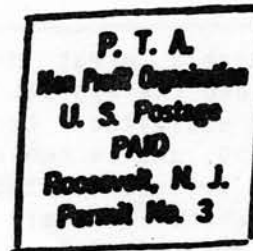


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MAYOR'S COLUMN

Dear Neighbors;

It's wonderful to be fifty and healthy, as our town is, in some respects. Yet, those of us who have reached that age know, that despite general good health, there are repairs and precautions that must be taken to insure a continuing good life. This is true not only for people but for communities, as well.

Our sewer system is a case in point. For almost fifty years, it has not only not been properly maintained, but it has not been brought up to state and federal standards to provide even adequate health and safety service. This neglect is catching up with us. As with other borough facilities, when matters are permitted to deteriorate under the guise of economy or kindness to neighbors, or whatever reason, we end up paying a heavy price for repair.

Our sewer system needs a tremendous amount of work to bring it up to state mandated standards. During the last year or two, the Council has begun to address and correct some of the problems. We have now reached a point where the state will no longer permit the very long timetable we had set based on our ability to pay.

The borough has been handed an ultimatum and a compliance order that

must be adhered to in order for us to continue operations. This compliance order is based on recent compliance evaluation inspections by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. We are required to agree to a mutually acceptable schedule as prepared by a D.E.P. Consent Order. This means entering into a binding contract with the state to correct deficiencies by June 15, 1988. The consent Order will stipulate heavy penalties for non-compliance.

The project will proceed in two phases. Part A deals with short term improvements that address matters brought to light in recent inspections. These include a new chlorine room, plant maintenance, replacement of the sludge effluent valve and repairs to the trickling filters. In addition to these basic requirements, we are planning to abandon the sanitary sewer line, on Brown Street at Spruce Lane,

Public Hearing

A public hearing to amend the sewer/water ordinance will be held at the council meeting of April 8, 1987, at 8:00 PM. The public is invited.

which causes a great deal of infiltration into the system. All of this work is estimated to cost about \$100,000.00, and is required to be completed by December of this year.

During the first six months of next year, we must complete a program that will upgrade the sewer's effluent qualities. The plant is not capable, right now, of meeting the effluent limitations. It will be necessary, therefore, to add components to the plant. Our borough engineer is designing a most economical program to meet that need. We will, of course, not sign the consent order without the considered advice of our attorney, but, once we do so, we are bound to comply.

The second phase of the work will require the borough to borrow money by way of a municipal bond. The first phase, however, can probably be paid for from capital if we make the effort. That means an increase in rates. We have no other source of income, after all.

At the March meeting, the Council introduced an amendment to the water/sewer ordinance which raised the residential rate by \$5.00 per month and all other installations by 10%. This is a very conservative increase, given the vast sums we need to expend during the next year and a half.

Passage of the amendment will be voted on April 8th at the regular Council meeting. Please come to the meeting, express your concerns, listen to more details about the project, and support your community.

Freda Hepner

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COUNCIL REPORT

A number of important ordinances, resolutions and motions were acted on at the council meeting of March 11, 1987:

Water/Sewer Increase

A water/sewer ordinance was introduced and passed increasing the water/sewer fee for residents \$5.00 per month. The increase is considered conservative by the Mayor and a majority of the council given the need for funds to update the sewer system in particular. The borough has agreed to make short-term improvements on the systems, the initial one being repair of the trickling filters on the sewer facility, regarding which an authorization to advertise bids was passed.

A resolution regarding the need for an alarm system at the systems to monitor power outages was passed. It was noted that the water plant needs a new generator and that the cost will be around \$40,000. It was further noted that the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection has accepted our schedule for sewer plant improvement (initial improvements by June 15, followed by improvements done in September and then December of this year).

Re-zoning Fails to Pass

An ordinance regarding re-zoning of a tract of land off of Oscar Drive was not passed (it failed to be seconded). This ordinance, submitted by the planning board and explained by a planning board member who was at the meeting, would have re-zoned the tract from industrial to limited residential (R-100). The ordinance included a provision that the proposed residences utilize on-site sewerage systems (as opposed to hooking up with the town system), and this proposal was apparently the most significant factor in the council's decision. A developer with interest in the lot who was present at the meeting was told that a new ordinance would have to be introduced before the lot could be developed.

