

PIMMIT



HILLS NEWSLETTER

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President's Report ...

Gripe Night Set

The February meeting of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association will be held on Tuesday, February 6, in the Pimmit Hills School at 8 p.m.

The February meeting will be devoted almost exclusively to a 'Gripe' session. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity to all of the residents of Pimmit Hills - members as well as non-members of the Association - to not only give us their complaints but their suggestions as well, on what the Association should accomplish.

As most of the residents know, the Association conducted an extensive membership drive during the month of January. At the time of writing this article, the response to the drive was much greater than anticipated.

Without exaggeration, 75 to 80% of the homes contacted have become members of the Association and we have every expectation of contacting 90% of the 1700 homes in the area. Numerically this means that by February 6th we hope to have a minimum of one thousand one hundred paid up members.

Of course this could not have been accomplished without the unselfish

devotion of Co-Chairmen Earl Powell and Joe Griffith and the 60 some odd persons who went from door to door, as well as the co-operation of everyone who so willingly purchased memberships.

Obviously our Association will be the largest active Association in Fairfax County. Moreover, we will have more money in our treasury than ever before. Just so the record is straight, I propose to SPEND A SUBSTANTIAL part of this money during the next four months. How it is spent, in what amounts, and for what will be determined by the members -- present and voting -- at the regular monthly meetings. Of course there are many important projects that should be accomplished -- some of which are unknown to the Executive Committee. It is for this reason that we want to hear your suggestions at the February meeting. Come forward now or forever hold your peace.

Also at this meeting we will present brief reports on the results of the membership drive; the public hearing before the Planning Commission on the proposed apartments on Magarity Road; and the dance to be held in March.

Will You Be There?

Larry A. Short, President
Pimmit Hills Citizens Ass'n.

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The winter weeks ahead may appear bleak and dreary but for the women of the Altar and Rosary Society of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Vienna, these weeks will be filled with planning, hard work and much enjoyment.

The children of the area will be able to spend their Saturday afternoons at the movies! Complete with weekly episodes of a spine chilling serial, cartoon, a feature film and the all important candy and popcorn. Show time -- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. -- Admission 25¢.

On February 10, the Altar and Rosary's Fifth Anniversary Dinner Dance will be held in the Counsel Room, at which time all past presidents will be honored. For information and reservations call: Carol Pemberton -- TW 3-8294.

Later this same month on February 23 and 24, The Falls Church Players will present their first children's play of the season -- "N-24 from Mars" -- a delightful science fiction fantasy. The performance will take place in the Counsel Room.

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The highlight of the '62 season will be a Variety Show with matinee on April 28, the next performances on May 14 and 15. As plans progress more information will be available. If talent and originality are the keys to success, then we'll be Broadway bound! Make plans to catch this show.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

This paper comes to you through the courtesy of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association to assist in keeping each resident informed on community affairs, social events, and other news which we feel would be of interest.

From past experience you know that this little publication doesn't cost you one penny but this does not mean it is written, printed and mailed gratis. Furthermore, the costs to publish this paper do not come from Association funds but solely from our advertisers which is the main reason for this editorial note.

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.... The Staff

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Representation Based on Population Rather than on Geographical Area

Mr. Edward Lynch and Mr. Omer Hirst, two former delegates to the State legislature, discussed reapportionment. Mr. Hirst, a member of the Governor's Commission on Reapportionment, reported that if the State legislature accepts the recommendations of the Commission (there is considerable opposition, but there is some chance that the recommendation may be approved), the number of

state senators from Northern Virginia may go from 3 to 5, and the number of delegates from 6 to 9, thus almost doubling our representation.

Mr. Lynch, while not hostile to Hirst, expressed his disapproval of the recommendation because he wants representation based on proportion (i.e. population) rather than on geographical area.

The report on the Governor's Commission on Reapportionment is available by writing to the Dept. of Purchase and Supply, Richmond, Virginia.

Due to small attendance, motions on reapportionment and on City Charter were postponed to the January meeting.

