

### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

You may be informed about "School Closing Today" by listening to:

ELMONT FIRE HORN - will blow five short consecutive blasts at 7:10 A.M.

Station WOR (710 on radio dial) at 6:30 and 7:30 A.M.

Station WHLI (1100 on radio dial) after 7:00 A.M.

Station WGSM (740 on radio dial) after 7:00 A.M.

Station WRCA (660 on radio dial) after 6:30 A.M.

Station WGBB (1240 on radio dial) after 7:30 A.M.

Parents will add to difficulty at school by calling to ask whether school is open or not on days with inclement weather.

### ESSAY AND POSTER CONTESTS

During October two contests will be held; commendation and awards will be made for best essay and poster.

During the week of Oct. 6th will be the contest on Fire Prevention. During Oct. 20th will be a contest on United Nations.

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The number of children at Gotham Avenue this year is the largest ever. By class, the enrollment is as follows:

Kinderg'n - 132  
1st Grade - 141  
2nd Grade - 136  
3rd Grade - 130  
4th Grade - 156  
5th Grade - 147  
6th Grade - 131

TOTAL - 973

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### TEACHERS NEW TO GOTHAM AVENUE

Mrs. Moschella - Kindergarten  
Mrs. Gresser - - Second Grade  
Miss Hahl - - - Third Grade  
Mrs. Kaplan - - - Third Grade  
Mrs. Casey - - - Fourth Grade  
Mrs. Deitz - - - Fourth Grade

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### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Mr. Dillman, instrumental music teacher will begin instrument lessons Thursday, October 2nd, 1958.

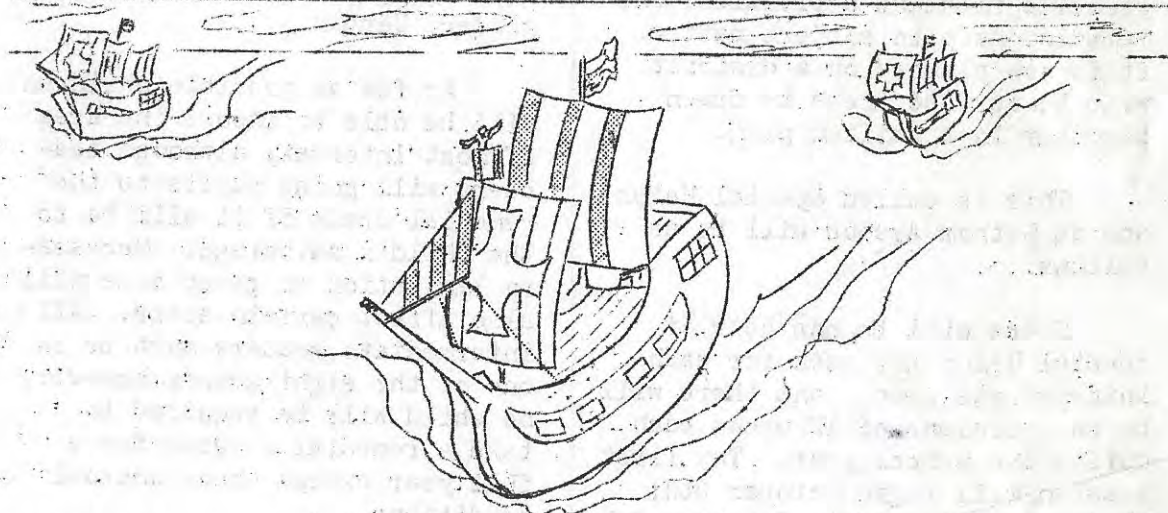
Mr. Dillman is in Gotham Avenue Thursday A.M. and all day Friday.

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NINA • SANTA MARIA • PINTA

## OUR FIRST ISSUE

This is volume one, number one, of what we hope will be many issues. Present plans are that we will print near the first of each month nine issues a year starting with October and ending with June.

It is planned to have material and information of interest to parents of children in Gotham Avenue School.

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### SPECIAL HELPS

For some time there has been in District 16 schools club programs, enrichment activities, and remedial help in subject matter. It is now planned on a district wide basis that these be drawn together in a unified plan.

This is called Special Helps and at Gotham Avenue will be as follows.

There will be one hour of Special Helps per week for each intermediate grade, and there will be two sessions of 12 weeks each during the school year. The first session will begin October 6th; the second will begin February 9th.

The sixth grade will have their hour on Mondays, the fifth grade on Tuesdays, and the fourth grade on Wednesdays. The program will come the last hour of the day.

Areas covered will be reading, arithmetic, science, foreign language, music enrichment, library research, physical fitness, and art work. It is realized, of course, that these are in addition to regular class work with the exception of foreign language.

Children are not expected to become fluent in a language from taking Special Helps, but it will be interesting and instructive. Sixth graders will have opportunity to elect French, fifth graders Spanish, and fourth graders German.

As far as possible children will be able to choose the area of most interest, although teachers will guide pupils to the remedial areas if it will be to the child's advantage. Necessary limitation of group size will also affect certain areas. All intermediate graders must be in one of the eight areas; however, no child will be required to take a remedial program for a full year except under unusual conditions.

## SIDE LIGHTS

Like many Long Islanders, Miss Babcock is not a native. She was born in South Dakota and moved to up state New York at an early age. After teaching there a short time, she came to Long Island and has taught in Elmont Road School, Covert Avenue, Belmont Blvd. as well as Gotham Avenue.

As training for teaching Miss Babcock has both a Bachelor's and a master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.

During school vacations she has traveled extensively in eastern United States and two summers ago she went to Europe visiting England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France and Italy. During her travels she took excellent pictures which have been used in Citizenship classes.

This year Miss Babcock is grade chairman for the fifth grade.

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## CLASSROOMS AND TEACHERS

There are 30 classrooms and 32 classes at Gotham Avenue. Thirty-six teachers are in the building full time, and four other special teachers come on a part-time basis.

## OCTOBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

School will be closed on the following dates:

October 8th - Teachers Conference  
Oct. 13th - Columbus Day observed

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## FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

Regular attendance is most important for a successful school year. Childhood diseases and colds make up the greatest number of our absentees. However, absences for reasons other than illness and family emergencies are considered "illegal." These illegal absences must be kept to a minimum as they reduce the amount of state monies given to the district. The state aid is based on average daily attendance.

When your child is absent for any reason, please call the health office on the second day. Absences can be reported directly to the nurse by calling PR 5-1671 before 9 A.M. or between 12:15 and 1 P.M. If you wish to discuss any other health matter, a parent conference can be arranged by appointment for any day from 2:45 to 3 P.M.

- Catherine McCreight, RN

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Want to know how to tell when there is no school??? Please turn page. →

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In the annual fire prevention contest the following were the winners.

In the Poster contest:

- 1st - Gregory DiMaria  
Mrs. Fisher's 6th
- 2nd - Janice Gullo  
Mrs. Hemmerlein's 6th
- 3rd - Kenneth Bodner  
Mrs. McDonell's 6th

In the Essay contest:

- 1st - David Fass  
Mr. Gold's 6th
- 2nd - Florence Seigel  
Mrs. Fisher's 6th
- 3rd - Winifred Rogers  
Mr. Bucchioni's 6th

Mr. Heber, the Chaplain for the Elmont Fire Department, came to an assembly for the intermediate grades and made the awards. He also gave a talk on fire prevention and the necessity for being careful with fire.

While Mr. Heber was in the assembly, other members of the Fire Department were in the play area with a fire truck. They gave a short ride to children in the kindergarten, first and second grades.

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## BOOK WEEK

Traditionally, during the first weeks of November, there is a Book Week sponsored by the P.T.A. This gives parents and children an opportunity to see good new books which are graded to a child's level. Further it makes possible a saving - since the books are secured at a slight discount and children can build up their own libraries, as well as select books for gifts for the holidays. Books may be ordered at this time and would be delivered to the school. Books will be on display in the school library.

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## COMMUNITY USE OF GOTHAM AVENUE

Every week day night youth groups are using the gymnasium at Gotham Avenue School.

In the afternoon last year the facilities were used by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4 H, PTA, and YMCA Dance Groups.

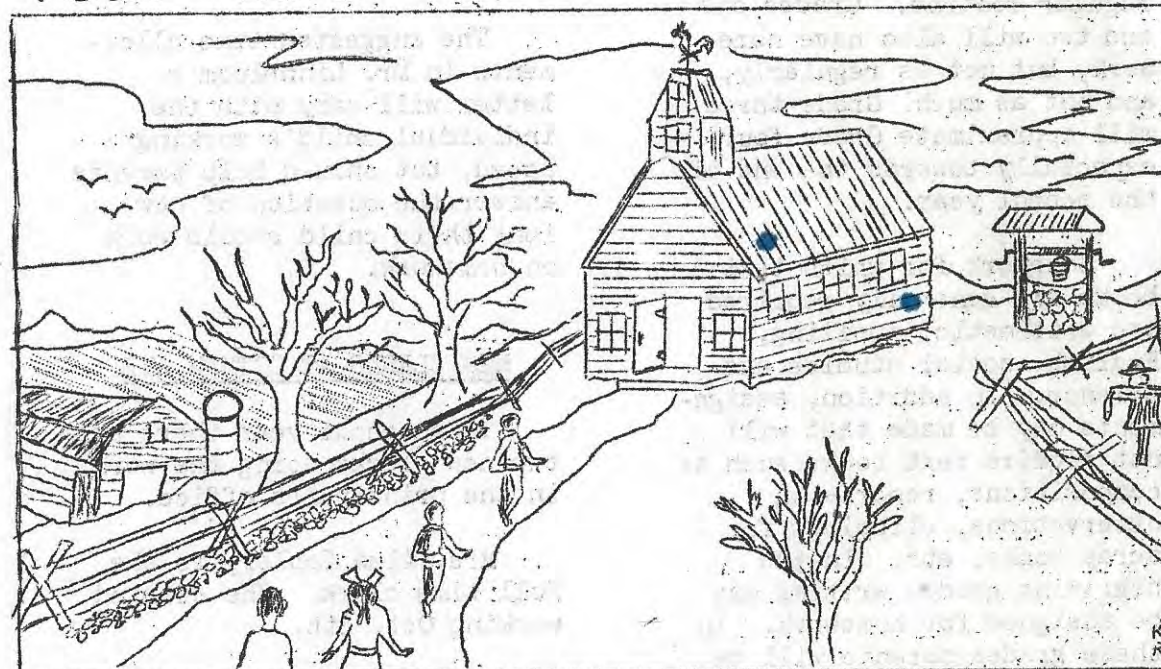
Groups that wish to use the school for non school use should make formal application to Mr. Donati at the Elmont Road School.

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# GOTHAM GAZETTE

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NOV. 3, 1958



## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

HOMEWORK

In a letter dated Oct. 14, 1958, and sent home with the children, Mr. Lindbloom gave some of the purposes of home study, how parents could help, and suggested time allotments.

From questions it is known that parents are often uncertain whether children have homework. At Gotham Avenue it is planned that grades 4, 5 and 6 will have homework Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as regular routine. Grades one and two will also have homework, but not as regularly, and not as much. Grade three will approximate Grade four, especially towards the end of the school year.

Homework for which text books are generally required are arithmetic, spelling, English, social studies and science. In addition, assignments may be made that will not require text books such as compositions, reports on observations, clippings for scrap books, etc. In the beginning grades writing may be assigned for homework. In these grades parents will be supplied with a sample of what is acceptable forms for the writing.

Homework will be corrected by teachers, a record made of it, and returned to the children. In some cases parents may be asked to initial the work. This will indicate that parents have seen the work; it does not necessarily mean they approve of the care or accuracy with which it was done.

In doing homework, it is necessary that the student be certain he knows what is required, have the material to do it and have a routine time and a quiet place with sufficient light to do the work.

The suggested time allotments in Mr. Lindbloom's letter will vary with the individual child's working speed, but should help parents answer the question of how long their child should work on homework.

NEW CLERKS AT GOTHAM AVE.

This school year there are two new clerks doing the work in the principal's office.

Mrs. Alma Eppler, is the full time clerk. She started working Oct. 6th.

Mrs. Vera Andrews, is the part time clerk. She began work Aug. 11th.

SIDE LIGHTS

Side Lights is pleased this issue to speak about Miss Gertrude Carlson. Miss Carlson is from a family of teachers. Her brother is county superintendent of schools in Maryland, and Miss Clara Carlson a sister is a principal in District 16.

Miss Carlson was a native of Mansfield, Penn., and attended the State Normal School there. Later she secured a bachelor's degree from New York University, and has taken additional specialized courses.

Before coming to Elmont, she taught in Knoxville, Penn. At Elmont she has been in the Elmont Road School, Covert Avenue School, Belmont Blvd. School and in Gotham Avenue School.

Summers Miss Carlson has gone to summer school, and traveled. She is especially interested in historic New England.

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NEW HEAD COOK

Beginning Monday Oct. 20th, Mrs. Carmela Malouf became head cook at Gotham Avenue. Mrs. Helen Notheis was transferred to Belmont Blvd. School.

NOVEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during November.

- Nov. 4th - Election Day  
School closed.
- Nov. 10-14th - American Ed. Week  
Scheduled of daytime visits will be published.
- Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day.  
School closed
- Nov. 13th - Evening PTA Meeting  
Open School Night.
- Nov. 26-28th - Thanksgiving  
Vacation. School  
closes at noon,  
Wed. Nov. 26th

CHILDRENS' COMMUNITY CHEST

The children of District 16 contribute towards a Childrens' Community Chest. So far this year there have been two presentations.

Representing the Student Council, Jo Ann Scarcella of Mrs. Fisher's sixth grade class went to Alden Terrace on Tuesday October 7th where a check was presented to the Boy Scouts.

On Friday, October 24th, Neal Weiss of Mr. Gold's sixth grade class went to Belmont Boulevard where an award was presented to the representative of Girl Scouts.

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## VISION TESTING

A child's successful school life depends largely on what he sees and hears in school. Our school district has a policy of annual vision testing to insure that each child is functioning at his maximum level in this area.

The vision testing has been completed in grades one thru six at Gotham Avenue. The testing in school is being done for the first time this year by a machine called the New York State Vision Tester. It is a simple and accurate device for a "screening" vision test. This replaces our former testing method using Snellen Eye Charts to be read at 20 feet.

Our vision program in school does not replace the definitive and thorough eye examination done by a qualified examiner outside of school. A child found to have difficulty in completing the "screening" vision test in school is referred for further examination. Any one with a known vision defect is given a notice for an annual re-examination.

If there are any questions regarding our school Vision Conservation Program please call me at PR. 5-1671.

Catherine McCreight, RN

## BOOK FAIR

As a result of the Fair children bought 323 books.

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## PHYSICAL FITNESS

District 16 schools believe there should be a sound mind in a strong body.

To measure physical fitness the fourth, fifth and sixth grades last year were given the Indiana Physical Fitness test in the fall, and without practice on the testing items, repeated in the spring.

The children at Gotham Avenue improved in the second test, although we would have liked them to have done better. (It is interesting that the girls did better than the boys!)

This year, along with other schools in the state, we are giving the New York State Physical Fitness Test. This will be done only once during the year for the intermediate grades, and is taking place now.

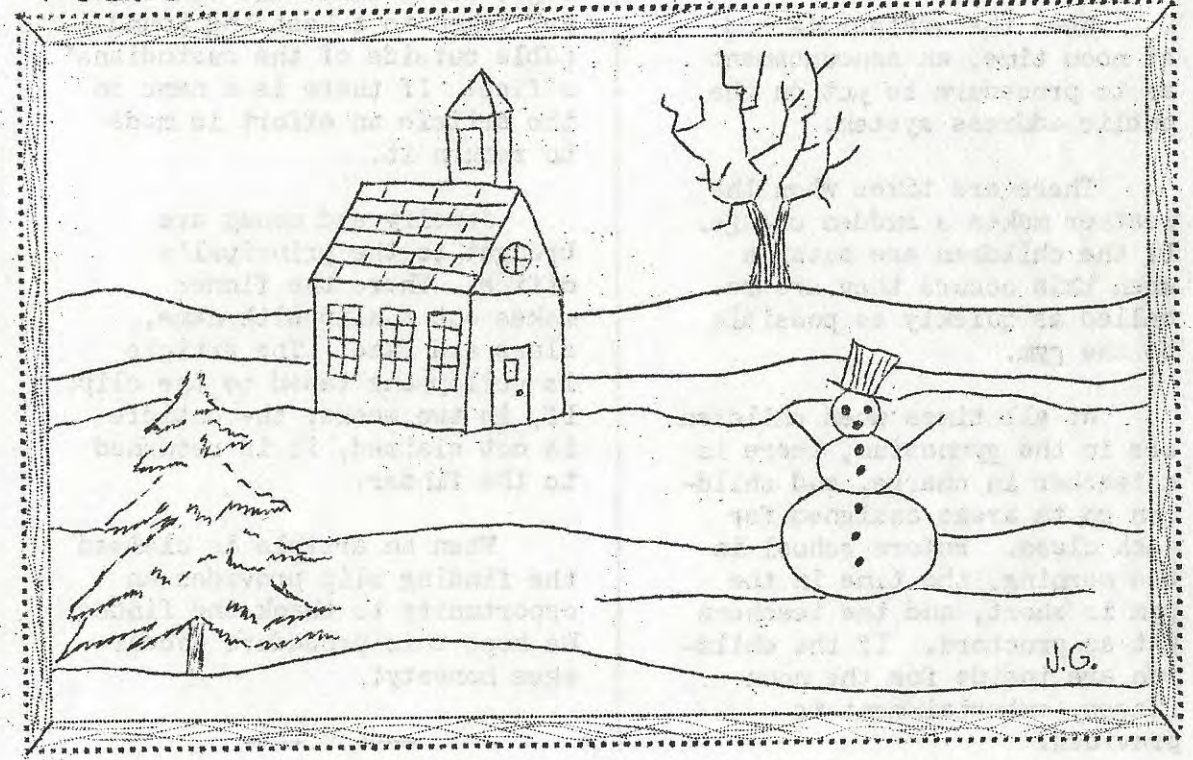
The test includes seven items as follows: Posture, Accuracy (in throwing a ball), Strength, Agility, Speed, Balance and Endurance.

Rudolph Franklin  
Phy. Ed. Teacher

# GOTHAM GAZETTE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

On school mornings when it is rainy, snowy, or very cold, provision is made that children in grades one through six will come to the gym and wait there until time to go to their classes. Kindergarten children will go to their own rooms. The signal for the children to enter the building is a red disc put in the entrance doors. If this red disc is not displayed in the entrance doors children will remain outside.

When the weather is bad at noon time, an announcement as to procedure is put on the public address system.

There are times when the weather makes a sudden change. If the children are outside when this occurs they are recalled as quickly as possible to the gym.

At all times when children are in the gymnasium, there is a teacher in charge, and children go to areas assigned for each class. Before school in the morning, the time in the gym is short, and the teachers act as proctors. If the children are inside for the noon recess, entertainment is provided.

With the season of poor weather at hand, parents are urged to provide children with storm clothing, and footwear, as protection against the elements. During cold spells a thermometer is used as reference in making the decision as to whether children will remain outside.

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LOST AND FOUND

As parents know, children mislay and lose belongings. At Gotham Avenue clothing, book-bags, lunch boxes and the like are taken to a Lost and Found table outside of the custodians' office. If there is a name on the article an effort is made to return it.

Jewelry and money are brought to the principal's office. There the finder makes out a slip with name, class and date. The article is cellophane taped to the slip. If, in two weeks, the article is not claimed, it is returned to the finder.

When an article is claimed the finding slip provides an opportunity to thank the finder. We hope this procedure encourages honesty!

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SIDELIGHTS

Mrs. Sime is another of our fine teachers who is not a native Long Islander. She was born up state and came to Elmont for her first teaching position.

Initially Mrs. Sime prepared to teach at New Paltz State Normal School, and has since secured a degree from New York University. She is now taking additional college work at Columbia University.

She has taught in Massachusetts as well as in three schools in Elmont, and in all grades, kindergarten through eight. This year she is assisting the principal and also curriculum teacher.

Mr. Sime works in the Franklin National Bank, and when possible they both like to take automobile trips throughout the United States. Their interest in their garden and lawn has made theirs the show-place of the block, and neighbors come for advice on how to take care of their grounds.

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OPEN SCHOOL NIGHT

As classroom visitors will recall, they were asked to sign a register when they visited their child's class. There were 810 parents so registered.

DECEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Dec. 11th - PTA Meeting 1:30 P.M. Children's Holiday Festival.
- Dec. 19th - Last day of school before Christmas. Children will be dismissed at regular time.

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BUS TRIPS

In District #16 it is the policy that all second and sixth grade children have an educational bus trip during the school year.

Other grades may take trips as time is available. Suggested trips and details are given by the Director of Audio-Visual Aids.

At Gotham Avenue Tuesday is the day available for bus trips and two buses are available 9:30 - 1:30. The buses are regular District #16 school buses and are driven by experienced drivers. There is no transportation cost to the children.

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THE FACULTY AND STAFF  
JOIN TO WISH YOU AND YOURS  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## RUTGERS REPORT

Before Thanksgiving a Summary Report on the District Organization Study was mailed to the householders of the district.

There is available in the school additional copies of the Summary Report, and in addition, complete copies of the District Organization Study. Those who are interested in either may call at the principal's office.

## SPECIAL TEACHER SCHEDULE

The following special teachers are at Gotham Avenue at the following times:

Mrs. Crowley - Dental Hygienist  
Wednesdays & Thursdays  
Mr. Dillman - Instrumental Music  
Thursdays A.M. & Fridays  
Mrs. Krishna - Speech & Hearing  
Monday, Thursday & Friday A.M.  
Mrs. Marans - Psychologist  
Wednesdays.

## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Since September there has been added a handball court, two slides and a jungle gym.

## CLOTHING COLLECTION

On December 1st many bags of clothing were collected for Save The Children Federation, and taken to Knoxville, Tenn.

## HEARING TESTING

Each child is given annually an individual hearing test. If he fails to hear any of the seven tones to which he listens first with one ear and then the other, he is retested. This is a screening test. If he fails on the second test, he is referred for a full pure tone audiometer test which takes about 20 minutes. The New York State Education Dept. ruling is that all pupils who have a hearing loss of 15 decibels or more in one or both ears should be examined by a doctor. Our school doctors first examine the outer ears of such pupils. If foreign obstructions such as cotton or hardened ear wax, are found, the parents of the child are notified. When the obstruction is removed by a doctor, the pupil is given another full pure tone test. But if he again fails, the parents are requested to have their child further examined.

The recommendations of the Otolologist (ear doctor) or Otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat doctor) are sent to the nurse of the school which the child attends.

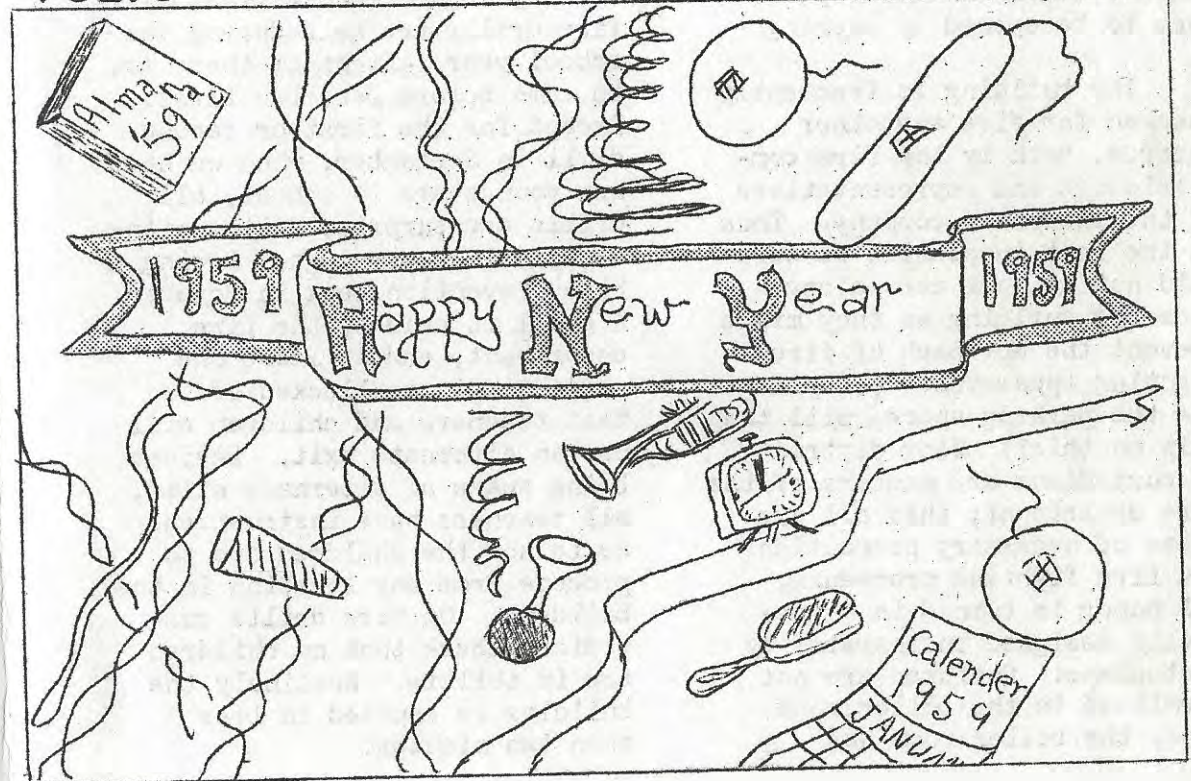
Much credit for the prevention of deafness among our pupils is due to the conscientious follow through by our school nurse.

Katherine Krishna,  
Speech & Hearing Teacher

# GOTHAM GAZETTE

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JAN. 5, 1959



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

FIRE SAFEGUARDS

Gotham Avenue School is a class "A" fire resistant building. Except for some trim, doors and furniture, there is very little wood in the building. Stairs are all metal and stone.

From the nine rooms on the second floor there are four stairways. There are ten exits from the first floor. Exit doors are opened at seven o'clock in the morning and stay unlocked until after school. Panic bars on the doors permit them to be opened by pushing.

The building is frequently checked for fire and other hazards, both by the fire commissioners and representatives of the insurance company. Thus at the last inspection we were told not to park cars alongside the building as they might prevent the approach of fire fighting apparatus. (If parents use the parking space, will they help on this?) Many district 16 custodians are members of the fire department; they all are aware of necessary precautions and fire fighting procedure. All paper is burned in a specially designed incinerator by custodians. Children are not permitted in the boiler room. Also, the boiler room has

calamine doors that close automatically when temperature rises too high.

There are 30 hand fire extinguishers placed in convenient locations throughout the building. These are checked routinely and recharged when necessary.

Located in the corridors, custodian's room, are fire alarm boxes. From any of these boxes a fire alarm may be sounded for the building, or for both the building and the public alarm. The building fire alarm is a distinctive gong.

By regulation at least twelve fire drills are held during the school year. Eight of these are to come before December first. Except for the first or second drill in September, when we have new youngsters in school, all drills are surprise drills without previous warnings. During Fire Prevention Week in October, a drill is held by the fire department, and at least one regular exit is blocked off so that teachers and children will use an alternate exit. Besides being aware of alternate exits, all teachers have instructions as to how the children are to proceed from any location in the building. On fire drills custodians check that no children are in toilets. Routinely the building is emptied in less than two minutes.

SIDELIGHTS

Miss White is a native of Queens, Long Island.

She attended the Ethical Culture School's training department where she specialized in kindergarten and primary education. Later she secured her masters degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Miss White has hobbies of travel, gardening and music. She has toured the United States, visiting most of the National Parks and almost every state of the Union. She has also traveled through the Canadian Rockies, eastern Canada and the West Indies.

She spends most of her vacations at a summer home in the Catskill Mountains, where she has developed her gardening hobby. Her interest in music has included regular attendance at the opera. At Gotham Avenue she uses her ability to play piano to help with the first grade glee club.

Miss White taught in private school before coming to the Elmont schools and has participated in the many school problems in the growth of the district. She came to Gotham Avenue when it first opened.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Miss Doris Place has been elected VP of NYS Librarian Assn.

JANUARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during January.

- Jan. 8 - PTA Meeting. 2:30 P.M.
- "Gotham's 10th Birthday Party"
- Jan. 13 - PTA sponsored Legislative Workshop. 10: A.M. - 2: P.M.
- Speakers: Mr. Donahue-Administrative Assistant District 16.
- Mrs. J. C. Hutchinson-Western Long Island-District PTA Legislative Chairman.

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FACULTY WEDDINGS

Miss Carol Stubbe, second grade teacher, was married November 29th. Following a trip to Bermuda, Mrs. Russell Doeg returned to Gotham Ave.

Mr. Rudolph Franklin, Physical Education teacher, was married Dec. 27th. Mrs. Franklin is a 4th grade teacher in the Westbury schools. Mr. & Mrs. Franklin went to Puerto Rico for a honeymoon.

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JUNIOR RED CROSS

During 1957-58 331 schools enrolled in JR. Red Cross with a total of 239,044 members. Their contributions amounted to \$21,503.37. Gotham Ave. School has completed its 1958-59 collection. It is commendable that \$77.34 was collected and forwarded to headquarters at Mineola.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Born to Mrs. Hilary Gold, wife of 6th grade teacher, on Dec. 15th, a son Jonathan.



## BUS TRIPS

So far this school year, the following trips have been taken.

- Oct. 14th- Mr. Bucchioni's and Mr. Gold's sixth grades went to the UN Building.  
21st- Mrs. Fisher's sixth grade to the Museum of Natural History.  
Miss Cuddeback's first grade to the Zoo at Massapequa.  
23rd- Mrs. McGraw's first grade class to Gotham Avenue Fire House.  
28th- Miss Kreienberg's third grade to the Museum of Natural History.
- Nov. 18th- Mrs. Esposito's second grade to Clover Dairy.  
25th- Miss Buchner's second grade to Clover Dairy.
- Dec. 2nd- Mrs. Moschella and Mrs. Skaling visited Santa at Gardners Village with the Kindergarten classes.  
16th- Mr. Cascioli's and Mrs. McDonell's fifth grades visited the Museum of Natural History.
- Jan. 6th- Mrs. Casey's fourth grade and Miss Schalkham's fourth grade to United Nations Bldg.  
14th- Mrs. Hemmerlein's sixth grade and Miss Kreienberg's third grade to Hayden Planaterium.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Since school opened in September, 243 fiction books and 232 non-fiction books have been added to the library. This makes 6817 total books available for children.

This year, due to the Special Helps program, the intermediate grades have library periods every other week instead of weekly as the second and third grades do. Those children enrolled in Research do projects in which they are taught how to study and use library resources.

Books are placed on the shelves according to a number system called the Dewey Decimal System which assigns a number to each subject. Under this system American history is numbered 973. In a card catalog are different cards giving author, title and subject. The Dewey Decimal System and card catalog system used in school are the same as used in public libraries. Thus children are trained in school for use of any public library.

Some children from grades 4-6 become library helpers, and slip and shelve books, and file cards.

Doris Place,  
Librarian

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# GOTHAM GAZETTE

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FEB. 2, 1959



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

DRESS FOR PUPILS

Students are expected to come to school suitably dressed. For routine schoolwear, dungarees, cowboy boots, shorts or girl's slacks are not acceptable. Boys are urged to wear white shirts and ties for Friday assemblies.

Teachers will discourage extreme haircuts and pin curlers.

In regard to cold weather the following is a paragraph of a letter from Dr. Brody, head school doctor.

"Generally speaking, children should play outdoors as much as possible. It should be understood, of course, that children are properly clothed for the weather circumstances prevailing. The degree of coldness is of no importance, within reason. By this I mean, principals and teachers should use good judgment in connection with taking children out at noon hour so that children are not exposed to frost bite, chill blains, etc."

During the cold weather, children should not wear their snow suit trousers, or over-shoes during the school day.

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FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

"Early to bed, early to rise, Makes a child healthy, happy and wise."

It is extremely important for children of all ages to receive adequate rest. So often poor scholastic and social behavior during the school day can be traced to insufficient sleep. Lack of rest also lowers resistance and makes one more susceptible to colds and other infections.

Children who have had a busy day at school, outdoor play in the afternoon and homework in the evening should be ready to retire long before "the late-late show on T.V."

In the morning, after an adequate night's sleep, awakening and completing pre-school routine would be accomplished without haste and turmoil.

A good resolution for all school children: To practice the "Early to Bed" jingle each day for a happy healthy time for the remainder of the school year.

Catherine McCreight, R.N.

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SIDELIGHTS

Mrs. McDonell originally came from Massachusetts. She taught there one year and in Elmont has taught intermediate grades at Covert Ave. and Belmont Blvd. Mrs. McDonell came to Gotham Ave. when it first opened.

There are many teachers in Mrs. McDonnell's family. Her mother was a teacher, and in the first graduating class from North Adams Normal School where Mrs. McDonell herself prepared to teach. An identical twin of Mrs. McDonell is teaching in Floral Park. A son is teaching in Syosset, and a daughter is a Junior at Cortland State Teachers College.

Mrs. McDonald has been President of the teacher organization, and has served on many school committees. Currently she is on what teachers call the third category committee.

