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Toxic Wastes May Come To Area

The toxic waste incinerator New Jersey proposes building in neighboring Millstone Township is several steps closer to reality now. Of eleven potential sites in the state, two have been eliminated. With three facilities to be built (two incinerators and one dump) this means we have a one in three chance of a very unwelcome neighbor -- fumes, harmful chemicals, and acid rain.

We have an opportunity to stop disaster -- Friday evening, September 26. This is the night that area residents will have a chance to voice their opposition to the Hazardous Waste Siting Commission in a public meeting to be held at Six Flags Great Adventure at 7:30 P.M.

Although there are "scientific criteria" the commission will consider in deciding where to place the incinerator, it is also generally believed that they will be inclined to place it where they find the least public resistance. Since ours is not one of the more populated areas, it is essential that we show up for this meeting in great numbers.

A few more facts you may find interesting:

The site is located at the intersection of routes 526 and I-195, no more than five miles from the bound-

aries of Roosevelt, Upper Freehold, Twin Rivers, New Egypt, Plumsted and Jackson.

A 300 foot high smokestack will release PCB's, dioxins, acid rain, and other harmful substances into our clean air. At anticipated rates, it is expected that 7.5 tons of toxic residue will be emitted each year. The effects of the discharge have an impact on areas within a 10-mile radius of the facility. We are clearly within the impact zone!

Send Money (Please)

Once again we need our readers to send in subscription and contribution money. Last year you enabled us to pay our printing bill of approximately \$1300.00. This year's bill is over \$1600.00. Please be generous and be quick. Our continued life depends upon it. Our new treasurer is Lillian Warren c/o Roosevelt Bulletin, Roosevelt, NJ. 08555.

Thank you,
The Editor

The facility will be built and run by private industry -- for profit. Hazardous waste from other states will be trucked in for disposal on our doorstep!

The average daily tonnage of this toxic waste will be more than 600,000 pounds.

The Assunpink Wildlife Refuge, the New Jersey Horse Park at Stone Tavern, and Six Flags Great Adventure are all three miles or less from the site. Prime agricultural and recreational land, as well as the state's major horse breeding and training acreage could be destroyed forever.

It is clearly in our own self-interest to attend the public meeting on September 26, 7:30 P.M., at Great Adventure. The park will be closed, and you will be admitted free for this meeting. **ONLY A VOCAL AND VISIBLE COMMUNITY CAN PREVENT THIS DISASTER!**

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COUNCIL NEWS

New trash regulations to begin in April

By Aaron Datz

During a quiet meeting of the council on September 10th there were no controversies. Some important items of business were reported however.

New regulations governing trash collection have been promulgated by Monmouth County. Items such as glass, cans and leaves will no longer be permitted to be collected with the rest of the trash when the new law goes into effect on April 1, 1987. Councilperson Watchler stated that the Borough must decide before that date as to how these items may be disposed of. Mayor Hepner asks that the residents become aware of the new rules and to understand that they are mandated -- the garbage collector will be forbidden to pick up glass, cans and leaves or be liable to fines.

The council is considering an ordinance banning the use of motor vehicles on public property. The only problem holding up passage of this ordinance is that of enforcement. Councilperson Selden stated that most residents are

usually unwilling to complain officially against the obvious danger of teenagers on motorized vehicles on public lands.

Mayor Hepner announced the formation of a new group -- The Roosevelt Coffee House -- which plans a series of concerts, readings, lectures, symposia, etc., beginning in November.

The repair of Homestead Lane will begin shortly and residents will have to put up with some inconvenience for about a week thereafter.

The Boy Scouts who painted the water plant were given a vote of thanks by the mayor and council.

Skip Lovejoy was hired as a back-up person for the water/sewer plant operator.

A meeting regarding the proposed hazardous waste treatment plant will be held at the Borough Hall on September 18th.

A new flag now graces the Borough Hall's meeting room.

VIEWPOINT

Editor's Note: We hope in this space to establish a regular feature of commentary by readers of the Bulletin on any subject of general interest: political, religious, economic, personal or even trivial...whatever one feels moved to share with others. To start the ball rolling a letter has already been sent to a random list of residents

inviting their participation. Your contribution will be edited for length (400 words maximum) and for clarity, with all changes re-submitted to the writer for approval. A staff member will be calling some of you for your entries. Please feel free to call us as well.

Neighbor it's cold out here

There was a time when no division existed in age groups in our community. We attended parties, rallies and all other functions with older and younger people together including our children. Today we have a real separation. We have Senior Citizens-an entity unto themselves- and then the rest of the community.

How to integrate these groups or at best involve more of the citizenry in activities relating to us is the problem.

Our meetings are generally well attended; we try to present a speaker on a subject of interest; a social period with coffee and cake hosted every meeting by two different members. However, meeting only once a month is inadequate.

Other communities have volunteer support groups from among younger people; and have money with which to pay for programs of interest, trips etc. We on the other hand do not have these resources and must rely on volunteers who can enrich our lives by sharing their talents with us.

Though we lack funds to pay for programs, we do have people who are rich in talent. We hope that becoming aware of the need, these people would share their skills with us. This would make a difference in the isolation we find ourselves in. As it is, without transportation there is no looking forward to a ceramics class, for example, or to a choral group, a quilting circle or any other activity that affords socialization and conversing with others.

In addition, there are seniors in the community who feel that they do not need an organization. To them I say, "Think of what your contribution could be, rather than of what you gain by belonging.

Perhaps, if this discussion on Seniors, the problems and the remedies, is not specific enough, it's because we know that the need to alleviate the isolation we find ourselves in is a fact; how to go about it isn't. Your participation can make a difference.

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President, Roosevelt Senior Citizens

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

Planning and zoning boards to coordinate activities

By Bob Clark

During a special joint meeting of the planning and zoning boards, the two groups planned for coordination of their activities to assure a cohesive land use policy in Roosevelt. The boards decided to discuss and clarify their roles rather than to recommend to the borough council that the two bodies be combined as allowed by a new state law applicable to towns of less than 2,500 residents.

To deal with criticism that it does not keep abreast of land use developments, the zoning board decided to meet at least once every three months. In addition, the zoning and planning boards agreed to exchange minutes.