.... Ed Langland

SOCIAL EVENT OF SEASON

Come on, neighbors! Get your dancing duds ready!! The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association is planning a St. Patrick's Day Dance for March 10, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the Flame Room of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Tickets will be \$3.00 a couple.

Al Taylor and his orchestra will provide music for the occasion. Along with the entertainment there will be door prizes, set-ups and refreshments. Get your baby sitters lined up and invite your friends to go with you.

.... Mike West

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BOOK FAIR PLANNED AT LEWINSVILLE

The Lewinsville PTA held its third regular meeting January 15, 1962 in the school cafeteria. The fifth grade sponsored a very successful bake sale in the lobby before and after the meeting. The sale was particularly enjoyed by the unusual number of children present at the meeting due to the Square Dance demonstration presented by Miss Agnew's sixth grade and part of the fifth grade. Miss Agnew is well known for her dance arrangements, and the children's performance did her credit.

The PTA agreed to hold a Book Fair at the next general meeting on March 19. The proceeds of the sale will finance the purchase of books for the school library, which at present contains only the bare mini-

mum of books allocated a new school by the County of Fairfax. Books ordered during the Fair will be on hand in time for Easter giving.

The guest speaker for the evening was Miss Evelyn Bull, Director of Supervision and Instruction in the District schools. She spoke on the "Amidon" Plan, which is a new approach to education in the elementary schools at present being developed in the District. This method of teaching emphasizes, among other things, reading and spelling through phonics, and also the 'new' math. A similar system of arithmetic is already being taught at Lewinsville through all the grades. Miss Bull said she believed it would be several years before the results of the plan could be adequately evaluated.

.... Sheila Artz

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FEDERATION REPORT

January Meeting

The Federation passed a motion on Reapportionment, commending the Governor's Commission and urging the legislature to enact reapportionment legislation promptly, but urging that the representation at the House of Delegates is still too small and should be raised from 5 to 9 instead of from 5 to 7, as recommended by the commission. The motion also requested a vote by population so that each voter should vote for one member only.

A resolution was also passed requesting the Legislature to approve a City Charter for the County of Fairfax.

Resolutions on Site Plan Procedures and Industrial Zoning in Advance were postponed until the February meeting.

Warren Quenstedt, Deputy Director of the National Capital Transportation Agency, described the mass transportation system plan being worked out by this agency.

.... Boris Mandrovsky

THANK YOU FOR HELPING Mrs. Betty Sprouse 2106 Bethune Street, wishes to thank everyone who has so generously responded to the appeal for help for her nephew, Mr. Paul Sylvester and his family who lost their home in Oakton in a recent fire.

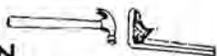
COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION -- The Executive Committee of the Citizens' Association appreciates the assistance and co-operation extended by Mrs. Will Foskey of the Lemon Road PTA, Miss Thomas and Mrs. Van Dorn of Lemon Road School, and Mrs. Keys of Pimmit Hills School, in getting messages quickly into many homes, appealing for help for the Sylvester family whose home was destroyed by fire January 13.

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Y'ALL COME ON AND JOIN NOW

Ladies and Gentlemen -- Pimmit Hills is on the threshold of at last becoming a UNITED community. We owe it all to you, especially to those of you who are becoming members or who are promising to attend and become members at the next meeting. The enthusiasm is invigorating, plentiful, contagious, spreading rapidly and we love every cotton-pickin' minute of it.

It is a wonderful and exciting experience to knock on the doors of your homes, be invited in to chat with you a few minutes about the future of our Association and to personally invite each of you to take your places in the community and become an active voice in its activities. We all have everything to gain and only a few hours a month to lose.

We have a great many projects and programs planned for this community (too numerous to mention), but the only possible way these improvements can be accomplished is with your approval, your decisions, and, most of all, your support.

We want you to know that the membership drive is progressing extremely well. We are especially pleased with all of the area south of Griffith Road where the membership is increasing by leaps and bounds every day. For example, on one particular block in this area, 19 out of 22 homes recently joined the Association.

We feel confident, however, that you good people north and northeast of Griffith Road are interested in the activities and improvements of your community but we'd feel a lot better if each of you who have not joined would reconsider and make a special effort to do so. We need

your help to mold this community into a beautiful and wonderful place to live and bring up our families.