FAMILIES AT G A

The number of families at GA is 697.

TWINS

At Gotham Avenue School this year there are nine sets of twins. One set looks enough alike to confuse the teachers.

FEBRUARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during February.

- Feb. 10th- PTA Founders Day  
8 PM at Belmont Blvd. School
- Feb. 12th & 13th - For Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 18th- Report cards issued
- Feb. 23rd- For Washington's Birthday.

PUPIL PICTURES

Every other year it is Board of Education policy to have pupil pictures taken. Last month all the pupils who were present had their pictures taken. Around the middle of this month the pictures will be returned and the children will bring a package home containing six small, and two large colored pictures. If parents want to purchase the pictures the cost will be \$1.75. There is no requirement to buy the pictures; the package may be returned to school if not interested.

Families with more than two children in school may have the pictures of all the children for the cost of only two. Should parents want additional pictures, instructions in the package explain that orders will be sent directly to the company.

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## TEACHERS WENT TO SCHOOL

To teach school in New York State a person must be licensed by the Department of Education. The two customary licenses for elementary schools are Common Branch, which permits teaching in grades one through six, and Early Childhood, which permits teaching kindergarten through third grade.

To secure these licenses teachers do not have to attend specific schools, but they do have to take specified education courses in college as determined by the New York State Department of Education.

Some of the colleges attended by teachers at Gotham Avenue are: Adelphi, Brooklyn College, Columbia University, City College of New York, Fordham, Hofstra, Hunter, Jamaica Teachers Training, Muskingum, New York University, New Paltz State Teachers College, North Adams Normal School, Ohio State University, Oneonta State Teachers College, Queens College, St. Elizabeth's College, St. John's University, Syracuse University, University of Pennsylvania.

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A NEW ADDITION

An object of much interest in Miss Buckner's second grade class is Alvin. Alvin doesn't sing; he is a baby crocodile.

## DENTAL HEALTH

The dental health program in District 16 is entirely an educational one, part of which entails an inspection of each child's mouth. Unless the child has been to his family dentist within a six month period he is given a "Corrective Advice" card at the time of this inspection. This does not necessarily mean that he or she needs remedial treatment but does mean that a dental check-up is advised.

We are attempting to inculcate in each child good dental health habits by teaching him the correct way to use his toothbrush and why; the wisdom of good eating habits; and the desirability of a semi-annual visit to the dentist.

If you take your child to your family dentist and he has no card to have signed, I should appreciate it very much if you would notify me in order that I may record the date on his dental record card.

We hope that by the time your child becomes an adult, good dental health habits will have become fixed and he will have a healthy mouth with a full set of sound teeth in normal occlusion.

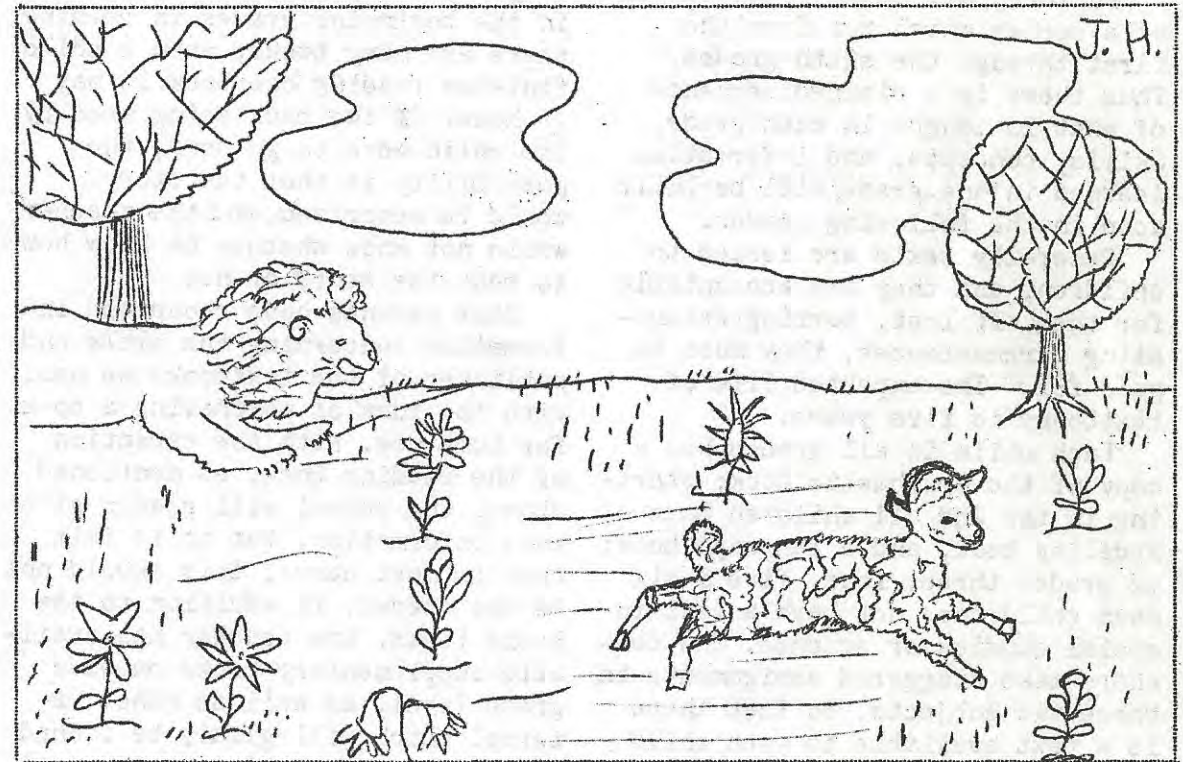
Vera Crowley  
Dental Hygienist

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# GOTHAM GAZETTE

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MARCH 2, 1959



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### USE OF TEXTBOOKS

In District 16, the best books available are secured for our children to use. Routinely, curriculum teachers and administrators receive sample copies of newly published textbooks. These are carefully examined to see if in concept, or format, they are superior to the ones in use. When new texts are to be adopted, it is as the result of a recommendation of a committee of classroom teachers, curriculum teachers, and principals made to Mr. Lindbloom.

Further, all texts used are part of a series which run from the first through the sixth grades. Thus there is a planned sequence of what is taught in each grade. Skills, concepts, and information learned in one grade, will be built upon in the following grades.

Generally texts are issued to children, and they are accountable for them. If lost, barring extenuating circumstances, they must be paid for. The expected life of textbooks is five years.

Each child in all grades has a copy of the arithmetic book; starting in the 2nd all children have a spelling book, and a language book; in grades three, four, five & six each child does not have a text in ~~social studies~~ or science. The teachers make staggered assignments in ~~these two~~ subjects, so that there is a text available to each child when he is to study from that text.

Dictionaries, texts in music, health, and handwriting are available in each room as necessary.

Reading texts are used in a special way in accordance with teaching procedure for this subject. Classes are divided into groups, and the text is used only at that time. Children in grades one through three have in their desk a work book in reading, but no text is made available to them as long as they are studying in that book.

With the exception of the reading book being used, children may take home textbooks, and we hope they do, and put them to good use. In the beginning grades in reading, there are many books; when a child finishes reading one book it may go home. If the book being used by the child were to go home, the possibility is that the story would be memorized, and the teacher would not know whether he knew how to read the story or not.

Some parents have requested information concerning the title and publisher of the textbooks we use, with the idea of purchasing a book for home use. With the exception of the reading book, as mentioned above, the school will gladly give this information, but it is felt that in most cases, this should not be the needed. In addition to the basic texts, the teacher has available supplementary books on each grade level, as well as other material which will gladly be loaned to interested parents.

## SIDE LIGHTS

Several excellent teachers in District 16 secured their teacher training at Jamaica Teachers College. Mrs. Fisher was born in Manhattan, but early moved to Queens and attended Jamaica Teachers College.

After graduation, she taught for awhile in New York City schools, but then changed to District 16. In Elmont, Mrs. Fisher taught fifth and sixth grades in Belmont Blvd.; and came to Gotham Avenue when it first opened. Mrs. Fisher has been President of the Gotham Avenue Teachers Association, and served on many other teacher and PTA Committees.

Summers, and frequently on weekends, Mrs. Fisher and her husband head for their year around house on the Deleware River near Hancock, N.Y. There they have a fine opportunity to work on their hobby of furnishing their house with early American antiques. Through alert buying at auctions and searching through antique shops they have secured many interesting pieces of furniture in pine or cherry. With patience and skill they have refinished them so their house is most attractive.

The Fishers have a son who is an aeronautical engineer living in Washington, D.C., and a daughter, formerly a school teacher in District 16, who lives in Queens. Mrs. Fisher is a proud grandmother, since both her children have sons.

## MARCH SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following dates are important school dates during March.

March 12th - P.T.A. Spring Festival - 1:30

March 25th - School closes regular time for start of Easter vacation.

April 6th - School reopens at regular time.

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### FRONT PAGE

The picture on the cover of the "Gazette" is drawn by a different student each month. Mr. Myatt, the art teacher, gives the "artist technical advice."

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### SYMPATHY WAS EXTENDED TO

Miss White, whose father died January 1, 1959.

Miss Adams, whose father died February 14, 1959.

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### PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mrs. Catherine Moschella, kindergarten teacher, is planning to leave the last of March.

Mrs. Norma Joseph will be finishing the school year.

## CUSTODIANS AT GOTHAM AVENUE

District 16 has an excellent staff of school custodians. Besides meeting personnel requirements of the Board of Education, they must pass written examinations, as they are members of New York State Civil Service.

The head custodian is Mr. Michael Milach. He became a custodian soon after being demobilized from the Air Force. Mr. Milach went to Elmont Schools, and formerly lived in the Gotham Avenue Area.

Mr. Clifford Braun is the assistant head custodian. Mr. Braun also went through Elmont schools and lives in Elmont.

Mr. William Pellegrino moved to Elmont from Brooklyn, and now lives near Alden Terrace School.

Mr. Richard Schraner attended Elmont schools and lives near Elmont Road School. He has children attending Belmont Blvd. and Elmont Road Schools.

Mr. Edward Jewhurst lives in Elmont and now has a granddaughter attending Gotham Ave. School. Mr. Jewhurst works both in the school, and drives one of the school buses.

Mr. Adolf Abrams is a specialized custodian who is assigned to Gotham Avenue. He has charge of receipt, and disbursement of custodial supplies for the entire school district, and repairing and refinishing school furniture.

## SALK VACCINE

The field trials for control of poliomyelitis with the use of Salk Vaccine was held in 1954-55. School age children were given the injections because of the susceptibility of that age group and the limited supply of vaccine at that time.

In the fall of 1955, the last dose of Salk Vaccine was given by the school. In this group there was a variation in number of doses. When the supply of vaccine was no longer limited, it was felt that additional injections and booster doses could be followed up by the family doctor or the health department.

It is recommended that every child and adult, in particular parents of young children, should receive three doses of vaccine in order to be protected. The first injection is followed in two to six weeks by the second injection and the third dose is administered seven months to a year later.

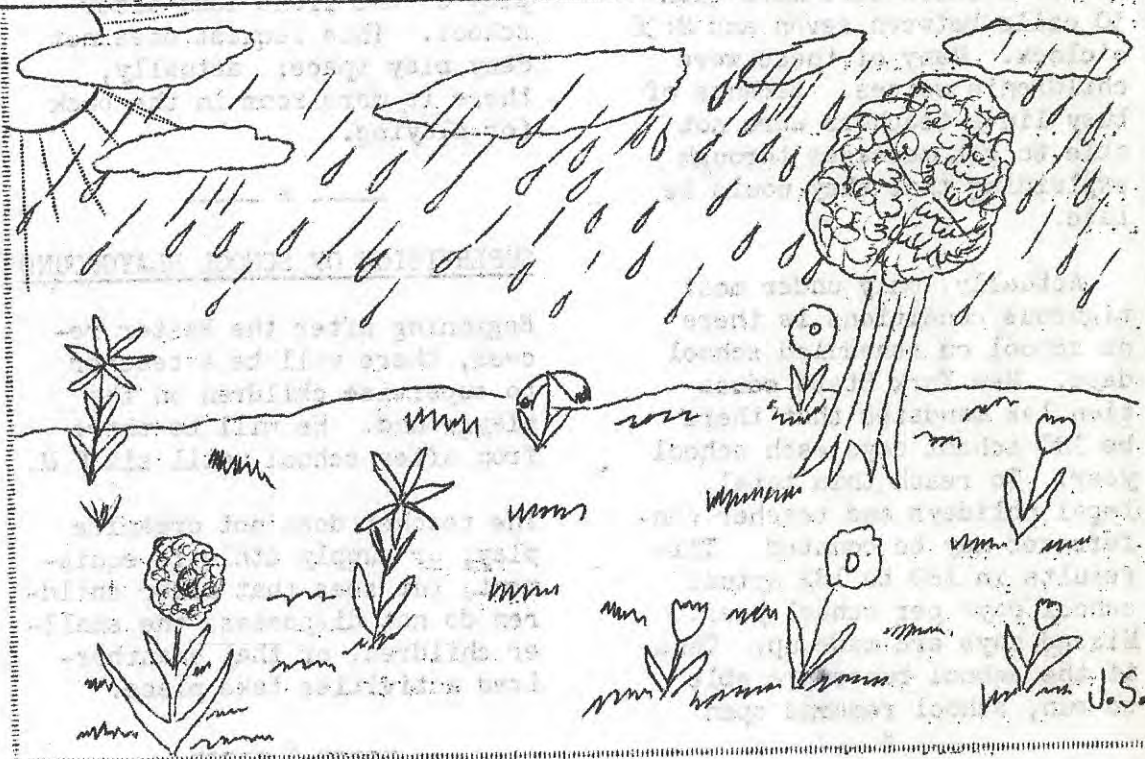
An up-to-date record of vaccine received should be kept by every family. Before the summer season, it would be wise for everyone to check with the family doctor to make certain that they have received adequate protection.

Catherine McCreight  
School Nurse

# GOTHAM GAZETTE

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APRIL 6, 1959



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SCHOOL CLOSING ALERT

In the first issue of the "Gazette" last October there was an explanation of procedure when school is closed because of weather. The last paragraph reads as follows.

"Parents will add to difficulty at school by calling to ask whether school is open or not on days with inclement weather."

During our last snow storm in March there were more than 50 calls between seven and 8:30 o'clock. Many of these were children's voices. Because of busy lines teachers were not able to get messages through explaining that they would be late.

Actually, only under most rigorous conditions is there no school on scheduled school days. New York State education law mandates that there be 190 school days each school year. To reach this total, legal holidays and teacher conferences may be counted. This results in 180 to 182 actual school days per school year. Missed days are made up. Thus if the school buses are able to run, school remains open

FRONT AREA AT GOTHAM AVENUE

When Gotham Avenue was built the front area was landscaped professionally. During the ten years since, custodians have worked, and the Board of Education supplied money, to maintain the good appearance. However, children have broken the bushes, rutted the lawn and killed the grass through playing in front.

With spring at hand it is especially urgent that parents cooperate with the school in seeing that the children do not play on the front lawn after school. This request does not deny play space; actually, there is more room in the back for playing.

SUPERVISION OF SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

*Starting 4/1/50*  
Beginning after the Easter recess, there will be a teacher to supervise children on the playground. He will be there from after school until six P.M.

The teacher does not organize play, or supply athletic equipment, but sees that older children do not dispossess the smaller children, or that unauthorized activities take place.

SIDE LINES

Mrs. Hemmerlein was born in Illinois. Her family moved to Syracuse, New York, and later she came to Long Island, where she now lives in North Valley Stream, with her husband, son and daughter.

While living in Syracuse Mrs. Hemmerlein took both a bachelor's and a master's degree from Syracuse University. She has also attended Middlebury College in Vermont, and Columbia University Teachers' College.

She has taught in Oakfield (near Buffalo, N.Y.), Hastings-on-Hudson, and Great Neck before coming to Elmont. In these schools she taught both elementary grades and subjects on four levels of high school. This year Mrs. Hemmerlein is teaching sixth grade, and is the grade chairman.

The Hemmerleins like to travel and the family has been to the British West Indies, and through much of eastern United States and Canada. Mrs. Hemmerlein especially liked historic New England, and French speaking Canada. Since she taught French in high school, she found it interesting to practice with the French Canadians.

Besides her interest in travel, Mrs. Hemmerlein teaches in Sunday school and works with the youth groups in her church.

Mrs. Hemmerlein's daughter attends Guilmont Organ School in New York City. Sundays she plays the organ in a church in Uniondale. Her son is interested in engineering, and is a senior in Elmont Memorial High School.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 6th - School reopens from Easter vacation.

April 9th - P.T.A. meeting 2:30

After April 6th - Spring Round-up

May 14th & 15th - Kindergarten Registration.

SPRING ROUND-UP

PTA workers will distribute registration forms to parents of kindergarten age children.

COVER PICTURE

The picture of April showers bringing May flowers on the front of this issue of the Gazette was drawn by John Schults in Mr. Bucchioni's sixth grade.

## ART APPRECIATION

Through Board of Education purchases over the last two years each elementary school in Elmont has acquired 24 framed reproductions of paintings we art teachers think suitable for children. The reproductions are large, and are mounted on heavy cardboard. They range from 18th Century Japan to 20th Century France, Germany, and America. The three Japanese pictures portray those elements of Oriental art generally unfamiliar to Westerners --- architecture, clothing, calligraphy, and method of painting, or the use of ink and wood-block on silk or parchment instead of oil paint on canvas.

Our European and American pictures begin with a realistically detailed interior from 16th Century Flanders, and include portraits, still-lives, and landscapes, representing the various styles used in the West up to present day cubist painting.

The artists include early Dutch painters, Rembrandt, Breugel and Vermeer; the great Spanish painter Goya is represented by a portrait of a young girl, and the contemporary French painter Rovalt by his famous portrait of "The Old King". Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" and a table top with fruit by Matisse are our two still-lives.

Thomas Benton and Winslow Homer portray American genre scenes that always interest children.

The pictures are circulated each week--each class then places their new picture in a prominent place in the classroom so that through daily presence and occasional discussion the children may become aware of the variety and richness of fine art.

Rodney Myatt  
Art Teacher

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## ADDITIONAL BUS TRIPS

Since January the following bus trips have been taken.

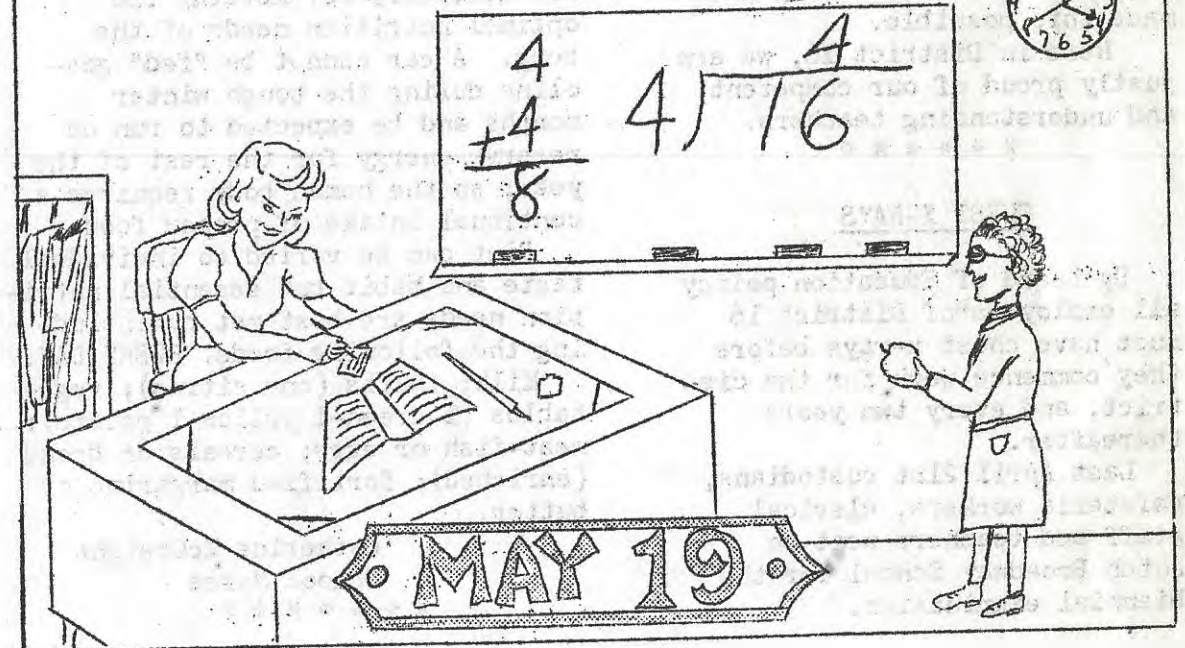
- Feb. 3rd - Mrs. Kaplan's third grade went to the NBC Radio-TV studios in New York City.
- 24th - Mrs. Goldman's and Miss Weisman's third grades went to Idlewild Airport.
- Mar. 10th - Mrs. Kaplan's third grade visited the Hayden Planetarium.
- April 7th - Miss Hahl's third grade class visited Lollipop Farm.
- 14th - Miss Buchner's and Mrs. Esposito's second grade classes went to the Central Park Zoo.
- 21st - Mrs. Kaplan visited the Jamaica Water Works Laboratories with her third grade class.

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MAY 1, 1959

## Teacher Recognition Day



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

TEACHER RECOGNITION DAY ✓

By the governor's proclamation, May 19th, is TEACHER RECOGNITION DAY. This is a very suitable honor. By law in the states of United States every youngster between certain ages must attend school. In New York State, the compulsory attendance ages are from seven until sixteen. This being required to attend school has paid off in that we are a literate nation where those who cannot read and write are almost unknown. In other lands, this is not the case, and many adults cannot sign their signature, or read a paper.

School teachers and school organizations behind them have made this possible.

Here in District 16, we are justly proud of our competent and understanding teachers.

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CHEST X-RAYS ✓

By Board of Education policy all employees of District 16 must have chest x-rays before they commence work for the district, and every two years thereafter.

Last April 21st custodians, cafeteria workers, clerical staff and teachers went to Dutch Broadway School for the biennial examination.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Miss Rita Weisman is planning an August wedding. She will be living in Massachusetts next year.

Mrs. Frankle will not be a regular teacher next year. It is hoped that she may do substitute teaching at Gotham Ave. from time to time.

Mrs. Gresser also will not be returning next September, as she is starting her family.

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NUTRITION ✓

"Spring fever" has replaced the winter sieges of flu and "echo" virus. Good nutrition can not be practiced seasonally. Year round observance of daily food habits are necessary for meeting the optimal nutrition needs of the body. A car cannot be "fed" gasoline during the tough winter months and be expected to run on reserve energy for the rest of the year; so the human body requires a continual intake of proper food.

Diet can be varied to individual taste and habit but essential nutrition needs are best met by including the following foods. EVERY DAY.

Milk; fruits (one citrus); vegetables (1 green-1 yellow-1 potato); meat-fish or eggs; cereals or bread (enriched); fortified margarine or butter.

Catherine McCreight  
School Nurse

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SIDE LINES

MRS. MARION SKALING

Not too many of our teachers might be considered native Long Islanders. Mrs. Skaling is. She was born in Brooklyn. After graduation from Hunter College she moved to Floral Park, and now lives in South Floral Park. Mrs. Skaling continued her schooling beyond the bachelor's degree, and now has a master's degree from Adelphi College.

Mrs. Skaling taught full time in New Hyde Park before coming to Elmont, and while a substitute teacher, has taught all elementary grades. Summers she has taught kindergarten and recreational arts and crafts for New York City schools.

The Skalings have two sons, and one grand daughter. The older son, Arthur, was a pupil in Mr. Davis' classes at Belmont Blvd School.

Mr. and Mrs. Skaling have taken many automobile trips in eastern United States, Canada, and Nova Scotia. Of special interest was the visit to the school house in Nova Scotia where Mr. Skaling's mother once taught school.

Besides her interest in travel, Mrs. Skaling has year round hobbies of sewing and music. One of the things that enrich the experience of her kindergarten classes is her piano playing for them.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 4th - Parents of 6th grade children are invited to visit Elmont Memorial High School. A letter with particulars will be sent home with sixth graders.

May 5th - Discussion of District 16 budget. Belmont Boulevard School at 8:00 P.M.

May 6th - Voting on school and library budgets, and school and library trustees, Gotham Ave. 12 noon - 10:00 P.M.

May 13th - Teachers' Conference. No school for children.

May 14th - PTA meeting. 2:30 PM.  
14th - Kindergarten registration 9:30 - 11:00 and 1:00 - 2:30.

May 15th - Kindergarten registration 9:30 - 11:00 and 1:00 - 2:30.

May 19th - Teacher Recognition Day  
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COVER PICTURE

The picture of teacher getting an apple on the front of this issue of the Gazette was drawn by Gregory Di Maria in Mrs. Fisher's class.



## GOOD CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES

Some forty children from the sixth grades were nominated for the Good Citizenship award by their teachers. To be nominated all children must have had a good conduct record, and acceptable academic marks.

In addition, they must have fulfilled one of the following criteria. During the year have been a class officer; on the student Council; worked on the Gotham Globe, or Gotham Glimpses; won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place during Field Day; helped on audio-visual committee; been a radio, band, or library helper.

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## PTA LUNCHEON FOR TEACHERS

Each year, in May, the Governor issues a proclamation declaring a Teacher Recognition Day. This year the date was May 19th.

The PTA gave a luncheon at Gotham Avenue at which the teachers and the class mothers were invited. They ate in the Library and teachers room in three shifts at the same time the children had their noon recess.

The tables were attractively decorated and the menu of turkey, potato and molded salad, rolls and coffee was thoroughly enjoyed.

Place markers were apples for the teacher. The teachers say a thank you very much to the Parent Teachers Association.

## SIXTH GRADE MOVING UP EXERCISES

It is planned to begin the ceremonies at 8 P.M. Boys are requested to wear jackets and trousers, and white shirts and ties. Girls should wear ordinary "dress up" dresses.

There will be numbers by the school band, the school glee club, and a sixth grade dance group.

Mr. Demos of the Board of Education will speak and present the traditional booklets with the constitutions of the United States and New York State and the Declaration of Independence.

There will be 130 children involved. This requires that the number of guests invited by each pupil be limited to two since space in the auditorium will not permit more. The guests will be seated in sections set aside for each of the four grades.

As in other years, the program should be over around 10 P.M.

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## SIXTH GRADE TRIP

On Wednesday, May 27th, 1959 the entire sixth grade went on a trip to see the Old Museum Village at Monroe, New York.

This was given to the children as a treat by the P.T.A. who also furnished the cost of transportation.

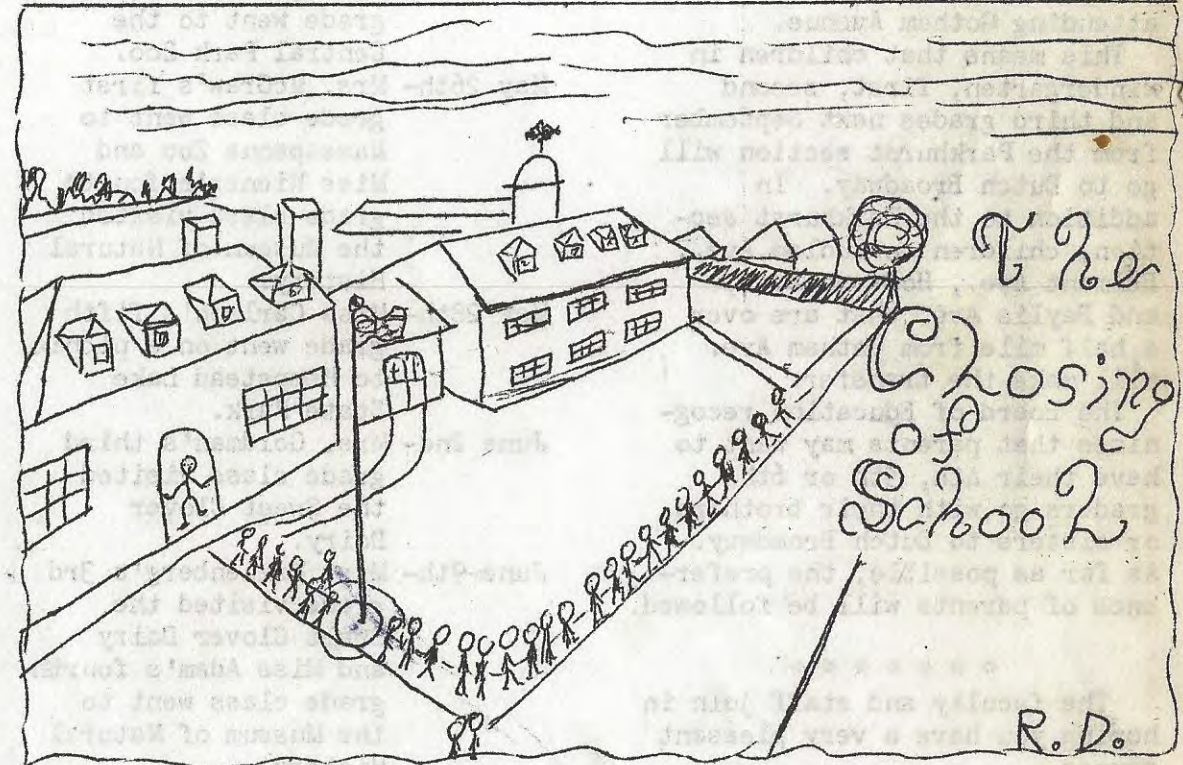
The children enjoyed the look at life in Colonial America.

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JUNE 1, 1959



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

TRANSFER OF PUPILS TO DUTCH BRDWAY.

Each Summer a census is made of the children in District #16 school area. District wide this information showed that for five years ahead, the number of children who would come to elementary school has reached a peak and would slowly decrease. This was true in all the District #16 schools except Gotham Ave!

To equate the pupil load, and to prevent classes at Gotham Ave. from being unduly large, the Board of Education has changed the boundary lines for those attending Gotham Avenue.

This means that children in kindergarten, first, second and third grades next September from the Parkhurst section will go to Dutch Broadway. In addition to the Parkhurst section, children on Ludlam Ave., Belmont Ave., Hoffman Ave., and Baylis Ave. that are over a half mile from Gotham Ave. will make the transfer.

The Board of Education recognizes that parents may want to have their 4th, 5th or 6th graders go with their brothers or sisters to Dutch Broadway. As far as possible, the preference of parents will be followed.

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The faculty and staff join in hoping you have a very pleasant summer.

ADDITIONAL BUS TRIPS

Since April the following bus trips have been taken.

- May 5th - Miss Keegan and Mrs. Zad's first grade classes went to the Massapequa Zoo.
- May 12th- Mrs. Doeg and Mrs. Gresser's 2nd grade classes went to the Central Park Zoo.
- May 19th- Mrs. Dietz's fourth grade class went to the Brooklyn childrens Museum and Mrs. M. Frankle's second grade went to the Central Park Zoo.
- May 26th- Mrs. McGraw's first grade class went to Massapequa Zoo and Miss Wiener's fourth grade class visited the Museum of Natural History.
- May 28th- Miss Carlson's fifth grade went on a picnic to Hempstead Lake State Park.
- June 2nd- Mrs. Goldman's third grade class visited the Sweet Clover Dairy.
- June 9th- Miss Kreienberg's 3rd grade visited the Sweet Clover Dairy and Miss Adam's fourth grade class went to the Museum of Natural History.

SIDE LINES - MR. VINCENT CASCIOLI

Mr. Cascioli formerly lived in Westchester and after World War II moved with his parents to Elmont. Following high school Mr. Cascioli was in the Army for nearly four years, seeing combat service in the European Theater. As a guest of Uncle Sam, Mr. Cascioli visited over nine countries in Europe, and has traveled to Bermuda as well as extensive automobile tours in the United States and Canada.

Following military service, he attended Champlain College, Hofstra, N. Y. University, and New Paltz State Teachers College, securing a masters degree from the latter. Mr. Cascioli came to Gotham Avenue School soon after it was opened, and has taught grades three, four, five and six. In addition to teaching, he has served on many teacher committees, been grade chairman, treasurer, and president of the Gotham Ave. Teachers' Association.

There are other teachers in his family, as his sister is teaching in the Franklin Square District, and his wife was a former kindergarten teacher at Gotham Avenue. Their 13 month old baby daughter hasn't decided whether or not she will become a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Cascioli live in Commack, Long Island. They furnished their new house in antiques and colonial furniture. The result was so attractive

that the American Home magazine for March, 1959 had a write up and pictures.

When he can arrange it in his busy schedule, Mr. Cascioli travels, gardens, refinishes antiques, and is a loyal supporter of the Yankees.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

- June 5th - Field Day for grades 4, 5, 6 in the morning
- June 18th- Moving-up Exercises for 6th grades. 8 P.M.
- June 23rd- School over for day at noon.
- June 24th- School ends for year at noon.
- July 6th - Beginning of Summer School, Summer Playground & Instrumental Music lessons.
- Aug. 7th - End of Summer School.
- Aug. 14th- End of Summer Playground and Instrumental music.

Sept. 9th- School begins.