"Cap" Increase

An ordinance to increase the "cap" (or limit the borough can increase the budget during a fiscal year) from 3.5% to 5% was passed, with the total increase for this year amounting to \$8,461.65. One significant reason for this total was the increased cost of snow removal this winter (like every municipality in the area) -- \$3000.00 had been budgeted, based on last year's figures, \$7,600 was needed. Nevertheless, the council had a number of questions concerning the bills for snow removal, and finally a motion to pay only 50% of them at this time was passed.

Recycling

An ordinance for establishing a mandatory recycling program and creating the position of recycling coordinator was introduced and passed, and Lou Esakoff was reappointed as the coordinator. The ordinance stipulates that on and after October 1, 1987, all occupants of residences (except the physically disabled) will have to separate leaves, glass and bottles and jars, aluminum cans and newspapers, and that on and after April 1, 1988, tin and bimetal cans must be separated as well. On and after October 1, 1988, no construction material will be taken to the landfill.

Mr. Esakoff reported that he was working on a plan in which we would

work together with Millstone in disposing of these materials. Penalties for violation of the provisions include a possible fine of \$500.00 or up to 90 days in jail, or, for a lesser violation, \$50.00 or 90 days of community service in a recycling program.

Fire Truck Repair

A motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1000.00 to purchase and install an alternator for the fire truck was passed. It was indicated that a different type of alternator than the type presently in use is needed and that special mounting brackets would have to be manufactured for it.

Etc.

A motion to reimburse Mrs. Kaufman in the amount of \$74.20 for expenses resulting from the blockage of the main sewer line on South Rochdale Ave. passed, as did a motion to compensate Richard Francis in the amount of \$40.00 per month for cleaning the Borough Hall, and a motion waiving the residency requirement for members of the Fire Company to allow a factory worker who does not live in town to join.

A motion was passed to grant approval to Monmouth County to spray for mosquitoes in spite of much comment on the apparent toxicity of the powder used (the feeling prevailed that there was nothing else that could be done). A motion was passed to help the senior citizens group with food distribution and another to allocate \$1,500.00 to the Roosevelt Arts Project for needed expenses out of the fund established for the project from a grant given by the Herman Goldman Foundation.

We Are First For Hazardous Waste

Finally, during Good and Welfare, Mayor Hepner communicated the fact that those in Millstone who are struggling against development of a hazardous waste incinerator say that we are now "first on the list." They are determined to fight on, said the Mayor, but are not optimistic.

SENIOR NEWS**Monmouth Bazaar to be Held Next Week**

By Helga Wisowaty

Among the plans discussed at the March 3 meeting was the bazaar that the Monmouth County Board of Social Services will hold on March 31 to April 3 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Anyone wanting to display something in crafts or cooking is invited to participate.

On Thursday, March 26, milk, rice and cheese will be distributed at the Solar Village from 10:00 AM till noon.

A discussion about "meals on wheels" reminded members that many other programs are available to seniors (and others). Anyone who has been in the hospital and needs help when

returning home should contact social services. The patient's doctor must recommend the patient.

The Community Room at the Solar Village is open on Mondays from noon-time through the afternoon. Anyone who wishes to enjoy a few hours of companionship or various games (Bingo, cards, etc.) is welcome. Our annual Holiday affair was held at Club Bene on March 17-St. Patrick's Day. We enjoyed lunch and saw the play "Women of the Year". We enjoyed singing (accompanied by Betty). Joan and Ethel were our hostesses and the refreshments were delicious.

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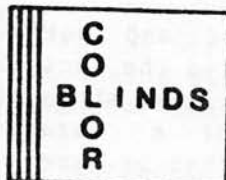
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ISSUE & DEBATEThe School budget: Might Regionalization Help

By Michael L. Ticktin

Recently, we all had the not overly delightful experience of receiving notice from the Board of Education that school taxes to be raised in 1987 will be in an amount nearly 24% greater than in 1986.

