lively, and an open invitation to attend is extended to all.

give a demonstration, Monday, Oct. 7th, at 8 PM.

The Independent Art Society will hold an Exhibit at the Hicksville Public Library in the Auditorium of the Library from Oct. 7th to Oct. 18.

The opening will be a demonstration by Donald

Holmes, Art Teacher from the Hicksville Senior High School on Monday, Oct. 7th, at 8 PM. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

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## Art League Gets Demonstration

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The Parade route will be along Stewart Ave. from the John H. West School, Boundary and Stewart Ave., to the Central Blvd. School.

The Parade Committee: Mrs. E. Budzitowski, Mrs. F. Lindeman, Mrs. M. Burmeister, and Mrs. T. Koenig announces all is in readiness for the occasion, and request that Flags be displayed along the way and in town.

In the line of march along with your local Girl Scouts, will be invited Dignitaries, Organization Officials, the Clergy, Mid-Island Council G.S. President, Mrs. E. John Quinn, and Field Representative, Mrs. J. Stone. The Parade will also "Honor the Past" by having as participants, its Girl Scout Leaders and Committee Members of the First Troop here in Bethpage over 30 years ago; as well as many Leaders through the years since.

Miss Catherine B. Seltz, our long devoted sister Scout here in Bethpage must be paid tribute to in Memoriam." Her passing last year ended an era of scouting history.

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Each of the five Clusters of the Neighborhood will have a favorite Band; among whom will be "The Colonials." This group are Nassau-Suffolk High-point Champions for 1960-1961-1962-1963. Nassau-Suffolk Ancient Flute and Drum Champions 1959-1960-1961-1962-1963. They were seen last year and will appear again this November, in the R.H. Macy's Thanksgiving Parade, N.Y.C. They have also appeared for the last 4 years at Roosevelt Field Christmas Parade.

Decorated Floats and a Baby and Doll Carriage Brigade will also be a part of the Parade, along with members of Bethpage's Mounted group of Senior Scouts, all of whom were winners in the recent Mid-Island Council's Annual Girl Scout Equestrienne Horse Show at the Bethpage Riding and Polo Academy.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Oyster Bay on Tuesday, October 15, 1963, at 10 o'clock A.M. prevailing time in the Hearing Room, Town Hall, Oyster Bay, New York, at which time citizens and parties interested will have an opportunity to be heard upon the following proposed ordinance to be known as "The Electrical Code of the Town of Oyster Bay" determining that since there is danger to life and property inherent in the use of electrical energy, this electrical ordinance is enacted to regulate the installation, alteration of wiring for electric light, heat or power and signal systems operating on 50 volts or more, in or on all real property within the Town of Oyster Bay; and requiring the licensing of certain persons engaged in the installation, alteration or removal of electrical wiring and equipment, and providing for a fee of Fifty (\$50.00) dollars prior to the applicant taking an examination for the said license, and further providing for an annual license fee of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars and also the filing with the Building Department before receiving his license or renewal thereof a surety bond in the amount of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars.

The said proposed ordinance further provides that all new electrical wiring or installation or extension or removal of existing installations shall be made in conformance with the requirements of the National Electrical Code, except where the provisions of this ordinance or the provisions of the Building Code Ordinance or any other ordinance of the Town of Oyster Bay shall differently prescribe, in which event, compliance with the provisions of the said Town ordinance shall be recognized as proper compliance with this ordinance.

The ordinance further provides for the designation of electrical inspectors as well as providing for their duties. The ordinance provides for the appointment of an Exam-

ining Board of Electricians as well as setting forth their duties and responsibilities. A further provision is made for definite classifications of licenses as well as providing for supplementary regulations, and which proposed ordinance sets forth certain prohibitions and also penalties for violation thereof.

Nothing contained in the said ordinance shall preclude the installation of replacement parts or units in existing oil or gas burners, heating systems or air conditioning and refrigeration units, or prevent the owner of a one family residence building occupied or to be occupied by himself and family from installing, removing or altering electrical wiring and equipment in his said residence, provided the work is done in

accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, New York, where the same may be viewed daily (except Saturday, Sunday or Holidays) between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:45 P.M. prevailing time.

All persons interested shall have an opportunity to be heard upon the said proposed ordinance at the time and place aforesaid.

