



## NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1959

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ASSOCIATION MEETING - The eighth general meeting in the current session of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association will be held at 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 7 in the PIMMIT HILLS SCHOOL.

Principal items on the agenda for the Association's April meeting include:

1. A Talk by Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney Robert Fitzgerald - Mr. Fitzgerald will discuss celebrated criminal cases in the county during his tenure and other county legal matters.
2. Summer Recreation Program for Pimmit Hills Children - Do you want a recreation program for your children in Pimmit Hills this summer? Better be at the meeting if you do. (See item on p. 2.)
3. Nominating Committee Report - The Committee will recommend a slate of candidates for election to all offices on the Association's 1959-60 Executive Committee. Floor nominations may also be made. (See item below.)

### ASSOCIATION NOMINATING COMMITTEE NAMES SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee announced its selection of the following residents, whom it recommends to fill posts on the Association's Executive Committee for the 1959-60 year:

FOR PRESIDENT - Mr. Wayne E. Comer, 425 Leonard Rd.

FOR VICE PRES. - Mr. Douglas E. Glass, 409 Lisle Ave. AND Mr. DeForest Z. Rathbone, Jr., 2314 Anderson Rd.

FOR SECRETARY - Mrs. Robert L. Adams, 2310 Prout Pl.

FOR TREASURER - Mr. Hugh Shafer, 302 Burfoot St. AND Mr. Laurence A. Short, 314 Lisle Ave.

Named for Regional Vice President are:

REGION A - Mrs. Conrad M. Ritchey, 303 Pimmit Dr.

REGION B - Mr. Jack N. Miller, 1930 Pimmit Dr.

REGION C - Mr. Leonard P. Miller, 2123 Cherri Dr.

REGION D - Mr. Albert E. Partridge, 110 Lisle Ave.

REGION E - Mrs. David A. Flester, 405 Lisle Ave.

REGION F - Mr. James E. Haney, 607 Lisle Ave.

Following the Nominating Committee's announcement of its recommendations at the April 7 meeting, nominations from the floor will be opened. Any additional nominations accepted, together with background information on all candidates, will be covered in the May edition of the Newsletter. Election of officers is scheduled for the May 5 meeting.

Since only Association members may vote in the election, we suggest you bring your membership card with you or, lacking one, buy it at the meeting from Membership Chairman Wayne Comer.

Thanks to Nominating Committee Chairman Mrs. Gail A. Wilson and committee members Leonard Miller, DeForest Rathbone, and Mrs. Quentin T. Wahl for this fine list of candidates.

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ASSOCIATION ASKS CONSIDERATION  
OF SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM  
FOR PIMMIT HILLS CHILDREN

Anyone interested in having a summer recreation program planned for local children this year should make it a point to be at the Association's April 7 meeting.

If enough interest is evidenced at the meeting, Association officers will ask the County for assistance in setting up such a program. Each year for some time, the County has made available professional personnel and a certain amount of equipment to communities to help them run these programs. If our memory serves us, Pimmit Hills operated the programs during the summers of 1955, 56 and 57. None was held in 1958 because the Association was unable to round up sufficient support and volunteer assistance from residents.

Past programs were open to children in the first through sixth grades and included activities such as sports, indoor and outdoor games, arts and crafts, dancing, story reading, and dramatics. They were held at the local schools.

Other activities open to other age groups might be planned, depending on the expression of those interested. One thing is sure though--nothing will be done unless we take the initiative and make our wishes known at the Association's April meeting.

## STATUS OF CURBS AND GUTTERS PROJECT

The February 4 meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors saw local resident and attorney Jim Whytock asking the County to advance funds to permit an early start on construction of \$180,000 or more worth of street and drainage improvements for Sanitary District No. 8 (Pimmit Hills Subdivision Sections No. 1 through 5). The proposed advance would be repaid the County through increased real estate taxes levied against homeowners in the affected area.