The actual increase in school taxes (which now comprise about two-thirds of the total property tax) will be about 18%, rather than 24%, because the tax base was broadened by about 5% between 1986 and 1987 as a result of construction. However, it cannot be denied that even an 18% increase is quite substantial and may strain many taxpayer's budgets.

The main cause of the increase, accounting for about 56% of it, is the loss of State equalization aid because of reduced enrollment. The equalization formula guarantees to each district an amount based upon tax ratables per student. A district with few ratables but a lot of students receives a lot of aid under this formula. But a district with few ratables and few students is treated essentially the same as a district with many ratables and many students. It's the ratio that matters. If a district chooses to keep a small number of students in an underutilized school, it, and not the state, pay the cost of the choice.

And, to a large extent, this is a matter of community choice. Through the planning and zoning process, the community controls the pace and density of both housing and nonresidential development. School utilization is one of many factors that has to be taken into account in making planning and zoning decisions. Traditionally, housing was viewed as invariably causing school costs to rise. Now calculations have to take into account the fact that, so long as additional students can be served in an existing school by existing staff, increased enrollment will result in a lower ratables per student ratio and, thus, in more State

equalization aid since there would be more ratables per student.

There is another way, however, to deal with this chronic problem of an underutilized school and one of the highest school tax rates in the state. (Several years ago, some readers may recall, we were second highest out of the 567 municipalities in New Jersey.) It is a way that can only be formally initiated by the Board of Education--not by citizen petition, though that might be a valid way of showing public sentiment-- and that will require careful investigation and discussion. That way is regionalization, at least of grades K through 8.

When two or more municipalities form a regional school district, they pool tax bases, school expenses and, of course, students. Both the boards of education and the voters of both municipalities must agree to regionalize. Clearly, regionalization can only come about if both municipalities have something to gain.

Perhaps a look at some tax statistics will give a good idea of the benefits that Roosevelt taxpayers might gain if we were to successfully consummate a K-8 regionalization with one of our more likely prospective partners, Millstone Township.

In 1985, Millstone's equalized valuation of ratables (used for state aid and county tax purposes) was \$163,814,875, while Roosevelt's equalized valuation was \$21,396,737. Millstone's school taxes totalled \$2,506,307, yielding an effective tax rate (taxes divided by equalized valuation) of 1.53%. At the same time, Roosevelt's school taxes were \$380,495, with an effective tax rate of 1.79%, or nearly 17% higher. If there were a total pooling of both costs and ratables bases, the combined municipalities would have an equalized valuation of \$185,211,612 and school taxes of \$2,886,802, for an effective tax rate of 1.56%. In other words, region-

alization, all else being considered equal, would raise Millstone taxes by 2% while lowering Roosevelt school taxes by 13%. (While these figures would be for a total K-12 regionalization, removing the effect of high school costs should not result in a great change since both districts pay tuition and get equalization aid on a per student basis and neither maintains an underutilized high school.)

Millstone cannot be expected to welcome Roosevelt back fifty years after the municipalities split if it has to pay a 2% increase in school taxes to do so. People are not at their most altruistic when they are paying property taxes. However, the ability to send students to a school that is now half-empty may result in savings to them by reducing their need to build classrooms for their rapidly expanding school population, particularly now that some of this expansion is on the very borders of Roosevelt. In short, now may be a time that both Roosevelt and Millstone may be able to see that regionalization would result in more efficient use of tax money for both groups of taxpayers.

If there is to be any progress at all towards this goal, the Board of Education and the community must give careful consideration to all aspects of this question, the educational quality aspect as well as the economic aspect, and decide whether regionalization, if possible, would be good for the community. (If the decision is that it would not be, reasons surely have to be given to justify the added cost to the community of the present system.) The one thing that would not be in the community's interest would be for the board to ignore the fact that continuing to have an independent district is not the only way and to do nothing. It is important not to let the issue of whether a suitable partner can be found and can be made interested interfere with the decision as to desirability for Roosevelt. Roosevelt cannot approach other municipalities until it has decided its own position. You don't ask someone to marry you when you

do not know whether you want to get married yourself.