Both groups supported an ordinance that would allow any interested party to appeal to the council any so-called "d" variances granted by the zoning board--those allowing a structure in a district zoned against it, expanding a nonconforming use, deviating from a standard or specification pertaining to a conditional use, allowing a greater proportion of building coverage of a

site than permitted by the zoning ordinance and increasing permitted density in most situations. The ordinance, which was passed by the council at its September 10 meeting, also requires the zoning board to defer action on all variances ("c" and "d") until it provides the planning board an opportunity to make comments and recommendations.

In other business, the planning board sent to the council an ordinance prepared by board chairman Alan Mallach which would control development in stream corridors running through Roosevelt. The ordinance would prohibit construction and certain other activity within 200 feet of the center of a stream without obtaining a stream corridor permit from the planning board. No permit would be granted unless planned construction or other activity would not interfere with the 100 year floodplain, freshwater wetlands and a buffer zone from 10 to 25 feet beyond the wetlands boundary.

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SHORT TAKESLap Belts for School Buses:

A bill that would require all new school buses to have lap belts cleared a NJ Senate committee in January and is now before the Senate Appropriations Committee. New York is the first state to mandate seat belts and proponents in New Jersey hope to be the second. The NJ Congress of Parents and Teachers support the belts; NJ School boards Association opposes them, and a spokesman for the NJ Education Association said the union has no formal position.

Opponents are encouraged by a report released August 8 by the National Transportation Safety Board that found the performance of lap belts "very poor" in 26 front-end crashes, and furthermore that they made things worse in many cases. The board warned however that the sample studied was very small and valid conclusions could not be drawn from it. For instance, they had not studied accidents in which the bus had rolled over. Our question: Why not provide lap and shoulder belts for each child? Wouldn't the safety of children be worth the extra expense?

Rise in Drunk Drivers Fees

A measure, introduced into the NJ Assembly would allow the Division of Alcohol of the State Health Dept. to raise the fee for drunk driving from \$40 to \$80. The fee is used in a program to evaluate the seriousness of the drinking problem. Of the 28,000 people convicted in NJ last year, only 12,000 actually entered the program of whom 51% were found to have serious drinking problems. These were referred to treatment. Beyond the \$40 the apprehended driver pays to the Division of Alcohol, \$100 more is paid to the county plus \$1000 a year for 3 years is added to insurance premiums and perhaps \$500 more in fines and costs, a heavy financial burden. Without the proposed rise to \$80 however, some of the county operated drunk driving programs would "go out of business".

New Culinary Arts Center Planned

Expansion of facilities at Atlantic Community College will result in a new building for the Academy for Culinary Arts and a 200 bed dormitory, the first at a community college. Past graduates of the culinary school have won international acclaim and compete for the same jobs as the prestigious Culinary Institute of America, in Hyde Park, NY, although the tuition of \$1700-\$1900 a semester is half of that of the New York school. According to its director, there are five job openings in the Atlantic City resort area for every academy graduate.

Announcement

Pavilion gallery, at Memorial Hospital, 175 Madison Ave., Mt. Holly, New Jersey. Features an exhibition of the work of Roosevelt artist Jack Bermowitz, September 25 to October 15, 1986. Hours: Daily 8 am to 8 pm. (609) 267-0700 Ext. 3250.

Editor's Note #2

Due to increased printing costs, the Bulletin will be forced to tighten its belt. We no longer will be able to go beyond 24 pages per issue, which means that the editor will be forced to utilize the notorious "blue pencil" more than ever. I trust that all submitters will understand.

The Editor

To our friends and neighbors in Roosevelt.

The family of Bruce and Lorraine Reinbold gratefully acknowledges your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy.

Thank you,
Bruce and Lorraine

Water-sewer update

By Ferris (Quasimodo) Stout, Councilman

Last Spring we reported in a general sort of way on the System, and pointed out why we needed a \$3 increase in fees. Much has happened since. We have some good news, as they say, and some bad news. The good news first.

The water plant is now a fresh and sparkling white, thanks to the Boy Scouts, and Mr. Francis' initiative. Many townspeople no doubt seldom see that vital structure and so may not appreciate what a difference a coat of paint makes. What looked before like a dingy cement block shanty town now looks like a cheerful and efficient plant. We are grateful indeed to the Scouts for this piece of voluntary initiative.

Thanks to God and Tom Karpik, we've had relatively clear water this summer. We drained all the hydrants in a systematic way; we'll do it again this Fall, to keep the pipes clean.

Thanks to arm-twisting by the State (NJDEP, pronounced "<Nye-dep") we have in the sewer plant a stand-by generator which in case of a power failure will keep the plant running. It is impressive and nice to have; but we can't help wishing we could have spent the money on sorely-needed maintenance.

The Imhoff tank at the sewer plant has been partly cleaned out with observable improved performance. The job was not finished, however, because the tank turns out to have seven feet of sandy goo in it which the contractor could not handle in one day. It will have to be finished up.

And now the bad news:

NJDEP is on our backs, hard, to provide standby power for the water plant. That will cost plenty, on the order of \$40,000, which we planned to spend otherwise. NJDEP also demands many other goodies which are no doubt excellent precautions against various dreadful scenarios, but which cut drastically into our plans for

upgrading the system itself.

We've had a series of breakdowns the fixing of which upgrades the system, but they have been expensive. In the sewer plant ancient cast-iron pipes and wornout check valves have been replaced, so that we have a virtually rebuilt pumping facility. The motor on #3 well (behind the swimming pool) broke down and had to be replaced; but the replacement motor is clearly of better quality than was the old one.

In summary, we are faced with three challenges:

We must reconcile the demands of NJDEP with what appear to us, at least, as more pressing requirements for maintenance and for improvements.

Scheduled work seems to progress with the enthusiastic fervor of a teenager picking up his bedroom. One has to be the squeaking wheel that gets the grease-and squeak, squeak, squeak.

We desperately need long-range planning. That is easy to say; the catch is it means understanding the language of accounting. Municipal financing is a matter of Byzantine complexity.



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Congregation Anshei goes through changes

By Joseph Solomon

Whatever else people may say about Congregation Anshei Roosevelt, it isn't stagnant! Rabbi and Mrs. Senders have returned to Israel. We have hired a new religious director, Shlomo Weiss, who is a teacher, but not an ordained rabbi. Mr. Weiss is a teacher at the Abrams Hebrew Academy, in Yardley, PA. He will continue in that capacity with them. He will also teach the Hebrew school here, as well as helping to conduct services. The Weiss family will live at 18 Homestead Lane, next door to the synagogue.