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## Teach Group Wants Bigger Building Plans

On Thursday, September 26, the Executive Board of the Taxpayers' Educational Association for the Children of Hicksville adopted the following resolution: "The Executive Board of T.E.A.C.H. recommends to its membership that since the School Board building proposal only partially meets the educational needs of the children of the district, we therefore demand additional classroom facilities beyond the present School Board proposal."

Under the proposed building program of 22 rooms to be added to the Senior High School and according to Dr. Felix McCormick's survey of our district's school plant needs, our high school will still be overcrowded for at least another 15 years. The 22 rooms will increase capacity to about 2190 pupils from its present capacity of 1600 pupils. At present, enrollment is about 3000 students. In the year 1980 facilities at the Senior High may then be adequate to meet pupil enrollment at that time. Consequently, for the next 15 years our teachers will be seriously hampered because or excessively large class-size, our much-praised curriculum achievements will necessarily suffer, and the result will be third and fourth-rate education. This also means that any child entering high school at any time during the next 15 years will be cheated by inferior education.

T.E.A.C.H. strongly believes that the present building program is merely a numbers game

which juggles pupils and seats. It is obvious that our educational program based on the tracking system cannot be developed in an extremely overcrowded building.

On October 17th at Levittown Hall (8:30 PM) T.E.A.C.H. has scheduled a public meeting with Superintendent of Schools Donald F. Att and School Board President George A. Jackson as guests. At this meeting T.E.A.C.H. will seek to clarify the objectives of the building program sought by the Superintendent and Board in order to permit its members and the entire community to vote intelligently.

Some of the questions T.E.A.C.H. wants answered are:

- Does the 22-room proposal take into consideration the need for different class sizes demanded by different subjects?

- Will the 22 rooms end overcrowding at the Senior High School?

- After the 22 rooms have been built, will some classes still consist of 40 or more pupils?

4. Does this proposal take into consideration future expansion of the curriculum into new subject areas?

5. Does the present proposal take into consideration the urgent needs of the Junior High School as part of the secondary level of education?

Depending upon the answers to these and other questions, T.E.A.C.H. considers the present building proposals to be continuance of the patch-work approach from which our educational system has suffered the past 13 years.

## Adelines Meet Oct. Tenth

Hear Ye - Hear Ye Come one, come all, come sing! Central Long Island Chapter of Sweet Adelines Barber Shop Singing is proud to announce its first social evening by request of all our new members. It's open house for all so come join us for an evening of fun and harmonize with us at Trinity Episcopal Church on Old Country Road and Jerusalem Avenue. Date October 10. See you there! Call Anne Gottlieb PE 5-8945 or Bea Roth WE 5-6910 for further information.

## Library Board

Regular open meeting of the Board of Library Trustees will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 8:30 p.m. at the Levittown Public Library, 1 Bluegrass Lane, Levittown.

## Hicksville Schools Staying Open On Holy Days

The Hicksville School Board went through some maneuvers at its meeting Thursday in which it considered a motion by School Board Trustee William Bruno Jr. to close the local schools on the High Jewish Holy days but it failed to pass the motion.

The motion to close the schools was originally met by a request to table it by Trustee George Kunz, seconded by Irving Lawrence, but this move failed to pass as the Board split three and three on the action. Lawrence, Kunz and Jackson voted for tabling and McCormick, Sabatella and Bruno voted against the move which would merely put the original motion in cold storage.

When the tabling action failed to go through, Bruno again moved to vote on the original motion. The vote saw Lawrence abstaining and Bruno and Sabatella the only members for it. So once again a motion to table the motion for a privacy report was made and this time it passed with only Bruno and Sabatella dissenting.

In requesting the motion to close the schools Bruno pointed out that in addition to being a fair thing to do, that it would economically benefit the district since \$3500. or more per day is spent on substitutes during these days and there is generally a twenty percent or more absence during the Holy days. He also pointed out that Bethpage, Syosset, Plainview, Massapequa, Farmingdale and nearly all surrounding districts and New York City have found that it is best to close on these days.

## At Claremont

Miss Delores Roman, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Michael Roman, has started her executive secretarial training at Claremont Secretarial School, Hicksville. She will complete her course in June, 1964.

seated; and a machine called a Strob-Conn indicates on a screen if the voice is sharp or flat. Automation leaves no stone unturned!

## East St. PTA To Meet

The East Street School PTA will hold its first regular meeting of the school year Thursday evening, October 10 at 8:15 p.m. in the gym-auditorium.