If the Board of Education, having a sense of community support, decides to pursue regionalization, the next step will be to approach the board of education of the prospective partner. We should be prepared to show how regionalization would be mutually advantageous and, with the possible assistance of the State Department of Education, to negotiate the details of how regionalization would work. Roosevelt might, for example, want to insist on legally binding guarantees that the Roosevelt School would be kept in operation and that Roosevelt children, at least below a certain grade level, would be able to attend the Roosevelt School. Representation on the board of the regional district would not be a matter for negotiation since a formula for proportionate representation is provided by law.

Once a plan of regionalization is approved by both boards of education, it must be approved by the voters of both municipalities. If we do bring a K-8 regionalization with Millstone (leaving the present high school arrangements intact in the process, of course), we will have taken a major step towards repairing the break that became effective May 29, 1937 when Roosevelt was created. And is this not as it should be? The Millstone of today is a far cry from the community of bigoted reactionaries that virtually expelled the Jewish immigrant garment workers of Jersey Homesteads from their midst and forced creation of a separate borough. These people are not notably different from Roosevelt people now, although, judging by housing prices, many of their newer arrivals are richer. The threat posed by the toxic waste incinerator should make us all realize that Roosevelt and Millstone will prosper or suffer together. As new housing goes up (it now is or soon will be) at all of our borders with Millstone, the communities are inevitably drawn closer together. Let us look at the regionalization issue in the light of this emerging reality.

ISSUES IN TOWN GOVERNMENT

Editor's Note

Recent articles under Issues and Debate and Letters to the Editor concerning town government have prompted development of a new "kicker" for the Bulletin, viz, Issues in Town Government, this month initiated by staff member Peter Warren. Submissions under

this head are welcome. Send them to the editor with the stipulation that you would like your article to appear under this head. The editor reserves the right to edit, shorten or reject any submission, however, as per our normal editorial policy.

Our Sewer System and Other Issues

By Peter Warren

The Mayor's Column in the January Bulletin says that a program is "being arranged" with DEP to improve our sewer system. Translated from the Bureaucratise, this means that DEP has finally backed our town government into a corner. The Allentown Messenger-Press reported on February 19th that rehabilitation may cost Borough taxpayers as much as \$434,000 in 1987 and 1988.

Our sewer system is part of the original infrastructure of the town. By 1974, in preparing the first Master Plan, we found that sewer pipes were leaking, so that it was becoming increasingly difficult to treat the sewage. By 1983, the town government had asked for and received from the Borough Engineers a plan to rehabilitate the wornout sewer system. By 1984, if not earlier, DEP was already complaining that the plant was seriously polluting Assumpink Creek downstream from Roosevelt.

During the past 20 years, the three major crises facing Roosevelt have been the proposed jetport in 1969, the pro-

posed leaf-plastic factory in 1982 and the long-delayed modernization of the sewer plant. Ad hoc citizen groups rallied to help solve the first two problems.

Why did town government wait from 1984 to 1986 to react to the third crisis, as the Mayor's Column states? Why didn't government share the problem sooner with the taxpayers? Why do we have to learn about the cost from the Messenger-Press instead of from our elected officials? When will we learn the details of the "detailed three year works program" which we will have to pay for, one way or another?

Pay for completely, that is, unless the newly-enacted federal Clean Water Act includes Roosevelt among its 200 sewage treatment projects in the Northeast. New Jersey, says the New York Times, will get \$99 million and has not yet drawn up its list of priorities for grants and low-cost loans. Will we be among the communities on the priority list?

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Passover: Holiday with Double Meaning

By Freda Anish

Passover has a double meaning: it is a Spring farm festival and it is a holiday proclaiming freedom and unity, identifying Jews with their ancestors who ended their bondage in Egypt.

Jews were originally farmers and since Passover comes at the beginning of the grain harvest, it is celebrated as an agricultural holiday. Every farmer brought an OMER (measure) or sheaf of newly-cut barley as an offering of thanksgiving to GOD.

