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ASSOCIATION MEETING - The sixth general meeting in the current session of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association will be held at 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 in the PIMMIT HILLS SCHOOL.

Principle items on the agenda of the Association's February meeting include: (1) a motion picture presentation of the running of the 1959 five hundred mile Indianapolis Speedway race made available by Mr. Ficke, operator of the Mobile Gas station in Pimmit Hills Shopping Center; (2) a progress report concerning the "Curbs and Gutters" project discussed in last month's meeting and Newsletter; and (3) action on two proposed resolutions relating to school integration. For additional detail about the school integration issue, see below and pages 3 and 4.

TWO PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS ON SCHOOL INTEGRATION TO BE CONSIDERED AT PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION'S FEBRUARY 3 MEETING

We personally dislike having to devote space to this subject in the Newsletter, and we find it even more distasteful to see ourselves and our neighbors and friends embroiled in it in the Association's general and executive meetings.

The Executive Committee, particularly President Doug Glass, have put much time and energy into trying to help unify the community and many of its organized groups to focus attention and concentrate efforts on projects of a purely local and mutually beneficial nature. The community recreation center and the street and drainage improvement ("curbs and gutters") projects are two of many possible examples.

These are facilities we believe are badly needed. They require every ounce of attention toward their realization we can possibly give them. And, above all, they represent the type of objectives with which local organizations can cope with greatest effectiveness and satisfaction.

At best, our effectiveness in dealing with issues such as school integration is questionable. Meanwhile, much time and effort otherwise available for more satisfying pursuits is consumed, and the emotionalism and bad feeling created serves only as divisive force in the community, undoing much hard-won progress toward developing a unity of purpose and endeavor.

The integration issue is nevertheless before us, and we have been called on by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (of which this Association is a member) to vote on the Federation's proposal as to how it shall be dealt with in our county schools. Our responsibility is clear and inescapable. We only hope we can fulfill this responsibility with the least amount of antagonism and disruption of our many other worthwhile pursuits.

On pages 2 and 3 are two proposed resolutions on this subject which will be presented to Association members at their Feb. 3

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Everyone has been asking when another dance will be sponsored by the Citizens Association. Plans have finally been made to hold a Valentine Dance at Oddfellows Hall in Falls Church on February 6 from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Tickets will be available at the door (\$1.25 per person), and reservations are not necessary unless your party consists of ten or more persons. Those interested in making reservations should contact Mrs. Wahl, TW: 3-8594.

Old friends who have moved from the community are being contacted to come and enjoy the Valentine festivities. All of you who are new to the community are also most cordially invited.

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meeting. Neither necessarily represent the feelings of the Association's Executive Committee, and the floor will be open for other proposals.

Ed.

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The Executive Committee of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations has approved in principle the following resolution of its School Committee to be presented for consideration by member associations at its regular March meeting or, if necessary, at a special meeting to be held sometime in February.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION "A"

"In view of the fact that County schools may be closed during the coming year and in view of the seriousness of the educational and economic consequences of such an event, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations adopts the following policy statement:

"1. The Federation urges all eligible citizens in Fairfax County to register immediately in order to be able to participate in any public referendum on the school issue;

"2. If a special session of the General Assembly is called, the Federation urges opposition to the adoption of any Constitutional Amendment which would weaken the General Assembly's obligation to operate and maintain public schools throughout the state;

"3. If any such Amendment is adopted, the Federation urges that cities and counties be permitted to operate their own public schools;

"4. Since, under the rulings of the United States Supreme Court, there appears to be no way of maintaining segregated public schools indefinitely, and since it is far better to have a planned program of gradual desegregation in operation over a period of years than to have spot desegregation determined by fortunes of court decision, the Federation urges the Fairfax County School Board to demonstrate to the Federal authorities its good faith in com-

plying with the Federal law by taking positive action towards developing and adopting a desegregation plan before any court action is brought against the School Board. The plan should provide for:

"A. Desegregation to begin at a set date in the First Grade and to proceed upward at the rate of one grade a year;

"B. Initiation of a training program for teachers and administrative personnel to help them deal with the problems of desegregation;

"C. Adjustment of any existing differences in the standards of various public schools of the County system;

"5. The School Board should seek an injunction against the enforcement of massive resistance laws which would close the County schools if any of these schools should be desegregated; and

"6. If court action is instituted against the School Board, the School Board should take steps to have the Governor of Virginia, and any other state officials responsible, made party to the litigation."