If any of you are holding back joining the Association on the basis of some qualm, gripe or complaint, just remember it will never be ^{EX-}solved so long as you sit back ^{is} on your haunches and refuse to do anything about it. Contact us or come to the next meeting and lets air out these problems so we can get down to business and better our community. It is my duty and your duty to ourselves, our children and our God to do the best we can to serve our community in the best way we know how.

Regardless of where you may live in Pimmit Hills - whether it be the North Side, South Side, Magarity Heights or Sportsmens Park - WE NEED YOU and if you are really interested in your community I am sure you will want to join the Citizens Association.

Again I remind you, we are off to a heck of a good start with our membership drive, folks, so lets keep the wheels turning until we have at least one member out of each home in Pimmit Hills.

.... Joe Griffin

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We are deeply indebted to those individuals and groups who have supplied articles for the paper and have become so reliable in meeting our deadline.

NEXT DEADLINE

To make the March publication, all articles must be submitted on or before February 15. Any articles received after this date may not make the March issue. You are urged to make your articles interesting and to the point.

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LEMON ROAD PTA STRESSES HEALTH

The Lemon Road School PTA held its first meeting on Monday night, January 8, 1962. The guest speaker was the school nurse, Miss Doris Hebert. She gave a most interesting talk explaining some of the tests given to our school children by the Health Department. There was a short movie concerning health and its importance.

The FLES Committee is planning the second term of French Instruction which will begin on February 5, 1962.

Mrs. Bayless reported that the Book Fair held in November of last year was very successful and thanked all individuals who devoted so much time and effort toward the project.

Pictures of the children were taken at school on January 4th, and should be available by February 14.

Brownie Troop number 34, with its leader, Mrs. Lois Stover and Co-leader Mrs. Kelkey, delivered two baskets of food to needy families during the holidays. The troop meets each Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Stover.

.... Mrs. Will Foskey

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ST. LUKE'S PROPOSED EXPANSION PROGRAM

Above is an artist's conception of the proposed educational building, which will be addition A to the present building of St. Luke's Methodist Church. This building will contain 12 classrooms, storage areas for supplies, additional toilet and sanitary facilities, office space, and a small chapel, for an estimated 12,000 square feet of additional space.

Construction on the addition will begin when there is approximately \$30,000.00 cash on hand. Thus, the actual date of groundbreaking will depend on how well and when money is received towards the subscriptions to the building program. However, it is anticipated that groundbreaking will take place in approximately 2½ to 3 years from the present time. It will take about 6 months from date of groundbreaking to complete construction on the addition.

Some of our members and friends wonder why or if this building is necessary. The present building was designed to accommodate a maximum of 270 in Sunday School. Attendance at Sunday School has grown from 207 in 1958 to more than 300 in 1961. The parish population shows a steady

growth trend; 7,620 in 1955; 9,175 in 1960; and an estimated population of 12,170 by 1980. Statistics show that about 12% are potential members of St. Luke's. This figure will be far greater if the proposed plan to construct new apartments in the area materializes. The parish, for the most part, is made up of young married couples with small children, a trend which is expected to continue in the future. Extensive growth in Sunday School attendance can thus be anticipated. Also needed are high school classes, adult Sunday School classes, and a crawler's nursery. Some existing classes are too large and need to be divided. A room should be set aside exclusively for youth recreational activities, scouting, handicrafts and hobbies. All of this cannot be accomplished without additional space.

The cost of the new building is estimated at around \$134,000.00, which includes the architect's fee.

Addition B to the present building will be a permanent, air-conditioned sanctuary seating 350 persons, which is expected to be erected around 1975.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OFFERS PRE-SCHOOL TRAINING

St. Luke's weekday kindergarten is sponsored by the St. Luke's Methodist Church, 2300 Leesburg Pike. The school is held in two rooms which are rented from the church. Religious teaching is not part of the curriculum.

St. Luke's Kindergarten offers a curriculum designed to prepare preschool children with a challenging supplementary program of learning to provide readiness for school without an overlapping field of learning.