It is a holiday of remembrance of the Jews who kept faith with their religion during the long hard years of slavery. It is a holiday which exalts the freedom GOD desires for Man. That any people should commemorate their descent from slaves as we Jews do when we celebrate the springtime festival of Pesach (Passover), must seem remarkable. The fact is that the Exodus from Egypt marked the birth of the Jewish people and this is proudly proclaimed not only at Passover "the season of our freedom", but in the prayers of every day of the year and the Kiddush of every Sabbath and Festival. The Torah says repeatedly, "Remember, you were slaves in Egypt"- and the Jew remembers.

The Passover SEDER ceremony is the ritual that reminds us that Passover is the Festival of Freedom. This celebration was ordained as a permanent holiday beginning on the eve of the 14th of Nisan and lasting eight days (seven days in the State of Israel).

Passover has been a symbol for people of all generations of their own search for freedom and their hope that the freedom they desire can be won. The pharaoh may be regarded as representative of all tyrants throughout human history. From his defeat we gain confidence that we can break all chains which enslave us. The fact that GOD had sent Moses on his mission assures us that it is the divine will that all mankind shall enjoy liberty. All freedom-loving people, no matter what their creed or race, should take hope and

courage from the Passover festival.

While Jews are known as the "People of the Book", they have foods that attach to their holidays. On Passover the most famous food after gefilte fish is:

Matzo Balls

2 eggs
1/2 cup matzo meal
1/2 tsp salt
spritz of seltzer or ice-water
1/2 tbls chicken fat

Beat eggs until light and frothy (or until your hand hurts!) adding salt and chicken fat and water as you go along. Add meal and mix well. Put in frig. for about 30 minutes. Drop in boiling water for 20 minutes. (covered). Remove with slotted spoon and drop into your chicken soup.

Sunday School for Youngsters

By Alison Petrilla

March 1 saw the opening of a weekly "Sunday School for Youngsters" program designed for children in the three to seven year age range. Taught by Karyn Grunwald, an experienced teacher in the field of Jewish education, the Sunday morning curriculum concentrates on transmitting Jewish culture and traditions. The emphasis is on fun, with songs, dances, storytelling and crafts time all playing major roles in each session. Classes meet at Congregation Anshei, Roosevelt, Homestead Lane.

Enrollment is still open, and children of members and non-members alike are welcome. Classes are one-and-a-half hours long, and the school will run through June, then resume in September after a summer break.

For further information, please call Joan Grossman at 448-9385 or Karyn Grunwald at 426-9064.

JEW NEWS

Purim: A Story of Loyalty, Faith and Courage

By Freda Anish

On March 14th, 1987, Jews celebrated the holiday of Purim and, as shown in the Book of Esther "made it a day of feasting and of gladness".

The period of 450-350 B.C.E. was called the Silent Century because little is known of what happened to the Jews during that period. They were then under the rule of Persia, which on the whole, appears to have been a tolerant rule. The one incident on record for that time concerns the attempt of Haman, anti-Semitic prime-minister of King Ahasuerus, to exterminate the Jewish population of Persia. They were saved through the efforts of Mordecai, the leader of the Jews and his cousin, Esther, who became a wife of Ahasuerus (his number one wife—that is, the Queen). Haman was defeated and executed. The holiday of Purim is celebrated every year to commemorate this event.

If ever a holiday was designed for and around a woman, Purim is it! A woman is the heroine; the story is a romantic one. It is the story of loyalty, faith and courage. In it, we are assured that despite oppression and anti-semitism, in whatever guise, the prevailing tyrant will be overthrown ultimately.

The main traditional food served is HAMANTASHEN, which is triangular in shape to represent Haman's hat.

2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 tsps baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
3 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup oil
Juice
Grated rind of 1/2 orange

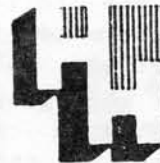
Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Combine 2 of the eggs with the sugar, oil and vanilla, add flour mixture, knead until smooth. Roll out on floured board to 1/4 inch thick.

Cut into circles with round cookie cutter or glass tumbler. Place a spoonful of filling in center of each. Draw up 3 sides to form a triangle, pinching edges together. Brush the third egg, well beaten, over the top of the pastries. Bake in oven, preheated to 350 degrees for 1/2 hour.