Backing his request, Whytock held in his hand about 120 opinion survey questionnaires completed by residents of the five sections. The overwhelming majority of those who filled out the forms said they wanted the improvements and were willing to pay the tax to buy them.

This was pretty poor support for Jim, however, since two questionnaires had been sent via Newsletter to each of the 1500 homes in Pimmit Hills, including the nearly 500 homes in Sections 1 thru 5. The 120 questionnaires returned represented only about 88 of these 400 homes, so Jim had to buttress his argument by referring also to results of the more complete house-to-house survey made in connection with the project back in '54.

The Board's official response was to defer consideration of the request until such time as a complete and up-to-date survey of residents' opinions on the subject could be made and reported.

Unofficially--though they didn't come right out and say it in so many words--the Board seemed extremely reluctant to back the proposal. Their reluctance appears to have been based on two main considerations.

The first consideration has to do with a serious question as to the constitutionality of the section of the state sanitary district code under which our sanitary district was established. This question of constitutionality was raised by bonding attorneys when the County tried to float a bond issue to get money for the project and has never been subjected to a court test.

To illustrate what this constitutional question may mean to the Board, imagine for the moment that the County were to advance us funds to start construction this year and that it levied increased taxes on affected homeowners to repay the advance. Suppose also that the Virginia Court of Appeals declared the sanitary district code section unconstitutional. The County would thus have no legal basis for continuing the tax to repay the advance of funds and would find itself in the awkward position of having spent money received through taxation of all its taxpayers on improvements benefiting only a few.

The second consideration about which the Board may be concerned may be one of County policy. If, for example, the County were constitutionally able to advance funds for improvements in this subdivision, it would logically have to establish a policy to do the same for the many other areas having similar needs.

This, in turn, would obligate the County to set aside money from its general funds in the amount of perhaps a million dollars. These funds would therefore become unavailable for financing projects of truly county-wide significance for some time to come. As a solution to this problem, the County might ask for a general tax increase throughout the County to make up the set-aside funds. In view of already rising costs for County services and stiff resistance to necessary tax increases, this solution is hardly likely to get much support from voting taxpayers.

At the present time, we appear to be faced with the following three alternatives:

1. In spite of the Board's apparent reservations, complete the opinion poll in Sections 1 thru 5, report the results to the Board and--assuming most residents favor curbs and gutters, are willing to be taxed and want early construction--hope for the best.
2. Fall back on a long-haul pay-as-you-go program thru which residents would ask the County to increase their tax over a ten to fifteen year period and not start construction of the improvements until the accumulated revenues reach a level which could pay

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for construction on better than a piece-meal basis. This might be anywhere from five to ten years in the future.

3. Try to straighten out the immediate root of our problem by devising and pushing legislation through the 1960 session of the General Assembly which would provide a constitutional basis for sale of bonds to pay for the project as originally planned.

The prospects of success in the first alternative are slim, as pointed out above. One of the main advantages of the third alternative is that, if successful, it would lay a firm foundation for financing through a bond issue as originally planned. This would mean that, in addition to having early use of the improvements, we would also realize an immediate increase in the value of our homes while payment would be spread out over a period of years.

After studying the situation, the Association's Executive Committee agreed to request a group of resident attorneys to work together as a committee to draft proposed sanitary district legislation for presentation at the next session of the General Assembly early next year. The Executive Committee has several attorneys in mind, but will welcome others who may wish to work on the project and are presently unknown to the Committee.

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LEMON ROAD SCHOOL  
by Shirley Barnes

The March meeting of Lemon Road PTA was held at the school the second Monday of March. Guest speaker Mr. Jack Ryvicker of the American Automobile Association talked on traffic survival. A safety film was shown with a most thought provoking theme.

Mr. Dahl announced that the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Arthur Flemming, will speak at the County Council of PTAs' April meeting. The meeting will be held at Annandale High School, and Mr. Flemming will talk about secondary education.

A nominating committee was elected, consisting of Mrs. Dale Brian, Mrs. Bell and Mr. McComb.