As an eminent physicist once said, "Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future." Over the years since my arrival in Roosevelt, it appeared that the Hebrew School was inevitably sliding beneath the waves, never to return. Last year, there were only two children in attendance. Where were new children to come from? We don't know, but this year there are a dozen children already, and school hasn't even started yet! (This is being written early in September -- the semester was scheduled to begin September 19).

We had hoped that Mr. Weiss would be able to build the Hebrew school over a period of several years, but we hadn't dreamed of this so soon. This unexpected increase in enrollment -- and across the age-spectrum, from kindergarten to seventh grade -- has forced Mr. Weiss to call on his wife, Chedva, for assistance. She will concentrate on special projects with youngest children.

At the present, plans are to hold classes from 4-6 on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. As the days grow shorter, the session on Friday will be modified to exclude those activities not allowed on the Sabbath. Also, in view of the demands on Mr. Weiss' time in Yardley, the Wednesday class may eventually be

merged into the Sunday class.

For the last few years, several members of the congregation have assisted in conducting services. In my opinion, this has contributed to a "haimish" (homey -- not homely) atmosphere. Those who attend services enjoy being there. On the other hand, there are people in town who stay away from the synagogue because they are angry at the rabbi -- from three rabbis back! I invite you to attend services. We hold services every Saturday morning, beginning at 9:00. If there is sufficient interest, we will revive Friday evening services. Try it -- you might like it.

Three years ago, when Rabbi Berman left and Rabbi Senders arrived, we removed the mechitza -- the barrier that separated the men from women. We now have mixed seating, but it hasn't made much difference. It is possible, of course, that some of our members are not aware of the change: It's true. We do allow men and women to sit together. There has even been a suggestion that we count women in the minyan, thus requiring ten adults, instead of ten men. If this subject interests you, let us hear from you. If you have anything you'd like to say about the congregation, let us hear from you. Call Shlomo Weiss, 426-4238 or 448-2526; Joe Solomon, 443-3861; or any member of the board (listed on the calendar).

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

By Herbert Johnson

To meet an emergency this summer, the School Board had a new fire alarm system installed by the Rampart Security Systems which had bid to do it for \$7,170. It billed the school for \$7,700 and then explained that some extra parts were needed. The alarm system works well, the principal Dr. Sussman reported at the September 4 meeting, but the Board did not approve of paying the additional charge.

It was reported that only 82 students enrolled for our K through 8 grades this year. Board President John Burghardt estimated that our school would receive about \$40,000 next year because enrollment has dropped by 20 children. This situation obviously will affect many matters this year.

Two of our sixth graders who are Boy Scouts, Barry Kanczuger and Ale Penalver, attended the meeting as part of requirements for a Community merit badge. They also expressed some ideas about improving the facility, providing students with materials for "Olympics of the Mind" projects, and encouraging students to stay in the "O.M." program once they start in it.

Another serious financial matter considered is the discovery of leaks in the boiler. Dr. Sussman asked for approval to order a "hydro-test" to determine which tubes needed to be replaced, and to get bids on the cost of repair. The board approved, recognizing that the repair may cost over \$5,000 but replacement of the boiler would cost over \$100,000.

Windows in the school were broken by vandals in August, once to enter the school and throw some books out of the library, causing damages estimated to be \$800. Mr. Burghardt appointed three board members to make recommendations at the next meeting on how to minimize vandalism.

Dr. David Keller, Deber Allen, and Bernie Suttake respectively reported on the Education, Personnel, and Policy Committees' work and the decisions as to what the high priority goals of each

committee are for this year. They are significant. If readers request it, the Boro Bulletin or I will Mail them a copy of the goals and dates when the committees meet. The Board points out that any citizen is welcome to attend any Board meeting to have input to the full Board of Education. Meetings are at least on every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8pm.

In the President's report, Mr. burghardt asked Dr. Sussman again to submit his overdue "Goals for the Year" report. He apologized and promised to get it in soon. The February minutes show that last year's goals had not yet been submitted.

The Board considered a report that some youths were drinking alcoholic beverages on school grounds and they assaulted a woman who told them they were making a mistake, all of which was witnessed by two people. The Board decided to press charges against one youth for drinking on school property.

Mary King was granted use of the library or room to tutor math students on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm. Nancy Warnick was added to the substitute teacher list. The Board also approved of, among other things, Joanne Cohen's working one day per week with students on developing a WRPS radio station.

The Board had six other public meetings, too much to cover now, since the early June meetings reported on in the last issue, but here are some highlights: Five parents attended on June 19, mostly in concern about why visitors including parents were suddenly required to have the principal's approval to be in school. Gloria and Andy Hazell, and Margaret Schlinski raised several questions. The Board explained that parents of a student reported that someone had threatened their child. They asked the school to be vigilant to protect the child while in school.

Full reports on the science classes' curriculum and activities were given to the Board and visitors at the

meeting by Carolyn Kellisch for the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, and by Ilene Levine for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Photos of some of our students, and a story on what they did with moon rocks (and the \$380 stereoscope obtained as a result of Ms. Levine's application for and winning of a \$500 grant) were printed in an international astronomy magazine "Odyssey".

P. T. A. NEWS.

The Roosevelt P.T.A. held its first meeting of the 1986-87 school year on Tuesday, September 9 at the school library. This year's officers are Margaret Schlinski, president; Donna Kaufman, vice-president; Jan Estenes, secretary; and Flip Unger, treasurer.

Room mother assignments are as follows: Anny Najecki and Flip Unger for Mrs. Hawthorne's class; Cindy Cummings and Evelyn Edelstein for Mrs. Gagliardi's class; Ann Kassahun and Adena Yeger for Mrs. Mayberg's class; Mari DeSanto and Carol Miller for Mrs. Strapp's class. Gloria Hazel and Margaret Schlinski are room mothers for Ms. Levine's class; Nancy Bauerle and Nancy Warnick for Ms. Ksell's class; and Ruth Braun and Helen Przychocki for Mrs. Kellisch's class.

The next P.T.A. meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, at 7:30 pm at the school.

Summer Camp

The P.T.A. Summer Camp was a great success! The activities in theater, arts and sports were well attended by 40% of the entire school and 90% of the children from grades K-5.