Filling: can be of prunes, raisins, nuts, sugar, lemon chopped or one can buy K&Z Lekvar in a jar and add nuts and seasonings to be used as filling or one can buy 1 cup of Poppy seeds and mix with 1 cup of honey and 1/2 cup of nuts as the filling. Whatever filling is chosen, enjoy and eat in good health.

The actions of a person are the best interpreters of their thoughts.
John Locke

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Heart Disease

By Becky Russell

Heart disease is the primary killer in the United States, but it has declined significantly since the 1960's. The American Heart Association concluded that this is due to changes in diet, increased exercise, the decline in smoking, and treatment of high blood pressure. Some scientists, including Linus Pauling, hypothesize that the use of nutritional supplements such as vitamins C and E also are responsible for this decline. Bypass surgery and artificial hearts-- the high technology solutions making all the headlines-- are enormously expensive, with a questionable quality of life afterwards. Above all, these procedures do not address the cause. Prevention is the real key to heart disease and allows us to take charge of our situations through changes in life-style.

Heart attacks, or myocardial infarctions, result from a blockage of blood flow to the heart, depriving it of oxygen and causing damage or death. Sudden cardiac death refers to heart stoppage caused by ventricular fibrillation, a disorganized heartbeat rhythm. Blockage of blood flow can result from arterial plaques, platelet clumping or coronary artery spasm. Arterial plaques are now understood to be caused by a buildup of smooth muscle cells, like tumors, within the arterial lining, eventually accumulating fatty deposits. The mutations responsible for plaques are initiated by dietary factor, viruses, radiation, smoking, alcohol and other harmful chemicals. These factors also generate chemically reactive substances called free radicals, which oxidize cholesterol and fats. (Oxidation of fats is responsible for rancidity). This enhances plaque formation by creating more mutations and by inhibiting production of the anti-clotting hormone, allowing blood platelets to stick to the plaques and arterial walls, forming clots. Coronary artery spasm occurs when the smooth muscle lining of the arteries go into a spasm. When this happens in partially blocked arteries it can result in complete

blockage.

Ventricular fibrillation appears to be triggered by chaotic nerve impulses that control heart contraction. Electrolyte (mineral) imbalances, low levels of serotonin, brain chemical, and severe psychological or emotional stress are the major causes.

Cholesterol is the major dietary component that comes to mind when discussing heart disease. However, the correlation between dietary cholesterol and serum cholesterol levels is not proven, probably because the body has a feedback mechanism which reduces cholesterol production when more is eaten. The confusion over this issue may be due to animal fats being responsible, rather than cholesterol itself, since they both occur in animal foods.

Blood cholesterol is classified as LDL or VLDL (low or very low density lipoprotein) cholesterol. LDL carries cholesterol into arteries (as well as hydrocarbons from cigarette smoking) while HDL carries cholesterol out of the arteries to the gall bladder, where it is converted to bile acids and eliminated through the intestines. A low HDL to LDL ratio indicates increased risk of heart disease. Factors associated with low HDL are smoking, obesity, diabetes, and elevated triglycerides (blood fats).


Other important factors associated with heart disease are a family history of heart disease, maleness, increasing age, high blood pressure, occupational hazards, dietary factors, lack of exercise, soft drinking water, coffee, emotional stress and certain types of behavior and personality traits. Although some of these things are out of our control, others involving diets, exercise, behavior and stress can be controlled.

From this discussion, we can understand a little about the mechanisms and indicators of heart disease. Next month we will explore positive steps towards obtaining a healthier heart and a longer life. (References available on request from Bulletin editor.)

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Yours

Margaret Schlinski

PS That's some heavy duty doody.

Contributions Still Needed

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LETTER TO EDITOR**Questions Budget**

By Deborah Metzger

To The Editor

I read Peter Warren's article on the 1987-88 school budget in which he notes that a \$100,448 increase over last year's budget is proposed. This is a rather significant increase (12% by my calculations) requiring "line item" scrutiny. For example, what costs are truly mandatory? Where might some savings be realized? Are getting "the bang for our buck"?