Following a "streamlined" business agenda, all the East Street teachers will be introduced to the membership. William R. Goleeke, Supervisor of Vocal Music, Hicksville Schools, will be guest speaker. His subject, "Music and the Child", will define the role that the school district has in the music program, and how the Hicksville school have filled that role.

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## In Service

**JOHN A. MATERN, JR.**, radarman seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Matern, Sr. of 146 Nevada St., Hicksville, recently reported for duty aboard the guided missile light cruiser USS Springfield, a Sixth Fleet unit currently undergoing overhaul in the New York Naval Shipyard.

**MARINE PRIVATE ALBERT J. CINOTTI, JR.**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Cinotti of 54 Salem Rd.; **MARINE PRIVATE JOHN D. LEONICK**, son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Leonick, of 89 Cedar St.; and **MARINE PRIVATE HAROLD B. MAGUILL**, son of Mrs. Frank Maguill of 45 Meeting Lane, all of Hicksville, completed basic training Sept. 11 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. and is scheduled for advanced infantry training at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**MARTIN A. KRIKALO**, quartermaster seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Krikalo of 24 Brooks St., Hicksville, is serving aboard the attack aircraft USS Independence which recently visited Cannes, France, in the course of her current seven-month cruise with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

## Letters

To the Editor:  
On page 2 of today's issue of your paper I note-

iced an article headed 'Bruning Named to Cemetery Group', which is erroneous in some of its statements. I would greatly appreciate your correcting this in your next issue. The following are the correct facts.

The Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Committee is composed of representatives of the thirteen federally chartered Veteran Organizations.

Its object is to memorialize our departed comrades. We have only last year installed a 98 Bell Carillon at the Cemetery, which plays hourly on Saturdays, Sunday and Holidays and at 5 p.m. on weekdays.

We also, each year hold a Memorial Service and Parade on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day. We have done this for the past 27 years.

We are not the governing body for this cemetery which is under the jurisdiction of the quartermaster Corps of the U.S. Army.

On October 26, the committee is giving a testimonial dinner to its outgoing chairman, myself and to the retiring Superintendent of the Cemetery, Mr. Joseph J. Walsh Sr. The dinner will be held at the American Legion Hall in Mineola.

/s/ Oscar Lauer  
Chairman

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## Escape Artist

### At Cove Theatre

Steve McQueen insists on racing through life with all the stops out.

He gets a good chance to do it in "The Great Escape," opening Wednesday, Oct. 2nd., at the Cove Theatre. He's a guy who has set records on the speed car course, as well as in his acting career.

McQueen first came to fame with his continuing portrayal of the bounty hunter in the "Wanted--Dead or Alive" television series.

But McQueen, who is starred with James Garner and Richard Attenborough in the Mirisch-Alpha UA "The Great Escape," which is produced and directed by John Sturges, owes a good part of his present great success in motion pictures to film maker Sturges who first recognized McQueen's potential as a movie star by selecting him for an important role with Frank Sinatra in "Never So Few." And, more recently, Sturges provided Mc Queen with another major

step in his rise to cinematic fame by casting him in a starring role in the first Mirisch-Alpha production, "The Magnificent Seven."

## Member Tea

The first Membership Tea for the 1963-64 sponsored by the Sisterhood of the Israel Community Center, 3235 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, will take place on Tuesday, October 8 at the home of Mrs. Murray Steinberg, 3030 N. Jerusalem Road, Wantagh, at 9 p.m. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Mrs. Murray Steinberg at PE-1-7163.

## Fashion Show

Emera Chapter, #676, Order of the Eastern Star, Hicksville, will hold a Fashion Show at 8 PM Wednesday, Oct. 9th in the Fellowship Hall of St. Stephens' Lutheran Church, Fourth St. and Grand Ave., Hicksville.

The latest fashions of Jonathan Logan and Henry Rosenfeld will be shown. Gowns may be purchased at slightly higher than wholesale prices. A gown of personal choice will be chanced after the show. Donation of \$1.00 may be paid at the door. Refreshments will be served.

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## Fehrenbach Wants More State Aid

Assemblyman Edwin J. Fehrenbach (4th A. D., Nassau) in a talk before the Empire State Federation of Teachers, said he would propose a bill which would increase the ceiling on state aid for school operating expenses to \$535. per pupil.

In announcing this amendment to the aid formula, Assemblyman Fehrenbach said, "School districts which are making an unusual effort to provide educational programs of high quality should not be penalized." The present ceiling of \$500 is far below the operating expenditures of most districts. The \$500 figure was based on median school district expenditures of 1960-61 of \$492.