At the end of the five week program the students put on a circus for relatives and friends in the community. The circus was put on outdoors with scenery decorations made in the arts and crafts classes. The acts were put together by the campers in their theater classes. Howie Kaufman worked with a number of children in gymnastics and Marcel Franquelin and Tess List applied the makeup for the performances.

Thanks to the generosity of the Pine Valley Swim Club, the campers had swimming two mornings a week.

One of the nicest aspects of the camp was the breaking down of the age barrier. Children of all ages engaged in activities together.

We hope to continue the camp every summer.

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FIRE COMPANY NEWS

By Gloria Hazell

Fire Prevention Week is in October, and the Fire Company is holding an Open Day on Sunday October 5th, from 2 pm until 5 pm. to show the public the truck, equipment that we use, and to talk about the firefighters role in the community. There will be firemen available to answer any questions you may have, and retired members to tell how the equipment and tactics have changed over the years. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

During the week of the 5th, we will also be speaking at the Solar Village to the Senior Citizens, and at the other end of the scale we will be at the school, showing the children the basics of fire-safety. We also have plans to hold a fire extinguisher training session for all members of the public who are interested. You will gain hands-on experience and any questions you may have will be answered by the crew.

We do hope that you will turn out and show your support of the Fire Company. More information will be posted around town nearer the date. At the moment we are enrolling people in both the Company and our new Auxiliary team. The Fire Company is for you, the week will help your home, and the town to be safer to live in. Please join us on October 5th.

Reverend John Grauel

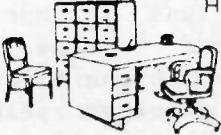
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Reverend John Grauel's full obituary will appear in next months Bulletin.

New Phone Book

The new edition of the Roosevelt Phone Book is now going to press and will be available shortly. It will be sold for five (5) dollars, and proceeds will go to the Sisterhood of Roosevelt.

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Youth Orchestra

A group of 25 members from the Youth Orchestra of Tel Aviv will give a free concert in Roosevelt on Tuesday October 14. The concert is at 8pm, at the synagogue: 20 Homestead Lane.

The orchestra, composed of 50 people between the ages of 13 and 18, is touring America. The selections to be performed here include classical, Israeli, and chassidic music, as well as marches.

No tickets are required--just show up.

Although the concert is free, we will need places to put the visitors up overnight, and transportation to get them to Abrams Hebrew Academy in Yardley, PA on Wednesday, October 15. If you can help, please call Shlomo Weiss, at 426-4238 or 448-2526.

Farewell Moishe

By Peter Berlinrut

It was past midafternoon as we stood waiting for the casket and the funeral cortege to arrive for the services at the graveside. I was talking with a friend at my side but my mind was elsewhere, roaming in the past and fixed on the face of Moishe (a.k.a. Morris Bressler) as I had so often seen it. The one thought that kept recurring was, Moishe is coming home, Moishe is coming home. After more than thirty years in Roosevelt, he had moved away to live closer to his sons in North Jersey but it was hard for me to imagine home for Moishe anywhere but Roosevelt. Eighteen or nineteen years ago he had stood close to where I was now standing, chanting the Twenty-third Psalm, in Hebrew, at the services for Ben Shahn, in just that blend of great fervor and great restraint that was so characteristic of the man. Few people I had ever known lived so essentially rooted in fervor as did Moishe. He breathed it in.

I recall a night at someone's house when Moishe was there with his mandolin and someone asked him to sing. In moments the air was ringing with "When the Saints Go Marching in" delivered with tremendous gusto, the mandolin sounding like three instruments. I said gusto but the word I really meant was fervor. Gusto is rather a pagan force but fervor bespeaks inner conscience and conviction. As Moishe sang it, the saints were of unsullied goodness, their entry into the pearly regions well earned by loving deeds, the whole thing a matter for human rejoicing.

Nor was there anything odd about a Russian immigrant, a Jew, a Talmudist mystic steeping himself in Black spirituals. Moishe had little use for parochial creeds. Fervor was fervor, a universal innocent that embraced whatever aroused or inspired it. I can remember Moishe in a typical move,

standing up, his head thrown back, his eyes half-closed, sawing raptly, "Peter, today I met a remarkable man, an absolutely remarkable man. Listen..." I listened. Wonder stoking fervor, the details would roll out with Moishe emphasizing each one to show how it went beyond the ordinary, the routine, and became phenomenal. An absolutely remarkable man, Moishe would repeat, with a strong intimation that the true business of living was to discover anything involving the life of the spirit.

There was also a Moishe of vigorous, active, schooled mind, well abreast of 20th century understanding. Widely read and scholarly, he obtained a Ph.D. degree at the age of sixty-seven and went on to teach mathematics and Russian in Lawrenceville prep. I heard it said he was Ben Shahn's mentor in Hebraic lore and tradition. His awareness of social realities was keen and while he became more and more detached from day-to-day events in order to favor his gnostic sense of greater reality, he had an active conscience about social matters. I remember falling in with him as we walked along Tamara Drive late one afternoon and I went into detail about a problem that was facing the town. He stopped and looked at me and said in appalled tones, "Peter, do you know I have lived here almost thirty years now and I have never attended a council meeting!" This was not said in apology, nor in defiance, nor in boast. It was said in naive self-astonishment and guilt. He was standing there stock still, looking at me and thinking hard as if it had occurred to him that something that had seemed right and desirable for almost thirty years wasn't so at all. He was stark with guilt in his own eyes and it jarred him. I felt it wasn't nearly as much to his discredit as he felt that moment. When he landed

in Roosevelt he had a past as a soldier in the civil war in Russia between the Bolshevik forces and those of the counter-revolution. It was a most turbulent period and when he arrived here, he had had his bellyful of politics, even politics on a grand scale. So that Jersey Homestead politics (as Roosevelt was then called) seemed a wasting hassle over nickels and dimes. And he decided to keep his distance from it. But now listening to me, he was abashed at his pharisaism in being so dismissory of our local problems. The sage in him had stepped forward with the admonition: foolish man, difficulties that touch human lives are important whether they are nickel and dime or gold bullion from Fort Knox.