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COVER PICTURE

The picture of the children leaving school on the front of this issue of the Gazette was drawn by Robert Duncan in Mr. Bucchioni's class.

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 5th - Begin Special Helps  
October 6th - Fire Prevention Assembly at 1:30 P.M.  
October 7th - Teacher Conference - School Closed  
October 12th - Columbus Day - School Closed  
October 27th - Book Week Tea at 2:00 P.M. in Library

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FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

### SALK VACCINE

At the end of the school year, we urged all families to check the number and dosage of Salk Vaccine that members of their families might be adequately protected.

This past summer there was an increase in poliomyelites cases over the 1958 season.

A survey for the Health Department of our school children's vaccine records has just been completed. The school is not planning to give Salk Vaccine again. The survey was done for information only.

From the results many children have received no vaccine and others are inadequately protected because of insufficient dosage.

Parents should check with their family doctor so that complete immunization with Salk Vaccine may be given before the next summer season.

When your child is absent for any reason, please call the health office on the second day. Absences can be reported directly to the nurse by calling PR. 5-1671 before 9 A.M. or between 12:15 and 1 P.M. If you wish to discuss any other health matter, a parent conference can be arranged by appointment for any day from 2:45 to 3:00 P.M.

Catherine McGracht-RN

# GOTHAM

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# COLUMBUS DAY FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SCHOOL STATISTICS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

Last June it was mentioned that bus children of grades kindergarten, first, second and third living in section commonly called the Parkhurst Area would transfer to Dutch Broadway. Brothers and sisters of these children could elect to transfer if so desired. The total number involved was 144.

Current enrollment figures at Gotham Ave. are:

Kindergarten - 121  
First Grade - 95  
Second Grade - 116  
Third Grade - 104  
Fourth Grade - 113  
Fifth Grade - 141  
Sixth Grade - 144

834 Total

There are eight sets of twins in school; some are similar enough to cause teachers to look closely to tell them apart.

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BUS TRIPS

Field trips on district owned buses have commenced. It is Board of Education policy that all Second and sixth grades have at least one approved trip. Other grades may take trips as there is opportunity and interest.

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SPECIAL HELPS

It is planned to begin our Special Helps Monday, October 5th. This year the program will be on Monday. In addition to the subjects last year, we will have a Health Club, and a Literature Enrichment section, and two Science sections.

SIDE LIGHTS - MRS. DOROTHY PODVINECZ

Mrs. Podvinez was born and had her early education in eastern Pennsylvania. In addition to public schools, she graduated from Wyoming Seminary (in Penn.), Juillard School of Music and Teachers College, Columbia University. From the latter she has a master's degree.

When first at Elmont, Mrs. Podvinez taught private piano lessons. When she became a public school teacher she continued to teach music and has been music teacher at Gotham Avenue since it opened. For the last three years, she has been the chairman of District #16 Music teachers.

She has travelled extensively by auto in U.S. including the 49th state and in all the provinces of Canada. By boat she has been to the West Indies, Columbia, South America, the British Isles and Europe.

Much of Mrs. Podvinez's present travelling is through travel books, but she has plans to visit the 50th state next summer. Away from school she continues her interest in music and has attended the Boston Symphony Concerts for many years.

Some of the time each summer Mrs. Podvinez spends at her summer place at Harvey's Lake, Penn.

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TEACHERS NEW TO GOTHAM AVENUE

Miss Insull - Kdgn. - State Tchrs. College, New Paltz  
Mr. Giuliani - 4th Gr. - State Tchrs. Coll., New Paltz  
Miss Kuntner - 4th Gr. - St. Johns College  
Miss Ebersson - 5th Gr. - State Tchrs. Coll., New Paltz  
Mrs. Jordan - 5th Gr. - Hunter College

NOVEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Nov. 3 - Election Day - School closed.  
Nov. 9, 10, 12, 13 - American Education Week. See schedule for daytime class visits in this issue.  
Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day, - School closed.  
Nov. 12 - P.T.A Meeting - 8:00 P.M. Open School Night.  
Nov. 20 - Assembly Program at 10:30. Check from Children's Community Chest will be given to the Nassau Mental Health Clinic representative.  
Nov. 25-27 - Thanksgiving vacation - School closes at noon November 25th.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In the annual fire prevention contest the following were the winners.

In the Poster contest:

- 1st - Glenn Satty - Mrs. Hemmerlein's 6th grade  
2nd - Donna Cooper - Mrs. Hemmerlein's 6th grade  
3rd - Edward Hirsch - Mr. Cascioli's 5th grade

In the Essay contest:

- 1st - Belinda Rose - Mrs. Goldman's 6th grade  
2nd - Susan Schwartz - Mrs. Hemmerlein's 6th grade  
3rd - Mitchell Haber - Mrs. Goldman's 6th grade

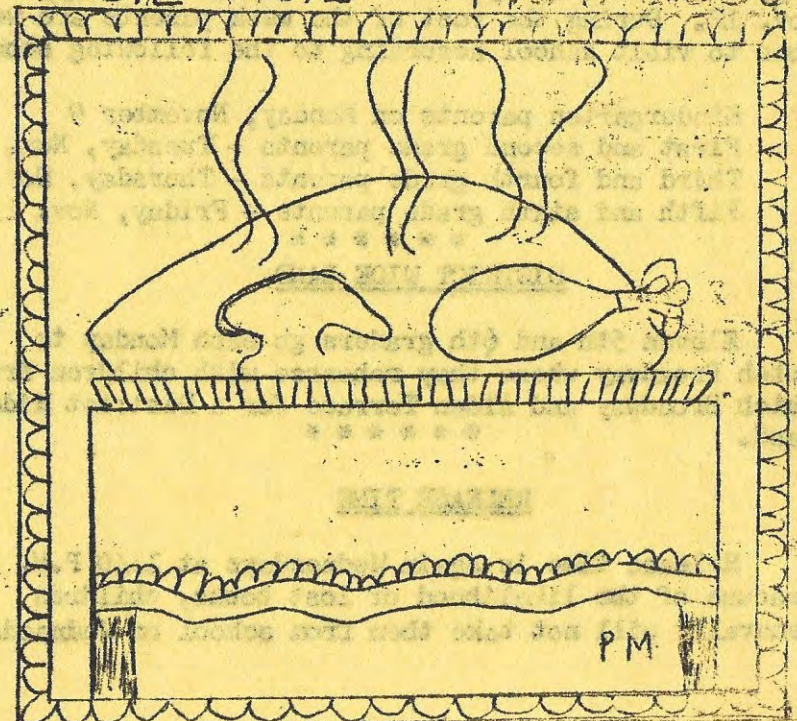
Mr. Heber, the Chaplain for the Elmont Fire Department, came to an assembly for the intermediate grades and made the awards. He also gave a talk on fire prevention and the necessity for being careful with fire.

While Mr. Heber was in the assembly, other members of the Fire Department were in the play area with a fire truck. They gave a short ride to children in the kindergarten, first and second

grades.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

For many years the week in which Veterans' Day occurs has been set aside as American Education Week. This year by proclamation of President Eisenhower the period from November 8 through November 14 has been designated.

One paragraph from the Proclamation reads:

"Let us display to the world and to ourselves our pride in this primary instrument of democracy--public education--complemented by private education, which is supported by the willing sacrifices of each citizen and which benefits all. This we can do by giving our loyal and intelligent support to our schools and to the teachers who have dedicated their lives to the advancement of their students, the children of America."

At Gotham Avenue as part of Parent Teacher meeting, there will be Open School Night on Thursday, Nov. 12. During the rest of the week parents are welcome to visit school according to the following schedule.

Kindergarten parents on Monday, November 9  
First and second grade parents - Tuesday, Nov. 10  
Third and fourth grade parents - Thursday, Nov. 12  
Fifth and sixth grade parents - Friday, Nov. 13

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DISTRICT WIDE BAND

Eleven 5th and 6th graders go each Monday to Dutch Broadway where they rehearse with children from Dutch Broadway and Alden Terrace for a District Wide band.

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RELEASE TIME

Release time is again Wednesdays at 1:40 P.M. Because of the likelihood of lost books, children generally will not take them from school on Wednesdays.

TEACHER PROFILE - MISS DORIS PLACE

Miss Doris Place has been our librarian since Gotham Avenue opened in 1949. She was born in Oswego, New York, and spent the second half of her childhood growing up in Rochester. After graduating from Oswego State Teachers College, she taught the primary grades in upstate communities. Then after a year of library training at Syracuse University, she came to Elmont to try and make Johnny want to read.

For six summers she has worked at the State Education Department at Albany, either organizing a curriculum laboratory library, or preparing bibliographies of children's books for distribution throughout the state. Others summers have been spent covering the North American continent from Alaska to Panama. Next summer she hopes to start on Europe, and take slide views of her progress. In addition to photography, her hobbies consist of reading, oil painting, music appreciation, theatre-going, bowling, and needle-work (while watching TV programs). Beginning this month, Miss Place is President of the New York State School Librarians Association.

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EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

You may be informed about school closing because of bad weather by listening to :

ELMONT FIRE HORN - Will blow five short consecutive blasts at 7:10 A.M.  
STATION WOR (710 on Radio dial) 6:30 and 7:30 A.M.  
STATION WHLI (1100 on Radio dial) after 7:00 A.M.  
STATION WGSM (740 on Radio dial) after 7:00 A.M.  
STATION WRCA (660 on Radio dial) after 6:30 A.M.  
STATION WGBB (1240 on Radio dial) after 7:30 A.M.

Parents will add to difficulty at school by calling to ask whether school is open or not on days with inclement weather.

DECEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

- December 2nd - Report cards issued.  
December 10th - PFA Meeting 1:30 P.M. Children's  
Holiday Festival.  
December 22nd - Last day of school before Christmas  
Holidays. Children will be dismissed  
at regular time on Tuesday.  
January 4th - School reopens.

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FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

THE COMMON COLD

Everybody's an expert on the "common cold". Magic formulas and advice are given freely at the first sign of a sniffle.

Actually there is no one way to prevent colds and no single medicine that will cure them. Cold vaccine helps to increase the body's resistance to colds. The anti-histamines are used to relieve some of the symptoms.

The best thing you can do to help your body fight off the cold virus is to get extra rest preferably in bed. Keep warm and dry and drink plenty of liquids. You can help to prevent the spread of a cold to others by these simple methods.

1. Cover your mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
2. Don't leave used paper tissues or handkerchiefs around. Dispose of them immediately after using.
3. Wash your hands thoroughly before preparing and handling food.
4. Stay in bed at home if possible for the first few days.
5. See your family doctor if a cold or cough persists for more than a week.
6. Dress appropriately for weather changes.

Catherine McCreight  
Nurse - Teacher

DECEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

VANDALISM

As schools go, Gotham Avenue is quite free from vandalism as compared to newspapers' reports on New York City. However, we do have some, and it occurs in the following general areas. Inside children mutilate textbooks, gouge pupil desks and chairs, write on walls, and do damage in the toilets. Outside the building windows are broken, shrubbery and lawns destroyed, woodwork and walls carved and marked, roofing damaged and bottles broken against the building.

Administratively several procedures are taken to protect community property. Windows are screened; on certain occasions watchmen are assigned buildings, teachers and custodians are alert to damage being done, teachers and parents explain to children the importance of not destroying school property. When required, parents are notified of damage done by their child, and the costs involved. In some instances the police are called.

Almost exclusively, the vandalism is done by boys, and usually boys not now at Gotham Avenue.

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AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

The theme this year for American Education Week was "Praise and Appraise your schools". As classroom visitors will recall, they were asked to sign a register when they visited their child's class. During the day, there were 557 visitors, and on Open School Night there were 670 who signed the registers. Thus probably a 1,000 parents had an opportunity to appraise their children's school.

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COVER PICTURE

The picture on the front of this issue was done by Douglas LaMonte in Mrs. Hemmerlein's class.

TEACHER PROFILE -- MISS HELEN CUDDEBACK

As with many Long Islanders, Miss Cuddeback was born upstate, where there is still a small village called Cuddebackville. She attended elementary and high school at Port Jervis. Her college education was at Colby Junior College, Miles College, and Adelphi. She is within a few points of her master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia.

Miss Cuddeback has taught primary grades in New York State, Louisiana and California before coming to Elmont. At Gotham Avenue School she has been an officer in the Teacher's Association, and on textbook research committees and Teachers' Council for the district.

Besides her travels when she was teaching in Louisiana and California, Miss Cuddeback has traveled extensively in most of the states of continental United States, three of the provinces of Canada, cruised to the Caribbean and has toured western Europe. In addition to her hobby of traveling, she is interested in attending the opera and "antiquing".

Miss Cuddeback comes from a family of doctors, as her grandfather and father were physicians and her brother-in-law and sister are also doctors.

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PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Miss Babcock, last year's fifth grade teacher, is on a sabbatical leave.  
Mrs. Doeg, second grade teacher, will not return after the holidays, as she is infanticipating.  
Miss Wiener, third grade teacher, changed her name during the Thanksgiving holidays to Mrs. Lionel Hoffman.

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THE FACULTY AND STAFF JOIN TO WISH YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS.



## LUNCH PROGRAM

The Gotham Ave. School Lunch Program, as well as the lunch program in the other Elmont Schools, is a participant in the Federal School Lunch Program. One of the requirements of this program is that a nutritionally balanced meal designed to meet one-third of the child's daily requirements be served. This is called "A" type lunch. In addition to the complete meal, milk and ice cream are also sold at Gotham Ave. to supplement lunches brought from home.

The "A" type lunch includes one half pint of milk, two ounces of protein, from meat, poultry, fish, eggs, cheese and the like, three-fourths cup of vegetable and, or fruit, two teaspoons of butter or fortified margarine, and one slice of whole grain or enriched white bread. Any lunch, (hot or cold), which meets the above requirements may be called an "A" lunch. In Elmont, the charge for this lunch is 25¢. Combined funds from New York State and the Federal government amounting to 9¢ per meal served to children, are contributed to the Lunch Program fund thus enabling the Elmont Schools to serve the lunch for this low cost. An additional appropriation by the Federal government subsidizing the sale of milk to children has aided us in selling milk for 3¢ per half pint.

A total of 60,118 type "A" lunches were served at Gotham Avenue School last year with an additional 8,834 half pints of milk. This year our daily average of type "A" lunches served at Gotham Ave. is 330, plus an additional 290 half-pints of milk.

Each child is given a menu to bring home every week so that he and his home may be informed as to what is going to be served. With the cooperation of everyone concerned with the supervision and service during the lunch periods every effort is being made to make this a pleasant time.

I. Ahern H.  
School Lunch & Nutrition  
Director

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

DOGS

The Board of Education has posted signs that dogs are forbidden on the school grounds. The dogs don't obey the signs, and in instances neither do their masters when walking their dogs.

During the last few weeks there has been an increase in the number of dogs running loose. Children have been knocked down, and two have been bitten. For your own protection and the protection of all the children in the neighborhood dogs should either be tied or fenced in. Periodically a truck from Hempstead Animal Shelter checks the school area.

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CHILDRENS' COMMUNITY CHEST

The children of District 16 contribute towards a Childrens' Community Chest. So far this year there have been three presentations. The last one was at Gotham Avenue. A check for \$400.00 was presented to a representative of the West Nassau Mental Health Clinic. Pictures of presentations are posted in the display case by principal's office.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

All parents are to come to the principal's office before going to classrooms.

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BLEACHERS

Something new has been added at Gotham Avenue. Early this fall two sets of bleachers were put in the gymnasium. They are six seats high and approximately 70 children can use each set. When not in use they telescope against the wall.

TEACHER PROFILE -- MR. EUGENE BUCCHIONI

Mr. Bucchioni was born in New York City and attended elementary and high school there. His bachelor's and master's degrees were taken at Queen's College.

Currently he is a doctoral student in the field of Anthropology - Sociology. His studies in Sociology are being pursued under the Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research. His work in Anthropology will be taken at New York University.

Besides Elmont, Mr. Bucchioni has also taught at Niagara Falls. Here at Gotham Avenue School he has taught fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Currently he is chairman of the sixth grade teachers. He has also served on district wide teacher committees.

Foreign languages have great interest for him. Currently he is studying Italian. From his trips to Mexico he knows Spanish, and last year and this year he has been teaching Spanish in the Special Helps Program at Gotham Ave. Fluency in reading a research language is required for a doctorate, and he plans to offer German, as still another language.

Besides his trips to Mexico, Mr. Bucchioni has traveled in many of the states of continental United States, especially those in south western United States.

In addition to travel, Mr. Bucchioni enjoys the theater and music, especially operatic and symphonic and reading.

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COVER PICTURE

Richard Greenfield in Mrs. McDonell's class drew the cover picture this issue.

## FEBRUARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Feb. 12th - Lincoln's Birthday. School closed.
- 17th - Report Cards issued.
- 18th - PTA Founders Day. Meeting at Dutch Broadway School at 8:00 P.M.
- 22nd - Washington's Birthday. School closed.

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### PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mrs. Janet Gramlich is a new teacher in second grade. She is finishing the year in Mrs. Doeg's room.

Miss Kuntner will become Mrs. Healy the latter part of February.

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### BUS TRIPS

In District #16 it is the policy that all first and sixth grade children have an educational bus trip during the school year. Other grades may take trips as time is available.

To date classes have taken trips as follows: Kindergarten, 2; First Grade, 3; Second Grade, 2; Third Grade, 2; Fourth Grade, 4; Fifth Grade, 1; and Sixth Grade, 5.

The buses are regular District #16 school buses and are driven by experienced drivers. There is no transportation cost to the children.

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### COVER PICTURE

The picture on the cover of this issue was drawn by Barry Yormack in Mrs. Goldman's class.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

GO HOME MOVEMENT

State Civil Defense authorities have requested that all schools prepare plans for escorting children home should there be a need. The same procedures could be used in case of a natural catastrophe.

The area from which children attend Gotham Avenue has been divided into nine sub-areas. Lists have been prepared of the children living in each sub-area, and teachers assigned to convoy children to their region. On the convoys there will be approximately one teacher to thirty children. The largest convoy has 145 students and to this one there will be six teachers assigned.

To date the organization is wholly within the school. At this time NO children will be convoyed home. If, in the future, children are actually convoyed home, ADVANCE NOTICE WILL BE SENT TO PARENTS.

Also at this time the Block Mother organization is being reactivated. Flyers were sent home explaining the procedure and asking parents to signify whether they would act as Block Mothers. To date 85 mothers have said that they would help.

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GROUP CLASSROOM PICTURES

Pictures are being taken in all the classrooms. In the sixth grades the picture will appear in the yearbook. In the other grades the picture may be purchased for 75¢. A slip will be supplied to those purchasing a picture giving the names of all the children.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. VINCENZA ESPOSITO

Mrs. Esposito was born in Brooklyn and attended elementary and high school there. She earned her bachelor's degree at Hunter college, majoring in psychology and educational testing as well as elementary education. Her master's degree was taken at City College. She received this degree in the field of school psychology.

Currently, Mrs. Esposito is a student of the piano. She is learning to play by studying the chord system for adults.

In addition to teaching the second grade, she has been in charge of Gotham Avenue's Summer Playground for the past four years. She is now chairman of the second grades. Mrs. Esposito has served on various teachers' committees and helped revise the handwriting curriculum. She is currently a member of the teachers' council.

She has numerous interests; some of which are, photography, knitting, theatre going and collecting odd-shaped salt and pepper sets.

Mr. Esposito is a fifth grade teacher in the North Merrick public school system.

Mr. & Mrs. Esposito enjoy visiting new places and learning about other states and countries. They have traveled extensively in the Caribbean visiting Havana, Puerto Rico, Bermuda, Dominican Republic and the Virgin Islands. They have also visited the states along the eastern seaboard and have seen most of eastern Canada.

After working with so many nice children in Elmont Mrs. Esposito is pleased to announce that she is going to enjoy parenthood herself this summer.

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## MARCH SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- March 4 - Assembly for Mrs. Goldman's Class 10:30\*
- 10 - PTA Meeting 2:45
- 11 - Assembly for Mrs. Hoffman's Class 9:30\*
- 16 - "For Men Only" 8:00 P.M.
- 18 - Assembly for Miss Schalkham's Class 10:30\*
- 25 - Assembly for Miss Kreienberg's Class 9:30\*

\* Parents of children involved are welcome to come to these assemblies.

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### PERSONNEL NOTES

Mr. Bucchioni, sixth grade teacher, is teaching the spring term at Hunter College. He is expected to return to Gotham Avenue next September. A qualified teacher will be secured to finish the year.

Mr. & Mrs. Dillman are pleased to have a son, Douglas, join their two other children. Mr. Dillman is the Instrumental Music teacher at Gotham Ave.

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### TAKING CLASSROOM FLAGS HOME

Responsible fourth, fifth and sixth grade pupils will be loaned the classroom American flag to take home for display on Memorial Day, Flag Day, and other suitable occasions. The teachers will give instructions as to the proper showing of the flag. It is an honor to be selected by the class to take the flag home.

The flags we use are new ones that have fifty stars.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

CONDUCT, ESPECIALLY ON WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL

During school hours discipline is a direct concern of teachers and administrators. In extreme cases, where children in school will not conform to acceptable standards of behavior, they may be expelled. This insistence on good conduct in school is required so that a learning situation can be maintained.

When children are on their way to, or from school, the authority of school personnel is not directly involved. However, it is a matter of concern, when people who live on the streets near school call on the telephone, or come to the office and report their fence, hedge, or shrubbery being destroyed by children pushing each other into it.

It is also disturbing when it is reported that one child is being set upon by another child or a group of children, on his way home, or at the bus stop. It is expected that children should grow up to live in a system of law and order. It is most unfortunate when children are taught or urged by their parents to retaliate, or "get a gang to beat up" someone because of a real, or fancied slight. Presumably fathers are more guilty of this in that they do not want their children to be known as sissies or mollycoddles. Encouraging children to do this sort of thing is not the solution, nor is it a good example. Just as sensible adults do not attempt to settle personal arguments with fisticuffs, neither should children.

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The picture on the front was drawn by Susan Doyno in Miss Ebersson's class

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. JEANNE ZAD

Mrs. Zad is a native Long Islander being born in Flushing, New York. She was graduated from St. Andrew's School in Flushing, where her two daughters now attend. They are in the third and fifth grades.

She secured both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Queens College. Mrs. Zad has also attended Cornell University for additional courses.

Before coming to Elmont Mrs. Zad taught in Baldwin. In District #16 she has taught at Elmont Road School and Belmont Boulevard as well as in Gotham Avenue. She is now teaching first grade at Gotham Avenue and at other times has taught second grade.

Besides her teaching she has served as Grade Chairman for first grade teachers, was President of the Gotham Avenue Teacher's Association and has helped train student teachers. Currently she is a member of Teacher's Council for District #16 and is working on the committee for the revision of arithmetic curriculum. As hobbies, Mrs. Zad enjoys the theater and collecting old milk glass.

Mr. Zad is art director with a commercial advertising firm in New York City. Their house is decorated with attractive paintings by Mr. Zad.

Currently they are planning to build a summer home on Lake Garfield in the Berkshires, in Massachusetts.

Part of their family when they travel to New England is their Doberman Pinscher, whom they call Dutchess.

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## APRIL SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- April 1 - Assembly for Mr. Giuliani's class 10:30\*
  - 6 - PTA Meeting at 2:45. This time is a change from previous schedule.
  - 8 - Assembly for Mrs. McGraw's class 9:30\*
  - 13 - School closes regular time for start Easter vacation.
  - 25 - School reopens after Easter vacation.
  - 27 - Report cards issued.
  - 29 - Assembly for Miss White's class at 9:30.\*
- \* Parents of children involved are welcome to come to these assemblies.

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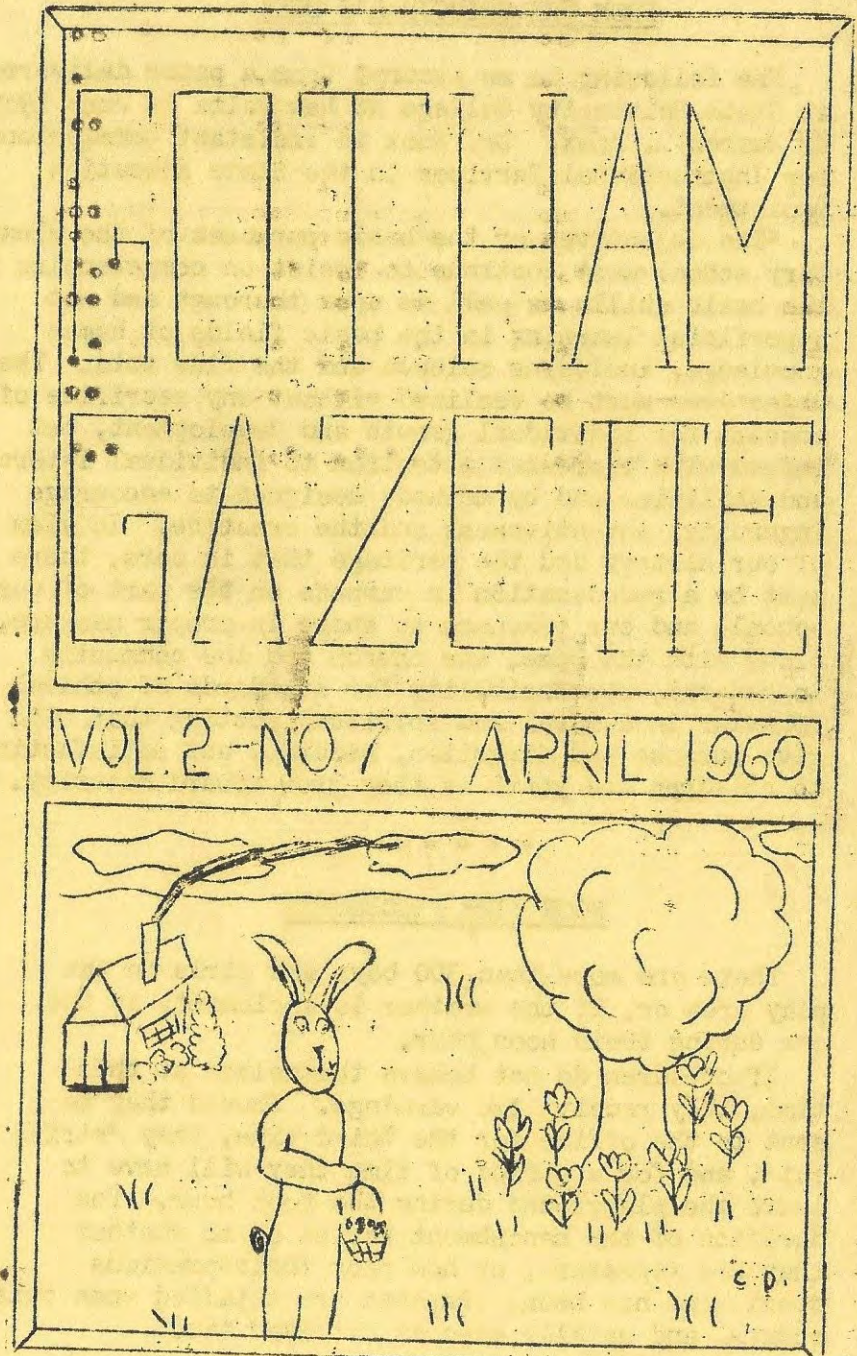
### GLEE CLUBS

What does my youngster have to do to get into Glee Club?" I have been asked that question many, many times. The basic answer is - "A child must be able to carry a tune in a medium voice range". This is the maximum requirement in the first and second grades. The requirements, naturally, become more demanding as the child is promoted from grade to grade. The basis remains the ability to carry a tune. However, this ability must become more stabilized and each year a wider range of tone is required. The quality of the individual voice becomes very important after the second grade. Only children whose voices blend well are chosen for the Glee Clubs.

Occasionally, a child who has been able to sing in first or second grade will forget how during the summer. That child won't make Glee Club that year, but nine times out of ten, he or she will have put forth the necessary effort by the next year.

The Glee Clubs are a wonderful incentive for non-singing children to learn to sing.

Mrs. Podvinez  
Vocal Music Teacher



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The following is an excerpt from a paper delivered at State University College at New Paltz in June 1959 by Warren M. Knox. Dr. Knox is assistant Commissioner for Instructional Services in the State Education Department.

"The objectives or the basic purposes of the elementary school must continue to insist on competencies in the basic skills as well as upon thorough and not superficial learning in the basic fields of human knowledge, including science and the fine arts. These objectives must be realized without any sacrifice of concern for individual growth and development, but indeed with increased attention to individual interests and abilities and by methods designed to encourage ingenuity, inventiveness and the creative. In view of our history and the heritage that is ours, there must be a rededication in purpose on the part of our schools and our teachers to share in proper measure, along with the home, the church and the community in general, responsibility for standards of ethical behavior in a moral and spiritual setting that will give purpose and direction, security and satisfaction to children and youth as they grow toward maturity."

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NOON TIME PROCEDURES

There are more than 300 boys and girls on the play area or, if the weather is inclement, in the gym during their noon hour.

If children do not behave themselves at this time, they receive two warnings. Should they be sent to the office for the third time, they "strike out", and for a period of time they will have to leave the playground during the noon hour. The duration of the banishment varies as to whether they are repeaters, or how poor their previous discipline has been. Parents are notified when this occurs, and usually also at "strike" two.

TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. BARBARA GOLDMAN

After graduating from Brooklyn College with honors, Mrs. Goldman came to Elmont. A native New Yorker, she is attending Queens College for her master's degree.

She has been a primary teacher for several years but is presently enjoying sixth grade. Mrs. Goldman also has taught summer school.

Besides her teaching she has served as Grade Chairman for the third grade teachers, was secretary of the Gotham Avenue Teachers' Association, and has also helped train student teachers. She has actively participated in three teachers' conferences; demonstrating an arithmetic lesson, participating in a music presentation and leading a seminar group. She is especially interested in science and is Science Chairman for the school.

Mr. Goldman is a registered pharmacist and is now teaching chemistry in New Hyde Park Senior High School. Together, they have traveled through New England visiting such historic points as Rockport, Plymouth and Concord. They enjoy touring reconstructed towns and have visited Sturbridge, Mass., Mystic, Conn., and Williamsburg, Va.

Mrs. Goldman plays the piano and enjoys cooking and sewing. After working with so many nice children in Elmont, she is both sad and pleased to announce that she is leaving to raise a family of her own.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mrs. Jordan is also "infanticipating" and will not return to Gotham Avenue in May.

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The picture on the front was drawn by Carol Davidson in Miss Adam's class.



## DENTAL INSPECTIONS

As the dental health program in District Sixteen is an educational one rather than a service program, the dental inspection given to each child by the dental hygiene teacher is an instructive device and in no way replaces the periodic examination by the family dentist.

The school inspection gives the dental hygiene teacher an opportunity to observe the general condition of the child's mouth and the particular needs of the individual. It also provides an opportunity for personal instruction in the care of the teeth and the surrounding tissues.

The corrective advice card which is given at the time of the school inspection advising a dental examination by the family dentist is an important phase of this educational procedure. The habit of regular dental visits developed in a child helps insure healthy well cared for teeth and mouth in the adult.

Mrs. Vera Crowley  
Dental Hygienist

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### MAY CALENDAR

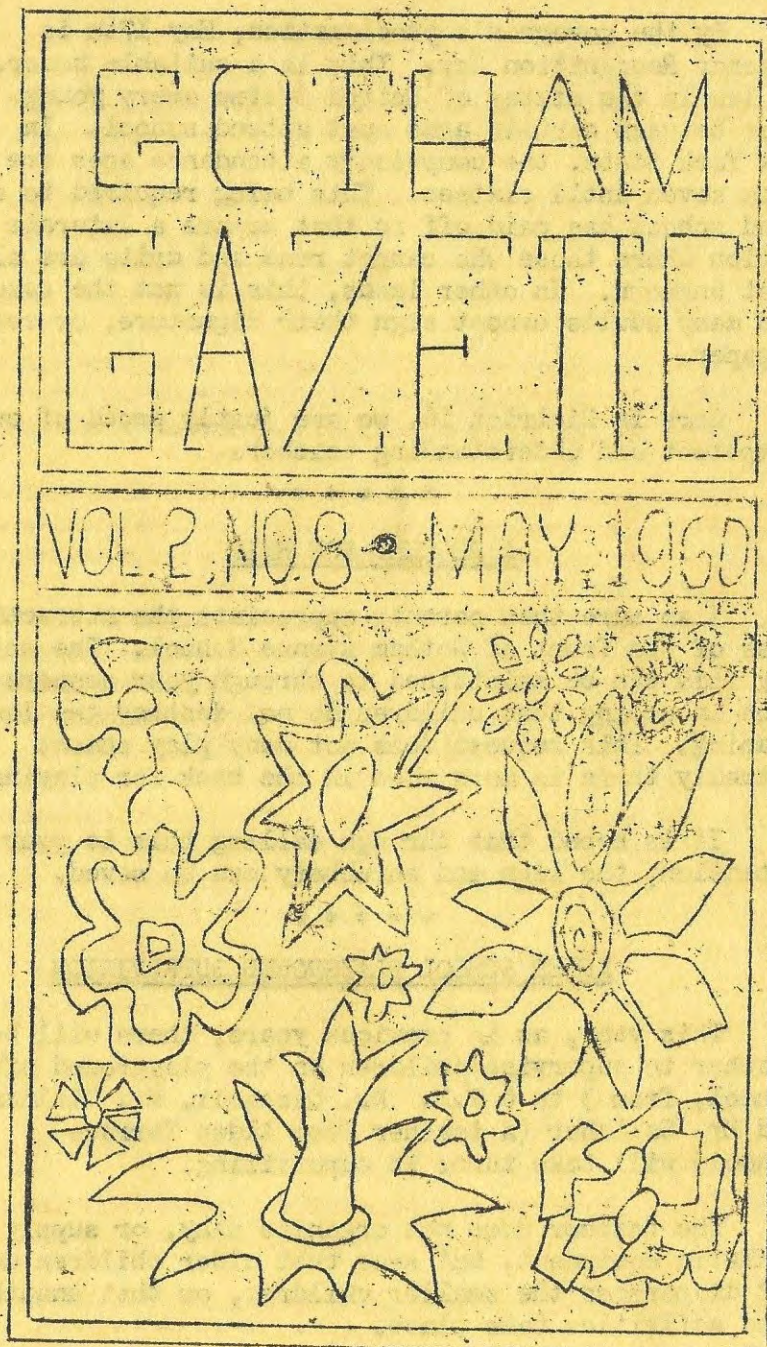
The following are important school dates during the month.

