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P.H.C.A. MEETING: Will be held at the Pimmit Hills Elementary School on Tuesday May 3.

Science Fair and Art Exhibit in the Lemcn Road School cafeteria Sunday, May 8th, 2:30 p.m.—4 p.m.

WHERE ARE OUR SHRUBS?

When the turn-off lane was made on Route #7 into Pimmit Hills, some beautiful pieces of evergreen shrubbery were removed by the highway department "to a safe place" to be replanted when the project was finished. This shrubbery and that on the opposite side of the Pimmit Drive entrance was purchased with funds collected by a community drive that netted approximately \$300. Where is it now?

ATTENTION: PHONE USERS

Progress has been made on the Pimmit Hills Directory but help is needed in selling advertisements. Come now, don't be frightened away. I know--it's work! Take it from two who have been working until past midnight on the listings--any job can be fun, not just work, if you really give it a whirl; laugh, be gay and enjoy yourself. You'd be surprised at the fun you'll have. So, come on, fellow citizens; give it a try, huh?

Anyone who has an unlisted phone; but would like to have their phone listed in our little directory, please contact Verba Adams, TW 3-8598 or Bobbie Flester, TW 3-7616.

PIMMIT HILLS IS PROUD OF TEENAGERS by Carolyn Deputy

It was brought to public attention in the March issue of the Newsletter that Pimmit Hills has teenagers to be proud of. It included news concerning:

1. Two Senior Girl Scouts attend White House Conference.
2. Local boy injured while playing basketball on Church Team.
3. Pimmit Hills boys among group who helped raise funds for local kindergarten by presenting magic show.
4. Local boys won in Northern Virginia Debate League.
5. Boy Scouts and Explorers participate in outdoor activities.
6. Teen Club gave benefit dance and students in schools collected contributions and recruited blood donations for injured bus driver.

We usually see in print only the trouble young people get into. Please continue this constructive campaign in letting other people know that the majority of us in our community are intelligent, well adjusted youth and not juvenile delinquents.

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BENEFIT BALL

PARENTS OF 5-YEAR-OLDS

Spring is the season for planting seeds. It's also a good time to make plans for your five-year-old's schooling next fall. I believe you will be interested in our week-day kindergarten at St. Luke's.

This will be the second year for our kindergarten. During the first term we have acquired new swings, blocks, a sand box, as well as actual teaching tools. The mothers of this year's group of children have acquired a jungle gym and three whirl-a-gigs with money obtained from fund drives. We are fortunate to have our teacher, Mrs. Lois Keay, with us again this coming year.

Our kindergarten is operated as a non-profit, Christian service to our community. The curriculum is designed to prepare children for starting first grade in the Fairfax County school system. No religion is included in the curriculum.

The registration fee is \$15.00 per pupil while the monthly tuition is \$17.50. If you have any questions, please telephone me at Elmwood 6-3016. Sincerely, Jean M. Dodd, Chairman, St. Luke's A D K.

LEMON ROAD NEWS

The Lemon Road PTA elected the following persons to office at the April 11th meeting:

President - Commander E. J. Kahao *ELG-4878*
First Vice Pres. - Mrs. Eugene F. Hart
Second Vice Pres. - Lt. Col. Burr
Randall
Secretary - Mrs. J. W. Hall
Treasurer - Richard A. Deise
Historian - Mrs. W. W. Eure

Dr. Artley Hutton, Supervisor of the new Intermediate Educational System in Fairfax County entertained the parents with his wit, humor and information on the new intermediate system that the 7th and 8th graders will be entering next fall. All the Pimmit Hills children in those grades will be entering the Longfellow school next fall, located on Westmoreland near Kirby Rd.

The Junior Woman's Club of Falls Church is having their 5th Annual Benefit Ball on May 20 from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The affair is to be held in the terrace room at Arlington Towers.

This is a total benefit ball, and the money this year will go to both the Cerebral Palsey School, located on Cherry Street in Falls Church, and to Camp Easter Seal.

Camp Easter Seal is a summer rehabilitation camp for Virginia's crippled children, located near Roanoke. This is one of the few places where these children can go for treatment and supervised recreation during summer.

The ball is formal and tickets are, as always, \$10 a couple (which is tax deductible).

If any couple, or any group, would like to make reservations, please call Mrs. R. A. Newlun, TW 3-8060.

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ARE YOU AN AVERAGE AMERICAN?
(by Communistic Standards)
by Verba Adams

At the April 5 meeting of the Pimmit Hills Citizen's Association, the members heard a tape recorded speech by Major William E. Mayer, a psychiatrist in the Army Medical Corps. The speech was entitled "Brainwashing-The Ultimate Weapon".

The speech concerned mainly the conclusions drawn from talks and interviews with the returning prisoners-of-war from Korea.