Fehrenbach said he is basing his figure of \$535 on the State-wide median expenditure per-pupil (using estimates just released by the State Education Department). The Assemblyman estimates the increase would cost the State 44 million dollars, one-half of which would have to be available for the State fiscal year of 1964/65.

Assemblyman Fehrenbach pointed out that he was very well aware of the tight fiscal picture in the State but he felt that 22 million dollars was not an unrealistic figure in a budget of 2 billion 800 million dollars. He further stated that he would vote for any legislation necessary to substantiate the 22 million dollar figure.

## Children Help Cancer Fund

Stephen Rosenthal of 45 Autumn Lane, Hicksville and a group of his friends have done their bit to help the Nassau Division, American Cancer Society in its fight to conquer this dread disease. In a letter sent to the Society, Steven said:

"We had a carnival for cancer, and made \$2.55. We worked for two days. The children played games such as pinball, hoop the stick, penny hunt, get the ball in the basket, golf and fish the bolts with a magnet. We charged one cent a ticket and sold 255 tickets. The boys and girls in the carnival were Bobby Dackow, Mark Nadler, John Maricola, Lori Nadler, Valerie Muller, Mark Basileas."

## Ruth Circle

The Sisterhood of the Bethpage Jewish Community Center's Ruth Circle, under the leadership of Mrs. Curtis Sloan will hold their first meeting at Mrs. Sloan's home at 6 Cranberry Ln. Plainview, on Tuesday, October 1, at 8:30 p.m.

## Retiring From Prudential Hicksville

Margaret Chiusano, office supervisor in the Prudential Insurance Company's Hicksville

district office, at 560 S. Broadway, is retiring on October 7 after 34 years with the company.

Miss Chiusano has been office supervisor in Hicksville for the past 9

years. Prior to that, she was in charge of the clerical staff in the company's Woodside district office. She joined Prudential in 1929 as a clerk in B'klyn and became office super-

visor there in 1942. Earlier, she worked for a show company.

Miss Chiusano is a graduate of Manual Training High School. She lives at 140 Walker Rd., Mineola.

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## At Random

**How to Recall Those Memory-Destroying Dates**  
By Edward J. Van Allen

My brother-in-law, formerly an avid Brooklyn Dodger fan and latterly a com-miserator with the Mets, has a good recollection for baseball statistics, but a poor one for birthday or anniversary dates.

On his wife's birthday some years ago, he came home from work empty-handed as usual. She looked at him hopefully. "Don't you remember what day this is?" she asked.

"Oh, shucks, I almost forgot," he said. "It's Pee-wee Reese's birthday!"

If a baseball buff like him had mastered mnemonics, the art of improving the efficiency of the memory, this homecoming scene would have been far different. He would have walked in the door, plopped a gift into his wife's hands, and said: "Happy birthday, Darling. By the way, did you know you were born on the same day as Pee-wee Reese?"

Then as that wonderful, awe-inspiring knowledge sank into her consciousness, he could plant a kiss on her nose or some such place, give her an affectionate hug, and say thoughtfully: "Maybe you were born on the same day as Pee-wee. But boy, am I glad I married you instead!"

If word association helps us remember important words, date association can certainly do the same for anniversaries.

Thus, should your spouse's birthday correspond with that of Brigitte Bardot, you'll likely have no trouble at all in remembering the little woman's natal day. (Of course, it might not be exactly politic to bare the secret of this kind of date association.)

Let's suppose on the other hand, that your wife is a bit of a nag. If you're a devotee of horseracing -- or even if you're not -- the logical thing to do is to determine the birth date of a well-known racehorse and simply couple the date one nag was ushered into the world with that of another. (Actually, I'm only joshing. I know full well that neither man nor beast, much less woman, will own up to being a nag.) Date association is mighty useful in

other ways. If you have a friend loquacious to the point of boring everyone he meets, the World Almanac lists the date of various hurricanes and tornadoes, one of which may coincide with the birth date of your friend. In using this kind of mnemonic, a word of caution: Don't be like an acquaintance of mine who literally got the dates of his dates mixed by dating three different girls at 9 o'clock on the same evening. In a bit of a quandry, he paled two of the girls off on bachelors and friends. But for a long while afterward, those two girls wouldn't speak to him.

I myself have finally contrived to remember my wife's birthday, which happens to be September 28. As far as I know, no stalwart heroes were born on that day, no great winds blew, no outstanding nags were born. Date association still comes to my aid, though, as I recite the first line of the memorable saying, beginning, "Thirty days hath September." I simply add: "Minus two makes 28, that's the day I met my fate."