- May 5 - PTA Bazaar in Gym 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- 6 - Assembly for Mrs. Casey's class 10:30 \*
- 7 - Teachers' Conference - No school
- 12 - PTA Meeting at 8:00 P.M.
- 12 & 13 - Kindergarten registration
- 13 - Assembly for Miss Buchner's class 9:30\*
- 17 - Teachers' Recognition Day
- 20 - Assembly for Miss Adams' class 10:30\*
- 27 - Assembly for Mrs. Gramlich's class 9:30\*
- 30 - Memorial Day - No school

*School Registration*  
\* Parents of children involved are welcome to come to these assemblies.

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*Kdgn Tea*



## TEACHER RECOGNITION DAY

By the governor's proclamation, May 17th is Teacher Recognition Day. This is a suitable honor. By law in the states of United States every youngster between certain ages must attend school. In New York State, the compulsory attendance ages are from seven until sixteen. This being required to attend school has paid off in that we are a literate nation where those who cannot read and write are almost unknown. In other lands, this is not the case, and many adults cannot sign their signature, or read a paper.

Here in District 16, we are justly proud of our competent and understanding teachers.

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### A REQUEST FOR HELP

I am sure that parents appreciate the attractiveness of the front of Gotham Avenue School. The only way this can be maintained is through your cooperation in seeing that children do not destroy the landscaping. This request does not deny play space; actually there is more room in the back for playing.

It is hoped that through calling this to your attention, the lawn and shrubbery can be saved.

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### AFTER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

This year, as in previous years, there will be a teacher to supervise children on the playground after school, from 3 to 6 P.M. Mr. Cascioli, Mr. Giuliani and Mr. Gallaher (a teacher from Alden Terrace School) will take turns in supervising.

The teacher does not organize play, or supply athletic equipment, but sees that older children do not dispossess the smaller children, or that unauthorized activities take place.

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## TEACHER PROFILE - MISS KEEGAN

Many teachers in Long Island Schools were not born in this area. Miss Keegan, however, was born in New York City, and at an early age came to Floral Park to make her home.

After attending the elementary and high schools there, she went to St. Elizabeth's College in New Jersey. She is now completing the required work for her master's Degree at Adelphi College.

Before returning to Adelphi to secure her New York State Teacher's license, Miss Keegan worked as a research technician at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital.

Miss Keegan has taught first and second grades at Gotham Avenue School, and this year is the first grade chairman. She has also served as treasurer of the Gotham Avenue Teachers Association, was school representative to the Metropolitan School Study Council, and has participated in parent education workshops. There was an additional teacher in Miss Keegan's family; her father was a professor at St. John's College.

During vacations, Miss Keegan has toured by automobile the eastern seaboard states as well as the eastern provinces of Canada. Boat trips have taken her to Bermuda, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Besides travel, she is interested in winter sports, theater going, sewing and working for local charitable organizations.

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### PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mr. Miele is to finish the year with Mrs. Jordan's 5th grade class.

Mrs. Fischler is to finish the year with Mrs. Goldman's 6th grade class.

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## JUNE CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during June and summer months.

- June 3 - Field Day for grades 4, 5, 6 at 9:00A.M.  
Interested parents may come to watch the events.  
7 - Mrs. McGraw's and Mrs. Zad's classes take a trip to Bronx Zoo. Leave 9:30A.M.  
14 - Sixth Graders on all day picnic to Bethpage State Park. Leave 9:45A.M. This is gift of PTA.  
14 - Miss Ebersson's class on trip to Museum of City of New York. Leave 9:30 A.M.  
23 - Moving up exercises for sixth grade. At 8:00P.M.  
24 - School closes for year at 11:45A.M.  
July 6 - Beginning of Summer School, Summer Playground, Instrumental Music and Library.  
Aug. 9 - End of Summer School, Summer Playground, Instrumental Music and Library.  
Sept. 7 - School opens for children at regular time.

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### BUS TRIPS

Since April we have had ten bus trips. This brings the total trips for the school year up to 33.

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### COVER PICTURE

The picture of the children leaving school on the front of this issue of the Gazette was drawn by Thomas Bender in Mrs. Feigin's class.

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The faculty and staff join in hoping you have a very pleasant summer.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

GOOD CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES

At an assembly to be held Friday morning, June 17, some fifty children from the sixth grade will receive an award for good citizenship. They were nominated by their homeroom teachers and the special teachers on the basis of the following criteria.

They must have had during the past year a good conduct record, and acceptable academic marks. In addition they must have been at least one of the following; a sixth grade class officer, on the Student Council, on the audio-visual aid committee, a winner in Field Day events, have been a PTA babysitter, library worker, nurse's helper or bank teller.

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SIXTH GRADE MOVING UP EXERCISE

It is planned to begin the ceremonies at 8:00P.M. Boys are requested to wear jackets, trousers, white shirts and ties. Girls should wear ordinary "dress up" dresses.

There will be numbers by the school band, the school glee club and a sixth grade dance group.

A Board of Education member will speak and present the traditional booklets with the constitutions of the United States and New York State and the Declaration of Independence.

There will be 144 children involved. This requires that the number of guests invited by each pupil be limited to two since space in the auditorium will not permit more.

As in other years, the program should be over around 10:00P.M.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. McCREIGHT

Mrs. McCreight is our school nurse. Before moving to Elmont, she lived in Brooklyn where she attended elementary and high school. To be a nurse teacher requires that one be a registered nurse. Mrs. McCreight went to St. Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn for her training as a nurse, and to Columbia University to complete her nurse teacher certification.

Following graduation from St. Mary's she was a staff nurse with Brooklyn Visiting Nurse Association.

Shortly after World War II Mr. and Mrs. McCreight moved to Elmont. Mr. McCreight commutes to New York where he is a pressman on the New York Daily News.

The McCreights have three children. The oldest is in High School and the youngest is in the sixth grade. Patti, their dog, is a loved but non voting member of the family.

Mrs. McCreight came to Gotham Avenue in 1954. This year she is secretary of the Gotham Avenue Teachers Association, and Health Chairman of the PTA. She is also active in her church.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mrs. Esposito's class will have Mrs. Frimmer for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Frimmer is a former teacher at Gotham Avenue.

The following are not returning to Gotham Ave. next September.

Miss Buchner is going to California to teach.  
Miss Cuddeback is taking a leave of absence.  
Mrs. Thomsen is going to West Virginia, where her husband is to teach in West Virginia Wesleyan College.  
Mr. Giuliani is going to Providence College, Rhode Island, where he was awarded a scholarship.

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during October.

- Oct. 5th School closed. Teacher Conference..
- 6th Instrumental Music Lessons Begin.
- 12th School closed. Columbus Day..
- 14th Mr. Cascioli's Class Assembly 10:30.  
Class Parents are Welcome.
- 18th Fire Prevention Assembly at 1:30 P.M.
- 19th School Banking Begins.
- 22nd PTA Square Dance.
- 25th Parent Education Program 1:00P.M. & 8:00P.M.

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### FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

#### SALK VACCINE

At the end of the school year, we urged all families to check the number and dosage of Salk Vaccine that members of their families might be adequately protected.

Many children have received no vaccine and others are inadequately protected because of insufficient dosage.

Parents should check with their family doctor so that complete immunization with Salk Vaccine may be given before the next summer season.

#### ABSENCES

When your child is absent for any reason, please call the health office on the second day. Absences can be reported directly to the nurse by calling PR. 5-1671 before 9 A.M. or between 12:30 and 1:00P.M. If you wish to discuss any other health matter, a parent conference can be arranged by appointment for any day from 2:45 to 3:00P.M.

Catherine McCreight - RN

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

In the ten months of this school year children will grow in learning and stature. All the staff at Gotham Avenue want to do the very best we can to make this a successful year.

SCHOOL STATISTICS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

This year at Gotham Avenue there are twenty-six classrooms, and twenty-eight classes. This is two less teachers and classes than last year.

Current enrollment figures are:

Kindergarten	118
First Grade	102
Second Grade	102
Third Grade	107
Fourth Grade	101
Fifth Grade	110
Sixth Grade	<u>135</u>
	775 Total

This year's enrollment is 59 less than last year.

None of our six sets of twins are so similar that teachers have difficulty in identifying them.

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NEW PERSONNEL AT GOTHAM AVENUE

Mrs. Cash, 2nd grade teacher is returning from maternity leave.

Miss Cerny, 3rd grade teacher formerly taught at Boonville, N.Y.

Miss Eyerman, 3rd grade teacher graduated from St. Johns University.

Miss Platt, 2nd grade teacher graduated from Cortland State Teachers College.

Miss Rousseau, 1st grade teacher graduated from Hunter College.

Mrs. Huberth, Head Cook from Dutch Broadway to replace Mrs. Malouf.

Mrs. Rohner, Assistant Cook, from Dutch Broadway to replace Mrs. Gabriel.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MISS JOAN KREIENBERG

A native Long Islander, Miss Kreienberg was born in Floral Park, and attended District 16 elementary and Sewanhaka High School. After graduating from Muskingum College with honors she joined our faculty at Gotham Avenue School.

She has taught third grade and is now teaching the sixth grade.

Miss Kreienberg has served as Grade Chairman for the third grade, helped to train student teachers, was school representative to the Metropolitan School Study Council, has participated in parent education workshops and presently is the director of audio-visual aids for Gotham Avenue School.

During vacations Miss Kreienberg has travelled the eastern seaboard from Maine to Florida. Presently her summers are being spent at the University of Rochester where she is working towards her master's degree in elementary education.

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BUS TRIPS

Educational field trips on district owned buses have commenced. It is Board of Education policy that all first and sixth grades have at least one approved trip. There is no cost to children for transportation. Other grades may take trips as there is opportunity and interest.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

The Columbus Day sketch on the front of this issue was drawn by Frederick Maillet in Miss Kreienberg's class.

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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Nov. 2 - Miss Kreienberg's class to Museum of Art.
  - 4 - Assembly for Mrs. Cash's class 9:30 A.M.\*
  - 4 - Assembly for Mrs. Becker's class 10:30A.M.\*
  - 7-9-10 - American Education Week. See schedule for daytime class visits in this issue.
  - 8 - Election Day - School closed.
  - 9 - Misses Keegan's and Rousseau's class to Central Park Zoo.
  - 9 - PTA Meeting - Open School Night.
  - 11 - Veterans' Day - School closed.
  - 16 - Mrs. Healy's class to Museum of Natural History.
  - 18 - Assembly for Mrs. Gramlich's class 9:30 A.M.\*
  - 18 - Assembly for Mrs. McDonell's class 10:30A.M.\*
  - 23-25 - Thanksgiving vacation. School closes at noon November 23.
  - 30 - Mrs. McDonell's and Mrs. Feigin's classes to Metropolitan Museum of Art.
  - 30 - Miss Schalkham's class to United Nations.
- \* Parents of children involved are welcome to come to come to these assemblies.

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### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In the annual fire prevention contest the following were the winners.

In the poster contest:

- Debra Young - Mrs. Fisher's 6th grade
- Robert Meyer - Mrs. Hemmerlein's 6th grade

In the essay contest:

- Elaine Spur - Mrs. Fisher's 6th grade
- Allan Feinberg - Mrs. Hemmerlein's 6th grade

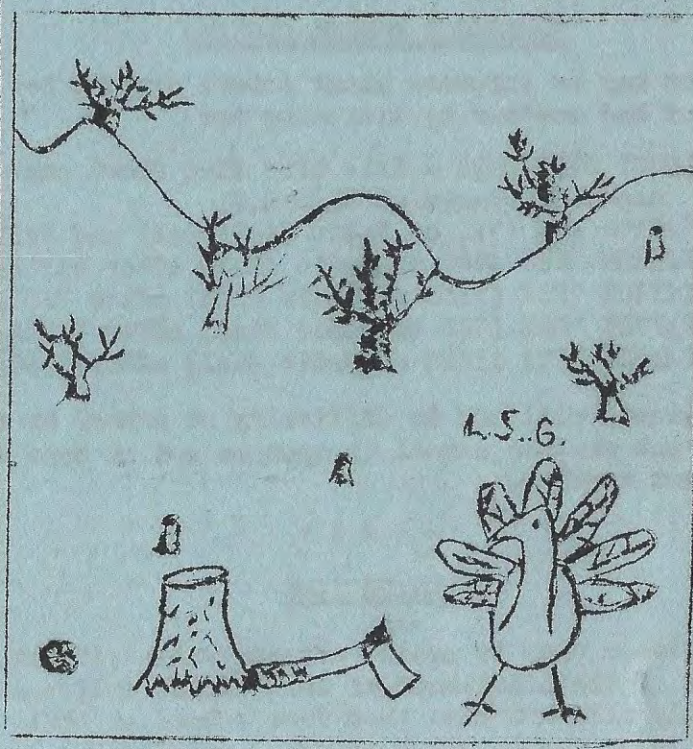
Mr. Heber, Chaplain for the Elmont Fire Department, presented the awards at an assembly. Other members of the Fire Department gave the children in kindergarten, first, second and third grades a short ride around the playground, in the fire truck.

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AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

For many years the week in which Veterans' Day occurs has been set aside as American Education Week. This year by proclamation of President Eisenhower the period from November 6 through 12 has been designated.

At Gotham Avenue as part of Parent Teacher meeting, there will be Open School Night on Wednesday, November 9. During the rest of the week parents are welcome to visit school, during the day, according to the following schedule.

Kindergartens and 1st grades - Monday, Nov. 7  
2nd and 3rd grades - Wednesday, Nov. 9  
4th, 5th and 6th grades - Thursday, Nov. 10.

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EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

You may be informed about school closing because of bad weather by listening to:

ELMONT FIRE HORN - Will blow five short consecutive blasts at 7:10 A.M.  
STATION WOR (710 on Radio dial) 6:15 and 7:15A.M.  
STATION WNBC (660 on Radio dial) after 6:30A.M.  
STATION WHLI (1100 on Radio dial) after 7:00A.M.  
STATION WGSM (740 on Radio dial) after 7:00A.M.  
STATION WFYI (1520 on Radio dial) after 6:30A.M.

Parents will add to difficulty at school by calling to ask whether school is open or not on days with inclement weather.

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RELEASE TIME

Release time is again Wednesdays at 1:40 P.M. Because of the likelihood of lost books, children generally will not take them from school at this time.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. ELINOR HOFFMAN

Mrs. Hoffman, now a Long Islander, was born and raised in Westchester. She is a graduate of New Paltz State Teachers College and received her masters degree in science education from New York University.

Many summer vacations have been spent travelling. She toured Europe as a member of an N.Y.U. seminar, concentrating on England, France and Germany but also visited Switzerland and Belgium. Two summers were spent working and touring in Western United States. More recently travel has been by car along the East Coast - from Canada to Florida.

Mr. Hoffman is a test engineer in Westbury, Long Island. The Hoffmans enjoy visiting different places and taking pictures so they have a complete record of favorite views to enjoy at home.

Their best liked sports are skiing, both on water and on snow. Do it yourself projects rate high on the hobby list - Mr. Hoffman enjoys working with wood, while Mrs. Hoffman's favorite is sewing.

She has taught third and fourth grade at Gotham Avenue and summer reading at Dutch Broadway. In Gotham Avenue teacher organizations she has been a secretary and a representative on the district wide personnel committee.

Mrs. Hoffman is both sad and pleased to announce that she is leaving to raise a family of her own.

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Mr. Cascioli, fifth grade teacher, is the proud father of a baby girl.

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The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Linda Sue Glasson in Miss Ebersson's class.

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HEARING TESTING (continued)

The recommendations of the Otologist (ear doctor) or Otolaryngologist (ear, nose and throat doctor) are sent to the nurse of the school which the child attends.

Much credit for the prevention of deafness among our pupils is due to the conscientious follow-through by our school nurse.

Katherine Krishna  
Speech & hearing teacher.

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Dec. 1 - Parent Education Workshop at Dutch Broadway School at 8:00 P.M.
- 6 - Miss Insull's and Mrs. Skaling's kindergarten classes to Gardners Village.
- 9 - Assembly for Miss Kreienberg's class 10:30A.M.\*
- 15 - PTA meeting 1:30P.M. Children's Holiday Festival.
- 21 - Mrs. Fisher's class to New York Times.
- 21 - School closes for Christmas Holidays. Children will be dismissed at regular time.
- Jan. 3 - School reopens.

\* Parents of children involved are welcome to come to these assemblies. Pictures may be taken after the performance. Mr. Franklin, our gym teacher, takes colored slides. They may be borrowed by parents to have prints made.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by John Zatarga in Miss Eberscn's class.

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THE FACULTY AND STAFF JOIN TO WISH YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SHADE TREES AT GOTHAM AVENUE

Last month four scarlet oaks were planted along the front of school. Scarlet oaks are native to Long Island, and wherever in the fall you see an especially brilliant colored oak, the chances are that it is a scarlet oak. The botanical name for these oaks is *Quercus coccinea*. Maximum height is 80' and they do well in sandy dry soil.

These trees were individually selected for their color from the nursery row. They were carefully planted by our custodians and fenced and staked for support. With careful tending they should grow rapidly. We have had damage to shrubs in the foundation planting - especially the rhododendrons and azaleas. It is hoped that the oaks will not be molested.

Present plans are to plant four additional trees. These will be sour gum whose botanical name is *Nyssa sylvatica*. Additional common names for this tree are Black Gum, or Pepperidge. These are also native to Long Island and can grow to a height of 100'. The peach tree shaped leaves early in the fall turn a flaming red.

When the eight trees are in and growing they should make an attractive addition to our school-grounds.

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USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

District 16 school property may be used free of charge for activities associated with the specific welfare of children. A written permit is required for use of premises, and users must abide by the rules and regulations set up by the Board of Education. Application for permit is made to Mr. Edward Donati, Administrative Assistant in Charge of Business and Related Services, Elmont Road School, Elmont, N.Y.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. BECKER

Though born in New York City, Mrs. Becker spent her elementary and high school years on Long Island. Her family moved to Manhattan while she was attending Ohio State University. Back in New York after graduation, Mrs. Becker entered Hunter College in order to complete the fifth year program offered there.

Vacations have been spent working or traveling to the eastern seaboard states, the midwest, the west coast, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. Last summer she and Mr. Becker spent two weeks in Mexico.

In addition to travel, the Beckers enjoy sailing their boat on weekends, the theater, music from folk to operatic, and reading.

Mrs. Becker has taught fourth and fifth grades at Gotham Avenue School, and this year is the fifth grade chairman. She is also serving as secretary of the Gotham Avenue Teachers' Association, and is on a textbook research committee for the district.

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HEARING TESTING

Each child is given annually an individual hearing test. If he fails to hear any of the seven tones to which he listens first with one ear and then the other, he is retested. This is a screening test. If he fails on the second test, he is referred for a full pure tone audiometer test which takes about 20 minutes. The New York State Education Department ruling is that all pupils who have a hearing loss of 15 decibels or more in one or both ears should be examined by a doctor. Our school doctors first examine the outer ears of such pupils. If foreign obstructions such as cotton or hardened ear wax, are found the parents of the child are notified. When the obstruction is removed by a doctor, the pupil is given another full pure tone test. If he fails again the parents are requested to have their child further examined.

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## JANUARY CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Jan. 3 - School opens  
4 - Mrs. Becker's and Mr. Cascioli's classes on trip to Hayden Planetarium.  
12 - PTA meeting 2:30 in Auditorium. Art speaker, art exhibit and "Do it yourself" art work.  
13 - Mrs. McGraw's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*  
18 - Mrs. McGraw's and Miss White's classes on trip to ASPCA in New York City.  
20 - Mrs. Fisher's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*  
25 - Mrs. Casey's class on trip to Museum of Natural History.  
27 - Miss White's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*  
30 - Mrs. Fisher's class to New York Times Building.

\* Parents of children in the assembly programs are welcome to come. At the end of the program an opportunity is given to take pictures should parents want to bring cameras. The school takes pictures which are returned as transparencies. Classroom teachers will know when the slides are processed. They may be borrowed from the office should prints want to be made by the parents.

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### CHILDRENS' PICTURES

Early in January the individual pictures will be sent home. A packet will be supplied for examination. If desired they may be purchased.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

HEALTH PROVISIONS FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Parents are aware that there is a full time nurse at Gotham Avenue, and that a school doctor during the year inspects all the children. If there is a case of a communicable disease in a classroom parents are also alerted.

However, many of you may not know the Board of Education regulations also require school personnel to have physical examinations.

All teachers, cafeteria workers, custodians, clerks, and substitute teachers must have a pre-employment medical examination. At three year intervals there must be a re-examination (except bus drivers).

A chest X-ray is required of all personnel before employment, and thereafter at two year intervals. Vision and hearing tests are given all employees (except bus drivers) every three years.

District #16 bus drivers are required to have a medical, vision and hearing examination every year.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mrs. Irene Kaplan will be finishing the year as teacher for Mrs. Hoffman's class.

Three practice teachers from New Paltz State Teachers College will return to college after Jan.

Miss Carol Leiwant has been with Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Zad. Miss Helen Majeska has been with Mrs. Cash and Mrs. Casey. Miss Barbara Wojcicki has been with Mrs. Skaling and Miss Keegan.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MR. RUDOLPH FRANKLIN

Though born in the Bronx, Mr. Franklin spent all of his early school years in the Boro Park section of Brooklyn. He is a graduate of Adelphi College on Long Island with a major in Physical Education and is currently attending Adelphi with the intent to secure a Masters' Degree in Elementary Education. Long range plans also call for some work in the area of Administration.

Vacations have been spent in school or travelling through the eastern seaboard states, the midwest, Canada, and Puerto Rico. A few days each summer he has worked as archery official for the National Wheelchair Games. This voluntary work has been most rewarding and gratifying. The high caliber of sportsmanship exhibited by these disabled men is the one factor Mr. Franklin hopes his students at Gotham Ave. will develop. Have you ever seen disabled men participate in athletic events such as wheelchair races? If not, come out next June with your youngsters and observe firsthand.

In addition to teaching, Mr. Franklin is also a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers and hopes to use future leisure time by selling stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

Mr. Franklin is also busy in the field of Recreation. He serves as Teacher-In-Charge of an Evening Community Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. This program is geared for the adolescent youngster and offers such activities as ping-pong, basketball, tumbling, chess, and social dancing. The program is sponsored and directed by the Board of Education of the City of New York.

Mrs. Franklin is a fourth grade teacher in the Westbury School District on Long Island. Mr. Franklin has taught Physical Education at Gotham Avenue and is serving on the Teachers' Executive Council this year. They hope to raise a large and physically fit family.

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Feb. 1 - Mrs. Zad's and Mrs. Cash's classes on trip to A.S.P.C.A. in New York City.
- 3 - Mrs. Feigin's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*
- 3 - Mrs. McGraw's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*
- 8 - Miss Eyerman's and Mrs. Kaplan's classes on trip to Museum of City of New York.
- 9 - PTA Founders Day Celebration 8:00 P.M. Belmont Boulevard School.
- 10 - Miss Cerny's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*
- 13 - Lincoln's birthday observed. No school.
- 16 - PTA Meeting, "Parent Problems or Problem Parents?" 2:15 in auditorium.
- 17 - Miss Eberson's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*
- 22 - Washington's Birthday. No school.
- 24 - Miss Eyerman's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*

\* Parents of children in the assembly programs are welcome to come.

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A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT

Every year the PTA gives a gift to the sixth grade class as a "going away" present. This year, it is an extra special gift - a trip to New York City to see the musical THE SOUND OF MUSIC. Extra moneys are required to finance this and a movie THE FULLER BRUSH GIRL will be shown Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 P.M. Cost of the tickets is 35¢ for children and 75¢ for adults. These are being sold by all sixth grade classes and all children in school are invited to come and see this fine comedy. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Students who show an interest and an aptitude may be selected for beginning lessons on band and orchestral instruments when they reach fourth grade. In addition to regular musical instrument instruction as above all fourth grade students have lessons on song flutes.

Instruction is given on drums, trombone, violin, flute, clarinet, and trumpet. If there is not already an instrument in the family, parents are advised to rent an instrument in the beginning. Later if the child's interest continues, an instrument could be purchased. There is no charge for these lessons.

Group lessons are given once a week either Thursday or Friday at Gotham Avenue. Lessons are given during the day. As children become more proficient they are drawn into a band or string ensemble. These may practice after school. The children in advanced classes are formed into a district band which meets once a week at Dutch Broadway.

For the past few summers there has been summer lessons for advanced students. Last summer for the first time there were summer lessons in beginning violins.

At Gotham Avenue there are 59 children taking instrumental lessons.

Robert Dillman  
Instrumental Teacher

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## CHECK PRESENTATION

Parents may have heard their children speak of putting money in the Penny Banks, or seen the pictures of the Children's Community check presentations to local charities in the display case by the principal's office. February 17th at 10:30, a check for \$400. from this fund will be presented by Jonathan Miller to Mr. Comstock, the YMCA secretary.

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## TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. MARCIA KAPLAN

Mrs. Kaplan, born in Brooklyn, has been a native of Great Neck for the past ten years. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education at Hunter College. During her college years she was elected to 'Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.' Since teaching in Elmont she has taken In-Service courses in Speech and Hearing, and Ceramics.

Among Mrs. Kaplan's outside interests bowling, golf, and tennis rank high in the field of sports. Domestic interests include sewing and knitting. She has styled much of her own wardrobe.

Another major interest in Mrs. Kaplan's life is her husband, Dr. Kaplan. He is a graduate of New York University College of Medicine. At present he is a Resident Surgeon in Ophthalmology.

The Kaplans have photographed their way through many interesting parts of the country. These include scenes in New Hampshire; Mystic, Connecticut; Cape Cod, Provincetown, Sturbridge Village, in Mass.; Washington, D.C.; and Williamsburg, Virginia. The highlights of a recent trip were the Skyline Drive, Caverns of Luray, and the Natural Bridge. Nassau in the Bahamas was the scene of a most memorable trip.

She has taught third grade at Gotham Avenue for the past three years, and summer remedial reading at Dutch Broadway.

Mrs. Kaplan will remember with pleasure the years spent at Gotham Avenue, since she is leaving next month to start a family of her own.

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## COVER ILLUSTRATION

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Joseph Zihal in Miss Kreienberg's class.

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## PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

The school is interested in the maximum development of each child in accordance with their capacity. This concern is not limited to academics but extends to the physical, social and emotional areas as well. The responsibility of the school psychologist is to help the principals and teachers achieve this goal.

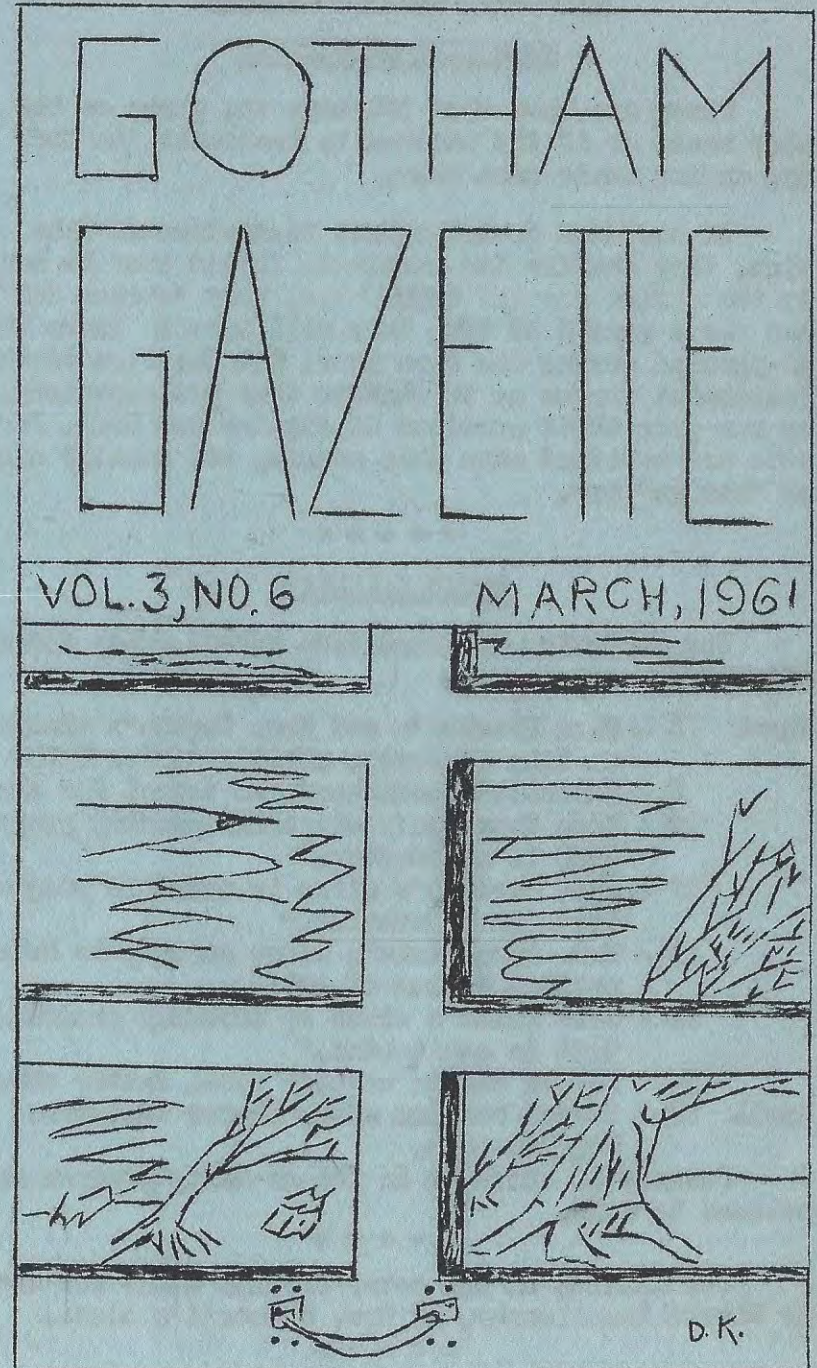
When a pupil appears to be having difficulty, it is our job to investigate the situation in an attempt to discover wherein the problem lies. Are the expectations for a specific child realistic? Are there physical or emotional problems involved that are preventing him from learning as expected? Is the problem a temporary one or of a long standing nature? Does the child have the physical maturation necessary to master the skills being taught, etc.? In this regard, the psychologist works closely with the school physician.

The tools used by the psychologist to obtain the desired information are varied. There are standardized mental ability tests geared to the chronological age of the child. There are personality tests designed to help identify problems or distortions in the areas of basic life concepts. There is a visual-motor test developed to evaluate the motor coordination of the child in accordance with his age, and lastly observations and interviews with the child in question.

It is the belief in District #16 that we can best serve the needs of children by an early identification of those with problems or potential problems. The old adage, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure has never had greater application. However, this program cannot be successfully completed without the full support and active participation of parents. We cannot over stress the need for close cooperation between the school and the home.

It is only by such an approach that we can best serve children and ensure an optimum learning situation.

Mary Marans  
School Psychologist



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

NOON TIME PROCEDURES

There are more than 300 boys and girls on the play area, or if the weather is inclement, in the gym during their noon hour.

If children do not behave themselves at this time, they receive two warnings. Should they be sent to the office for the third time, they "strike out", and for a period of time they will have to leave the playground during the noon hour. The duration of the banishment varies as to whether they are repeaters, or how poor their previous discipline has been. Parents are notified when this occurs, and usually also at "strike" two.

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MARCH CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- March 1 - Miss Eyerman's and Mrs. Kaplan's classes on trip to Museum of City of New York.  
8 - Teachers' Conference. No school for students.  
10 - Miss Rousseau's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*  
17 - Miss Carlson's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*  
22 - Mrs. Hemmerlein's class on trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art.  
24 - Miss Platt's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*  
29 - School closes regular time, Easter vacation.  
April 10 - School reopens after Easter vacation. Regular time.