The following resolution is now before the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association, having been tabled at the Association's October meeting. The Executive Committee feels that both resolutions now deserve equal consideration.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION "B"

"Whereas, Integration of the public schools will encourage Negro families to settle in our peaceful community, as is evidenced by the history of similar formerly desirable residential communities in Washington, D. C.; and

"Whereas, It is our personal preference to reside among, and raise our families among, and educate our children among people of our own race; and

"Whereas, Upon the entrance of a Negro family a large number of our neighbors would abandon their homes for whatever price they could get for them; and

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"Whereas, With the mass exodus which would necessarily result, the remaining residents would suffer a loss of value of their homes because of the immediate availability of the large number of deserted, unsold houses; and

"Whereas, The majority of us have our life savings invested in our homes and the loss of these hard-earned assets would irreparably retard our personal economic progress to the extent that our families would be deprived of many necessities which at present we can expect to be able to provide for them; and

"Whereas, The protection of our collective interests in this matter of preserving our homes and our community transcends all partisan, sectarian, and political lines; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association does herewith proclaim unqualified support for the laws which have been duly enacted in our General Assembly by the representatives of the overwhelming majority of the citizens of our commonwealth in order to protect our children, our homes, and our communities from the destructive results of forced integration of the races in our community schools."

LEMON ROAD SCHOOL by Shirley Barnes

In its January 12 meeting, the Lemon Road PTA voted to recommend that the county approve a guarantee a complete year's salary for teachers in the event schools are closed.

Mrs. Majors' room won the room prize for most PTA members. PTA memberships are still open.

A piano was purchased for use on the second floor of the school. It may be seen in Mrs. Maguire's room, #23.

The PTA program for February will be presented by the Lemon Road Cub Scouts, since February is Scout Month.

ASSOCIATION GIVES \$200 TO FAIRFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL FUND

Members of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association, at the group's January meeting voted to give \$200 to the Fairfax County Hospital Founders' Fund. Donations to the fund will be used to equip the hospital. Funds for construction and operation were made available by the County and the Federal governments, but money for equipment was not otherwise provided for.

According to Mr. D. L. Wilkins, Chairman of the Fairfax County Hospital and Health Center Commission, the hospital will be in operation in November, 1960.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST WINNERS

Judging of the Pimmit Hills Christmas Decorations Contest took place December 29, as scheduled--too late to make our January edition. Here are the winners:

Overall - 1st Prize, Donald F. Wallace; 2nd Prize, James E. Haney; 3rd Prize, Laurence A. Short.

Religious - 1st Prize, Albert Geer; 2nd Prize, Douglas Glass; 3rd Prize, R. T. Stotler.

Window - 1st Prize, Charlotte Deer; 2nd Prize, Richard Reed; 3rd Prize, Alex Lorgan.

Door - 1st Prize, Henry Goldsborough; 2nd Prize, E. Rice; 3rd Prize, D. E. Switzer.

First prizes were \$15 each; second and third prizes were \$10 and \$5 gift certificates, respectively. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Helen Whytock at the Association's January 6 meeting. In addition to these prizes, The Virginia Electric Power Company awarded 2 Bar-B-Q-lites and 4 Floralites to the Overall winners.

Judges from the Falls Church area were Mrs. Howard Trees, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Euler, Mr. Sherman Wells, Mrs. Ellis Price and Mrs. Robert Duvall.

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The Baby Sitter's Club held a Christmas party on Thursday, December 15th at the home of Mary Robnett of Oswald Place. Refreshments consisted of cranberry punch, petit fours and hors d'oeuvres. The girls entertained themselves with a lively game of charades. Those in attendance were Joan Beltrante, Betty Carr, Betty Herron, Marge Landstreet, Bernice Pierce, Kathie Ritchey, Rosita Sheats, Veneta Taylor, Joyce Thompson, Barbara Woods and Doris Szabo.

The Robnetts, Mary and Jack, also entertained their neighbors in their home on January 3, Saturday evening. Guests were Mark and Mary Asp, Rose and Ray Metzger, Bill and Betty Herron, Bill and Betty Carr, Wally and Marge Landstreet, and Joan and Dulio Imbrogno. A buffet style luncheon was served.

Jack and Martha Hayes of Ware Road recently had a baby girl named Martha Susan. They also have another girl and a boy.

The friends and neighbors of Margaret and John Delean, 213 Paxton Road will be sorry to see them leave our community after a residency of nearly nine years. They have built a new split level home over Shreve Road way. They have five children--Susan, John Michael, Robby, Eddie and David. Margaret is the Unit Chairman of our local League of Women Voters Unit. The older children have been attending Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

A welcome to the Charles Campbell family, recently moved in at 1841 Pimmit Court.

The Evan Keith Rowes, of 312 Pimmit Drive, held an open house for their neighbors and friends on Friday, December 26th beginning at 8 p.m. Visiting the Rowes over the holidays were Freda's parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Woodward of Linerva, Ohio.

The Men's Club of St. Luke's Methodist Church held a supper, with 69 men attending, on Thursday, January 15th. The highlight of the evening was a talk by Lt. Col. Paul Schuppner of the Office of the Chief of Ordnance on Guided Missiles Research and Development.

WOMEN VOTERS MEET

The League of Women Voters, Pimmit Run Unit, held a meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Betty Blatz. The subject of the meeting was "Local Program Planning." Discussion leaders were Mrs. Marnie Perlik and Mrs. Margaret Delean. Among those attending were Lee Libman, Florence Nelson, Harriet Beckman and Peggy Ebenfield.