Our entire municipal budget was under \$300,000 in 1986 and the Borough has been under a 5% cap for years. Furthermore, if \$100,000 more must be raised, then there may be other competing social good which might benefit from some of this money. Let's not forget our ailing sewer system.

This is probably a good time for a broader evaluation of our educational costs. Shouldn't we be asking ourselves whether it continues to be in our interest to fund the school alone when Millstone is in the process of expanding its school system? This might be our opportunity to develop some symbiotic relationship with this neighbor to our mutual benefit. We have the capacity; their kids could come here.

These are not questions which can be answered by looking at the printed budget mailed to residents each year. The March 16 public hearing would be a good time to begin this inquiry. My sense at present is that we don't have a good handle on our school costs.

MASTER PLAN HEARING

THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MASTER PLAN RE-EXAMINATION REPORT HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FROM MARCH 16 TO APRIL 1 AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE BOROUGH HALL.




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CHILDREN'S CORNER**Dinner With Dolls**

By Harris Kaufman
and Lauren Kaufman



One snowy night we went to a restaurant in Freehold called the Doll House. The restaurant was closed because of the storm but the owner opened it up for us because I told her "I'm starved".

On the outside porch there was a big doll on a rocking chair. The restaurant is a restored old house, over 100 years old, and shaped like a doll house. Because we were the only ones there we took a tour of the whole house.

There were old dolls, some manikins, and some were moving dolls holding glass candles with light bulbs in them. There was a George Washington and a Martha Washington doll. We also saw a Chatty Cathy doll. Some dolls were so old their faces and loafer shoes were cracked.

The table had pretty lace table-cloths and curtains. We sat near a large doll wearing a white dress with red polka dots. (Lauren) "It reminded me of my ballerina costume I wore on Halloween".

There were dolls all over. We walked up a long staircase only to find another dining room and more dolls.

The restaurant is owned by a family with eight kids. The food was home-style cooking. (Harris) I ate veal cutlet, string beans, spaghetti, and a big salad. Lauren had a hamburger.

This is the best restaurant I ever went to.

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Stamp News

By Joshua Ticktin



In March and April, a total of five stamp subjects will be issued. On March 6, a revised edition of the 2 cent locomotive coil stamp in the transportation series will be issued in Milwaukee, WI. This differs from the older version by saying "2 USA" instead of the older version that said "USA 2 cent".

On March 12, a commemorative stamp commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Girl Scouts is scheduled to be issued in Washington, DC. This will feature thirteen of the Girl Scout badges and the words "Girl Scouts USA 22".

On April 11, in Buffalo, NY, a 10 cent transportation series coil stamp featuring a Canal Boat will be issued.

For the only booklet of the April issues, there will be the Special Occasions booklet. It will be issued on April 20, and will feature ten colorful 22 cent stamps on one pane. It will feature messages on the stamps to be used for sending letters to friends and relatives. The messages will include "Congratulations!", "Get Well!", "Thank You!", "Love You!", "Mother!", "Love You, Dad!", "Best Wishes!", "Happy Birthday!", and "Keep In Touch!". The two designs for "Congratulations!" and "Happy Birthday!" will be featured twice. The booklet will be issued in Atlanta, Ga.

The last of the April issues will be the United Way 22 cent commemorative stamp. It will commemorate the 100th anniversary of this organization, which collects money for local charities. It will be issued in Washington, DC.

The Girl Scouts, United Way, and the Special Occasions booklet may be obtained at the Roosevelt Post Office a few days after the days of issue. These stamps and the Locomotive and Canal Boat stamps may also be obtained by mail order from the Philatelic Sales Division in Washington, DC.



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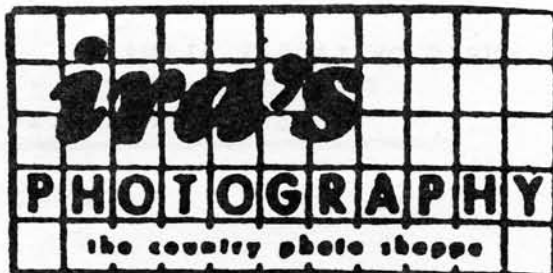
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