\* Parents of children in the assembly program are welcome to come.

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The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Donald Karpilovsky, in Mrs. McDonell's class.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MISS GRACE SCHALKHAM

Miss Schalkham, born in Manhattan, has lived in Queens for many years. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature at Queens College, A merchandising diploma at City College, and a Master of Science degree in Education at New Paltz State Teachers College where she served as vice-president of the student council.

Prior to entering teaching, she worked in New York City department stores as assistant buyer and assistant store manager.

At a young age Miss Schalkham took an extensive tour to California where she had the opportunity of attending elementary school for one year.

She has always enjoyed working with children and has been a camp counsellor and arts and crafts director for several summers.

This past summer she took courses at the University of Vermont in social psychology and guidance, which she feels contribute to her work as a teacher.

Miss Schalkham's favorite winter sport is ice-skating and she enjoys horseback-riding during the other seasons.

She has taught fourth grade at Gotham Avenue for the past three years, was grade chairman last year and continues in this service this year. Also, she is the Metropolitan School Study Council representative for the Gotham Avenue Teachers Association.

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Miss Marilyn Ritter is replacing Mrs. Marcia Kaplan, third grade teacher, starting March 1st.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MR. RODNEY MYATT

Mr. Myatt was born in Connecticut but spent most of his youth in Baldwin, Long Island. He attended the Baldwin public schools. After graduation from high school he studied painting and art history at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Before teaching, Mr. Myatt worked as a buyer of theatrical properties for NBC-TV. During this time, he continued his art studies at the Art Students League and the New School for Social Research.

Mr. Myatt received his bachelor's degree in Art Education and his master's degree in psychology from New York University. His first teaching position was with the Archdiocese of New York. He has been in Gotham Avenue School for three years.

Mr. Myatt is now a candidate for a Ph.D. degree, studying philosophy, and aesthetics concurrently at New York University and with the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research.

Mr. Myatt has traveled extensively throughout the United States. He is particularly fond of the New England seacoast, having spent considerable time in Nantucket and Cape Cod, as well as along the coast of Maine.

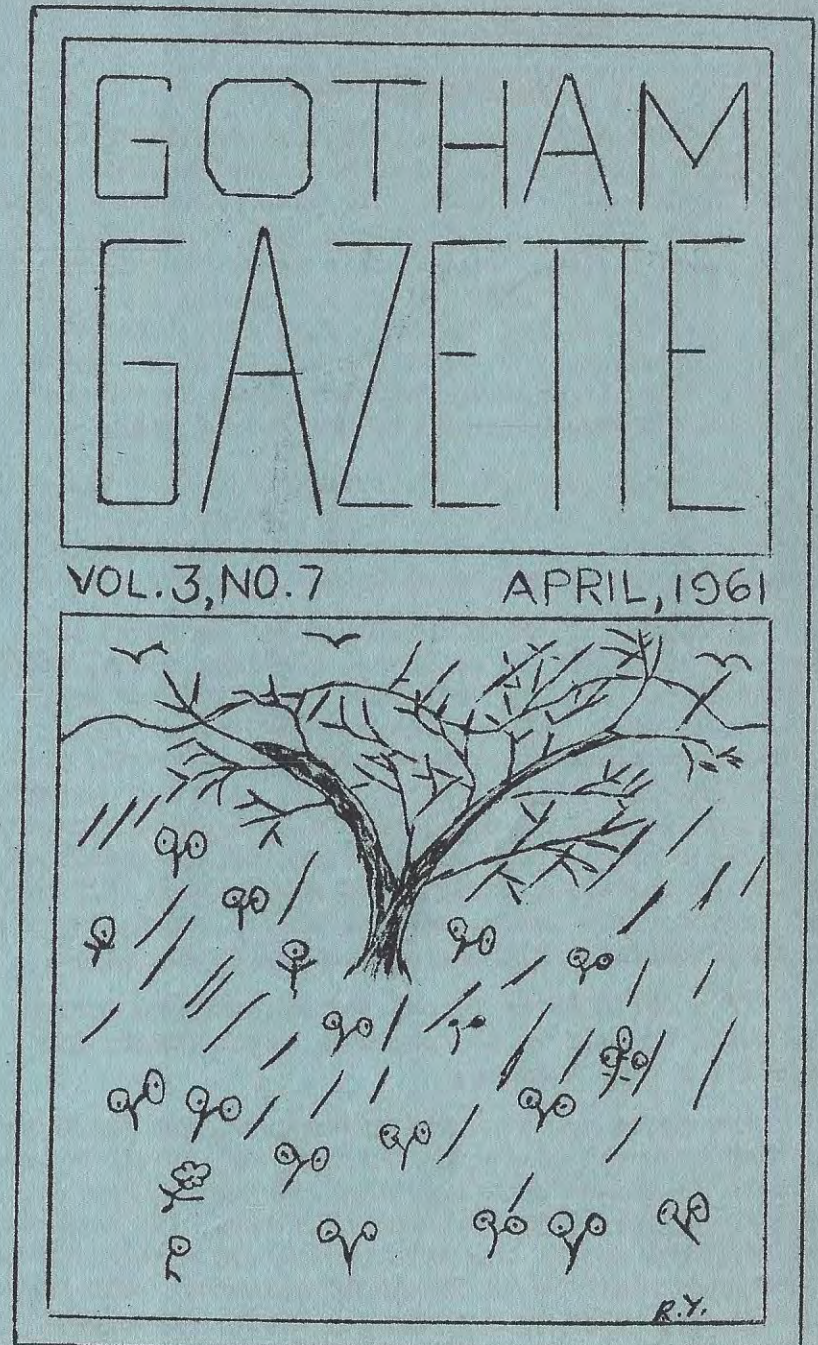
Much of Mr. Myatt's leisure time is necessarily spent in study. When time affords, he enjoys painting and photography. He has had a one-man show of his photographs, and has been a participant in group photography exhibits in Manhattan.

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PREPARING SIXTH GRADERS FOR ELMONT MEMORIAL

During the latter part of April and the beginning of May the sixth graders will visit Elmont Memorial High School on an inspection trip and for orientation. The approximate duration of the trip will be from 9:00 A.M. through 1:30 P.M. Elmont Memorial will supply buses. Children may buy lunch at the cafeteria which will cost approximately 35¢. Children will be alerted the day before so that they may dress suitably.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

HOMEWORK PROCEDURES

A letter sent home in September explained District #16 policy in regard to home-study assignments. In brief, it is that children will have homework as routine on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. In 4th grade, work assigned should take about 30 minutes; in 5th grade about 45 minutes; in 6th grade, about 60 minutes. Grades one and two will have some homework, but not as regularly, and certainly not as much. Grade three's homework will approximate grade four's work, especially towards the end of the school year.

In doing homework, it is necessary that the student be certain he knows what is required, have the material to do it, and have a routine time and quiet place with sufficient light to do the work.

Homework for which textbooks are required are generally arithmetic, spelling, English, social studies and science. Reading texts are not permitted home while a child is reading the book in class. Most grades have more than one reader, and after the book is completed, it may be taken home. (If the current book goes home it is difficult to tell whether a student knows how to read the stories, or has memorized them). In addition, assignments may be made that will not require text books, such as compositions, reports on observations, clippings for scrap books, etc.

If a child is to be out for an extended period, and would be able to do homework, arrangements are made for a home teacher.

The above are standard procedures, but there is another homework situation which is not as clear cut. Parents sometimes have vacations during regular school time, and take their children with them. (Of necessity children absent for this reason are entered on the attendance register as illegally absent). When homework is requested in such cases, there are several considerations. Generally, children vacationing with  
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HOMEWORK PROCEDURES CONTINUED

their parents WILL NOT study material prepared and supplied for them. It takes a pretty firm parent to get a child to come in from swimming, or sightseeing and do homework. Secondly, in a span of two or three weeks, new material and procedures are usually introduced. Not many parents are prepared to do this. The textbooks are wonderful tools, but they are not designed for self-teaching.

For these reasons, the school generally does not want to have home study material prepared for children who are going on vacations during school time. Teachers are prepared to give help to children who return from absences, and in most cases this is a better procedure.

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APRIL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- April 10 - School reopens.
- 21 - Miss Schalkham's class in assembly program\*
- 24 - Mrs. McDonnell's class visits Elmont Memorial.
- 26 - Miss Kreienberg's class visits Elmont Memorial.
- 27 - Mrs. Fisher's class visits Elmont Memorial.
- 28 - Mrs. Kaplan's class in assembly program,  
9:30 in auditorium.\*
- 28 - Report cards issued.

\* Parents of children involved are welcome to attend. After the performance, pictures of the cast will be taken. Parents who bring cameras can also take pictures at this time. Parents may borrow the school transparencies should they want to have a print made.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Ronald Yee in Mrs. Becker's class.

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## MAY CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- May 1 - Mrs. Hemmerlein's class visits Elmont Memorial.  
2 - Mrs. Feigin's class visits Elmont Memorial.  
3 - Voting - School election, 12 noon to 10 P.M.  
3 - Mrs. Becker's and Miss Carlson's classes on trip to Museum of City of New York.  
5 - Mrs. Casey's class - assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*  
10 - Miss Schalkham's class on trip to Museum of Natural History.  
11 - P.T.A. Meeting 8:00 o'clock.  
11 & 12 - Kindergarten registration.  
12 - Mrs. Zad's class - assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*  
17 - Miss Keegan's class on trip to Bronx Zoo.  
19 - Miss Keegan's class - assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.  
24 - Mrs. McGraw's and Miss White's classes on trip to Massapequa Zoo.  
25 - Tea for new kindergarten entrants and parents.  
26 - Mrs. Hemmerlein's class - assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*  
30 - Memorial Day. No School.  
31 - All sixth grades on trip to New York City.

\* Parents of children in the assembly program are welcome to come. After the performance, pictures of the cast will be taken. Parents who bring cameras can also take pictures at this time. Parents may borrow the school transparencies should they want to have a print made.

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### SIXTH GRADE TRIP

On Wednesday, May 31st, the entire sixth grade will go on a trip to New York City, to see the musical THE SOUND OF MUSIC. This is given to the children as a treat by the P.T.A.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A VERY WELL DONE

On April 24th, 344 residents of the Gotham Ave. area registered to vote on the Board of Education election and our school district budget. This number registering was far and away more than any of the other schools in our area. Adding the 145 who registered last year (at election time) there are 489 qualified to vote from the Gotham Avenue area. This is an excellent showing.

All the folks who are registered are urged to come Wednesday, May 3rd, to the school and vote on the school budget, and selection of two school board members.

After voting everyone can also register for ~~next years~~ next years Board of Education voting. This takes place in the same room as the voting.

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TEACHERS' RECOGNITION DAY

By the Governor's proclamation, May 16th, is set aside as Teacher Recognition Day. Despite some disclaimers, the United States is a literate nation. To the school teachers and the people who support the schools belong the credit for this. It is fitting and proper that a day be designated to recognize the efforts of teachers.

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A PERENIAL REQUEST FOR HELP

I am sure parents appreciate the attractiveness of the lawn and shrubs in front of Gotham Avenue School. The only way this can be maintained is through your cooperation in seeing that children do not destroy the landscaping. This request does not deny play space; actually, there is more room in the back for playing.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. LEONI CASEY

Mrs. Casey was born in Brooklyn, New York and has resided in Queens for many years. She graduated from Adelphi College where she received a B.A. in sociology and economics. She was a member of Gold Mask, dramatic society, and president of the Glee Club in her senior year.

Although Mrs. Casey had prepared to teach, she did not realize this ambition until recent years. After graduation from college she enjoyed the experiences of singing in church, Radio City Music Hall, and the operettas at Jones Beach produced by Fortune Gallo and J.J. Shubert.

A number of years were also enjoyed in the field of photography during which time Mrs. Casey managed a studio, hired and trained personnel in sales in this field.

Her husband has been in the employ of a large oil company for many years, most of them in the capacity of assistant superintendent. Mr. and Mrs. Casey both enjoy traveling and good music.

Her travels have included France, Germany, Switzerland, the New England States, and the eastern seaboard states from Maine to Florida. Cruises have included Havana, Cuba; The Great Lakes, and the Saguenay River in Canada.

Mrs. Casey has been teaching the fourth grade at Gotham Avenue School for the past three years. She is presently taking courses for her master's degree at New York University.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Robert Frewin in Mrs. Feigin's class.

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CALENDAR

The following are important school dates

- June 2 - Field Day. Parents may watch games if they desire.
- 6 - Sixth grade parents meet at Elmont Memorial High School.
- 7 - Mrs. Casey's and Mrs. Healy's class on trip to Bronx Zoo.
- 14 - Miss Ebersson's class on trip to Museum of City of New York.
- 16 - Music Festival - Primary Assembly 9:30, Intermediate Assembly 10:30.
- 22 - Moving-Up exercises for sixth grade, 8:00 P.M. in auditorium.
- 23 - Last full day of school.
- 26 - No school for children.
- 27 - Report cards issued. Children will be dismissed at 9:45 A.M.
- July 6 - Summer School and Summer Playground starts.
- Aug. 9 - Summer School and Summer Playground ends.
- Sept. 6 - School opens at regular time.
- Parents of children in the assembly program are welcome to come.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

Miss Platt will marry her midshipman at Annapolis, June 7th. After June she is following her husband to his new assignment and will not return to Gotham Ave. in September.

Miss Eyerman is being married July 1st. When she returns to school in September she will be Mrs. Konik.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Sheldon Karten in Miss Kreienberg's class.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

GOOD CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES

At an assembly to be held Friday morning, June 23, some thirty children from the sixth grade will receive an award for good citizenship. They were nominated by their homeroom teachers and the special teachers on the basis of the following criteria.

They must have had during the past year a good conduct record, and acceptable academic marks. In addition they must have been at least one of the following; a sixth grade class officer, on the Student Council, on the audio-visual aid committee, a winner in Field Day events, have been a PTA babysitter, library worker, nurse's helper or bank teller.

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SIXTH GRADE MOVING-UP EXERCISE

*show date*

It is planned to begin the ceremonies at 8:00 P.M. Boys are requested to wear jackets, trousers, white shirts and ties. Girls should wear ordinary "dress-up" dresses.

There will be numbers by the school band, the school glee club and a sixth grade dance group.

A Board of Education member will speak and present the traditional booklets with the constitutions of the United States and New York State and the Declaration of Independence.

There will be 134 children involved. This requires that the number of guests invited by each pupil be limited to two since space in the auditorium will not permit more.

As in other years, the program should be over around 10:00 P.M.

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The faculty and staff join in hoping you have a very pleasant summer.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. GERTRUDE MCGRAW

Mrs. McGraw was born in Philadelphia where she received her schooling. She was graduated from the Philadelphia Normal School and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Pennsylvania. Only the thesis remains to complete requirements for a Master's degree in education from Queens College.

She has travelled in New England, Quebec, the Gaspé Peninsula and the Middle West. For several summers she was swimming Director and Counselor at a camp in Pennsylvania. For the past few summers she has vacationed at a lake in the Adirondacks where with her family she enjoys swimming, fishing, hiking, and visiting points of interest in the north country.

Hobbies include the above summer activities as well as sewing, gardening and puppetry. While living in St. Louis she was an active member of the Puppet Guild of St. Louis. Since moving to New York she and her family have given puppet shows at Creedmoor State Hospital and several churches in the Long Island area.

The McGraws have a son who will enter Bucknell University in the fall and a daughter who will enter Junior High School.

Her interests include many phases of church work and she gives much time to a group of high school girls for whom she serves as counselor.

Mrs. McGraw has taught school in Philadelphia, Penna., Sommerville, New Jersey, and, after having substituted in Elmont for two years, has taught first grade at Gotham Avenue School for the past three years.

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BUS TRIPS

Since school opened we have had a total of 40 bus trips.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Oct. 3 - Fire Prevention Assembly 1:30.
- 5 - Mrs. McGraw's and Miss Rousseau's classes on trip to Massapequa Zoo.
- 12 - School closed. Columbus Day.
- 13 - Mrs. Becker's Class Assembly 10:30 A.M.
- 13 - Instrumental music lessons begin.
- 18 - School closed. Teacher Conference Day.
- 19 - Mrs. Konik's and Miss Ritter's classes to Salisbury Park Museum.
- 20 - Miss Cerny's Class Assembly 9:30 A.M.
- 26 - Mrs. Casey's and Mrs. Healy's classes to Salisbury Park Museum.
- 26 - Parent Education Workshop 2:30 P.M. "Keeping Physically Fit."
- 27 - Mrs. McDonnell's Class Assembly 10:30 A.M.

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BUS TRIPS

Educational field trips on district owned buses have commenced. It is Board of Education policy that all first and sixth grades have at least one approved trip. There is no cost to children for transportation. Other grades may take trips as there is opportunity and interest.

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NEW PERSONNEL AT GOTHAM AVENUE

Mrs. Thomsen, combination grade teacher, taught two years at Gotham Avenue before last year when she taught in West Virginia.

Mrs. Notheis, assistant cook, from Dutch Broadway School.

Mrs. Pederson, part time cook.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

In the ten months of this school year children will grow in stature and learning. All the staff at Gotham Avenue want to do the very best we can to make this a time when children will learn to their best ability.

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SCHOOL STATISTICS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

This year at Gotham Avenue there are four sections of each grade level except grades two and three. On these levels there are three sections each with one combined second and third.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT FIGURES ARE

Kindergarten	104
First grade	94
Second grade	99
Third grade	106
Fourth grade	108
Fifth grade	99
Sixth grade	<u>112</u>
	722 Total

This years enrollment is 30 less than last year. Our 27 classes are one less than last year.

None of our four sets of twins are so similar that teachers have difficulty in telling them apart!

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LOST CLOTHING AND VALUABLES

Children lose many articles of clothing, book-bags, and lunch bags. These go to a box near custodians' room. If names were put on them they could be returned. Money and other valuables come to the office. If unclaimed after two weeks they are returned to finders.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. BARBARA CASH

Mrs. Cash is a native Long Islander and has lived much of her life in Bayside. She attended elementary and high school there; college training was at Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania where she received a bachelor's degree, in sociology and psychology, and Adelphi where she completed certification for a New York State Teaching License.

Mrs. Cash has traveled to Europe several times. While there she visited relatives in Ireland, and toured France, Italy, Holland, England, Belgium, and Switzerland. By automobile there have been trips to New England, Canada, and Mexico. She found New England especially attractive.

Her hobby is buying early American furniture, which she refinishes and puts to everyday use. The patience required in sanding, and refinishing old pieces also is applied in teaching little children.

Mr. Cash is with the New York City Fire Dept. and has taken law courses so that he is also a practicing lawyer in New York City.

The Cashes have two sons Gerard and James Patrick. Both are of pre-school age.

At Gotham Avenue School Mrs. Cash has taught second and third grades. Currently she is an officer in the local building teachers' association, and serving on a district wide committee concerning report cards and records. Other years she has been grade level chairman, and had student teachers to train.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Theresa Surace in Mrs. Feigin's class.



## NOVEMBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates.

- Nov. 1 - Mrs. McGraw's class on trip to Race Track.  
2 - Miss Keegan's and Miss White's classes on trip to Massapequa Zoo.  
3 - Mrs. Gramlich's class - Assembly program 9:30.  
7 - Election Day. No school.  
9 - Open School Night 8:00 P.M.  
10 - Mrs. Feigin's class - Assembly program 10:30.  
16 - Mrs. Hemmerlein's class on trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art.  
16 - Parent Education Workshop 2:30 P.M. "Keeping Physically Fit."  
17 - Mrs. Konik's class - assembly program 9:30.  
22 - 24 Thanksgiving vacation. School closes at noon November 22.  
30 - Misses Schalkham's and Kreienberg's classes on trip to Museum of Natural History.

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### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In the annual fire prevention contest the following were the winners.

In the Poster contest:

- 1st - Daniel Dolensky - Mrs. Feigin's 6th grade.  
2nd - Kathleen Tuccio - Mrs. Hemmerlein's 6th grade.

In the Essay contest:

- 1st - Stephen Strahs - Mrs. Becker's 5th grade.  
2nd - Ricki Buhrig - Mr. Cascioli's 5th grade.

Mr. Heber, the Chaplain for the Elmont Fire Dept. came to an assembly for the intermediate grades and made the awards. He also gave a talk on fire prevention and the necessity for being careful with fire.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

For many years the week in which Veterans' Day occurs has been set aside as American Education Week. This year by proclamation of President Kennedy the period from November 5 through 11 has been designated.

At Gotham Avenue as part of Parent Teacher meeting, there will be Open School Night on Thursday, November 9. During the rest of the week parents are welcome to visit school, during the day, according to the following schedule.

Kindergartens - Monday, November 6  
First and Second grades - Wednesday, November 8  
Third and Fourth grades - Thursday, November 9  
Fifth and Sixth grades - Friday, November 10.

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EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

You may be informed about school closing because of bad weather by listening to:

ELMONT FIRE HORN - Will blow five short consecutive blasts at 7:10 A.M.  
STATION WNBC (660 on Radio dial) after 6:30 A.M.  
STATION WHLI (1100 on Radio dial) after 7:00 A.M.

Parents will add to difficulty at school by calling to ask whether school is open or not on days with inclement weather.

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RELEASE TIME

Release time is again Wednesdays at 1:40 P.M. Because of the likelihood of lost books, children generally will not take them from school at this time

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TEACHER PROFILE -- MRS. KATHERINE THOMSEN

Mrs. Thomsen was born in Queens and attended New York City schools. She is a graduate of Oneonta State Teachers College and is presently working on her master's degree in elementary education at Queens College. She expects to receive her degree in June.

Mrs. Thomsen taught the third grade at Gotham for the two years prior to last year. She spent last year living in West Virginia while her husband was an instructor of psychology at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

During her stay in West Virginia she had the opportunity to teach in a rural two-room school. To most people of Elmont this school would have seemed like something from another era. The school had only two teachers and covered eight grades. The heating system was a pot-bellied stove in the center of the room. Many of the things most New Yorkers take for granted, as running water, flush toilets, free textbooks and school supplies, were luxuries in this small mountain community. The Thomsens found living in West Virginia a most memorable experience.

At present Mr. Thomsen is also a teacher. He is teaching the sixth grade in Brooklyn, while awaiting his active tour of duty with the National Guard.

The Thomsens enjoy playing golf, bowling and their little pet - an albino rat.

Mrs. Thomsen is very happy to be back at Gotham teaching a combination second and third grade class.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Kathleen Tuccio in Mrs. Hemmerlein's class.

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Dec. 7 - Mrs. Feigin's class on trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- 7 - Miss Cerny's class on trip to Museum of Natural History.
- 14 - PTA meeting 1:30 P.M. Children's Holiday Celebration.
- 20 - School closes at regular time for Christmas Holidays.
- Jan. 2 - School reopens.

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VISITORS DURING AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

During the day 416 parents visited the classrooms of their children. On Open School Night 528 visited classrooms. Thus a total of 944 visitations were made. In reaching this total some parents visited both during the day and again at night.

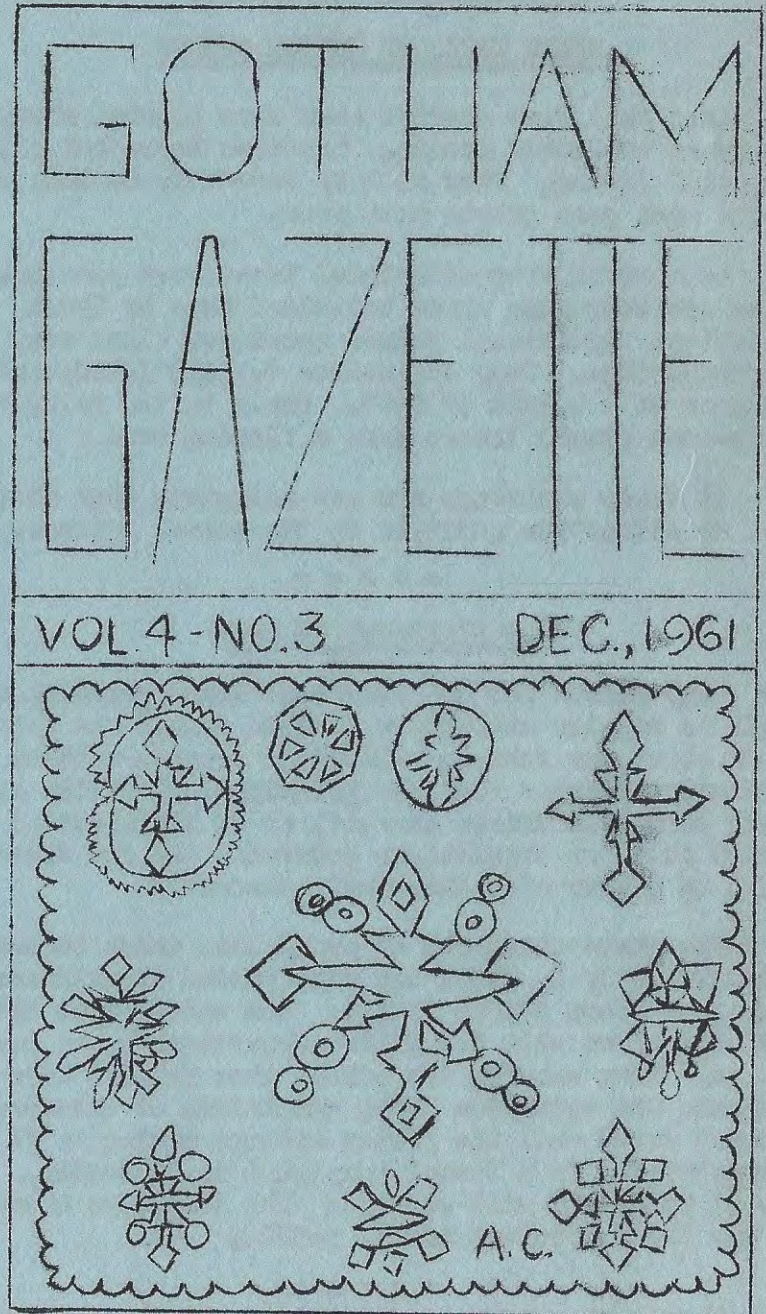
Mrs. Zad's second grade class with a total of 58 had the most visitors for a single session grade. Mrs. Skaling and Miss Insull in kindergarten had 65 and 64 respectively.

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CHECK PRESENTATION

Parents may have heard their children speak of putting money in the Penny Banks. On October 13th at the Gotham Avenue School, a check for \$400 was presented to Mr. Gregory Delaney, a representative of the Boy Scouts. Pictures of the check presentations may be seen in the display case outside of the principal's office.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SHADE TREES AT GOTHAM AVENUE

Last fall four scarlet oaks were planted along the front of Gotham Avenue. One died back, but all are still living. They will be carefully tended, and should make good growth next year.

Last month four additional trees were planted. These are sour gums whose botanical name is *Nyssa sylvatica*. Additional common names are black gum, and pepperidge. They are native to Long Island and can grow to a height of 100'. Early in the fall, the peach-tree shaped leaves turn a flaming red.

If these plantings are not molested, they should make an attractive addition to the school grounds.

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A STATEMENT OF LAW

"Any person not the parent or legal guardian of a pupil in regular attendance at said school who loiters in or about any school building or grounds without written permission from the principal, custodian or other person in charge thereof, or in violation of posted rules or regulations governing the use thereof, shall be guilty of a disorderly conduct."

The above statement of penal law, which became effective July 1, 1955, has been posted in entrance doors at Gotham Avenue School. The main office has also consulted with the police department as to procedure. They assured the school that persons near the area who see vandalism being committed, or unbecoming conduct could call the police without having to file a complaint. If a formal complaint is indicated, school personnel will sign it. The telephone number of the Fifth Precinct is VA. 5-5500.

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THE FACULTY AND STAFF JOIN TO WISH YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. MARY MARANS

Mrs. Marans was born in Brooklyn, New York where she attended Midwood High School. Her undergraduate college work was completed at Adelphi College in Garden City, L.I. and her graduate studies leading to the Master's degree in psychology at New York University. She is planning starting work for her doctorate in psychology in February at St. Johns University.

Prior to coming to Gotham Avenue as a school psychologist, Mrs. Marans taught third grade at the Dutch Broadway school.

At the time that Mrs. Marans began her work as a school psychologist, four years ago, she was the only one in our elementary school district serving seven schools and roughly six thousand children. Since that time two other full time psychologists have been added enabling each psychologist to see more children and better serve the community.

Mrs. Marans is married and lives in Queens, N.Y. Her husband is in the aluminum business.

The Marans' enjoy traveling and have toured by automobile extensively along the Eastern Seaboard and have taken cruises to Bermuda and West Indies. They also enjoy tennis and attending the theatre.

In addition, they are members of a Gourmet Club which specializes in preparing food dishes native to a given country. All of the cooking must be completed by the female members without the aid of mixes or frozen foods. In this manner, the Marans have enjoyed the cuisine of many far away places. Among their favorites are foods of Indonesia and Hawaii.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Alex Chiorazzi in Mrs. Fisher's class.

CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Jan. 2 - School reopens.
- 11 - Mrs. Becker's class on trip to Museum of City of New York.
- 12 - Miss Ritter's class in assembly program, 9:30.\*
- 18 - PTA Meeting - Hobby Show, "What's Your Line?" 2:30 auditorium.
- 19 - Mrs. Fisher's class in assembly program, 10:30.\*
- 26 - Miss Keegan's class in assembly program, 9:30.\*

\*Parents of children in the assembly program are welcome to come. After the performance, pictures of the cast will be taken. Parents who bring cameras may also take pictures at this time. Parents may borrow the school transparencies should they want to have a print made.

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BUS TRIPS

In District #16 it is the policy that all first and sixth grade children have an educational bus trip during the school year.

Other grades may take trips as time is available. Suggested trips and details are given by the Director of Audio-Visual Aids.

At Gotham Avenue, Thursday is the day allotted to our school for bus trips and two buses are available 9:30 - 1:30. The buses are regular District #16 school buses and are driven by experienced drivers. There is no transportation cost to the children.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The season of cold weather is here, and paragraphs of a letter from Dr. Brody, head school physician, are repeated.

"Generally speaking, children should play out of doors as much as possible. It should be understood, of course, that children are properly clothed for the weather circumstances prevailing. The degree of coldness is of no importance, within reason....."

"It is generally true that there is less danger of children contracting colds and upper respiratory infections if they are outdoors, even though the weather is cold, than if they are kept indoors in large groups where play rooms are overheated and children congregate in larger numbers."

"It is also my opinion that a period of noon hour outdoor active play would be beneficial to elementary school children as a break from the sedentary routines of the morning and would make a contribution to children being more relaxed in their afternoon sessions, hence more attentive, which in turn may make for a more desirable learning situation."

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As a rule of thumb children will be outdoors at noon if the temperature is 20° or above. As need be, strong winds, slippery ice, and snow conditions are taken into consideration along with the temperature.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. GRETA HEALY

Mrs. Healy is a native New Yorker and has lived much of her life in Queens.

She obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from St. John's University. It was there that she worked as office manager for the Dean of Admissions. While at college, Mrs. Healy was very active in glee club, "chapel players" - a dramatic organization, and intramural sports.

Her travels have included Florida, Canada, Bermuda and many of our eastern states. Many of the Healys' summers are spent at their summer place in Scund Beach.

Mrs. Healy is married and lives in Queens. Her husband is a sales representative with a large textile firm.

In addition to travel, the Healys enjoy swimming, skating, attending the opera and theatre. Mrs. Healy especially enjoys sewing and makes many of her own clothes.

She has taught fourth grade at Gotham Avenue for the past three years. Currently, she is fourth grade book chairman and chairman of the Junior Red Cross.

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COVER PICTURE

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Virginia Schack in Mrs. Feigin's class.

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FROM THE NURSE'S DESK (continued)

children are fully immunized. If bed rest and home remedies do not bring speedy relief for coughs and colds, the family doctor should be consulted.

When your child is absent for any reason, please call the health office on the second day. Absences can be reported directly to the nurse by calling Pr. 5-1671 before 9 A.M. or between 12:30 and 1:00 P.M. If you wish to discuss any other health matter, a parent conference can be arranged by appointment for any day from 2:45 to 3:00 P.M.

Catherine McCreight R.M.

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Feb. 1 - Mrs. McDonell's and Mrs. Fisher's classes on trip to Hayden Planetarium.
- 2 - Miss Ebersson's class in assembly program, 10:30 A.M.\*
- 8 - PTA Founders Day Celebration, Dutch Broadway School, 8:00 P.M.
- 9 - Mrs. McGraw's class in assembly program, 9:30 A.M.\*
- 12 - Lincoln's birthday. School closed.
- 15 - Parent Education Workshop "It Doesn't Grow on Trees" 2:30 P.M.
- 16 - Mrs. Fisher's class in assembly program 10:30 A.M.
- 21 - PTA movie - Toby Tyler - auditorium 7:30 P.M.
- 22-23 Washington's birthday. School closed.

\* Parents of children in the assembly programs are welcome to attend.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

DRESS FOR PUPILS

Students are expected to come to school suitably dressed. For routine school wear, dungarees, cowboy boots, shorts or girl's slacks are not acceptable. Boys are urged to wear white shirts and a necktie for Friday assemblies.