It even turned out once in a while that Moish's gift of fervor and understanding worked out in a negative way. Instead of light, it threw shadow. I would drop in occasionally on a friend who was a semi-invalid and lived a shut-in life. The energy level of his expressiveness was necessarily low and any animated talk froze him into silence. Moishe was also his friend and was visiting him one time when I came by. Then ensued one of those modest dramas that haunted me a long time. Moishe was in high fettle and got off on a writer he had been reading with great pleasure and his talk went on torrentially. Too carried away, he didn't notice the friend sitting there semi-ossified and barely able to murmur every ten seconds or so, yes..yes..yes, either to keep from falling asleep or throwing an hysterical fit. Moishe was totally and innocently oblivious of the effect he was having on his friend and rolled on. Not too long later I again dropped in on our friend who looked up nervously when he saw me enter and asked, "Moishe isn't coming too, is he?" Moishe would have been horrified and contrite had he known of the situation and I recall the incident only to muse on the fact that there is no gift, no distinction native to anyone that doesn't backfire once in a while.

Moishe was a walker, I am tempted to say a consecrated walker and it was

always a bit galvanizing to see him come up our road, carrying one of the walking sticks I carved for him, his eyes fixed in deep study. Sometimes from our kitchen window I could see his lips moving and I would think: ah, Moishe in dialogue with a friendly angel or Moishe whispering kabalistic secrets that please him. This is the favorite image in which he is frozen and will stay forever. Moishe, a.k.a. Morris Bressler.

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2	THURSDAY	10:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
		2:00 PM	SENIOR CITIZENS	BORO HALL
		8:00 PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION	RPS
4	SATURDAY		ROSH HASHANAH	
6	MONDAY	8:00 PM	BORO COUNCIL AGENDA	BORO HALL
7	TUESDAY	10:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
8	WEDNESDAY	8:00 PM	BORO COUNCIL	BORO HALL
9	THURSDAY	10:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
13	MONDAY		YOM KIPPUR & COLUMBUS DAY	
14	TUESDAY	10:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
15	WEDNESDAY	7:00-8:30 PM	BOOKMOBILE	PO PARKING LOT
16	THURSDAY	10:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
		8:00 PM	BOARD OF EDUCATION	RPS
21	TUESDAY	10:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
		9:30 AM	SENIOR HEALTH PRGM.	SOLAR VILLAGE
		1:00-8:00 PM	FOOD CO-OP	BORO HALL
23	THURSDAY	10:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
28	TUESDAY	10:00 AM	EXERCISE CLASS	BORO HALL
29	WEDNESDAY	8:00-9:30 PM	BULLETIN MEETING	BORO HALL
		7:00-8:30 PM	BOOKMOBILE	PO PARKING LOT
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A 300 foot high smokestack emitting dioxins, PCB'S, and other harmful chemicals could harm our children and animals, ruin our crops and the local agricultural economy, and destroy our clean and healthful lifestyle forever.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

To the Editor:

In July I received a letter from Adeline Weiner that saddened and surprised me. It informed me that I am one of a group of 30 or more people invited to write for the Borough Bulletin; my ideas; opinions, reviews, or anything I thought would be of interest to the readers of the paper, was requested.

Why was I surprised and saddened? Because in the more than 9 years that I was a member of the staff of the Bulletin, we never found it necessary or proper to limit our appeals for contributors to 30, 60 or even 100 people. We welcomed and urged everyone to take part. We felt the Bulletin should be open to all, and not only to an elitist group of members. This was always a publication for the entire town, and I believe it should remain such, subject only to the usual prerogatives for correction by the editorial staff.

I hope you and the staff will reconsider the policy that prompted Ms. Weiner's letter, and will again open the Bulletin's pages to every reader who wishes to contribute. Let us have no "mute", inglorious Miltons' in Roosevelt.

Sincerely,
Hortense Sochowitzky

Editor's note

No elitism was intended and we apologize for giving anyone that impression. See opening statement of the "Viewpoint" feature for further clarification.

The Editor



Dear Editor,

Mr. Hazell (Letter to Editor, June, 1986 Bulletin) was shocked and amused by Mr. Esakoff and concerned by me. As to Mr. Esakoff, I believe he can safely be relied on to defend his own honor, never, to my knowledge, having been found to be at a loss for appropriate words. In my own defense I would like to address a couple of facts Mr. Hazell may have overlooked.

First, the Borough supports the Fire Company at a cost to the taxpayers of about \$6000 per year. The flushing of the hydrants has traditionally been the job of the Fire Company and it has always been done, except for last year, without any charge to the community. The hydrants are there essentially for the use of the Fire Company and are also used in their drills and part of their training.

Secondly, when the RVFC unilaterally imposed a price on what has always been performed as a discharge of their obligation to the Borough, a sufficient number of concerned citizens volunteered to do the job. I was one volunteer, Howard Chasan, Lou Esakoff and Ferris Stout (the chairman of the Public Utilities Committee) were also willing, as well as completely competent for the job. Why there was such a sweat to have the job done for money, before the volunteers could even be rallied, I will probably never know. That being the case, I could see no reason to vote to incur an unnecessary, unprecedented and unearned expense, nor to use our tax money for it.

Addressing the matter of my vote against payment, I wonder where in the U.S. Constitution it is stated that one must vote in a particular and pre-ordained way. The record will show that I have always advocated adequate, full and prompt payment of all proper Borough debts. I knew the Fire Company would be paid from the way the votes were going, but to be consistent with

my vote on the granting of the flushing job to the Fire Company, I felt it not only necessary but imperative to reaffirm my displeasure with the manner in which the entire matter had been handled. Therefore the negative vote, which I had every right to cast.

In response to Mr. Hazell's last suggestion, that other people might be elected in my place on the council, my wise old grandmother would no doubt have suggested that he could threaten the bedbugs to better advantage. To give you an idea of the popularity of the job, please note that not one person currently serving on the Council or as Mayor is serving except by default, all of us having achieved office unopposed.

It is a hard job and largely a thankless one. but having accepted the responsibility I, for one, take it seriously and do all I can to do a good job for the community. A large part of that responsibility is to see that the taxpayer in Roosevelt gets his money's worth for his tax dollar.

Bernie Leefler

Dear Editor:

This comes to you from Iowa City, Iowa, where I am among nearly 600 members of the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament. Since we left Los Angeles on March 1, we have walked almost two thirds of the way to Washington, D.C., and all along the way we have been given warm support that has reinforced our belief that people really do want peace.