With a slightly revised verse like that to jog my memory, I haven't forgotten my wife's birthday in years. But I still have memory troubles. If I could just remember her name when I introduce her to other people, those too would be no more.

### Oddments and Endments

It is both ominous and portentous that here in the mid-island area two assaults have been made upon the right of free speech, that precious privilege of all Americans to express themselves as they will in any manner they see fit.

It is equally portentous -- though ludicrously so -- that both assaults upon this American birthright are being made by minions of the public schools, those "pillars of democracy" that are supposed to set a fine and shining example for our children.

The first example of unexampled undemocracy involves the farce-trial, by the Bethpage School Board, of Bethpage school teacher and teacher-union president Robert Puentes.

What is Puentes' "crime"? Hedared as president of his union, to criticize the Bethpage School Board and

superintendent for having let a third-grade Indian teacher go before she could achieve tenure.

The result: Bethpage School Superintendent Charles H. Bryan preferred charges of insubordination and conduct unbecoming a teacher against Puentes.

The farce-trial, set for continuation this week, could undoubtedly be done a lot better, far less expensively, and with greater educational profit by Bethpage school children. But kids are kids, no matter the size.

The farce-trial does, however, raise an issue which transcends even the ballyhoo sense of importance of public school officials. Does any civil service employee sign away his birthright when he takes a civil service job?

Of course no. And if the three lawyers conducting this farce-trial for the Bethpage school super and Board would take a good look at the law, they wouldn't be helping to waste Bethpage school taxpayers' money by conducting a trial whose record already is loaded with what lawyers call "reversible error."

Doubly ominous is the obvious bid by Hicksville School Super Donald F. Abt, now being sued by Trustee William A. Bruno, Jr. for refusing to give Bruno school district data and information, to get the Hicksville School Board to censor the writings of school trustees.

Here not only freedom of speech is involved, but freedom of the press as well. For Bruno has been writing columns for the Mid-Island Times and giving information to Times' reporters.

Maybe the editor of this newspaper should submit all Hicksville school copy to news-manager Abt BEFORE it is printed so that the school censors can red-pencil it at will.

Then, again, maybe censor Abt isn't up on his reading. Maybe he's blissfully ignorant of such things as the right of free speech and freedom of the press.

On the other hand, if any public school payrollee or school boarder even indirectly attempts to tell any newspaperman what he may or may not print, it is time for blokes like those to be given the kind of education they can't possibly get from school textbooks.

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On Thursday evening at 8 PM Oct. 8th, the Hicksville Public Library will present a lecture. The subject is a fascinating one, "Rocks and Minerals." Mr. Gardner Gregory is the speaker. Mr. Gregory is the head of the Audio-visual Dept. of the district and is well-known as an authority on all aspects of the butterfly and giant silk moth. He is no less an authority on rocks and minerals. Through the month of Oct., there will be a display of Mr. Gregory's collection of rocks and

minerals including the gem variety. We will see in the display that each of these specimens has a story to tell, not only in its natural state but the uses man has found for these gifts of nature to make for himself a better life.

The public is invited to see the display all of the month of Oct. and to the lecture on Tues., Oct. 8th at 8 PM, at the Hicksville Public Library.

## Art League Offers Classes

The Mid-Island Plaza Art League, a nonprofit organization is offering

classes in art and drama for adults and children for the 1963-64 session.

The classes include General Art and Creative Drama for children, Oil Painting and Theatre Workshop for teenagers and beginner, intermediate and advanced courses in Oil Painting for adults.

For additional information regarding adult classes call WE 8-7717; for children and teenage art, WE 8-4089; and for children and teenage drama, GE 3-4198, between 6 and 8 p.m.

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THE DYNAMICS had the pleasure of playing for the opening night of the Teen Canteen at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Boys are from l. to r. George Devan, Jimmy Rosica, Roger Weinand, Kenny Arnold and Ricky Weick. (Photo by P. Charbonnet.)

## Kiwanis Takes Kids On Outing

The Kiwanis Club of Hicksville for its annual 'Kid's Day Project' has arranged with Nunley's Happy-Land and Jolly-Roger, a fun day for your child. The date is Saturday, October 5th.

Each child will be able to use the rides at Nunley's from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM -- all free.

At 1:00 PM, the children will be served a snack of frankfurters and soda free.

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