The school is most proud of two groups of children who won prizes at the recent Science Fair. These children will now take their projects on to the Northern Virginia Science Fair.

A children's art exhibit and tea will be held at the school Sunday afternoon, April 19 from 2:00 to 4:00. Mark this date now and plan to attend. Art work from each grade will be exhibited. There is no charge.

The Card Party was not an overwhelming success, but those who attended had fun. A motor tune-up, lubrications, oil changes, free milk deliveries and dairy products gift certificates from local chain stores were among some of the prizes awarded. Our sincere thanks to Major and Mrs. Anderson who worked so hard. Thanks also to Nancy Taylor, Martha Ludtke, Evelyn Titherington and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. First assistant (to yours truly) as Pizza Cook was Merrill (Chef hat & all) Kiser.

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SCOUT TROOP 984  
(GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PLEASE NOTE)

On March 7 members of local Scout Troop 984 went on a five mile hike through the woods on the other side of Vienna. Encountering a swollen creek enroute, the boys (just for practice) built a bridge over it and completed their hike.

McLEAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS  
by Helen Shacochis

A Book Fair for the family has been scheduled for April 13, 14 & 15. It will feature a "Flea Market" of used books again. Contributions of books you no longer want can be dropped at the High School Library where they will be sorted and classified.

The McLean Savings Plan, jointly sponsored by the High School and the Fairfax Savings and Loan Ass'n. has been established. Accounts can be opened with as little as 50¢, and banking hours are from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. daily.

A film production of the famous literary classic, "Don Quixote," will be presented on April 18th at 8:00 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Spanish Club. Tickets are priced at \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for students.

Congratulations to Nancy McCombs, 1917 Hileman Rd., who is one of McLean's eight semi-finalists in the Merit Scholarship Competition. Nancy was also a winner at the Science Fair held here recently.

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SPRING GARDEN CHORES  
by Rena Chapman

The Horticulture Committee headed by Bill Ticknor will conduct a program on "things to do in the garden." This regular meeting of the Green Thumb Garden Club will take place on Wednesday, April 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the Summit Hills School Library. The annual election of officers will also take place at this time.

A family outing has been planned for Sunday April 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Great Falls Park. Also planned is a walk along the nature trail, sponsored by the Great Falls Garden Club whose members have provided markers and signs labeling the individual plants and wild flowers which should be at their showiest.

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THE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION PLANS TO HOLD ANOTHER DANCE IN THE EARLY PART OF MAY. MORE ABOUT THAT NEXT MONTH.

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A surprize house warming was held for Margaret and John Delean, who recently moved from Paxton Road to Oldwood Drive in the Merryfield area. Among those wishing the Deleans happiness in their new home were Philip and Mary McCabe, Jack and Georgeanne Pleasant, Frances and Joe Konzelman, Charley and Nan Quill, Bill and Lorraine Black, Jim and Peg Herby, Betty Klopp and the Shaternicks, Janet and Metro, who are also former residents now living in D. C. The Deleans received many attractive gifts, and refreshments including an attractively decorated sheet cake were served.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of St. Luke's Methodist Church held their annual tea on Sunday, March 15 at the church. Tea, coffee cookies and tiny sandwiches were served.

Sorry to see Ed and Kay Lane, 510 Lisle Ave. leave us. Ed, who works for the government, is being sent to Jordan. He has been active in the Citizens Association for some time, serving this year as Sgt.-at-Arms. The Lanes have four children, Craig, Kathy, Brian and Carol.

The Citizens Association plans to hold another dance in the early part of May. More about that next month.

A surprize baby shower was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Rodier, 100 E. Greenwich St. for Mrs. Mary Jo Hayes, 305 Pimmit Drive. When everyone arrived, it turned out that the shower was not only for Mrs. Hayes but also in honor of Mrs. Rodier, much to her surprize. Both girls received many baby things. Refreshments consisted of ice cream, cake and coffee. Girls attending were Freda Rowe, Shirley Barnes, Millie Counts, Eleanor Hughes and Rita Solan--all presently or recently from the 300 block of Pimmit Drive.