You probably know that soon after the march began our parent organization, PRO-Peace, announced that it was bankrupt, and we were abandoned in the Mojave Desert, 12 miles from the nearest telephone. About 500 of us were determined to go on, and we did. Much of the equipment we had started out with was repossessed, but in Barstow, California, we began to collect all the vehicles needed to keep us on the road. We formed a new corporation with our own officers and began to receive generous tax-free con-

tributions with which we could buy or rent a kitchen truck, a large batch of mobile porta-potties, a bookmobile, and trucks to carry our tents and personal possessions. Farmers in California donated a hay baler to haul things. A dealer in Barstow gave us two school buses for the 40 children whose parents stayed with the march. Other donations have included a generator to run the kitchen equipment, a water truck, a "nuclear-free waste" truck to keep us sanitary, and much more.

As we go through town after town, people have asked us into their homes, put on great dinners for us, offered us showers and encouragement. Teachers have invited us to send representatives to talk to their classes about nuclear disarmament. Churches along the way have invited marchers to talk, as have a couple of synagogues. Here in Iowa a group of ministers brought us 42 gallons of ice-cream! Farmers have kept us supplied with sweet corn. Swimming pools and showers in schools and recreation centers have offered us welcome cooling-off after hot days on the road.

Not long ago Pete Seeger visited our camp and took away with him a banner, signed by several hundred of us, which he promised to deliver in Hiroshima on August 6. Other visitors who brought us encouragement and support have included Betty Thomas (of Hill Street Blues), Dr. Caldicott, husband of Dr. Helen Caldicott, and many state and local political figures.

Our visitors often express amazement that almost 600 people can be kept on the road day after day. Two hot meals and a cold lunch have to be prepared by volunteers. Big vehicles must be kept in running order by a volunteer maintenance crew. Every day except our one rest day each week, volunteers load and unload in orderly fashion tents, duffle bags and crates full of our possessions. Our Musicians practice and compose original songs for frequent performances in night clubs in cities; a drama group writes and puts on skits; our City Managers hear suggestions, complaints and problems and usually settle them. Our fund raisers

have kept us going, although sometimes it has been a nigh-thing. Altogether we think we are a remarkable phenomenon, and we have not lost sight of our purpose -- to raise the consciousness of all people to the need for peace.

We expect to reach Princeton toward the end of October, and I will look forward to having visits to our camp from Roosevelt friends, old and new.

Franklin Folsom

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Smith opponent meets Rooseveltians

By Evelyn Datz

Jeff Laurenti, the Democratic Party nominee to oppose Christopher Smith for Congress next November, met with a few dozen Roosevelt citizens at the Chasan abode on Homestead Lane August 21 as part of his election campaign. After briefly addressing the assembly, he invited questions from the floor. And they came, probing Mr. Laurenti's knowledge and commitment.

On the issue of the toxic waste disposal plant threatened for Millstone Township, he agreed that Millstone was not the appropriate place for it.

In response to other questions:

He said that as a Catholic he followed the precepts of the Church and personally opposed abortion but felt that each person should be allowed to decide for him/herself. He would vote against cutting off Federal money for abortion for welfare recipients as he would against cutting appropriations for various other social services. He also pointed out that Smith fanatically opposed abortion, even for women whose lives pregnancy would endanger.

Laurenti is a supporter of the Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament and supports a mutual, verifiable nuclear

test ban and reduction in arms appropriations. The Administration, he said, believes that our escalating the Star Wars and other costly programs will force the Soviet Union to compete and thereby bankrupt themselves, but he emphasized that so far, considering our astronomical national deficit, we are bankrupting ourselves.

On Nicaragua, although critical of the present government, he opposes sending money, arms, and "advisors to the Contras, who operate under the control of the CIA. He believes Nicaraguans should be left free to solve their own problems, as should the rest of Latin America, without outside interference.

A tall, slim, attractive man in his mid-thirties, a graduate of Harvard and Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School, Jeff Laurenti proved himself intelligent and well informed on local, national, and international affairs. Also impressive, especially to some of his older constituents, was his ability to remember, during the discussion, the name of each person he had been briefly introduced to at the beginning of the evening. He lost no votes with that talent.

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Why a test ban would work

By
A. Weiner

" A nuclear test ban will make us far more secure than the extravagant 'star wars' Defense Initiative," said Josie Stein, guest speaker at the Hiroshima Day rally on August 6th. Following an introduction by Mayor Freda Hepner, the seventh annual Roosevelt gathering to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima featured a series of original musical compositions by Alan Malach, Laurie and Dylan Altman; readings by Leslie Weiner, Wes Czyzewski; as well as choral recitations by Jay Landau, Neil Selden and Carol Watchler. The preceding Peace Walk was accompanied by Carl Johnson and Steve Yeager carrying the Stars and Stripes. They also helped to close the meeting with a recording of Taps and the singing of the national anthem.

The main speaker of the hour-long program, Dr. Josephine Stein, is an engineering graduate of MIT and a Research Fellow at the Center for Energy and Environmental Studies, Princeton University. She succinctly outlined the case for a Comprehensive Test Ban treaty with the Soviet Union, pointing out that that very day, August 6th, was the last day of the latest Soviet moratorium on nuclear testing initiated the year before. (As of this writing, Gorbachev has once more extended the cessation of testing by the Soviets until January, 1987). Dr. Stein discussed the United States' contention that the USSR has no urgent need to test since they did so intensively in the recent past. The facts are that the Soviets had increased their tests in the 1970's from 15 to as many as 30 in one year and have cut back to 10 since 1980, with nine conducted since late 1984. The US has detonated 12 tests a year since 1970 and has increased the number to about 16 a year under Reagan. Apparently, the US has conducted 18 underground tests, three unannounced, since the

Soviet test halt a year ago. Thus, how far ahead in testing can the Soviets actually be?

The Administration pleads the need for testing in order to maintain reliability of weapons. Eight leading experts including former Defense Dept. research directors have suggested that the best way to confirm reliability is to disassemble sample weapons and subject the components to non-nuclear tests. There are definitive non-explosive tests available to determine deterioration and loss of effectiveness. These techniques have been used before with success and are superior to the large number of nuclear tests that would be required to establish a meaningful measure of reliability. The problem of verification is a favorite argument posed by pro-test advocates. Pro/Stein reported that much progress toward genuine verification has recently been made, first by advanced seismographical technology that can not only detect small (sub-kiloton) explosions, but as scientists in Norway have proved can identify low intensity tests even in the presence of an earthquake.