Last month notation was made that during fair weather, even when quite cold, children will usually be outside at noon. Reasons for this procedure were quoted from a letter by the head school doctor. Thus, during cold weather parents should have children come suitably dressed even if they are brought to school in an automobile. This is especially true for the girls who in the intermediate grades often come skimpily dressed for winter conditions.

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A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT

Every year the PTA gives a gift to the sixth grade class as a "going away" present. This year, it is an extra special gift - a trip to New York City to see the musical THE SOUND OF MUSIC. Extra moneys are required to finance this and a movie TOBY TYLER will be shown Wednesday, February 21, at 7:30 P.M. Cost of the tickets is 35¢ for children and 50¢ for adults. These are being sold by all sixth grade classes and all children in school are invited to come and see this fine movie. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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CHANGE OF NAME

Miss Ritter will become Mrs. Ormiston on Saturday, February 3, - lots of happiness.

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The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Steven Gottlieb, in Mr. Cascioli's class.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. VERA CROWLEY

Mrs. Crowley was born in Brooklyn but has been a resident of Stewart Manor for over twenty years. She obtained her high school diploma from Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn and her dental hygiene degree from Columbia University.

Prior to coming to District #16 as a dental hygiene teacher Mrs. Crowley spent considerable time in Accra, Ghana, where she became interested in the customs and ways of the African people. One of the things she remembers vividly from her African sojourn is the experience of having two boys assigned to pick up the table tennis balls she missed! She also has enjoyed touring eastern United States and part of the mid-west by auto.

Besides coming to Gotham Avenue as the dental hygiene teacher, she is assigned to the Alden Terrace, Elmont Road, Stewart Manor and Saint Boniface schools.

Mrs. Crowley is a widow. She has two children, a son and a daughter, both of whom are married. She is the proud grandmother of a granddaughter and a grandson, and is bossed by a temperamental cat.

In addition to traveling, Mrs. Crowley spends her vacations at her summer home in Setauket, Long Island. There she enjoys sailing, swimming and gardening.

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FROM THE NURSE'S DESK

This is the season for colds, coughs and the communicable diseases. At the present time, we have a minimal amount of contagious diseases and no increased absence at Gotham Avenue School. Other areas on Long Island have not been so fortunate. As a precaution, all parents should check to see that their  
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CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- March 2 - Miss Kreienberg's class in assembly program, 10:30 A.M.\*
- 7 - Teacher Conference Day. No school
- 9 - Mrs. Zad's class in assembly program 9:30A.M.\*
- 15 - PTA meeting, auditorium 2:30 P.M.
- 16 - Miss Carlson's class in assembly program, 10:30 A.M.\*
- 23 - Miss Rousseau's class in assembly program, 9:30 A.M.\*
- 30 - Miss Schalkham's class in assembly program, 10:30 A.M.\*

Parents of children in the assembly programs are welcome to attend.

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CHECK PRESENTATION

On March 2nd, Edward Rogers from Mr. Cascioli's class will present a check for \$400, from the Children's Community Chest, to a representative of the Salvation Army. This will be the sixth presentation by District #16 children this year.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK (continued)

Noontimes when it is fair overhead children will be sent outside at noon even if there is snow on the field, or the grounds are muddy. At such times children are warned not to use the slides or jungle gyms, not to take play equipment from their classes, and to stay on the blacktop areas. Girls are to stay on the areas near the building, and boys are to stay on the path to the back gate, the basketball, and handball courts.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

CONDUCT, ESPECIALLY ON WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL

During school hours discipline is a direct concern of teachers and administrators. In extreme cases, where children in school will not conform to acceptable standards of behavior, they may be suspended. This insistence on good conduct in school is required so that a learning situation can be maintained.

When children are on their way to or from school, the authority of school personnel is not directly involved. However, it is a matter of concern, when people who live on the streets near school call on the telephone, or come to the office and report their fence, hedge, or shrubbery being destroyed by children from Gotham Avenue.

It is also disturbing when it is reported that one child is being set upon by another child or a group of children on his way home, or at the bus stop. It is expected that children should grow up to live in a system of law and order. It is most unfortunate when children are taught or urged by their parents to retaliate, or "get a gang to beat up" someone because of a real, or fancied slight. Presumably fathers are more guilty of this in that they do not want their children to be known as sissies or molly-coddles. Encouraging children to do this sort of thing is not the solution, nor is it a good example. Just as sensible adults do not attempt to settle personal arguments with fisticuffs, neither should children.

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TEACHER PROFILE -- MISS LINDA INSULL

Miss Insull, unlike many people living in the New York metropolitan area, was born in Queens, and is still a resident there.

Her elementary and high schools were in Queens, and for college she went to New Paltz State Teachers College. From there she received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education, and a state license to teach in elementary schools grades kindergarten through six. This is Miss Insull's third year teaching kindergarten at Gotham Avenue. She is now attending Queens College working towards her master's degree with a major in elementary education.

Summers when she is not attending college she likes to travel, and two of her favorite spots are San Francisco, California and Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado. For vacations to the southwest and west she has gone by plane to the area, and then rented a car for visiting local scenic spots. Last summer she toured much of New York State, Quebec City and Montreal, Canada.

Miss Insull does many handicrafts. She is interested in a Queens-wide young adult group affiliated with her church, and spends considerable time helping to put out their newspaper.

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COVER PICTURE

The picture on the cover of this issue was drawn by Mary Ellen Bodner, Deborah Fiorvante, Elaine Marino, Jeanette Perciballi, Patricia Rosenberger, and Amy Siporin from Miss Insull's afternoon kindergarten class.

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## APRIL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- April 5 - Mrs. Thomsen's class on visit to Museum of Natural History.  
12 - P.T.A. meeting 2:30 - School Fashions.  
12 - Mrs. Gramlich's and Mrs. Zad's classes on trip to Bronx Zoo.  
\*13 - Mrs. Casey's class in assembly program - 10:30 A.M.  
18 - Easter Vacation - school closes regular time Wednesday, April 18th.  
30 - School reopens.

\*Parents of children in the assembly program are welcome to attend.

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### AFTER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Starting <sup>Wed 11 AM</sup> Monday, April 2nd the playground will be supervised from after school until six P.M.

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### SPRING ROUND-UP

Starting the week of April 9th, PTA workers will distribute registration forms to parents of kindergarten age children. Registration for kindergarten will be May 10th and 11th.

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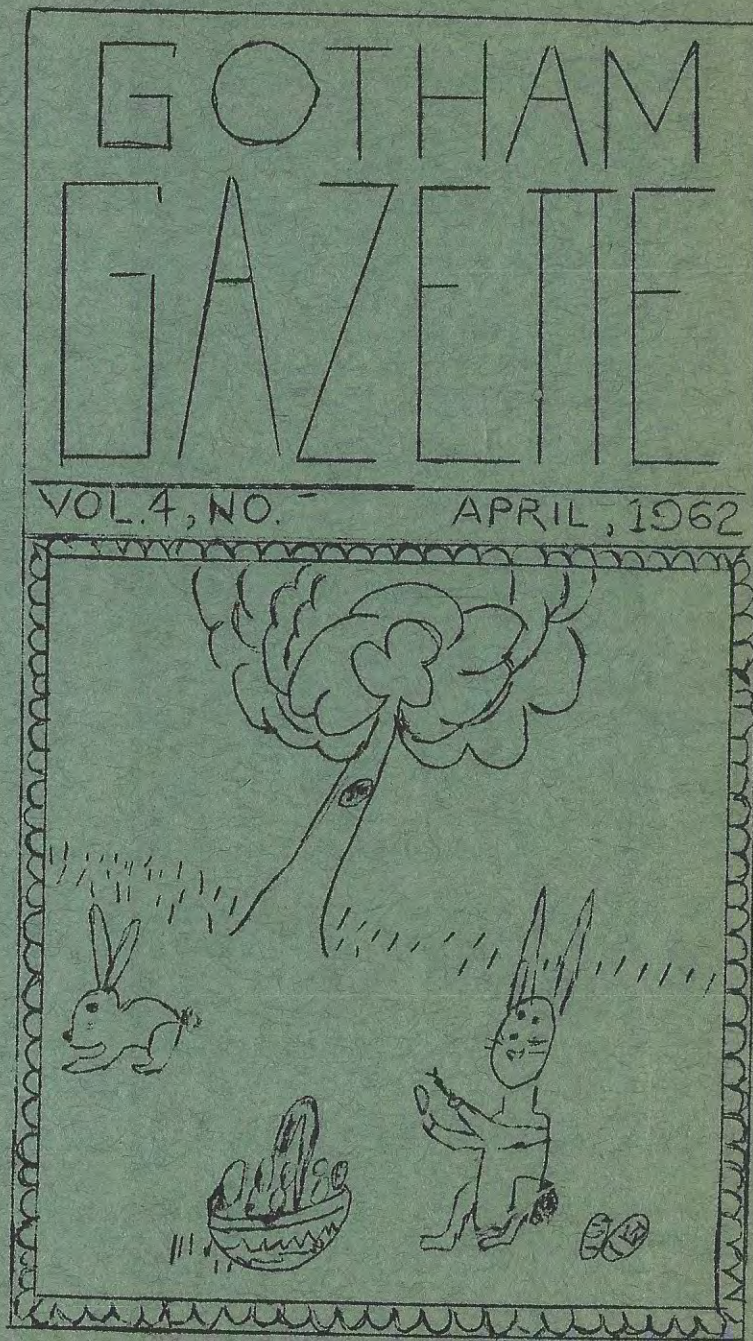
### CHANGE IN PERSONNEL

Miss Joan Kreisl has replaced Mrs. Cash, second grade teacher, since March 12th.

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### COVER DRAWING

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by John Marsten in Miss Schalkham's class.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

REGISTERING AND VOTING IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS

In many school districts, the "biggest business" is their local school system. In District Sixteen \$3,530,642. is being spent this school year. It well may be that, excepting Belmont Race Track, this is the largest budget in Elmont.

It is also true, that in no other community "industry", can people take personal part in selecting the directors, or vote on the budget.

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Last year 489 people registered and 374 voted in the Gotham Avenue area.

District Sixteen requires registering before voting. To date, 396 people are registered to vote in the school elections May 8, 1962. It may be assumed there are 1300 voters with children at Gotham Avenue. Since there are area residents with no children in school, or children attending parochial schools, or junior-senior high, the number of possible voters is much greater than 1300. Registration day is April 23, 1962. It is hoped that registration can be increased over last year.

To register, a person must be a U.S. citizen, 21 years old, live 30 days in the school district. In addition they should own or rent a house in district, or have a child attending district school, or have child living with him who attends a district school.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION DAY IS APRIL 23, 1962.

It is urged that all persons eligible to register do so, and on May 2nd, come to school and vote.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MR. ROBERT DILLMAN

Mr. Dillman was born in Forest Hills, N.Y. where he lived until he was eleven years old. His family then moved to Jamaica where he attended P.S. 117 and Jamaica High School. During high school, the family moved again, this time to Queens Village. He graduated from Jamaica High School in 1943.

He entered the army that same year and served in Europe during World War II in England, France and Germany.

He was discharged in 1946 and entered the Juilliard School of Music where he studied composition. In 1950 he attended Teachers' College at Columbia University and received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. Continuing his studies at Columbia he received a Masters Degree in Special Education in 1951.

He was a student teacher at the Belmont Boulevard School and became an official member of the teaching staff in 1952.

He taught both vocal and instrumental music at the Belmont, Elmont Road and Dutch Broadway schools for several years. In 1958 he began teaching just instrumental music and has been doing so ever since at the Alden Terrace, Dutch Broadway and Gotham Ave. schools. He also taught Adult Education classes at Elmont Memorial High School for several years.

His wife Patricia, and their three children, Bobby 7, Debbie 5, and Doug 2, live in Plainview, Long Island and as a hobby he enjoys woodworking, drawing, and painting, and the study of natural history.

He likes teaching at the Gotham Avenue School very much and looks forward to the day and a half he spends here.

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## CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

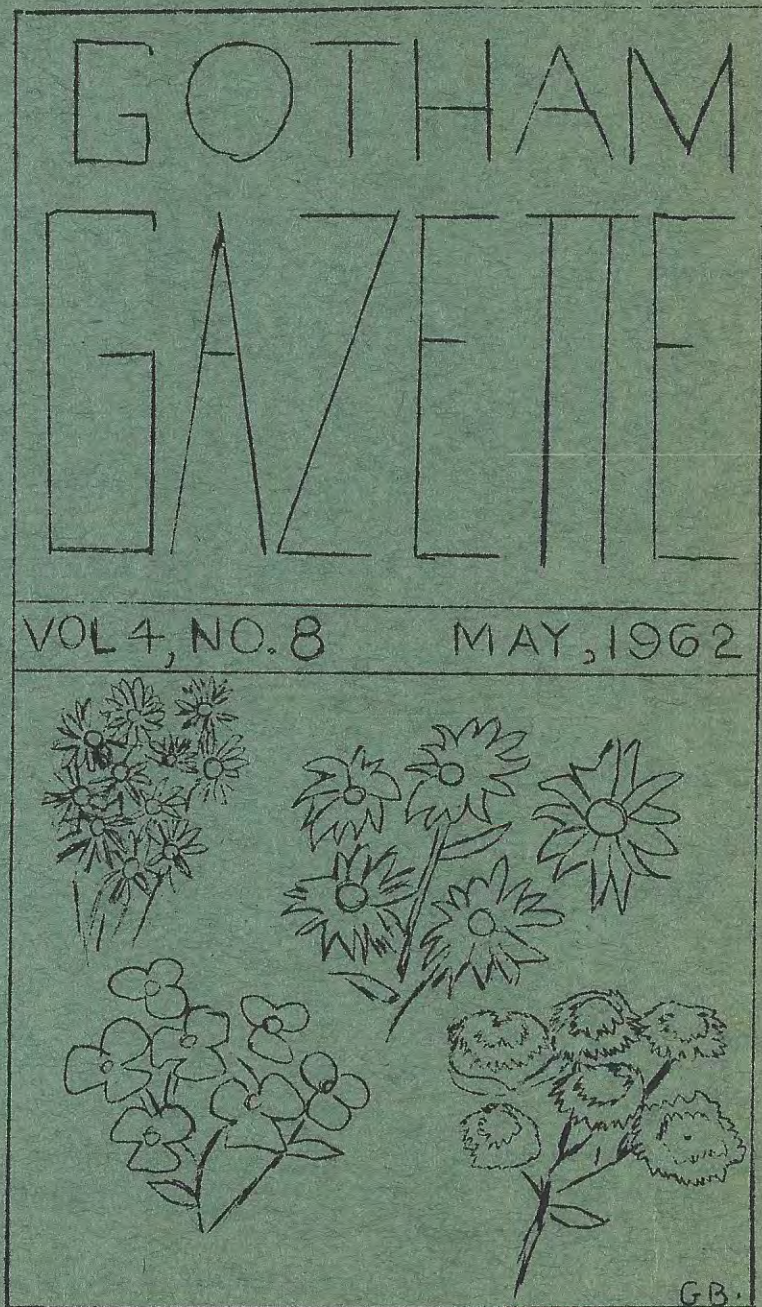
- May 1 - Mrs. Feigin's class visits Elmont Memorial.  
2 - Mrs. Hemmerlein's class visits Elmont Memorial.  
2 - Voting - School election, 12 noon to 10 P.M.  
3 - Miss Schalkham's class on trip to Planetarium.  
3 - Mrs. McDonell's class visits Elmont Memorial.  
4 - Music Festival - 1:30 P.M.  
8 - Mrs. Fisher's class visits Elmont Memorial.  
8 - PTA Bazaar.  
10 - PTA meeting 2:30 P.M.  
10 - Mrs. Gramlich's and Mrs. Zad's classes on trip to Aquarium.  
10 & 11 - Kindergarten registration.  
11 - Miss White's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*  
15 - Teachers' Recognition Day.  
17 - Mrs. Casey's class on trip to Jamaica Water Supply Company.  
17 - Mr. Cascioli's class on trip to Chinatown Museum.  
18 - Mrs. Healy's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*  
23 - Sixth grade classes on trip to New York City.  
24 - Kindergarten tea for new entrants and parents.  
25 - Miss Kreisl's class in assembly program 9:30.\*  
30 - Memorial Day - No school.  
31 - Miss Eberson's and Miss Carlson's classes on trip to Planetarium.

\* Parents of children in assembly program are welcome to attend.

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### SIXTH GRADE TRIP

On Wednesday, May 23rd, the entire sixth grade will go on a trip to New York City, to see the musical THE SOUND OF MUSIC. This is given to the children as a treat by the PTA. \* \* \* \* \*



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

TEACHER RECOGNITION DAY

May 15th is TEACHER RECOGNITION DAY. The following is the first paragraph from Governor Rockefeller's proclamation.

"The ideals which Americans have established for their education are unique in the history of the nations. We ask that every individual regardless of age, race, social background or present achievement be given the opportunity to gain the knowledge, and to develop the skills and appreciations which will satisfy his personal needs. To achieve these ideals we depend on the loyalty, selflessness, the dedication of our teachers."

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SCHOOL VOTING

This year 446 people in the Gotham Avenue School area are registered to vote. All these people are urged to vote at Gotham Avenue, Wednesday, May 2nd. They will have the opportunity to vote on the District 16 Budget, and the rate should be a bit lower than last year; the Public Library budget; three members of the Board of Education; and one trustee for the Library Board.

In the same room at a different table, voters can register for next year. It will be possible to register for next years voting even if you were not able to vote this year.

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TEACHER PROFILE -- MRS. JANET GRAMLICH

Mrs. Gramlich was born in Kimball, West Va. She attended elementary school there and high school in the neighboring city of Welch. At West Virginia Wesleyan College Mrs. Gramlich received her A.B. degree, majoring in Elementary Education.

Prior to her marriage and moving to New York, she taught the third grade at Welch Elementary School.

Mr. Gramlich is currently employed by United Medical Service as a research analyst and chartist.

The Gramliches enjoy traveling, and have toured extensively through New England, the South and Mid-Atlantic states. They also enjoy the theatre, music and working with young people.

Mrs. Gramlich plays the piano, organ, and autoharp as hobbies, while Mr. Gramlich enjoys antique automobiling.

At Gotham Avenue School, Mrs. Gramlich is currently teaching the second grade, is book chairman for her grade, is on the Hospitality Committee, and directs the second grade Glee Club.

In the near future she plans to start work towards her Master's Degree in Education at Queens College.

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COVER DRAWING

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Gilbert Berke in Mrs. Feigin's class.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates.

- June 1 - Field Day. Parents may watch games if they desire.
- 4 - Sixth grade parents meet at Elmont Memorial High School.
- 7 - Mrs. Casey's and Mrs. Healy's classes on trip to Statue of Liberty.
- 8 - Mrs. Thomsen's class in assembly program, 9:30 A.M. in auditorium.\*
- 14 - Mrs. Casey's and Mrs. Healy's classes on trip to Jamaica Water Supply Co.
- 21 - Moving-Up Exercises for sixth grade, 8:00 P.M. in auditorium.
- 22 - Last full day of school.
- 25 - No school for children.
- 26 - Report cards issued. Children will be dismissed at 9:45 A.M.
- July 9 - Summer school and summer playground starts.
- Aug. 10 - Summer school and summer playground ends.
- Sept. 5 - School opens at regular time.

\* Parents of children in the assembly program are welcome to attend.

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### BUS TRANSPORTATION

Parents of this year's third grade are reminded that next year in fourth grade there is no bus transportation.

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### COVER ILLUSTRATION

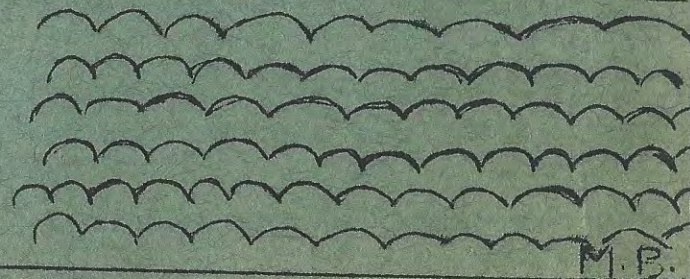
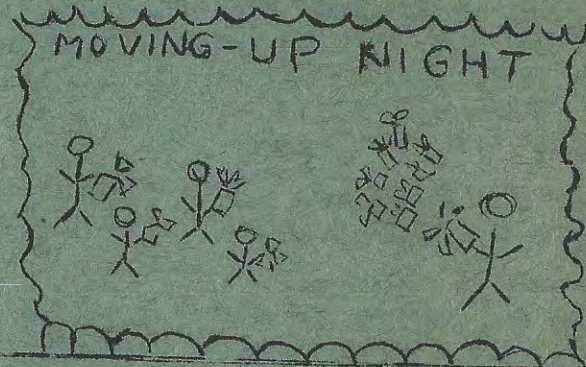
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

GOOD CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATES

At an assembly to be held Friday morning, June 22, about thirty children from the sixth grades will receive an award for good citizenship. They were nominated by their classroom teachers and the special teachers on the basis of the following criteria.

They must have had during the past year a good conduct record, and acceptable academic marks. In addition they must have shown leadership in at least one of the following; a sixth grade class officer, on the student council, on the audio-visual aid committee, a winner in field day events, have been a PTA baby-sitter, library worker, nurse's helper or bank teller.

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SIXTH GRADE MOVING-UP EXERCISES

Sixth grade Moving-Up Exercises will be June 21st at 8:00 P.M. Boys are requested to wear jackets, trousers, white shirts and ties. Girls should wear ordinary "dress-up" dresses. Details of dress were in a letter sent home to parents of children involved.

There will be numbers by the school band, the school glee club and a sixth grade dance group.

Mr. Nadler, a member of the Board of Education, will speak and present the traditional booklets with the constitutions of the United States, New York State and the Declaration of Independence.

There will be 115 children involved. This requires that the number of guests invited by each pupil be limited to three since space in the auditorium will not permit more.

As in other years, the program should be over around 10:00 P.M.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. RUTH FEIGIN

Mrs. Feigin came to Gotham Avenue in March 1960 to take over Mr. Bucchioni's sixth grade class. She has taught the sixth grade in our school for the past two years.

Mrs. Feigin received her education at Hunter College in New York City, and also at the University of Cincinnati. She was married at the beginning of World War II and traveled throughout the United States with her husband during the war years.

When they returned and decided to settle in Long Island, Mr. and Mrs. Feigin also decided to begin raising a family. They now have three children - Steven, 15 years old, Joel, 10 years old, and Barbara, 6 years old.

Mrs. Feigin has been active in community activities for many years, particularly in the area of children's needs. She helped organize a summer day camp for pre-school children in the community in which she lives, a day camp for school-age children in their neighborhood school, and she has also been both den mother and executive secretary for the Cub Scout Pack in which Joel and Steven have both been scouts.

Before coming to Gotham Avenue Mrs. Feigin was certified as a Braille transcriber and did volunteer work transcribing for blind children.

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SUMMER PROGRAM

This year at Gotham Avenue there will be supervised playground from July 9th through August 10th. In addition, some youngsters on the basis of need and teacher recommendation will go to Dutch Broadway School for remedial and other type school work.

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Oct. 4 - Mrs. Gramlich's and Mrs. Zad's classes on trip to Bronx Zoc.
- 10 - Fire Prevention Awards Assembly 9:15 A.M. in auditorium.
- 12 - School closed.
- 17 - Mrs. Gramlich's and Mrs. Zad's classes on trip around Elmont.
- 18 - Parent Education meeting - Primary Reading.
- 19 - Mrs. Fisher's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium. \*
- 26 - Mr. Cascioli's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium. \*

\* Parents of children involved are welcome to attend these assemblies.

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BUS TRIPS

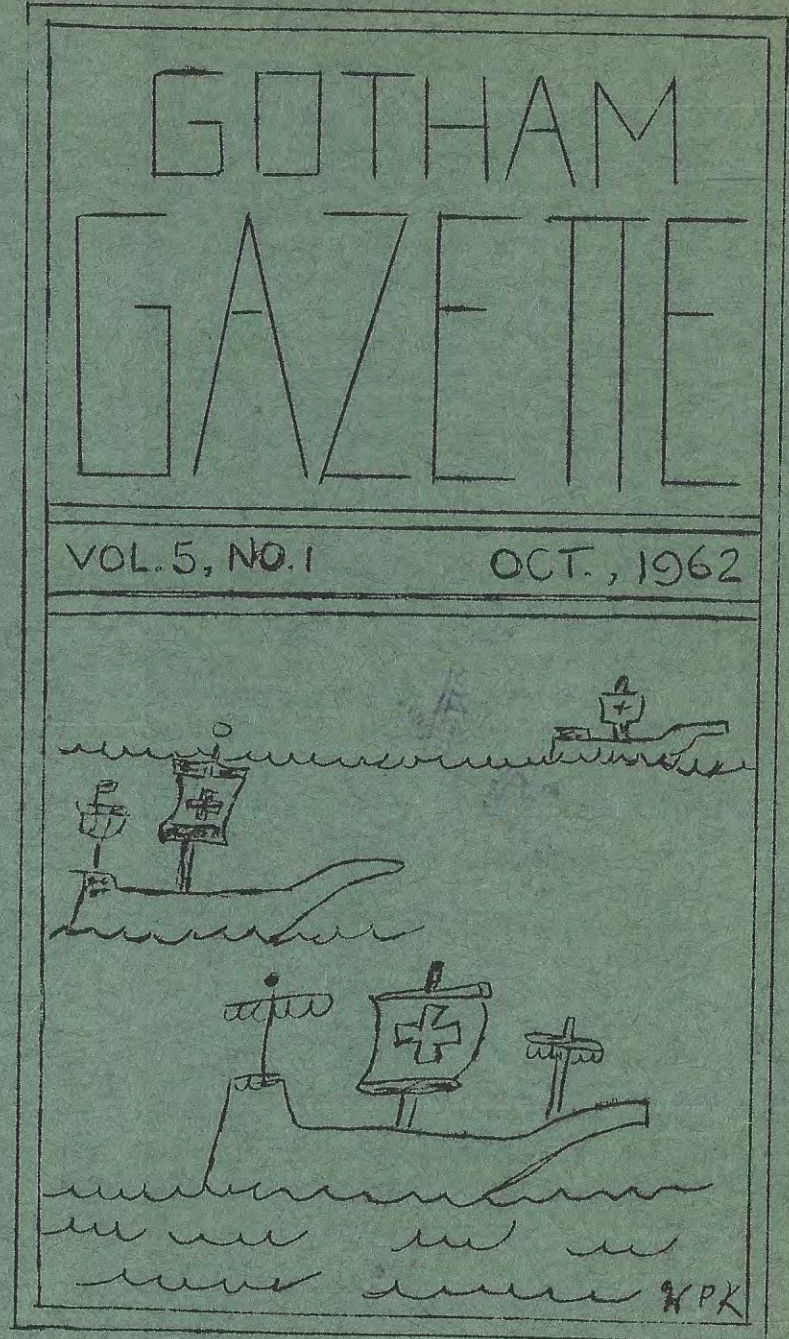
It is Board of Education policy that the first and the sixth grades have a bus trip during the school year. Other classes may have them as there is opportunity and they fit in with the study program. The day on which trips are taken at Gotham Avenue is Thursday.

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COVER PICTURE

The picture on the front of this issue was done by William P. Kuhn in Miss Kreienberg's class.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

ATTENDANCE

All children between the ages of 6 - 16 are required by law, to attend school. Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the urgency that students be in school every day. It is the duty of parents and school authorities to see that every child has the maximum educational opportunities.

If a child is ill we do not expect him to attend school. In case of necessary absence please give the pupil a written note. Also, call the nurse's office (Fr. 5-1671) on the second day of absence.

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SCHOOL STATISTICS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

This year at Gotham Avenue there are four sections in the kindergarten, fourth, fifth and sixth grades. There are three sections in first, second and third grades. One class is a combined second and third grade.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT FIGURES ARE

Kindergarten	114
First grade	81
Second grade	103
Third grade	102
Fourth grade	102
Fifth grade	112
Sixth grade	106
	<u>720 Total</u>

This year we have three sets of twins, some are similar enough to cause teachers to look closely to tell them apart.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. HELEN KONIK

Mrs. Konik was born in Queens, New York where she attended The Mary Louis Academy. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from St. John's University in Jamaica, New York.

Prior to coming to Gotham Avenue as a third grade teacher, Mrs. Konik worked in Sperry, Lake Success for three years. It was while working as an engineering aid in Sperry that Mrs. Konik completed her studies for her degree at night.

Mrs. Konik's husband is an electrical engineer at Sperrys. They reside in Floral Park, New York.

The Koniks enjoy traveling and have toured the Eastern Seaboard and have visited Bermuda. They also enjoy music, the theater and sports. Many evenings are spent reading while listening to stereophonic music.

Mrs. Konik is a bowling enthusiast and is a member of the school district's bowling team.

Mrs. Konik has taught third grade at Gotham Avenue for the past two years. Currently she is the third grade book chairman, and chairman of the Junior Red Cross.

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NEW PERSONNEL AT GOTHAM AVENUE

This year we have three new teachers at Gotham Avenue. Miss Graulich is teaching fifth grade, Miss Zerucha fourth grade and Mr. Jeffries sixth grade. Mrs. Perez, formerly Miss Buchner, has returned to Gotham Avenue after an absence of two years. We are very happy to have her back.

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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Nov. 6 - Election Day. No school.  
8 - Children's pictures taken.  
8 - Mrs. Casey's and Mrs. Feigin's classes on trip to Jamaica Water Supply Company.  
8 - Open School Night 8:00 P.M.  
9 - Miss White's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*  
12 - Veterans Day. No school.  
15 - Mrs. Fisher's class on trip to United Nations.  
15 - Mrs. McDonell's class on trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art.  
16 - Miss Kreienberg's class in assembly program 10:30 in auditorium.\*  
21 - 23 Thanksgiving vacation. School closes November 21, at noon.  
29 - Mrs. Hemmerlein's and Mr. Jeffries' classes on trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art.  
30 - Miss Keegan's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*

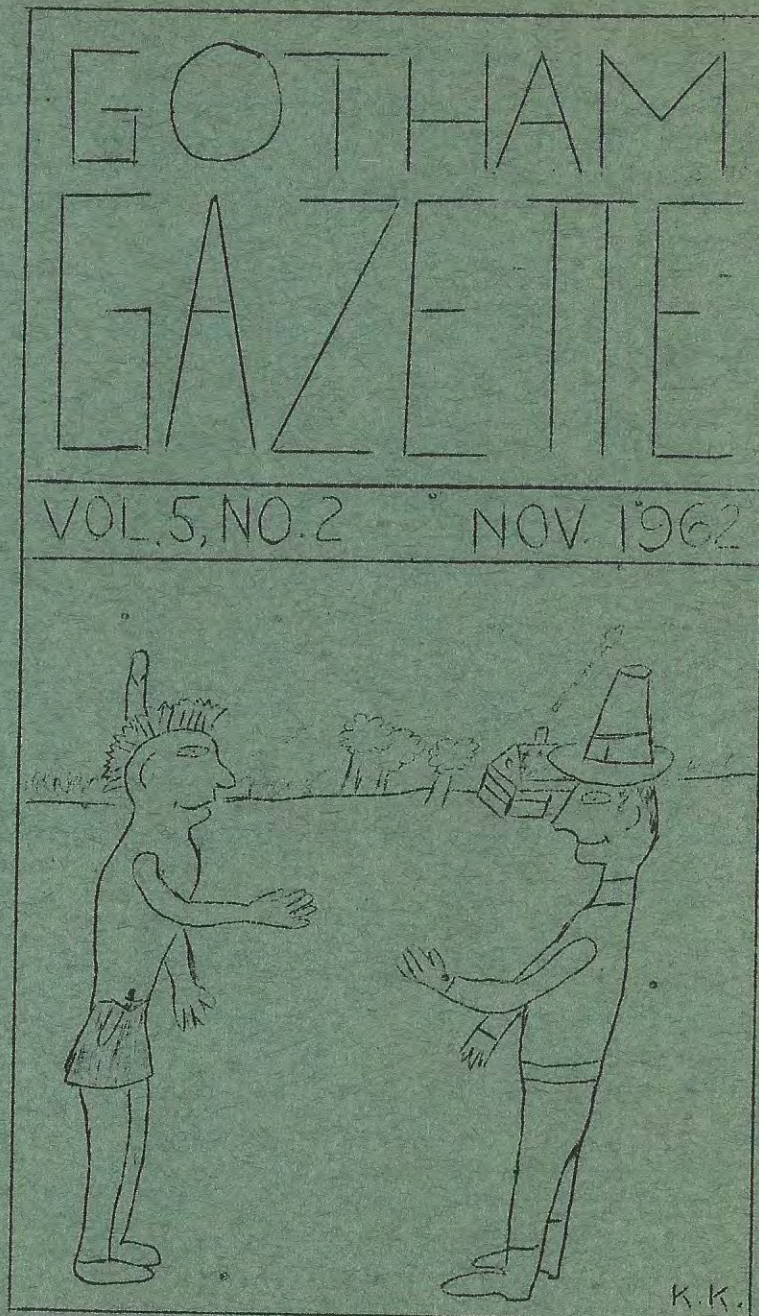
\* Parents of children in the assembly programs are welcome to come.