A tour of the Fairfax County Courthouse is planned for Wednesday, February 4. This will provide an opportunity to meet the members of the Board of Supervisors and to see them in action.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS
by Rena Chapman

The Green Thumb Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, February 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Pimmit Hills School Library. Mrs. Thomas Thomsen of the Falls Church Garden Club who has been guest speaker for the club on several occasions will present a program on growing materials for use in flower arrangements.

Advance sale tickets for the National Capital Flower and Garden show are priced at \$1.00 each. Tickets at the door will be \$1.50--children under 12 years, 50¢. Call TR 3-8026, TV 3-7769, TW 3-7759 or EL 6-3975 for advance sale tickets before March 2.

NOT SO FOXY?

The Board of County Supervisors recently repealed a section of an ordinance relating to fox hunting. It will now be permitted only six months of the year, coinciding with the state season. For a time, it was permitted the year-round in an attempt to wipe out the rabies danger.

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PROGRESS ON CURBS AND GUTTERS PROJECT

Ballot-type questionnaires were sent out with last month's Newsletter to find out from residents of Pimmit Hills Sections 1 - 5 whether they would prefer a monthly tax increase of \$2 to \$3 to finance street and drainage improvements in their areas or would prefer indefinite continuation of the present conditions. The forms were to be returned to Association President Glass by January 20 so the Association could present a fair sample of resident opinion to the County for possible action by the end of the month. At this writing the number of returns was far too few but overwhelmingly in support of the proposal. More up-to-date news of the project will be available at the Association's February 3 meeting.

Space limitations prevent us from printing a transcript of Mr. Whytock's excellent talk on the history of the Curbs and Gutters project and the lively discussion which followed in last month's meeting. We hope to have copies of the material available as soon as they can be reproduced.

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McLEAN HIGH CALENDAR
by Helen Shacochis

COUNTY CONSIDERING PURCHASE OF
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Feb. 1 - Registration for the second semester of adult education evening classes. Contact Mr. Harvey Coppage at the school for more information.

Feb. 10 - SPTA meeting at 8 o'clock in the gymnasium. The Athletic Department will have charge of the program.

Feb. 11 - Forensics. Prose reading and public speaking contests.

Feb. 14 - Sweetheart Dance

Feb. 20 - Tentative date for the start of the Magazine Drive.

Feb. 20 - Last day payment for commencement announcements.

Feb. 25 - Forensics.

Feb. 26 & 27 - Band Clinic Concerts

Basketball:

Feb. 6	Washington & Lee	Away
Feb. 10	Wakefield	Away
Feb. 13	Fairfax	Home
Feb. 17	Hammond	Home
Feb. 20	Mt. Vernon	Home
Feb. 27	Annandale	Away

Junior varsity games precede varsity games.

According to reports received by Association President Doug Glass at last month's meeting and from the publication "Fairfax Newsletter," county officials were to meet during January with the county Water Authority to discuss the possibility of joint action to acquire the Pimmet Service Corporation's sewer and water systems.

County Executive Carlton Massey is said to have told the Board of Supervisors that George Offutt, owner of Pimmet Service is not interested in disposing of the sewer system separately but might sell if offered a deal on both systems. The county's thought is that the Water Authority might be able to acquire the water system; in which case the owner might be willing to make a lease-purchase agreement on the sewer system.

Total value of the sewer system, including the treatment plant, and the cost of extending a connection to the CIA trunk sewer, is put at \$696,865. The county's plan would be to halt operation of the plant, and pump the sewage to D. C. for treatment.

The County Executive recommends that nothing be done definitely to acquire the system until there is complete agreement with the D. C. Government on treatment of Fairfax County effluent in the Blue Plains plant. He reported that agreement was near on the administrative level but that no formal contract has yet been made.

These actions follow on the heels of the (in our opinion) heroic and successful efforts of Association Public Utilities Committee Head, Julius Meier and President Glass last Fall in presenting the Association's case against both the operation of the sewer plant and a petition to the County Board to permit additional tap-ins on the system.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICES CONCERNING
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YOUTH NEWS
by Lee Wahl

It has been reported that certain teenagers riding the school buses to McLean High have been using offensive language. The matter and names of those involved was noted by Mr. Lyons, the Assistant Principal. If any teenager persists in this, their name will be given to school authorities for disciplinary action. Parents please note.

At the risk of sounding as if I were on a soap box, I've also been asked to mention the need for more parents to participate in the teen program. I don't want to give the impression that all parents are remiss in this respect, as there are parents who do more than their share of chaperoning. The same ones, however, should not be called on to chaperone all the time. If all parents participated, they would only be asked to

chaperone about twice a year.

If you have a teenager who enjoys the activities of the Teen Club and would hate to see this recreation taken away from him or her, please contact Mrs. Hornberger, TW 3-8145 and find out just what is expected of you. It will be your child that stands to suffer rather than the whole Teen Club, as the Club is now in the process of revising their rules so as to suspend children from the Club if their parents refuse to chaperone. This proposal will be voted on at the February meeting of the Teen Club. Whether it passes or not depends largely on the response Mrs. Hornberger receives this month from this article.

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