Satellite reconnaissance has also developed a staggering degree of capability that can even determine whether Soviet preparations for testing will take two or will take three weeks to complete.

A breakthrough in on-the-spot monitoring of Soviet testing has recently been achieved through the efforts of a private group of U.S. scientists sent by the Natural Resources Defense Council. The Soviet Union agreed to allow outside teams to monitor the Russian testing ground around Semipalatinsk. Now data coming from these locations can finally remove this obstacle to a test ban agreement.

We need such a ban not only to prevent a new arms race in space, but to check nuclear proliferation in the

third world, remove the danger of nuclear accidents (62 in the last 21 years) and perhaps most of all, cool down the heated pace of military spending that has seriously unbalanced the US economy.


Sentiment is growing toward this end: On August 8th, the House of Representatives voted 234 to 155 to impose a year-long halt on all but the smallest nuclear tests. Leaders of Mexico, India, Greece, Tanzania, Sweden and Argentina called on Moscow and Washington to halt testing under a verification in that the six countries volunteer to administer. A memorandum drafted by five former top advisors to Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter counseled the Reagan Administration that the main-stream policies followed by both parties for over a decade be continued, i.e. the pursuit of an agreement with the Soviet Union on arms control.

Ms. Stein was emphatic about the power of popular opinion and urged the gathering to make our collective and individual voices heard. Let us note that the Geneva Arms Talks resumed on Sept. 18th.



FIRST AID NEWS

The Roosevelt First Aid Squad will again be sponsoring the Art Fair in November. If you are an artist who has recently moved to town and would like to participate in the Fair, or if you would like general information about it, please contact Nancy Bauerle at 448-8275 and she will give you any assistance she can.



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Report on Water-Sewer Records

By Becky Russell

The chlorinator failure last summer prompted many citizens to question the effectiveness of our water-sewer system, and initiated the formation of the Roosevelt Clean Water Initiative (RCWI). People wondered why our water had less than average quality yet greater than average cost. In an effort to answer this question, RCWI decided to examine the vouchers and canceled checks pertaining to the water/sewer system, and in December 1985 we asked the Council to arrange for us to examine the records for 1982 through 1984. (1985 records were not yet available.)

The legal basis for this request is N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., the right-to-know law. The notes to this law state that its purpose "...is the salutary one of promoting a free flow of information in order to ensure an informed citizenry."

The main problem RCWI encountered was difficulty in gaining easy access to the records. The process was very slow because the records were in disarray, and no one knew where anything was. When we approached Council members, they referred us to the borough clerk. But the clerk often was too busy to find the records for us, and when we offered to search for the records ourselves, the clerk refused to allow it on the grounds that she was responsible for keeping things in order.

The right-to-know Law addresses this problem. According to section 47:1A-2, "Every citizen of this State during the regular business hours maintained by the custodian of any such records, shall have the right to inspect such records." From the same section, "Every citizen of this State shall also have the right, during such regular business hours and under the supervision of a representative of the custodian, to copy such records by hand, and shall also have the right to purchase copies of such records." So part of the Borough's job is to make public records available to the people

of Roosevelt during normal business hours. We hope the Borough will take steps to streamline this procedure.