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### PUPILS PICTURES

On November 8, a professional photographer will be at Gotham Avenue to take individual color pictures of all students. Parents will be informed again when the photographer is coming. A \$2 packet will be prepared and sent home. Parents are not obligated to buy the pictures. If there are more than two children in school all children will receive pictures for the price of two sets. It is promised that the pictures will be available before Christmas.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

For many years the week in which Veteran's Day occurs has been set aside as American Education Week. This year by proclamation of Governor Rockefeller the period from November 11 through 17 has been designated.

At Gotham Avenue we will have Open School Night Thursday, November 8. The week following parents are invited to visit school, during the day, according to the following schedule.

Kindergartens - Tuesday, November 13  
First and Second grades - Wednesday, November 14  
Third and Fourth grades - Thursday, November 15  
Fifth and Sixth grades - Friday, November 16.

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In the annual fire prevention contest the following were the winners.

In the Poster Contest:

Andrew Lach in Mr. Cascioli's class  
Susan Trovato in Mr. Jeffries' class.

In the Essay Contest:

Janet Hutt in Mr. Cascioli's class  
Dennis Keddy in Mrs. McDonell's class.

Mr. Heber, the Chaplain for the Elmont Fire Dept. came to an assembly for the intermediate grades and made the awards. He also gave a talk on fire prevention and the necessity for being careful with fire.

While Mr. Heber was in the assembly, other members of the Fire Department were in the play area with a fire truck. They gave a short ride to the children in the kindergarten, first and second grades

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TEACHER PROFILE -MISS JANE CERNY

Being born in Flushing has made and kept Miss Cerny a native New Yorker. She attended Bryant High School in Astoria, furthering her education at the University of the State of New York, College of Education, Oswego, New York.

After graduation from college, Miss Cerny did graduate work using the facilities at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. That summer she toured western Europe, spending some time at the 1958 World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium.

This past summer in her constant endeavor to utilize her formal education, she again visited Europe. Through diligent effort, Miss Cerny was able to spend time behind the "Iron Curtain", in Czechoslovakia. Miss Cerny found that the common everyday things we take for granted were almost nonexistent.

For many years Miss Cerny has taken an active part in curbing juvenile delinquency by donating her time as teacher and directress of gymnastics in an international organization known as Sokol, whose slogan is, "A Sound Mind in a Healthy Body". Through her gymnastic training she has found that consistent discipline in every phase of life is a necessity.

Prior to teaching third grade at Gotham Avenue, Miss Cerny taught fifth grade in Boonville, New York. At present she is a member of District # 16 Bowling team, and on the hospitality committee at Gotham Avenue.

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COVER PICTURE

The picture on the front of this issue was done by Kevin Keane in Mrs. McDonell's class.

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Dec. 4 - Sewanhaka Central Council PTA Meeting, 10 A.M. in Auditorium.
- 6 - Mrs. Casey's and Mrs. Feigin's classes on trip to Museum of Natural History
- 13 - PTA Meeting 1:30 P.M. Children's Holiday Celebration.
- 20 - Mrs. Perez's and Mrs. Thomsen's classes on trip to Museum of Natural History.
- 21 - School closes at regular time for Christmas Holidays.
- Jan. 2 - School reopens.

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PICTURES

In all classes, during the year, color transparencies are taken of the children in typical activities. Pictures are also taken during the assembly programs. If these turn out well responsible parents may borrow them to have prints made for their own files.

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SEWANHAKA AREA CENTRAL COUNCIL PTA MEETING

Our PTA plays host to the Sewanhaka Central Council PTA on Tuesday morning December 4, at 10A.M. in the school auditorium.. A group of outstanding panelists will discuss school problems dealing with smoking, drinking, narcotics, and discipline. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting.

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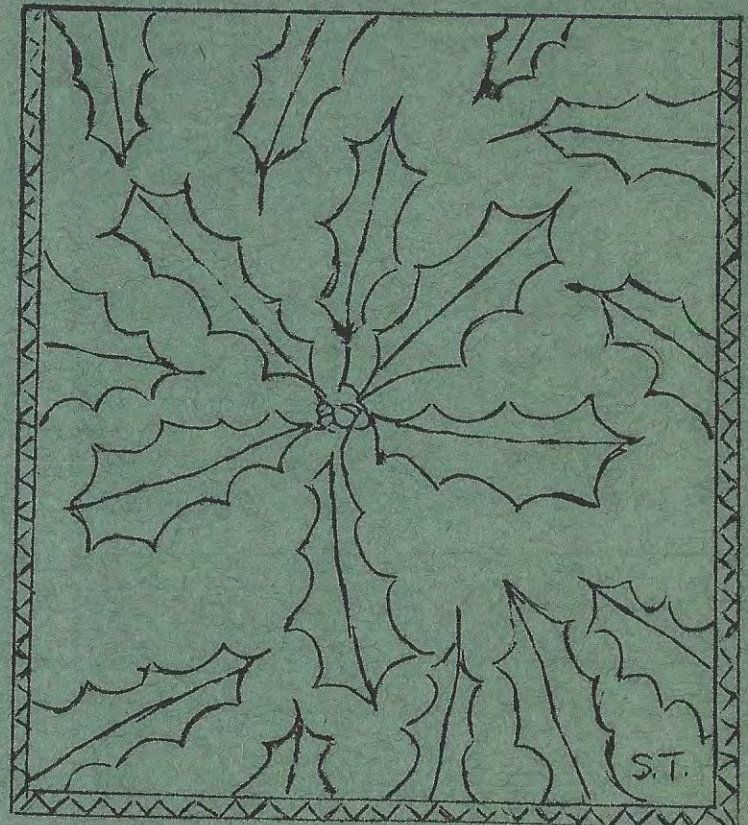
On Sunday November 18, Mrs. Andrews, clerk in the principal's office was married. Her new name is Mrs. Barracc.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A STATEMENT OF LAW

"Any person not the parent or legal guardian of a pupil in regular attendance at said school who loiters in or around any school building or grounds without written permission from the principal, custodian or other person in charge thereof, or in violation of posted rules or regulations governing the use thereof, shall be guilty of a disorderly conduct."

The above statement of penal law, which became effective July 1, 1955, has been posted in entrance doors at Gotham Avenue School. The main office has also consulted with the police department as to procedure. They assured the school that persons near the area who see vandalism being committed, or unbecoming conduct could call the police without having to file a complaint. If a formal complaint is indicated, school personnel will sign it. The telephone number of the Fifth Precinct is VA. 5-5500.

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VISITORS DURING AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

During the day 447 parents visited the classrooms of their children. On Open School Night 636 visited classrooms. Thus a total of 1,083 visitations were made. In reaching this total some parents visited both during the day and again at night.

Miss Cerny's class with a total of 66 had the most visitors for a single session grade. Mr. Cascioli had 62 and Mrs. Gramlich 61. Mrs. Skaling had a total of 86.

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THE FACULTY AND STAFF JOIN TO WISH YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. BARBARA PEREZ

Mrs. Pérez was born in Bayside, Queens and attended elementary and secondary schools on Long Island. She received her bachelor's degree in education from Fordham University and will be commencing work on her master's degree in education at Queens College this semester.

Having completed her student teaching at Gotham Avenue, she taught first and second grades here for four years. In 1960 Mrs. Pérez migrated to the West Coast where she spent an enjoyable year teaching in Santa Barbara, California.

Mrs. Pérez then journeyed "South of the Border" and settled in Taxco, the picturesque silver center of Mexico. While living in Mexico she tutored in English.

Aside from a half dozen trips to Mexico, Mrs. Pérez has also traveled throughout Europe by automobile and has toured the United States, coast to coast and border to border.

Mrs. Pérez plays the piano and enjoys adding to her record collection, as well as cooking and designing jewelry.

Mrs. Pérez and her husband, who is in the silver exporting business, are the proud owners of three massive Boxers.

Mrs. Pérez is currently teaching third grade and is directing the third grade Glee Club.

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COVER DRAWING

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Susan Trovato in Mr. Jeffries' class.

## JANUARY CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Jan. 11 - Miss Carlson's class in assembly program,  
10:30 in auditorium.\*  
17 - PTA Meeting, auditorium, 2:30P.M.  
18 - Mrs. Zad's class in assembly program,  
9:30 in auditorium.\*  
24 - Miss Schalkham's and Miss Zerucha's classes  
on trip to Museum of Natural History.  
25 - Mrs. Hemmerlein's class in assembly program  
10:30 in auditorium.\*

\*Parents of children involved are welcome to attend these assemblies.

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### STUDENT TEACHERS

As a part of training to become a teacher, college students spend one semester in a school taking part, under supervision of an experienced cooperating teacher, in the preparation of lessons and teaching in a classroom. Here at Gotham Avenue School we are happy to help in the preparation of future teachers.

Since September the following students have been practice teaching.

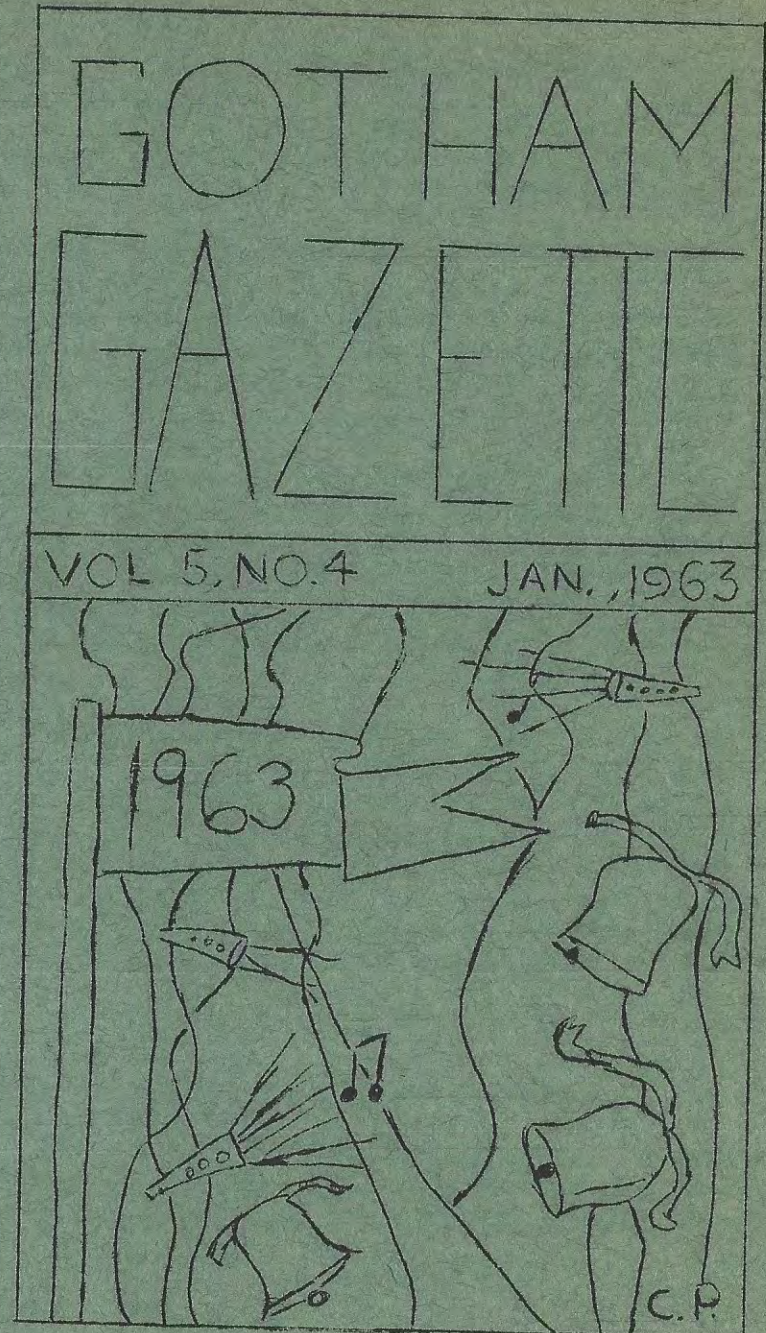
- Miss Mona Bregman - with Mrs. Gramlich until Nov. 16  
Miss Ruth Jahrstorfer - with Mr. Cascioli and Mrs. Konik  
Miss Elizabeth Kelly - with Mrs. Thomsen and Mrs. Casey  
Miss Barbara Krohn - with Miss Keegan and Mrs. Perez  
Miss Carol Schenck - with Mrs. McGraw since Nov. 13  
Miss Sharon Smoke - with Mrs. Zad and Mrs. Hemmerlein  
Miss Patricia Stislow - with Miss Kreienberg and Miss Cerny

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### COVER ILLUSTRATION

This drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Charles Palmonka in Mrs. Hemmerlein's class.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The season of cold weather is here, and paragraphs of a letter from Dr. Brody, head school physician, are repeated.

"Generally speaking, children should play out of doors as much as possible. It should be understood, of course, that children are properly clothed for the weather circumstances prevailing. The degree of coldness is of no importance, within reason . . . ."

"It is generally true that there is less danger of children contracting colds and upper respiratory infections if they are outdoors, even though the weather is cold, than if they are kept indoors in large groups where play rooms are overheated and children congregate in larger numbers."

"It is also my opinion that a period of noon hour outdoor active play would be beneficial to elementary school children as a break from the sedentary routines of the morning and would make a contribution to children being more relaxed in their afternoon sessions, hence more attentive, which in turn may make for a more desirable learning situation."

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As a rule of thumb children will be outdoors at noon if the temperature is 20° or above. As need be, strong winds, slippery ice, and snow conditions are taken into consideration along with the temperature.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MISS GERMAINE ROUSSEAU

A native of Queens, Miss Rousseau has taught first grade at Gotham Avenue School for the past two years. Miss Rousseau comes from a pedagogical family. (Her sister is teaching first grade in East meadow.)

Miss Rousseau attended elementary and high schools in Queens, and graduated with a major in psychology from Hunter College. She has taken graduate courses at Columbia University Teachers College, and plans to return to Hunter to complete studies for her master's degree.

She likes to travel, and has toured by automobile most of the New England and Eastern Atlantic States. She finds Vermont especially beautiful, both in the summer and in the winter time. A ski enthusiast, she is looking forward to a snowy winter. Reaching the ski areas should be easy, as she is one of the four teachers at Gotham Avenue with a Volkswagen.

Miss Rousseau has been book chairman for her grade level, and is currently school science chairman.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Mr. Franklin, physical education teacher, has submitted a stork report. It reads that his daughter, born December 1, 1962, 21 inches, 7 pounds eight ounces, is named Sheryl Renéé.

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## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Feb. 1 - Mrs. Thomsen's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*
- 8 - Mrs. Perez's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*
- 11 & 12 - School closed for Lincoln's Birthday.
- 14 - PTA Founders Day Celebration, Clara H. Carlson School, 8 P.M.
- 15 - Mrs. Feigin's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*
- 21 - PTA meeting for 4th, 5th and 6th grade parents. "Why Parent Conferences?"
- 22 - School closed. Washington's birthday.

\* Parents of children involved are welcome to attend these assemblies.

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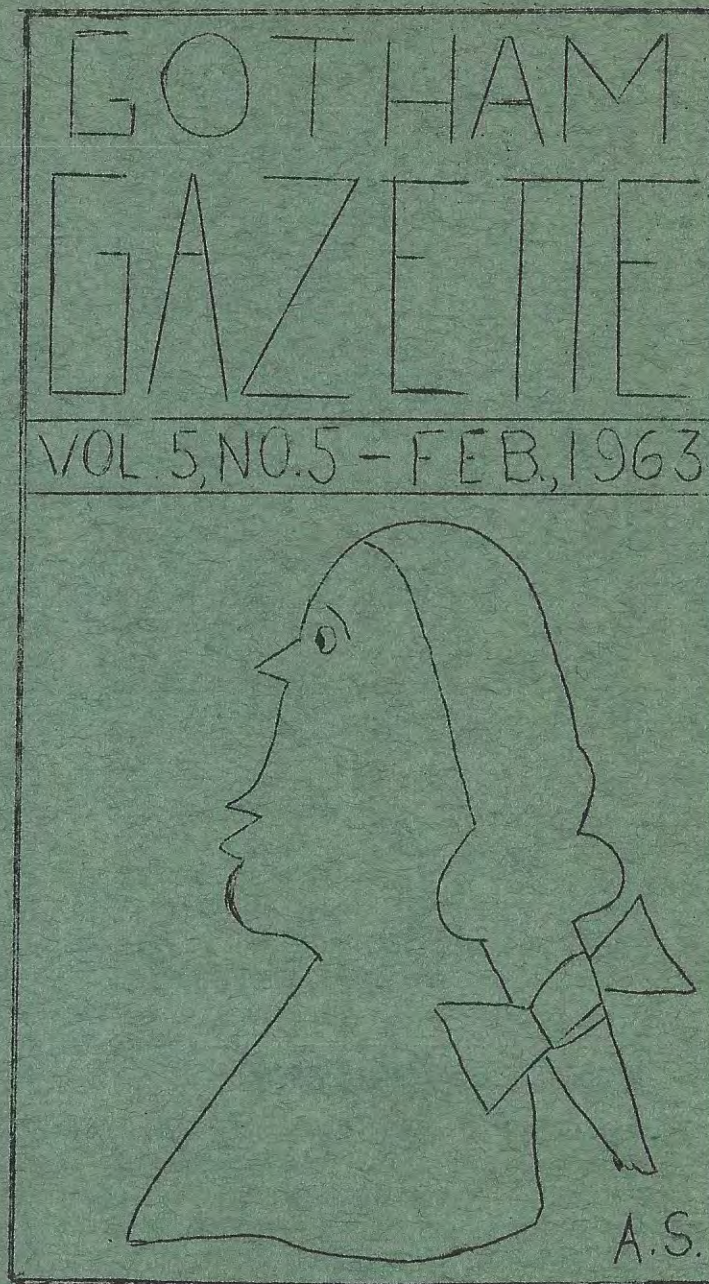
### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

You may be informed about school closing because of bad weather by listening to:

- ELMONT FIRE HORN - Will blow five short consecutive blasts at 7:10 A.M.
- STATION WOR (710 on radio dial) 6:20 and 7:20 A.M.
- STATION WNBC (660 on radio dial) after 6:30 A.M.
- STATION WGBB (1240 on radio dial) after 7 A.M.
- STATION WGSM (740 on radio dial) after 7 A.M.
- STATION WFYI (1520 on radio dial) after 6:30 A.M.
- STATION WBAB (1440 on radio dial) after 5:30 A.M.

Parents will add to difficulty at school by calling to ask whether school is open or not on days with inclement weather. Only when road conditions are so bad that school buses cannot cover their routes will school be closed.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CHEST

Five times so far this school year a pupil from Gotham Avenue School has been present when a check for \$400 has been presented to a representative of a charity supported by the Children's Community Chest. Pictures of each presentation are on display in the case outside the principal's office.

The fund from which these checks are drawn is accumulated by each of the seven schools in District 16 contributing approximately 70¢ per child. This amount from Gotham Avenue has been around \$490 for the past five years.

The different schools vary in the manner they raise their contribution. Some schools have a show to which they sell tickets. Here we use Penny Banks. The first week of each month children are urged to contribute at least the price of an ice cream stick. The banks have a ladder effect over the face. Pennies put at the top flip over and over before dropping into the bank at the base.

Teachers try to make clear to their classes that these contributions are important; that boys and girls in elementary school are not too small to be interested in helping other boys and girls. For most of the charities, the check from the District 16 Children's Community Chest is the largest contribution received in the Elmont area.

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PRACTICE TEACHERS

This semester at Gotham Avenue, we will have three practice teachers. Miss Linda Heinz, Miss Gail Klingner and Miss Stephanie Janiga. Miss Heinz is from Hofstra College and the other two girls from New Paltz State Teachers College.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MR. GARY JEFFRIES

Mr. Jeffries was born and received his early education in Plattsburgh which is on Lake Champlain not far from the New York Canadian border. With the reports of the deep snows in that region, he is glad to be on Long Island.

His early thought was to be a hotel manager and to prepare for this he attended Paul Smith College at Saranac Lake and also Florida State University at Tallahassee, Florida.

As is the case with many who are now teaching, Mr. Jeffries switched from his hotel managing plans, and went to New York State University College of Education at Plattsburgh. Upon graduation from Plattsburgh, he taught for a while at Saranac Central School.

He was then inducted into the army and trained and served in several areas; most recently he was at Fort Devens in Massachusetts. Mr. Jeffries is in the army reserve, and the situation last October over the Russian missiles in Cuba, was followed with close interest.

The Providence of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces of Canada have frequently been visited by Mr. Jeffries and he has toured by car the seaboard states down to Florida.

Most sports appeal to Mr. Jeffries and he especially enjoys basketball, baseball, football and bowling.

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COVER PICTURE

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Andrew Silverstein in Miss Keegan's first grade class.

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## CAFETERIA STAFF

Introducing the Cafeteria staff at Gotham Avenue School - all of whom are residents of Elmont.

Mrs. Marion Huberth, head cook (cook-manager) has been with District #16 since 1949. She started her career at Gotham Avenue School at that time and later spent six years at Dutch Broadway School, returning to Gotham in September 1960.

Mrs. Helen Notheis, assistant cook, is a long time employee in District #16. In fact 1941 was the beginning of her tenure as cafeteria employee at Elmont Road School. She resigned in 1947 and returned as assistant cook in 1952. She has seen many changes and many new faces come and go.

Mrs. Margaret Pedersen, now a part-time assistant cook, is another long time employee and has labored conscientiously at making the school lunch program a success.

Last but not least is Mrs. Gertrude Warnquist, part-time assistant cook. She is the charming lady, who takes care of the milk and ice cream customers, and need I add - she is very popular with the small fry.

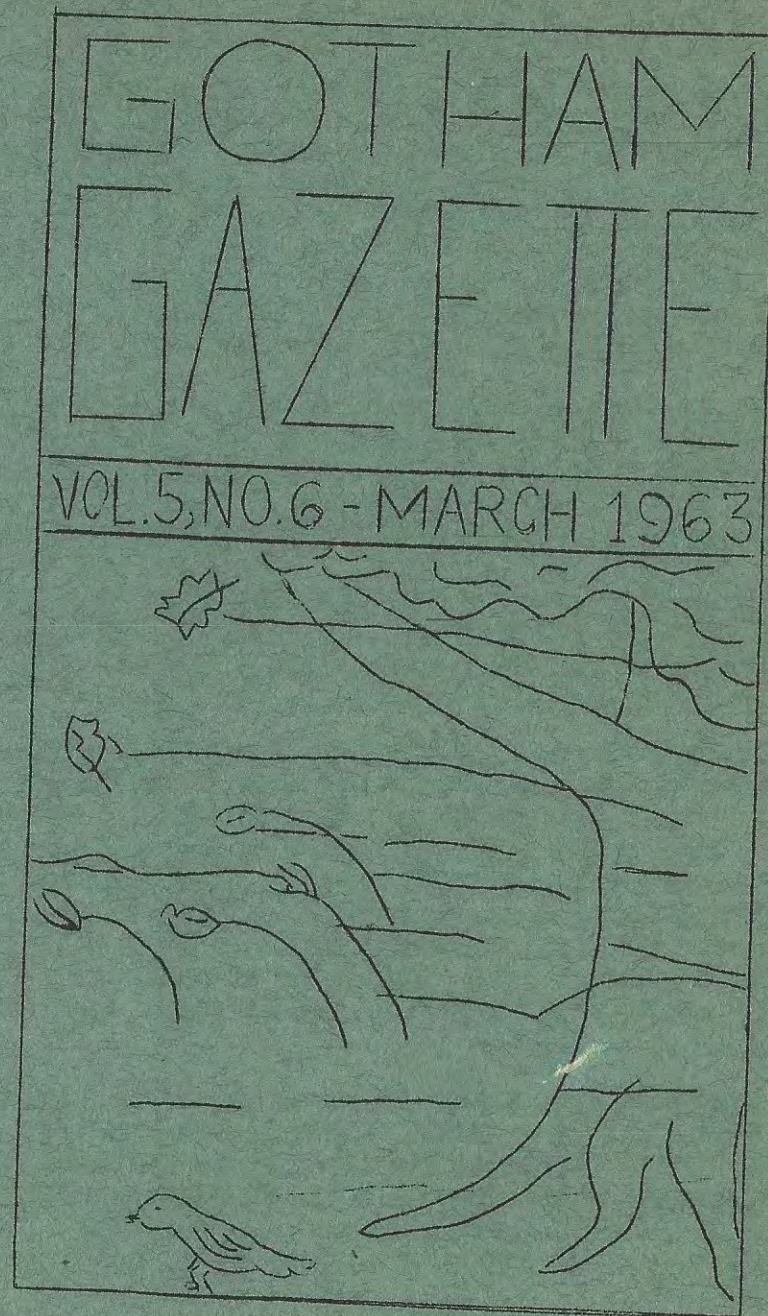
All of these ladies do their best to serve a tempting and nourishing lunch, which is planned by their supervisor, Mrs. Gooch. They take advantage of any lectures or courses which are offered at various times by the Federal Lunch Program to learn new methods and recipes hoping to promote healthier and happier eating habits.

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### COVER PICTURE

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by John Lach in Mrs. McDonell's class.

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USE OF TEXTBOOKS

In District 16, the best books available are secured for our children to use. Routinely, curriculum teachers and administrators receive sample copies of newly published textbooks. These are carefully examined to see if in concept, or format, they are superior to the ones in use. When new texts are to be adopted, it is as the result of a recommendation of a committee of classroom teachers, curriculum teachers, and principals made to Dr. Lindbloom.

All texts used are part of a series which run from the first through the sixth grades. Thus there is a planned sequence of what is taught in each grade. Skills, concepts, and information learned in one grade, will be built upon in the following grades.

Generally texts are issued to children, and they are accountable for them. If lost, barring extenuating circumstances, they must be paid for. The expected life of textbooks is five years.

Each child in all grades has a copy of the arithmetic book; starting in the 2nd all children have a spelling book, and a language book; in grades three, four, five and six each child has a social studies but does not have a text in science. The teachers make staggered assignments in this subject, so that there is a text available to each child when he is to study from that text. Dictionaries, texts in music, health, and handwriting are available in each room as necessary.

Reading texts are used in a special way in accordance with teaching procedure for this subject. Classes are divided into groups, and the text is used only at that time. Children in grades one through three have in their desk a work book in reading, but no text is made available to them as long as they are studying in that book.

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With the exception of the reading book being used, children may take home textbooks, and we hope they do, and put them to good use. In the beginning grades in reading, there are many books; when a child finishes reading one book it may go home. If the book being used by the child were to go home, the possibility is that the story would be memorized, and the teacher would not know whether he knew how to read the story or not.

Some parents have requested information concerning the title and publisher of the textbooks we use, with the idea of purchasing a book for home use. With the exception of the reading book, as mentioned above, the school will gladly give this information, but it is felt that in most cases, this should not be needed. In addition to the basic texts, the teacher has available supplementary books on each grade level, as well as other material which will gladly be loaned to interested parents.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month of March.

- March 1 - Mrs. McGraw's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium. \*
- 2 - PTA Movie in auditorium 10:30 A.M.
- 8 - Miss Graulich's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*
- 14 - PTA Meeting "The Hidden Enemy", Speech and Hearing Defects.
- 22 - Mrs. Gramlich's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*
- 29 - Miss Zerucha's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*

\* Parents of children involved in assembly programs are welcome to attend.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month of April.

- April 1 - District 16 proposed 1963-64 budget hearing.  
Elmont Road School auditorium 8:00 P.M.
- 1 - Spring Round-Up. See below.
- 4 - Mr. Cascioli's class on trip to International Airport.
- 5 - Miss Rousseau's class in assembly program at 9:30.\*
- 5 - Miss Zerucha's class in assembly program at 10:30.\*
- 5 - School closes regular time for the beginning of Easter vacation.
- 17 - School reopens at regular time.
- 19 - Mrs. Perez's and Mrs. Thomsen's classes on trip to L.I. Agricultural Institute at Farmingdale.
- 24 - Spring Music Festival in connection with PTA meeting, 7:30 P.M.
- 25 - Mrs. Feigin's class on trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- 25 - Meet your Board of Education Candidates. A PTA sponsored meeting at Clara H. Carlson School at 8:00 P.M.
- 29 - Parents who did not receive a postcard saying they are registered to vote in the school elections should come to Gotham Ave. and register. Registrars will be in the Library 12 noon to 10:00 P.M. Voting will be May 8th.

\*Parents and relatives of children in the assembly are welcome to come and see the program.

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### SPRING ROUND-UP

Starting the week of April 1st, PTA workers will distribute registration forms to parents of kindergarten age children. Registration for kindergarten will be May 9th and 10th.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

REGISTERING AND VOTING IN SCHOOL ELECTIONS

In many school districts, the "biggest business" is their local school system. In District Sixteen \$3,665,702. is being spent this school year. It well may be that, excepting Belmont Race Track, this is the largest budget in Elmont.

It is also true, that in no other community "industry," can people take personal part in selecting the directors, or vote on the budget.

Last year 449 people registered and 224 voted in the Gotham Avenue area.

District Sixteen requires registering before voting. To date, 248 people are registered to vote on the school elections May 8, 1963. It may be assumed there are 1300 voters with children at Gotham Avenue. Since there are area residents with no children in school, or children attending parochial schools, or junior-senior high, the number of possible voters is much greater than 1300. Registration day is April 29, 1963. It is hoped that registration can be increased over last year.

To register, a person must be a U.S. citizen, 21 years old, live 30 days in the school district. In addition they should own or rent a house in district, or have a child attending an area school, or have child living with him who attends an area school.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION DAY IS APRIL 29, 1963.

It is urged that all persons eligible to register do so, and on May 8th, come to school and vote.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MARY ANNE GRAULICH

Mary Anne Graulich was born in Franklin Square, New York. Her elementary and secondary education was received there except for a brief time in Detroit, Michigan schools.

Miss Graulich's professional training was at Allegheny, a small liberal arts college in Meadville, Pennsylvania. While an undergraduate, she taught in the college Pre-School Program, as well as the sixth grade in one of the city schools.

Summers are a busy time for her. For a number of years she has worked in the West Nassau Y.M.C.A. Day Camps. Recently she was named Director of the Day Camp Program for the "Y." Prior to and during the Day Camp season, you will find her at the "Y" pool where she conducts a series of "Learn to Swim" sessions for children of neighboring areas.

Finding spare time is a problem, but when there are a few extra minutes she likes to play bridge, dressmake, knit or play the piano. Currently she is attempting to re-upholster furniture.

Miss Graulich is one of the three teachers at Gotham Avenue with a Volkswagen. Some vacation she would like to take an auto trip through New England.

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AFTER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Starting Monday, April 1st the playground will be supervised after school until six P.M.

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COVER DRAWING

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Patti Goett in Mrs. Gramlich's class.

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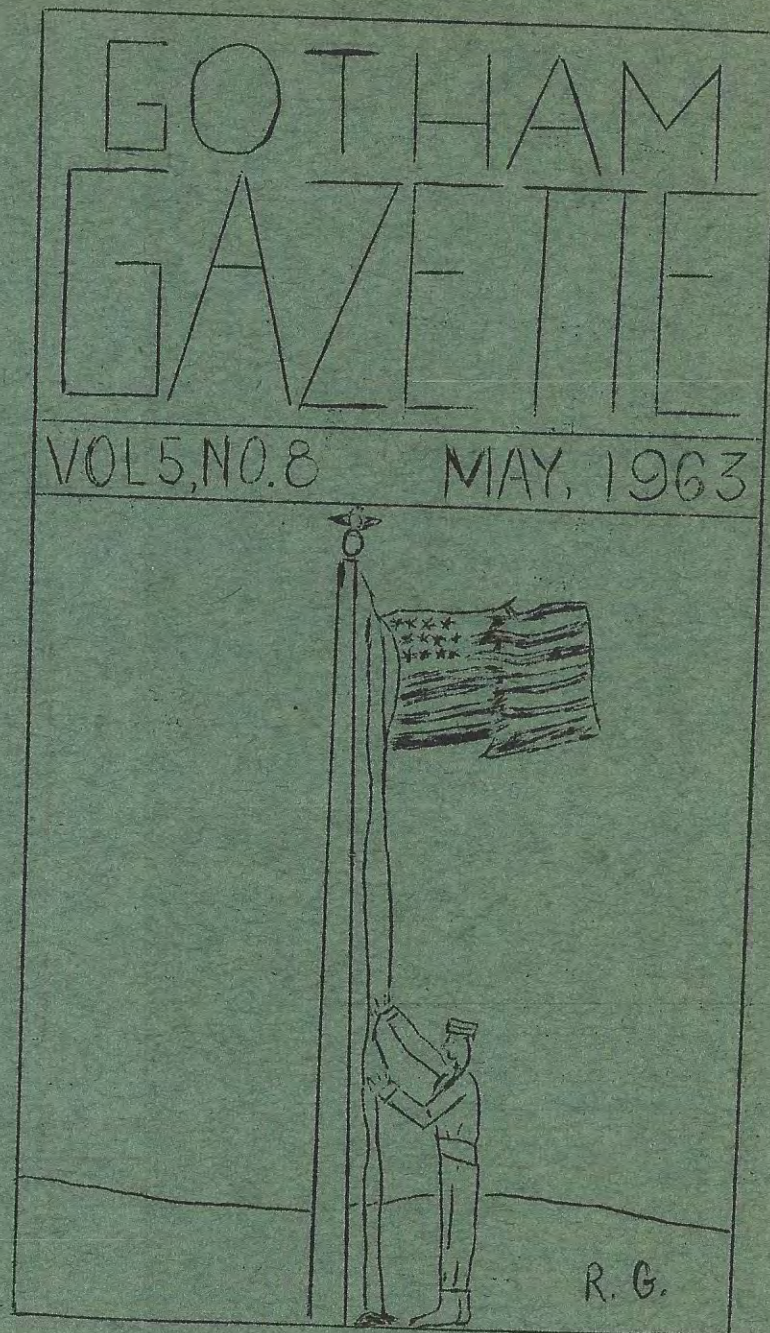
## CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month of May.