Pimmit Hills is losing another family, Rosita and Liliburn Sheats, 308 Lisle Ave., to Nutly Road, which is out Lee Highway. Children of the family include Rose Dean, Suzanne, Elizabeth and Philip.

Cheryl Ritchey, 303 Pimmit Dr., celebrated her 9th birthday with a party. Children

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helping Cheryl celebrate were Mary Ellen and Barbie Counts, Linda Hayes, Christy Barnes (all of Pimmit Dr.), Ann Gavitt of Arch Dr., Janet Duncan of Arlington, cousins Tina and Cavely Sheris of Pine Spring and Brothers Kennie and Karl.

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### WOMEN VOTERS UNIT TO HOLD MEMBERSHIP TEA

The Pimmit Run Unit of the League of women voters plans a membership tea to be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 4. The purpose of the tea is to permit those interested in finding out more about the League and its activities to meet informally with the present members, get the answers they seek, and join the Unit if they desire. The tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Florence Nelson, 4230 Dalmation Drive in the Devon Park Area. The girls cordially invite anyone interested in current events to attend. For more information call Mrs. Betty Blatz on JE 4-3703.

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### ABOUT OUR ADVERTIZERS

As most of our readers are probably aware, your Citizens Association has embarked this year on a somewhat daring experiment in the attempt to circulate a complete community newspaper free to all homes in the area through the U. S. Mail. Those of you who have had experience with the expense of direct mail circulation will readily realize why we say "daring" in reference to this plan. As you know, the total costs are quite high--this year more than ever. Yet we believed the stakes in this gamble, in terms of community service and effectiveness were more than equally high and worth the risk.

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MEMO FROM ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Last spring your membership committee began the task of polling residents of our community on various questions of interest to the Association. Due to the perpetual shortage of willing manpower, this survey is a long way from complete. But, since we feel we have a fairly representative sampling, a compilation has been made of the cards completed to date:

Question:	YES	NO	UNDECIDED
1. Member of Association*	129	188	
2. No. Children under 18 .... 746 (Average No. per home ... 2.35)			
3. Registered Voter (Percent Yes of all answering .. 44%)	140	177	
4. Favor Streetlights	261	40	14
5. Favor Sidewalks	228	15	12
6. Community Center:			
(a) Favor	276	20	15
(b) Will contribute at least \$2.00	184	22	98

\* Figure incomplete.

While it may be true that no startling conclusions are seen in this tabulation, we feel one of the most significant results of the survey is the figure on the community center. This is especially true when we consider that we had no concrete plan, only the basic idea. Perhaps this response to the community center question is related

to the results on the children-per-house question. Projecting this sample (2.35 children per home) to 1500 homes gives us a figure of 3,525 children in the community. (We might add, 3525 reasons for getting behind the program to establish a community center and summer recreation program.)

Here also are answers to the streetlights and sidewalks questions by Region:

REGION	STREETLIGHTS			SIDEWALKS		
	YES	NO	UNDECIDED	YES	NO	UNDECIDED
A	8	2	1	11	0	0
B	47	4	2	45	4	4
C	34	12	0	32	3	0
D	43	5	4	44	5	3
E	28	3	3	28	2	4
F	101	4	4	68	1	1
Totals	261	40	14	228	15	12

These surveys are not made and membership tickets sold by accident. We feel that individuals who contributed to this effort should be recognized. Heading the list for outstanding performance on the committee is Jesse Barb of 2403 Gilson St. He served as regional chairman of Region F, which placed first in membership sales. Next in line for congratulations is William F. Hearne of 1934 Anderson Rd. who

was the high man for individual ticket sales. Honorable mention for a superior performance in this task goes to such stalwarts as Charles McCombs, Jennie Mandrovsky, Verba Adams (who also did the big job of tabulating the survey results) and Henry Goldsborough.

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