Some of the aims of the kindergarten are to teach children to:

- (a) face problems in a constructive way.
- (b) get along well with other children.
- (c) take part in games.
- (d) be courteous and mannerly.
- (e) assume responsibility.
- (f) do handwork (paint, cut, paste, coloring, etc.)
- (g) recite before a group.
- (h) rest quietly when directed to do so.
- (i) express ideas.
- (j) put on and take off wraps.
- (k) have an interest and enjoy books.

There are a great many more aims that could be listed. Every child may not be able to do all of the above things, however, it is hoped that the majority of children will accomplish most of them.

The year of kindergarten in a child's life is very important in laying a foundation for public school. More and more public schools are recognizing the needs for kindergartens.

You may enroll your child for the 1962-63 session on February 21 at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 2300 Leesburg Pike, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

The applicant must be five years of age by October 1 of the current school

year.

Children of any faith may be enrolled.

The registration fee is fifteen dollars (\$15); which includes expenses for supplies, equipment and insurance. The tuition fee is seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) per pupil per month.

The school does not furnish transportation, so parents must form their own car pools.

Those wishing to enroll their child in the kindergarten for the remaining months of this school year, can do so by calling TW 3-8460.

January has been a very busy month for the children in the kindergarten. A visit from Officer Floyd Bedell, of the Arlington Police Force, was a thrill for each of them. A trip to the firehouse in McLean was another highlight. Group pictures were made of the children; these pictures will be made available to the parents at a small fee.

On January 10, Mrs. Lewis, the teacher, and four parents braved the snow and ice to attend the Arlington Pre-school Association meeting at Seven Corners. The speaker, Dr. Hyrum Smith, Specialist in Child Guidance of the U. S. Office of Education, Washington D. C., gave some very worthwhile advice of the preschool child.

February looks as if it will be another month of busy activity. A trip to the post office and a Valentine party are scheduled.

Anyone interested in driving for the kindergarten may obtain information by calling TW 3-8460

or EL 6-4001

REMEMBER: Registration date for 1962-63 session is Wednesday, February 21, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church.

'UNIVERSAL EDUCATION' THEME FOR PTA FLOAT

Plans were unveiled for Fairfax County to be represented in the 1962 Cherry Blossom Festival Parade at the regular January meeting of the Pimmit Hills PTA.

A 48 foot float featuring an actual waterfall, rock garden, and spraying pools is planned with the theme entitled UNIVERSAL EDUCATION.

Near the waterfall 14 children in native costumes will represent various countries with flags from 30 nations.

Pimmit Hills PTA approved the plan in the presence of Mr. Bun Bray, President of the Fairfax County Council of PTA's who was guest for the evening.

PTA President, Mr. Douglas Glass, was authorized to present the entire plan to the County Council when it meets January 23, 1962, in the Annandale Elementary School.

This is the second consecutive year the Pimmit Hills PTA is handling such a project for County-wide representation.

According to actual records kept on the man-hours donated last year, an unbelievable 618 hours were volunteered by Pimmit Hills' workers in the building of the float.

Another important action taken at the meeting was the authorization of a new television set to be used in the primary wing. This brings the number of sets now on hand in the school to a total of 10. All fourth, fifth and sixth grades are fully equipped, and this set will be portable to facilitate use in any primary class.

Movies will be shown Friday afternoons in the school cafeteria, on a trial basis. If parents so desire, children will be permitted to go

home and then return. The movies will be handled by volunteers from the ranks of room mothers.

It is hoped that arrangements can be made so that one room mother will have to give no more than one afternoon to this entire project. This hope can become a reality, depending upon the room mothers themselves. If all do their equal share, no one group or chosen few will have to carry the load for the others.

The February meeting is the annual Founders' Day meeting, and a special program for the entire family is planned. This is the observance of the actual founding of Parent-Teachers activity and a meeting not to miss.

Remember, any school which educates our children today, and is represented by a PTA unit, is in effect your PTA, and the workings and progress of the organization are nothing more than the reflection of your interest. What is your status, member or non-member?

February meeting date is Monday, February 5, at 8:00 p.m.

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