- May 1 - Conference Day. No school.
- 3 - Miss Schalkham's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*
- 8 - Voting - School Budget, School Board of Education Members, Library Trustee and Library Budget for 1963 - 1964.
- 9 & 10 - Kindergarten registration, in school library, between 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 and 2:30 P.M.
- 10 - Mrs. Konik's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*
- 13 - Mrs. Fisher's class visits Elmont Memorial.
- 14 - Mrs. Hemmerlein's class visits Elmont Memorial.
- 15 - Mr. Jeffries' class visits Elmont Memorial.
- 16 - Mrs. McDonell's class visits Elmont Memorial.
- 16 - Kindergarten tea for new entrants and parents.
- 16 - Miss Carlson's class on trip to Museum of Natural History.
- 16 - Miss McGraw's class on trip to Massapequa Zoo.
- 17 - Mrs. Casey's class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*
- 23 - Mrs. Gramlich's and Mrs. Zad's classes on trip to Aquarium.
- 23 - PTA meeting 2:30. Installation of officers.
- 24 - Miss Cerny's class in assembly program, 9:30 in auditorium.\*
- 24 - Field Day. Parents may watch games if they desire.
- 27 - Sixth grade parents meet at Elmont Memorial High School at 8 P.M.
- 28 - Mrs. Casey's and Mrs. Feigin's classes on trip to Salisbury Park Museum.
- 30 - Memorial Day. No school.
- 31 - Mr. Jeffries' class in assembly program, 10:30 in auditorium.\*

\* Parents of children in assembly program are welcome to attend.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

REGISTERING AND VOTING IN SCHOOL ELECTION

On April 29th, 241 residents of the Gotham Avenue area registered to vote in the school elections. This number added to the 248 who registered last year (at voting time in May) totals 489 who are eligible to vote this coming May 8th.

Voting will be in the school auditorium from 12 noon until 10 P.M. Those registered will have opportunity to vote on the school budget, election of two members of the board of education, the public library budget, and one member of the library board.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL REGISTERED VOTE, AND IT IS URGED THAT ALL DO SO.

AT THE TIME OF VOTING PEOPLE CAN GO TO ANOTHER TABLE IN THE AUDITORIUM AND REGISTER FOR NEXT YEARS VOTING. IT IS POSSIBLE TO REGISTER FOR NEXT YEARS VOTING EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION.

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TEACHER RECOGNITION DAY

By Governor Rockefeller's proclamation Tuesday, May 21st has been proclaimed TEACHER RECOGNITION DAY. Despite some disclaimer, the United States is a literate nation. The credit for this must belong to the schools and the people who support schools. It is fitting and proper that a day be designated to recognize the efforts of teachers.

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COVER ILLUSTRATION

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Robert Goett in Mrs. McDonell's class.

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TEACHER PROFILE - MISS JOAN ZERUCHA

Miss Zerucha was born in Franklin Square, New York and went to elementary and high school there. She went to college at New Paltz where she prepared for teaching. While there she was active in many campus organizations such as Student Education Association of New York State, Nu Pi Sigma, an honorary mathematics and science organization, College Community Chorus, Woman's Chorus, and Kappa Delta Pi, a national honorary education organization.

At Gotham Avenue School she is teaching fourth grade. Her interest in choral music continues and she is helping Mrs. Podvinecz with the fourth grade glee clubs. After school she is on a District Sixteen bowling team, and the Gotham Avenue faculty volleyball squad. Other interests include reading, dancing and art.

Miss Zerucha has a younger sister who is attending Potsdam State College.

This coming July she is getting married, and current plans are that she might teach in Fairbanks, Alaska, while her husband attends the University of Alaska.

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PREPARING SIXTH GRADERS FOR ELMONT MEMORIAL

This month all sixth graders will visit Elmont Memorial High School on an inspection trip and for orientation. Elmont Memorial will supply bus transportation. The approximate duration of the trip will be three hours. Children will return to Gotham Avenue in time for lunch. They will be alerted the day before so they may dress suitably.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The following are important school dates.

- June 4 - Mr. Jeffries' class in assembly program  
10:30 in auditorium. \*
- 6 - Miss Cerny's and Mrs. Konik's classes on  
trip to New York International Airport.
- 7 - Miss Cerny's class in assembly program,  
9:30 in auditorium. \*
- 12 - No school. Teachers' Conference Day.
- 12 - Sixth graders on PTA given trip to New  
York City. They are to come to school at  
11 A.M. Return is expected around 7 P.M.
- 14 - Mrs. Zad's class in assembly program in  
auditorium at 9:30. \*
- 20 - Sixth grade Moving-Up, 8 P.M. in audi-  
torium.
- 21 - Awards assembly. 10:30 A.M. in auditorium.
- 21 - Sixth grade party in gym 1:30 P.M.
- 21 - Last full day of school
- 24 - No school for children.
- 25 - Children come to school at regular time  
except kindergarten P.M. who will come  
with A.M. class. Report cards issued  
and children dismissed at 9:45.
- July 8 - Summer school and playground program starts.
- Aug. 9 - Summer school and playground program ends.
- 12 - Summer playground supervision begins.
- Sept. 4 - School opens regular time.

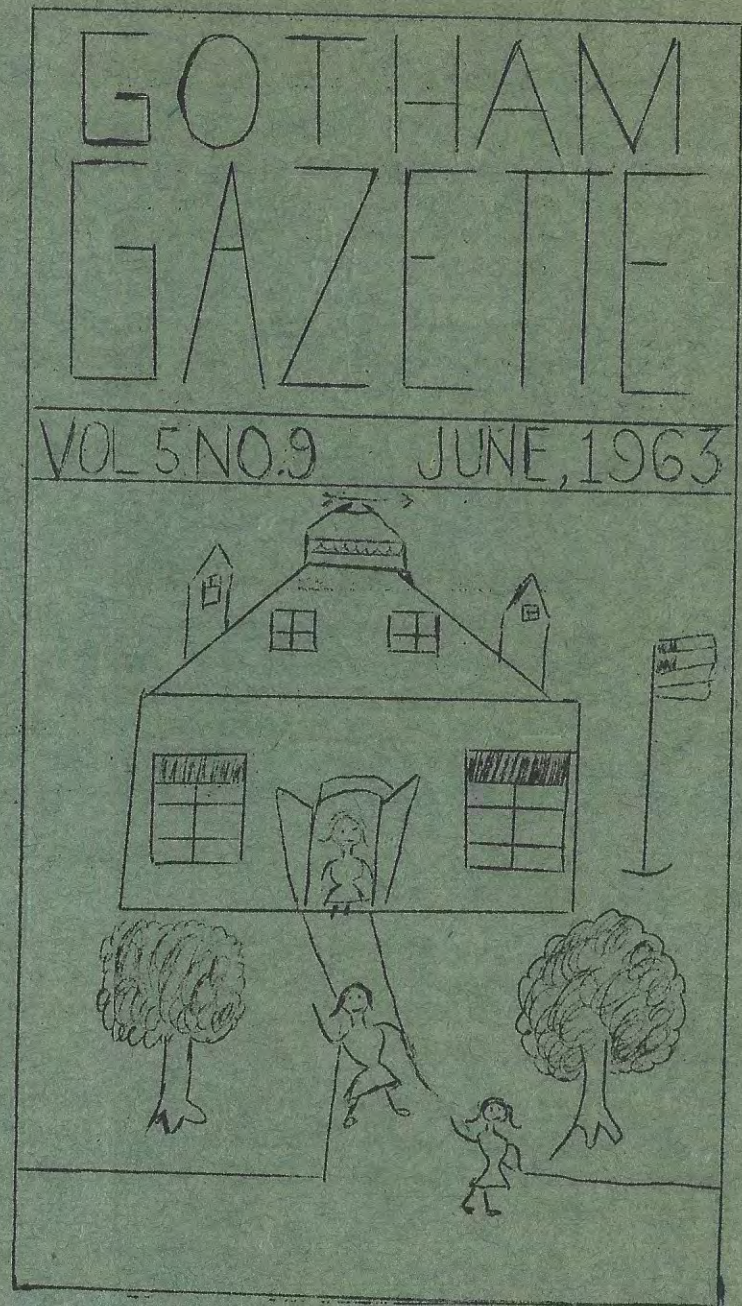
\* Parents of children in assembly programs  
are welcome to attend.

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### SIXTH GRADE TRIP

On Wednesday, June 12, the entire sixth grade  
will go on a trip to New York City, to see the musical  
OLIVER. This is given to the children as a treat by  
the PTA.

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Drawn by Gregory Padula

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

LEADERSHIP AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

At an assembly to be held Friday morning, June 21 about thirty children from the sixth grades will receive an award for leadership and citizenship. They were nominated by classroom and special teachers on the basis of the following criteria.

They must have a good conduct record, and acceptable academic marks. In addition they must have shown leadership in at least one of the following: a sixth grade class officer, on student council, on audio-visual squad, winner in field day events, library worker, PTA baby sitter, bank teller, etc.

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SIXTH GRADE MOVING-UP EXERCISES

Sixth grade Moving-Up Exercises will be June 20 at 8 P.M. Boys are requested to wear jackets, white shirts and ties. Girls should wear ordinary "dress-up" dresses. The PTA is giving boutonnieres and corsages so no flowers should be worn. Classroom teachers will discuss these things with the children involved.

There will be numbers by the school band, the glee club, and dance group.

Mr. Demos, a member of the Board of Education, will speak and present the traditional booklets with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of United States and New York State.

There are 107 children involved. This requires that the number of guests invited by each pupil be limited to three since space in the auditorium will not permit more.

As in other years, the program should be over around 10 P.M.

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RESULTS OF SCHOOL VOTING MAY 8, 1963

There were 489 registered and 336 voted. This is the largest number to be registered and the greatest number voting in a school election at Gotham Avenue School. All contributing to this result are to be congratulated.

The outcomes of the election district wide were as follows:

School and Library budgets were approved.  
Mr. Engel and Mr. Colasuono were elected to the School Board.  
Mrs. Denby was elected to the Library Board.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

Mr. Jeffries, sixth grade teacher, married a school teacher before Easter. Mrs. Jeffries teaches home economics at Westbury.  
Miss Insull, kindergarten teacher, was married after Easter. Her name now is Mrs. Reid.  
Miss Graulich plans to get married this summer. Her new name will be de Bruin.  
Miss White, second grade teacher, is on a leave of absence for health. Mrs. Frankle, who formerly taught second grade at Gotham Avenue, is finishing the year with the class.  
Mr. Myatt, art teacher, is resigning this June. He plans to be a classroom teacher, and has requested that he be assigned to Gotham Avenue.  
Mrs. Thomsen, second and third grade teacher, is resigning. Her husband will be a school psychologist near Poughkeepsie, and they are moving up state.  
Miss Zerucha, fourth grade teacher, is getting married and will follow her husband to Michigan, where he is taking advanced studies.  
Mrs. Gramlich and Mrs. Konik are leaving in June to start their families.

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## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month.

- Nov. 1 - Mrs. Zad's class presents an assembly program - 9:30 A.M. \*  
Nassau County Police Department representative speaks to Intermediate grades in assembly - 10:30.
- 5 - Election Day - No school.
- 7 - Mrs. deBruin's and Mr. Cascioli's classes on trip to Syosset.
- 8 - Mrs. Hemmerlein's class presents an assembly program - 10:30 A.M. \*
- 11 - Veterans' Day. No school.
- 14 - Open School Night - 8:00 P.M.
- 22 - Mr. Cascioli's class presents an assembly program - 10:30 A.M. \*
- 27 - 29 Thanksgiving vacation. School closes at noon on November 27.

\* Parents of children in assembly programs are welcome to attend.

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### NEW PERSONNEL AT GOTHAM AVENUE

This year we have four new teachers at Gotham Avenue. Miss Lawrence is teaching second grade, Mrs. Max third grade, Mrs. Sharinn first grade and Mrs. Wallen is our new art teacher. Mr. Myatt, our former art teacher, is now teaching fourth grade.

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### COVER PICTURE

The picture on the front of this issue was drawn by Richard Perciballi in Mr. Myatt's class.

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### AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

The week of November 10 through 16 has been designated as American Education Week by proclamation of Governor Rockefeller.

On Thursday, November 14, the Gotham Avenue School will have Open School Night. This night is set aside to afford all parents the opportunity of meeting your children's teachers and to view samples of the pupils' work.

Due to the pressure of time during this week, parents are invited to visit school, during the day, according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, November 12 - Kindergarten  
Wednesday, November 13 - First and Second Grades  
Thursday, November 14 - Third and Fourth Grades  
Friday, November 15 - Fifth and Sixth Grades

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### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Elmont Fire Department has, for a number of years, sponsored an Essay and Poster contest in each of the elementary schools of this district. This contest is held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week during the month of October.

Fire Chief Drummond spoke at an assembly for the intermediate grades while the primary grades were enjoying a ride on the fire truck.

Chief Drummond presented awards to the following winners of the contests:

#### Poster Contest

Karen Carr of Mrs. Hemmerlein's class  
Neal Haber of Mrs. Hemmerlein's class

#### Essay Contest

Joan Knickman of Mrs. Hemmerlein's class  
Jay Stambler of Mrs. Hemmerlein's class

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### TEACHER PROFILE - MRS. ROSE F. SCHULER

Mrs. Schuler is a native New Yorker and was educated in the New York City school system at both elementary and secondary levels. She did her undergraduate work, leading to a B.A., at Hunter College, New York City. While there she majored in Economics and also received her training to teach at the elementary level. She has continued her graduate education at Columbia, New York University and Hofstra. She has also taught at Hofstra.

During the school year of 1946-7 she began teaching in District 16. Her first assignment was at the Elmont Road School, but when Gotham Avenue opened its doors for the first time, she was a member of its staff as a 2nd grade teacher. She has also taught 3rd and 4th grades at Gotham Avenue.

Before the District 16 PTA units reorganized, each building was a separate unit with one president for the (then) 3 schools. Mrs. Schuler served as vice-president for the Elmont Road School. At her suggestion, the Interschool Committee of PTA was so named. She has also served as Program Chairman for the Gotham Avenue PTA and as Membership Chairman and Program Chairman for the Elmont Memorial High School PTA.

Since 1954 she has been serving the District as its Curriculum Coordinator and assisting principals and teachers on a part-time basis at Stewart Manor, Clara H. Carlson and Gotham Avenue Schools.

Mrs. Schuler lives in Elmont with her husband and daughter. Miss Schuler is an alumna of District 16, Elmont Memorial High School and the State University of Education at Cortland, New York. She, too is a teacher and plans to marry in December.

It is in a spirit of homecoming that Mrs. Schuler welcomes her assignment to Gotham Avenue staff and students.

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## DECEMBER CALENDAR

The following are important school dates during the month of December.

- Dec. 9 - Miss Kreienberg's and Miss Carlson's classes on trip to Syosset Theater.
- 19 - PTA Holiday Festival, 1:30 P.M.
- 20 - School closes at regular time for Christmas vacation.
- Jan. 2 - School re-opens - regular time.

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### HOMEWORK

Union Free School District #16 has a policy with regard to home-study assignments. A copy of this policy was sent to each parent in the District. As stated in the policy, the fundamental objective is to "assist children to develop regularity of habit and acceptance of the idea that work should be done at home related to their school job."

At the present time, there seems to be some misunderstanding as to what constitutes homework. For example; the teacher may ask pupils to view a particular television program, collect some autumn leaves, make certain observations pertaining to nature, etc. Homework does not always mean doing twenty problems in arithmetic and similar assignments.

The important point of this discussion is that the teacher has a certain objective to be accomplished in each assignment. Home-study assignments are not "busy-work" - they have a purpose.

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### COVER PICTURE

The drawing on the cover of this issue was done by Wayne Milack in Mrs. Fisher's class.

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## A LESSON TO BE LEARNED

Much has been said and written about the tragic events of November 22, 1963 and the subsequent events. Every person of school age and older knows what happened - the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Eulogies have been made and condolences have been sent by millions of people. This is not being written as a eulogy or form of condolence, but, rather to point out the utter waste of such a tragedy unless we have all gained something.

It seems to very clearly point out to me the extreme importance of further strengthening our moral and spiritual values and renewing our efforts in the perpetuation of said values. These are words and mean very little unless something concrete is done to give meaning to the words.

I should like first to suggest that each of us examine his own self. Is each of us satisfied with his own "set of values"? It seems to me that we are in no position to insist on certain standards and rules of behavior for our children unless and until we can honestly say that we are adhering to said rules, ourselves.

Children and especially young children gain a great deal from the examples set by their parents, teachers, and other adults with whom they may have close contact. Let us all strengthen our future and our country's future by providing our children, through words and deeds, with the moral and spiritual values which are so important to the future.

It is my sincere belief that we owe our late President and Mrs. Kennedy a debt of gratitude for the examples which they have given us.

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## TEACHER PROFILE - MISS MELINDA LAWRENCE

Click, click, click! Dashing through the doors of Gotham Avenue School at 8:04 every morning is one of the new second grade teachers - Miss Melinda Lawrence.

A charm bracelet check gives us glimpses of her past. She graduated as President of Student Council from Marymount High School, Fifth Avenue, New York City and made her debut at the de Marillac Cotillion at the Garden City Hotel. A gold telephone brings memories of four summers of secretarial work at Lehman Brothers in the Wall Street area - a position that earned her an Easter vacation in Bermuda.

A college crest reveals her Alma Mater - Marymount, Tarrytown-on-Hudson, N.Y., where she received her B.A. in English and Education and graduated as vice-president of her class. A medal shows her activities in volunteer social work with the blind, people in old age homes, orphans and cancer patients. A gold key tells that she is listed in WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES and a tiny auto hints at her recent purchase of a little white Monza. (Though an avid sports enthusiast, she found the distance between Kew Gardens and Elmont a bit much for a marathon and besides, she prefers tennis to track any day.)

Finally a gold four leaf clover is seen and she claims it is a symbol of much good luck - at present, a class that she loves in a wonderful school.

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THE STAFF OF THE GOTHAM AVENUE SCHOOL JOIN IN WISHING YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY AND A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR.

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# MINIPRESS

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Issue 5  
May-June 1970

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

We have 4 new children in our school from Italy. They are:

Anita Perciballi (Mrs. McGraw's class)  
Milva DiGiralama (Mrs. Coe's Class)  
Silvio Pironi (Mrs. Schackner's Class)  
Silvano Frantellizzi (Mrs. Feigin's Class)

They are learning to speak English. They are doing well.

We're so happy they are with us and hope they like America.

The Student Government officers and representatives visited Bowne House on June 8th with Mrs. Heiser and Mrs. Schreck. It was very interesting. Perhaps other boys and girls will visit it this summer with their parents.

Mr. Milack gave Mrs. McGraw's class a cocoon. They're waiting to see what will happen.

Mrs. Barnett's second and third grade classes visited Eisenhower Park on June 15th.

Mrs. Schackner's class and Mrs. McGraw's class had fun there last week.

Miss Weisman's class is doing creative writing about spring and summer.

Janice Chastain's little sister, Denise is going to have an operation at the end of August on the roof of her mouth. We all hope she will get well soon after and wish her luck.

Mrs. Schackner's class have taken their plants home and planted them in their own gardens.

Mrs. Skaling's kindergarten classes and Mrs. Salamone's kindergarten classes gave a wonderful program of songs, dances and rhythms on June 5th. Everyone enjoyed it.

## WE ARE SORRY

We are sorry that some of our teachers and our principal will be leaving Gotham Avenue School in June.

We wish good luck to: Miss Owens, Mrs. Podvinecz, Mr. Gottschalk, Mr. Unger, Miss Hansen, Mrs. Staab, and Mr. Davis. We'll miss them all.

We wish success to all the 6th graders who are leaving Gotham Avenue this year. We know there is a bright future ahead for each of you. Just- always do your best. (Moving Up Exercises are Thursday night, June 18th, at 8 P.M.)

## MESSAGE FROM MR. DAVIS

This last Minipress of the year I want to wish all the students of Gotham Avenue a very pleasant fun-filled summer. In the fall you will be in different classes, and I hope all goes very well.

Clair Davis, Principal

## PEOPLE WE KNOW

Carol Leva had the chicken-pox. We're glad she's better. Eddie Pukas is back in school after being in the hospital. Welcome back, Eddie!

Ann Plotkin's grandmother arrived for a visit from Denmark.

Cathy Antonacci will tour at Cape Kennedy in Florida this summer.

Debra Ross took a trip to Washington, D.C. last month.

Billy Weston and his family just returned from a trip to Columbia, Conn.

Mary and Larry McGrath's mother just had a baby boy.

Victor Mevo, Joseph Aiello, Steven Pitasi, and Paul Lewis in Mrs. Zad's class are members of the Little League baseball teams in Elmont. We wish them luck!

## LOOKING FORWARD

Summer vacation begins soon. Many boys and girls are going to camp or away on vacation. Wherever you are, remember to practice all the safety rules we've learned in school.

We've discussed safety rules for walking, riding the bus, riding bicycles. We've learned about swimming and playing games.

Let's make this summer a SAFE SUMMER.

## A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO:

Mr. Franklin for a magnificent Field Day. Mrs. Barnett for the colorful posters in the cafeteria. Laura Rongo, Peter Timinelli, and Donna Tufano for being such fine Student Governments officers- and all the class representatives. Mrs. Schreck and Mrs. Carlino for typing the MINIPRESS. The ladies in the cafeteria for the fine lunches this year. The custodians for the clean, comfortable building. The aides for their assistance at noon. Mrs. Levine and the P.T.A. for so many things. All the teachers who have worked so hard to give each student a good education. All the boys and girls of G.A. who have made this such a fine year. See you in September!

## REPORTERS THIS MONTH:

Marie Sanderleaf, Laura Rongo, Janice Chastain

ADVISOR: Mrs. Patricia Heiser

# MINIPRESS

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Issue 4  
April 1970

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

## WE ARE SORRY

Mrs. Feigin's class is going to Lincoln Center on May 4th.

Miss Cerny's class has a new student teacher, Miss DeClements. She will be with them through May.

The boys and girls in Miss Hansen's second grade were happy to have a special visitor on April 21st. She was Cheryle Franklin, Mr. Franklin's daughter.

Mrs. Schackner's third grade have planted seeds for zinnias, sunflowers, and corn. They are growing very well.

Miss Weisman's class has been growing plants, too. They named the project "Weisman's Farm".

Mrs. Staab's class is angry about allusual. the broken windows in their room. They asked everyone to help them. Be careful ! shine !

## EARTH DAY

Many interesting discussions were held in our school about the problem of air pollution.

Mrs. Klippel's class listed all the ways men pollute the air, the water, and themselves.

They discussed how drugs, alcohol, smoking and the use of preservatives pollute man himself.

Miss Cerny's class listed ways to prevent land pollution in our school playground such as:

Clean up the area

Keep the area clean

Put garbage in the basket

Return soda bottles and do not leave them on the playground

Remind each other to keep the playground clean.

Mrs. Casey's class made E Day buttons

They rated our community on a pollution checklist. They made posters and a bulletin board about the subject and read the story, "Is There a Solution to Pollution" in the Weekly Reader.

Mrs. Fisher's class put on a radio play in their classroom on "Pollution". It was excellent. They invited all the 6th grades in to hear it.

Miss Schalkham's class suggested that is we should not be "Litterbugs" and that we should try to speak and listen so as not to cause NOISE pollution.

Mrs. Barnett's class made up wonderful poems on pollution.

Mrs. Catapano's class made a beautiful and colorful display on the center hall bulletin board to focus our attention on the subject.

AND, Mrs. Fischler's class displayed their large papermach horse with the sign "Even a horse needs air". The 6th graders also cleaned up the yard.

Many thanks to everyone for focusing on the problem. NOW let's try to improve conditions with our actions.

Mr. Davis, our beloved principal, is going to retire at the end of June.

He has been a teacher and principal in Elmont for over 30 years.

Here at Gotham Avenue School everyone will miss him. He has done so much to make this the fine school it is.

We all join in wishing him a very happy retirement and say "Thank you" for all of his help to each of us.

## LOOKING FORWARD

On Tuesday, May 26th, we will have Field Day at Gotham.

Mr. Franklin will be in charge as

This is the day for our athletes to

Are you practicing?

On Friday, May 8th, we will have our Music Festival. Mrs. Provinecz and Mr. Dillman will direct all of our boy and girl musicians and singers in a program of music. That should be good listening for everyone. Parents are invited to come at 1:20. Children will see the program in the morning.

The sixth grades will visit Elmont Memorial High School on Tuesday, May 12th, to see how that school routine goes. Next year they will be students there - they hope ! Five sixth grade girls in the Student Government and Mrs. Heiser will participate in a T.V. taping of a program on "Drugs in the Classroom".

It will be seen on Channel 4 May 18th May 22nd from 9:30 - 10:00 A.M. Watch for it !

On May 6th the citizens of Elmont will be voting for new members to the Board of Education. We have a candidate from Gotham Avenue School, Dr. Herbert Levine. We know he would be a good member of the Board of Education and would be interested in our school because he has children in our school and his wife is president of the Gotham Avenue P.T.A. He is a hard worker in the community, too. Good luck Dr. Levine !

All parents should come out and vote on the elementary, high school and library budgets, too.

## REPORTERS THIS MONTH:

Donna Tufano, Peter Timinelli,  
Carol Jaffe, Patrick Antonucci,  
Karin Lange, Stuart Osbrack

## ADVISOR:

Mrs. Patricia Heiser



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Issue 2  
February 1970

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

Mrs. Zad's second grade class is having an Hawaiian Luau on March 2nd. They are having it because they are studying about Hawaii. It should be fun and educational.

Mrs. Zad's class has a new student teacher with them. She is Miss Grady from St. John's University. We hope she makes a good teacher. Good Luck!

Patricia Orticelle in Mrs. Hemmerlein's class has gone to Florida for three weeks. Her father was sick and had to go for a vacation. We hope he'll be better.

Fred Vittti

Mrs. Feigin's class is going to put on a play on March 6th called "A Family in Space."

Congratulations to Mr. Unger's class and Mrs. Barnett's class for their fine plays!

Karin Lange

On January 12, 1970, Mrs. Fischler's class went to the Nassau County Y.M.C.A. to get acquainted with the facilities there. Other classes will be going too.

On March 3rd and 9th the Boy Scouts from Mrs. Fischler's class will put on first aid demonstrations. Those demonstrating are Andrew Zamore, Steven Levine, Douglas Goff and Roy Meierdiercks.

Andrew Zamore

Douglas Sandhous in Mrs. Greenberg's class reports he has a new sister born on February 21st. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. Congratulations to the family.

Theresa Loser in Mrs. Skaling's Kindergarten has a new sister, too. Her name is Kristen Denise. Congratulations!

James Murphy in Mrs. Barnett's class reports his parents are in Tokyo, Japan. His father took part in Iwo Jima ceremonies.

Janice Chastain

Spring must be near. Mrs. Skaling's Kindergarten classes are making flowers.

If you are interested in going to the Barnum and Bailey and Ringling Brothers' circus on March 23rd for the benefit of UNICEF ask your Student Government representatives for more information.

Mrs. Matsumoto's class has two baby gerbils. Mrs. Vittti gave them to them. Their names are Ginger and Snoopy. They're cute.

Judy Handfield

## THE ECLIPSE

We've studied about the eclipse. It will be on Saturday, March 7th. The next eclipse will be in 2024.

Patrick Antonucci  
(P.S. Warning - DO NOT LOCK DIRECTLY AT THE ECLIPSE.)

## CONFERENCE AFTERNOON

On March 2nd - in the afternoon - all the teachers in the elementary schools in Elmont will be meeting together to hear about new materials with which to teach and about new ideas to use in teaching. They'll be telling each other some of their ideas. It's called a conference. But, it's something like a school where everyone is learning from everyone else.

Learning goes on forever!

## LORENZ GRAHAM, FOLK SINGER

On Tuesday, March 10th, Mr. Lorenz Graham will visit our school. He is well known as a folk singer and sings about our country and its people. He has sung at universities and on television. Maybe you saw him on "The Gary Moore Show" or in the movie "No Proud Boundaries." Let's make him welcome to Gotham Avenue School.

## FLASH about PEOPLE WE KNOW

Mr. Gottschalk has been on jury duty - part of being a good American citizen.  
Mr. Dick and Mr. Stu are volunteer firemen in Elmont. We all say a big "THANK YOU" to them both.  
Miss Cerny is the head of the Gotham Avenue Teachers' Association - lots of extra work - but important work.  
Student Government president, Laura Rongo, had her tonsils out. Glad you're back Laura!  
We're sorry Rose Fantano was hurt after school in the school yard. We hope she'll be better soon.

## FOCUS ON FACULTY

Welcome to Mrs. Staab and Miss Hansen - replacing Mrs. Kramer and Miss Keegan!

Next month - a feature on Mr. Ungar, our new 5th grade teacher.

Mrs. Patricia Heiser (Advisor)

# MINIPRESS

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Issue 3  
March 1970

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

## FOCUS ON F.CULTY

Mrs. Fisher's class has been discussing drug abuse. They have been discussing the dangers of smoking cigarettes. Smoking can lead to heart trouble, cancer, and lung problems.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders have seen films this month on growing-up. Good care of our bodies is part of growing up.

Mr. Unger's fifth grade is studying about Alaska.

Miss Cerny's class went to the Nassau County Police Department where they saw many weapons and learned what jobs policemen do to enforce the laws.

Miss Hansen's second grade is planning a trip to Chinatown on April 10th.

Mrs. Casey's and Mrs. Feigin's classes visited the Lighthouse Industries. They saw how blind people work making many useful articles. The blind are taught to use machines and become very good at their jobs.

The kindergarten classes are making party baskets and flowers.

Mrs. Skaling's class has a very nice student teacher, Miss DeClements.

Mrs. Mironchik's first grade class made Swiss fondue when they studied about Switzerland. It tasted so good some children couldn't stop eating it.

Some children are getting chickenpox. It is contagious.

Miss Weisman's class has an egg tree made from a fir tree. It has a bird's nest at the top.

Miss Gray, the student teacher, in Miss Weisman's class is leaving on March 25th. The class liked her very much and will miss her.

\*\*\*\*Four stars for the Gotham Globe and all the wonderful creative writing of our boys and girls.

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Feigin's class

Mrs. Schackner's class

Mrs. Catapano's class

We enjoyed your plays this month.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Next month we will see Tello- the Telephone Clown. He will put on a program for us on April 17th.

Thursday begins our spring vacation. Easter will be celebrated by Christians throughout the world. Jewish people will celebrate Passover during April. This is a time for every one to think of spring and new beginnings.

We have a new teacher in our school. His name is Mr. Ungar. He is married and has a daughter 18 attending Boston University, and a son 16 attending high school.

He taught in New York City, where he was born.

He likes our school, finds the children delightful and the teachers most cooperative.

He enjoys working with children and writing as well as directing plays for young people.

He also likes to visit historical places and for many years he imported spices from all over the world.

He enjoys watching an occasional baseball game.

## WE ARE SORRY

Mrs. Hemmerlein, our sixth grade teacher is retiring from teaching this month.

She has been in the Elmont Schools for 23 years and in teaching more than 30 years.

Mrs. Hemmerlein has served the boys and girls of this school district faithfully.

She has also raised two children of her own.

We'll miss her and hope that she will be very happy in the years ahead.

## PEOPLE WE KNOW

Mr. Cascioli will be in a teachers' play called "The Boy-friend" in April. Teachers from other schools will be in it, too. Parents can buy tickets to see the play from Miss Place.

Robert Fini's cousins are arriving in the U.S. from Italy. Dawn Spillane flew to Florida with her parents on March 18 to visit her grandmother.

Mrs. Fisher is back in school after being sick with a virus. Welcome back!

Lisa Aiello is going to have her tonsils out. Good luck, Lisa! Eddie Tiger in Mr. Cascioli's class has not been well. The class hopes he'll be back soon.

Ciro Tudisco in Mrs. McGraw's class is vacationing in Italy. The class received a card from Naples. He'll be back on Apr. 7.

Brenda Yee is back from her exciting trip to Texas with her parents.

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