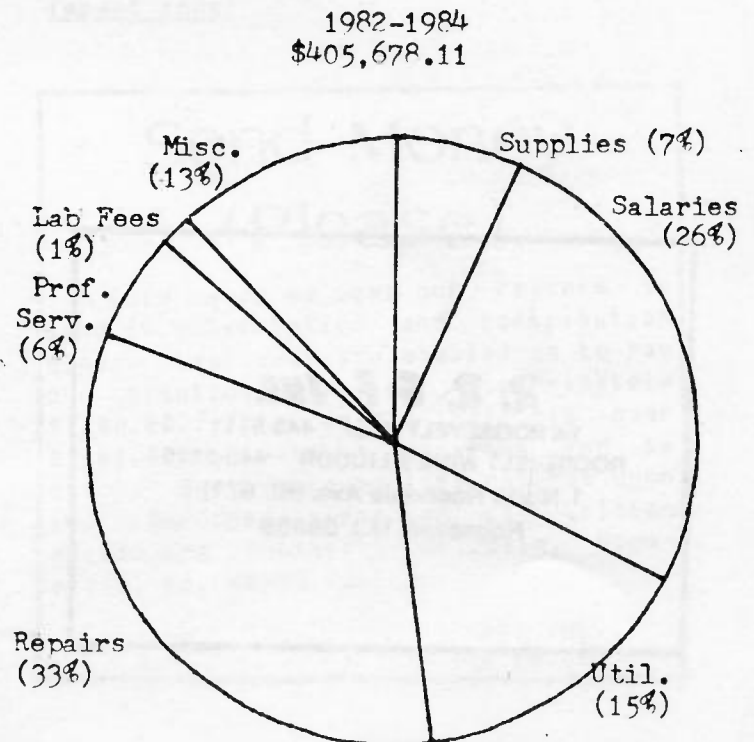
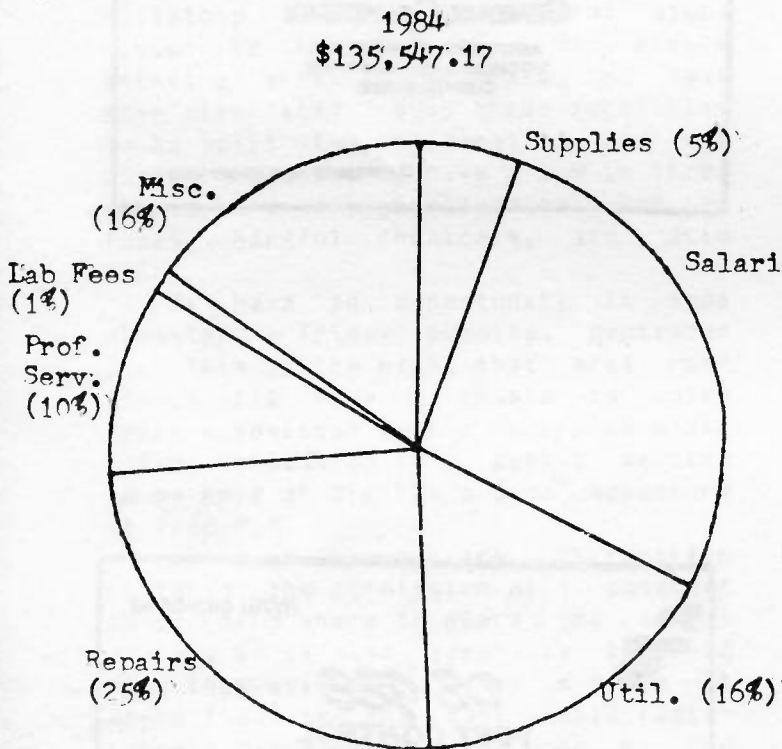
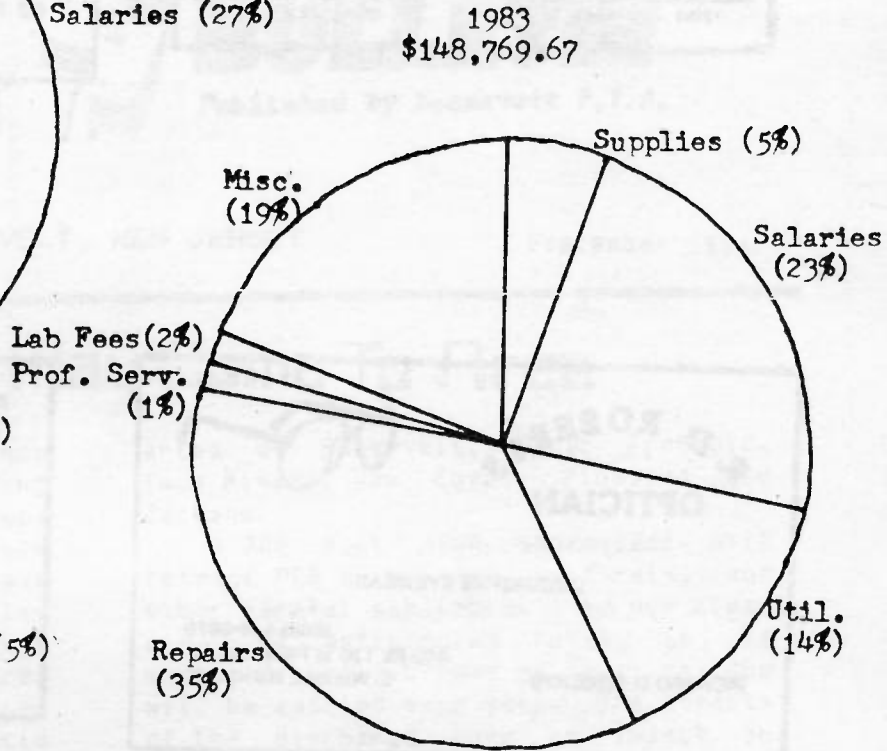
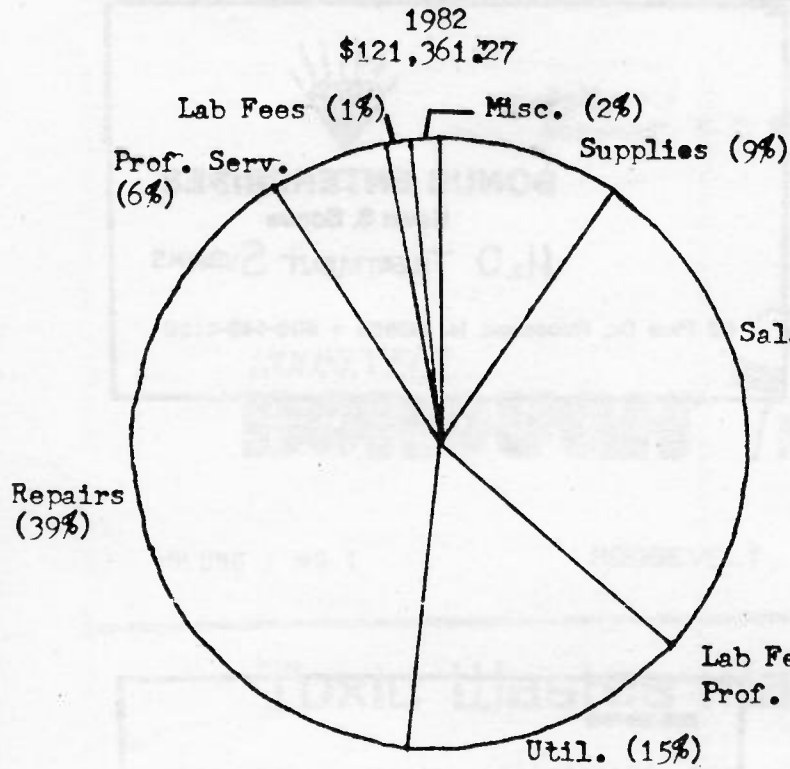
The records for 1983 are in reasonable order, but there are gaps in the 1982 and 1984 records, as we mentioned in the April Bulletin. We reviewed these records, but there remain 12 checks with no corresponding vouchers, 6 from 1982 and 6 from 1984. One check dated 2/24/82 was in the amount of \$32,032.61, made out to Layne-New York, Inc. But a notation on the check stated "Balance of payment due for work well #4, "suggesting that the corresponding voucher may be with the 1981 records. The total discrepancy for 1982, including this check, is \$37,514.38. The six checks from 1984 totaled \$5,391.23. Therefore, the amount unaccounted for during the years 1982-1984 is \$42,905.61.

We have divided the expenditures for 1982 through 1984 into seven categories: supplies, salaries, utilities, repairs, professional services, lab fees and miscellaneous. We define these categories as follows:

- supplies*--ongoing expenses for parts and maintenance
- salaries*--regular salaries, including payments to the engineer contracted to supervise the water/sewer system
- utilities*--gas, electric, and telephone payments
- repairs*--engineering contracts, evaluations, improvements, major and minor repairs
- professional services*--accounting and computer services
- lab fees*--required periodic water testing
- miscellaneous*--other expenses such as postage, loan payments, license fees, mileage

The amount of money spent in each of these categories is presented in pie-chart form.

The checks with missing vouchers are not included in this report, so these results are not final. But it seems that repairs account for most of the money we spend on our water system,




followed by salaries, and then utilities. the remaining categories vary widely.



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