In comparisons with other prisoners, in other wars, the food, clothing and shelter was inadequate and medical care was almost non-existent; but it was the behavior pattern that was most disturbing. It was found that the prisoners were unwilling to communicate with each other, there was no buddy system, no organized resistance and no escape committees. Of the 4000 prisoners who survived, not one, successfully, permanently, escaped from an established P.O.W. camp, and in some camps there was only one guard for each 100 prisoners.

More prisoners died (38%) in P.O.W. camps in Korea than in any other war since the American Revolution. These were mostly the ones who were passive, dependent or inadequate. Most died from what soldiers referred to as "Give-upitis". They just lost the will to live.

Any leaders (those who showed signs of being organizers, those with a higher education, or deeply religious persons), were segregated from the rest and placed in reactionary camps. This total, amazingly enough, was only 5%.

Certain Communist literature that was procured stated some remarks about the "average American", if there is such a thing, that have elements of truth in them. They stated that the average American is:

1. Materialistic and an opportunist--he'll make a deal; you can buy him.
2. Ignorant--he knows very little about his government and even less about other governments
3. Not loyal--he has no values.

The Communist program was directed at separating the men by putting them in a psychological confinement cell of their own making. Part of this was done in self-criticism discussions. After a few days, a feeling of guilt from having talked too much about themselves, made most of the prisoners withdraw. They grew suspicious and stand-offish with the others. They were afraid to talk to each other.

Informing was also cultivated. If it was done, not to get anyone into trouble, but because it would be ultimately disruptive to the rest of the group, the person who informed was given approval, status and a false sense of security. At the end of the first year of capture, there was one known informer in each group of ten prisoners.

They did not try to convert the prisoners to Communism but planted ideas that would help them in the long run.

For certain special privileges, the soldiers belittled the United States or played down the war.

Most people thought that by being exposed to Communism, you would: 1--Go crazy as a result of pressure, 2--Die trying to resist, or 3--Have a general moral breakdown. It was proved that none of these things happened. The reasons for the deaths was attributed to failures in the development of character, loyalties and leadership.

The President of the United States announced the following Code of Conduct, which sets standards of behavior we must all live by:

1. I will never surrender.
(Have perseverance; fight against obstacles.)
2. If I am captured, I will continue to resist.
(Be active; devise methods of resistance, however small.)
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(See Average American P-7)

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PIMMIT HILLS ELEMENTARY PTA REQUEST
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

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(You cannot compromise with evil. You cannot make a deal with your enemy.)
5. You'll keep faith with fellow Americans. You won't do anything or say anything to hurt them.
6. If you're captured by the enemy and you're the senior man, take command; if you're not the senior man, support and back up the man who is because your life depends upon it.
(Leadership isn't based on popularity; respect authority.)
7. Give only name, rank and service no.
(Anxiety shows by being talkative; man who talks is always singled out.)
8. Don't do anything or say anything to hurt the United States of America.

Discipline is the key factor. There has to be a system of values—a set of standards—within the individual to guide his behavior, whether there's a person of authority around or not. This has got to start in the home with our children. It cannot be taught at eighteen.

The problem seems to be best summed up by Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, Commandant of the Marine Corps:

"In the struggle against Communism, the war is no longer over when men are forced to yield. The prisoner-of-war stockade is only an extension of the battlefield; for they must be taught to carry on an unequal struggle with the only weapons remaining to them—Faith and Courage."

THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY WELL BE YOUR OWN!

Why must innocent people suffer and die from the mistakes made by drunken, reckless fools on the highways? Pimmit Hills is getting rather popular as of lately. Lets go to Mannassas for our stock car racing.

The Executive Committee of the Pimmit Hills Elementary PTA has requested the Fairfax County Recreation Department to assist in a summer recreation program for Pimmit Hills School. This program has been under consideration since early in the year. Special facts sheets were sent home with the children and it was determined from those returned that approximately 77% of the parents favored a program for the children. There will be further information on the requirements and the date for registration.

In regard to the overall program, the Executive Committee is very concerned with the fact such an activity has on the area it represents. First let us look at how such a program helps. It will render a safely and adequately period of time for our children to be supervised and instructed in various sports, games, crafts and skills. This, we believe, will be beneficial to all. Secondly, the overall effect such an activity has on the children of any community when they, themselves, realize that somebody is working and trying to make the summer and their period of vacation a little more to look forward to. This is probably one of the greatest satisfaction that can be achieved. When the children as a group realize that some group or a concerned body of parents are working and doing for all and not just in respect or in the light of a few. This means a great deal to the children and the parents that have indicated they are willing to help in the program can be proud of the fact that these children being helped by you and your friends are enjoying just a little more that life has to offer than those children in our country today who are either unable to receive this consideration or in an area where their enjoyment means very little.

Few people in our midst today know the true meaning of recreation and it's definition. RECREATION is referred to as the refreshment of mind and body after toil or weariness; a pastime, diversion or play. This is what we feel the children of the area represented by us need and deserve.

Pimmit Hills Executive Committee
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