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P.H.C.A. MEETING: At the February 2 meeting of the Citizens Association, Mr. Odell Maxwell will speak on "Safety in the home". Mr. Maxwell is a member of the Federal Safety Council and past president of the Washington Society of Safety Engineers. Some of the highlights of this program will be movies which Mr. Maxwell has obtained for this night.

This program should be of interest to everyone in the home. Safety is a very important factor in our daily lives. I sincerely hope that you will attend this meeting.

TEEN NEWS

By Joyce Hornberger

About sixteen of the teen-agers from the teen club went on an Ice Skating Party on January 22, 1960, at the Marriott Hotel. We left the school at 7:30, and arrived at the hotel at 8:00. We skated from 8:00 to 11:00 P.M. The admission was .75 and the rental of the skates was .75. If you had skates, the cost was only .75.

Most of the teen-agers fell more than four times, although no one was hurt. Mr. Shacochis, teen supervisor, did a pretty flip in the air and landed on the cold ice.

Of course the kids went home with sore feet. We arrived back at the school about 11:30. More kids should have gone, because fun was had by all.

In February, the teen club will sponsor its annual Valentine's Queen Dance. Any girl who is present at the dance that night, may have her name drawn from the ballot box.

Each girl will put her name on a piece of paper and put it in the box.

About 9:30, one name will be drawn out of the box, and the lucky girl will be crowned Miss Valentine Queen of 1960 of the Pimmit Hills Teen Club.

So girls, come one, come all. The date will be announced at the next Teen Club Meeting.

VALENTINE DANCE FEBRUARY 5, 1960

The Pimmit Hills Citizens Association is sponsoring a Valentine Dance, Friday, February 5, 1960, from 9 to 12, in the "Flame Room" of the Vienna Fire Department.

The most attractive wife will be crowned "Madama Glamour" of the Valentine Dance. This contest will not be judged on beauty but on general appearance.

Her majesty will receive a bouquet of flowers, a permanent wave and spray perfume.

Jules Henry and Jim Larkin of radio station W.E.F.L. Fairfax will have the honor of judging the contest.

Tickets for the dance may be purchased at the door or by calling TW 3-7691 or TW 3-7675.

THE PIMMIT HILLS CITIZEN'S ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

At the last monthly meeting of the Association, after proper compliance with all constitutional requirements, the following amendment to the Pimmit Hills Civic Association constitution was introduced for consideration:

"The members present at any duly constituted meeting, as defined in the P.H.C.A. Constitution, shall be a quorum and be authorized to do business as such."

The question never came to a vote, just as so many other important issues have died in the past. The reason: Lack of a quorum -- precisely the issue which was being voted upon.

On the surface, this may seem a relatively unimportant issue to the citizens of this community. However, the converse is true. A decision one way or the other will establish whether or not the affairs of the community will be guided by a relatively small group, whether major issues will be killed by "parliamentary shenanigans", or whether the citizens of this community will go forth with a united banner with policies that will be truly representative of the desires of the majority.

It therefore behooves me to speak frankly with each one of you as a member of this community and explain to you the importance of your attendance at Association meetings. I am convinced that the majority of you are drones or laggards who are willing to sit idly by and let a handful of citizens knock themselves out for your welfare. And as long as things are going smoothly you'll never lift a finger to help. But let something backfire just once and there will be many who will criticize and complain about the faults of the Association. Just let a heavy snowstorm disable this community as it did two years ago and there will be no stopping the phone calls to the president of the Association with gripes about his failure to get the streets cleaned, to stop children from throwing snowballs, and a thousand and one other complaints. And ninety-nine out of each one hundred complaints will be from those of you who have never attended a meeting or lifted a finger to help in any way.

There is much to be done in this community and the majority of it has to be done by the citizens themselves. It takes effort and cooperation. And whether you like the community or not, as long as you live here in Pimmit Hills, this is your home and you should be ready and willing to assist in making it a place of which you can be proud. If you don't have this kind of spirit, then you'll never be an asset to any organized community.

It has become pretty much a national past-time to gripe about juvenile delinquency, school problems, tax rates, etc. In my opinion we have a far greater number of delinquent parents than we have delinquent children. What have you done lately to foster the development of recreational facilities for our youth? What kind of excuse did you give the last time you were asked to chaperone the Teen Club? Did you vote in the recent Bond referendum? Are you going to vote on the School Bond issue this spring? Do you vote at all? Do you know what the issues are facing your community? Or don't you care?

I have not written this item for the newsletter with the hope of winning any popularity contest, and I am sure I won't. There's only one way to prove to the officers of the Association that you are not the kind of a person I have described above. You can prove me wrong by coming to the meeting at the Pimmit Hills School at 8:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 2, 1960 and voting on the proposed amendment to the Constitution. If you don't, you leave the way open for any question to die on the floor by having me or any other member in attendance kill the issue by simply raising the quorum question. This is the way to defeat progress in our community.

See you at the meeting!

J. P. SHACCHIS

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REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The January meeting was called to order by the president. Mrs. Kathy Ritchey served as acting secretary.

Highlights of the meeting were debates on the proposed sales tax for the State of Virginia and the quorum question in reference to the by-laws of the Association.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that the Association favors such a sales tax but on at least two conditions: First, that the laws concerning allocations of tax revenue as it affects Fairfax County be revised and made more equitable to us. Secondly, that the personal property tax be eliminated to avoid a too-heavy overall tax burden.

Rena Chapman awarded prizes to the Christmas Contest winners.

DELINQUENCY REARS HEAD

The Association received reports that during the Holiday season, there was a certain amount of theivery and vandalism especially in reference to outside Christmas decorations.

This is particularly disheartening not merely because we are proud of the showing made by our community in Holiday decorations but because we are proud also of our youthful citizens and of the excellent record they have been making over the years.

Certainly, this will reflect unfairly on the great majority of Pimmit Hills youngsters. In fact, it was reported that much of the delinquency was on the part of very young boys in the eleven to thirteen age group during late hours when they had no business being out of doors.

So, it appears that the real culprits in this affair were certain parents who simply were not interested enough in their children to properly supervise them or know what they were doing.

NO MORE SEWER TAPS ??

Here is a sequel for those of you who read last month's article in reference to the "Sewer Question" (opposing additional connections to the Pimmit Service Co. plant)

Recently, the Association President addressed letters and other pertinent documents to our representatives in the Virginia Legislature.

This apparently had a desirable effect since the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, at their Jan. 20th Session ruled to the effect that only after the Plant becomes County property or after the Plant is completely by-passed by the County pipe line, will the fifty taps in question be allowed.

According to Wayne Comer, who has represented the Association at recent hearings, this represents a very favorable milestone in this struggle but we must continue to keep a close watch on the situation. The next immediate danger is that the developers may appeal this decision to the Circuit Court.

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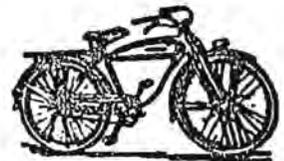
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PIMMIT HILLS WINNER ENTERS
NATIONWIDE CONTEST

by Rena Chapman

Another successful community project brought good publicity to Pimmit Hills.

Douglas Glass's display won first place in the over-all class in the Christmas Decorating Contest and thereby made his entry eligible for the General Electric Nationwide Contest.

In addition to cash awards from the Association and the Green Thumb Garden Club, \$10. gift certificates were donated by Woodward & Lothrop, The Hecht Co., Bolgiano's, and Sears-Roebuck & Co. Gift certificates of \$2. to \$5. were received from Pimmit Drug Center and certificates of \$1. each from High's and Jelleff's.

*The Virginia Electric Power Co. also awarded prizes to the over-all class.

The sincerest appreciation goes to these firms, who year after year have most generously contributed to this annual program.

Winners of the four classes are listed as follows:

OVER-ALL:

First: Douglas Glass, 409 Lisle Ave.
Second: Sgt. James Haney, 607 Lisle
Third: Larry Short, 311 Lisle Ave.

RELIGIOUS:

First: Elsie S. Rice, 1937 Storm Dr.
Second: Richard Reed, 210 Burfoot St.
Third: Richard Deise, 2112 Gilson St/

DOOR:

First: William Ticknor, 516 Magarity
Second: Mrs. Geo. Gibbins, 2204 Cherri
Third: James Dunleavy 2407 Leonard Dr.

WINDOW:

First: John Cumberland, 2421 Anderson
Second: Fred & Rena Chapman, 404 Fisher
Third: Beulah Shaver, 517 Leonard Rd.

The following Judges, accredited and student, were from the McLean, Falls Church, and Arlington areas: Mrs. Joe K. Bailey, Mrs. Roland L. Hutchings, Mrs. P. E. Battle, Miss Catherine McCarron, Mrs. J. Morton Franklin,
7 22 Church, Mrs. Marshall

Norford, McLean; Mr. Sherman Wells, Falls Church; Mr. Raymond Rocca, Falls Church; and Mr. C. G. Phillip, Falls Church. Our judges made so many nice comments on the decorating done in the Pimmit Hills Community and liked very much the way in which the whole contest was handled.

Again, our thanks are extended to all those nice folks on the 1959 committee, and to those in the past who have given their time and good ideas to help make future committee work much easier.

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