

# PIMMIT HILLS



## NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1959

A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THE PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

PHCA Officers 1958-59

Douglas E. Glass, President

Gail A. Wilson, Vice President

Mrs. Frederick E. Chapman, Secretary

Laurence A. Short, Treasurer

Edward H. Lane, Jr., Sgt-at-Arms

ASSOCIATION MEETING - The fifth general meeting in the current session of the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association will be held at 8:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 in the PIMMIT HILLS SCHOOL.

CURBS AND GUTTERS for SECTIONS 1 through 5 will be the primary agenda item for the Association's December meeting. The present status of this long term project and immediate action required on the part of affected residents are probably the most important subjects to be taken up by the Association this year and are certainly of extreme consequence to residents of Sections 1 thru 5. We hope all residents of these sections will read the information in this Newsletter and make every effort to attend and to complete and mail or bring in the enclosed ballot so as to express their opinions on this subject.

### Special Notice

### Special Notice

#### IMMEDIATE ACTION ON CURBS AND GUTTERS REQUIRED OF RESIDENTS IN SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 5

Since 1951, as many of you know, the Association has sponsored a project to provide sorely needed curbs, gutters, street widening and integrated storm drainage improvements in Pimmit Hills Subdivision Sections 1, 2, 4, 5 and part of 3. (These are the sections nearest Falls Church.) The project recently suffered a serious blow when it was learned that state legislation supporting the whole financial structure which was proposed to raise funds for the project appears inadequate and apparently impossible of correction. A brief sketch of the history and development of the project and the legal problem involved appears on page 4. More complete information and opportunity for discussion will be offered at the Association's January 6 meeting.

At any rate, we are now faced with the prospect--if we are to salvage the project at all--of revising radically our whole approach for financing the improvements. This would mean dropping the idea to "build now, pay later" provided by earlier plans and adopting a pay-as-you-go-plan.

The pay-as-you-go approach, referred to more formally as "building a capital improvement fund," consists of authorizing Fairfax County to increase real estate taxes on the properties in the area needing the improvements for a period of 10 years. Actual construction of the facilities under this plan would, we understand, commence at such time as sufficient funds has been accumulated through the extra taxes. The average amount of the extra tax over the 10 year period, we are told, would be about three dollars a month--about the same as that required to pay the bill under the previous plans for repayment of a bond issue.

(Cont'd. on P.3)

\*\* PIMMIT HILLS NEWSLETTER \*\*

Managing Editor ..... James E. Herby  
 EL 6-3073

Advertising Editor ..... Wayne E. Comer  
 (Commercial Ads) TW 3-7675

Advertising Asst. .... Mrs. Floyd Flasher  
 (Classified Ads) EL 6-3833

Secretary ..... Mrs. Frederick E. Chapman  
 TW 3-7759

Artist ..... Mrs. John J. Barnes  
 TW 3-7957

PHCA Editor .....

Federation Editor ..... Boris Mandrovsky  
 TW 3-8426

Youth Editor ..... Mrs. Quentin T. Wahl  
 TW 3-8594

Men's & Sports Editor Floyd Flasher  
 EL 6-3833

Women's & Social Ed. .. Mrs. David L. Woods  
 TW 3-8005  
 and  
 Mrs. Conrad M. Ritchey  
 TW 3-7242

Church Editor .....

NEWSLETTER NOTES

Between trying not to knock ourselves out with extra work during Christmas week, when the Newsletter was "put to bed," and the unexpected space requirements of the special item on curbs and gutters appearing in this issue, we've had to pretty well hash up our customary format and short change some of our regular contributors on the coverage we've given them. We hope to be back to normal or better in our next edition.

The silence following our request in the December issue for someone to volunteer to manage the Newsletter for the next Association year has been almost deafening! More than anyone, we know this is a demanding job and that no one will enhance his financial status through it. Nevertheless we are sure there's someone in these Hills with the willingness and capacity to make a bang-up job of next year's Newsletter and the insight to recognize that it can perform a useful and well deserved service for our community. How 'bout giving us a call?

Jim Herby -- El 6-3073

ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH

2300 Leesburg Pike  
 Falls Church, Virginia

Worship Service and  
 Sunday School for Children  
 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
 (Crib-Nursery at Both Services)

Methodist Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m.

W. Jeryl Fink, Minister  
 TW 3-7233

GARFIELD MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Meeting temporarily at:  
 Pimmit Hills Elem. School

Your family is most cordially  
 invited to attend each Sunday

9:30 a.m. Church School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 including observance  
 of Lord's Supper

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

Commercial Ads -

Full Page .....	\$28.00 per issue
Half Page .....	15.00 " "
Quarter Page ..	8.00 " "
Eighth Page ...	4.00 " "

Fifteen percent quantity discount with installment payments will be allowed for advance orders of ads in 6 or more of the Newsletter's 10 annual issues.

Classified Ads - Rates for non-commercial classified ads are 45¢ a typewritten line. (One line equals about six average words, or 43 letters and spaces.)

Deadlines - Orders for all ads for the February issue must be received by January 9. Delivery is planned for January 31.

ACTION ON CURBS AND GUTTERS (Cont'd)

The new plan, we understand, has already received tentative endorsement by some responsible county officials. BUT...in order for the County Executive to decide whether this particular project can be included in the next county budget, a substantial indication of support by residents of Sections 1 through 5 is needed by January 15, 1959.

Therefore, in order to secure evidence of the degree of support for the new plan, we ask that residents of Sections 1 through 5 fill out the ballot-type questionnaire provided below and either bring it to the Association's meeting Tuesday, January 6 or mail it to Association President Douglas E. Glass, 409 Lisle Avenue immediately.

We realize that residents in the affected sections were polled before on the subject of curbs and gutters. However, many of those previously polled have moved away and new residents have taken their places. The opinion of the current residents on the present proposal is absolutely necessary. (Two copies of the ballot are furnished so that husband and wife may both express their opinions.)

SPECIAL BALLOT ON CURBS AND GUTTERS  
(Residents of Sections One through Five)

1/58

CHECK ONE:

I FAVOR INCREASED TAXATION ON MY REAL PROPERTY TO FINANCE THE CURB AND GUTTER PROGRAM.

I AM AGAINST ANY INCREASE IN TAXATION AND FAVOR THE PRESENT CONDITION.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL BALLOT ON CURBS AND GUTTERS  
(Residents of Sections One through Five)

1/58

CHECK ONE:

I FAVOR INCREASED TAXATION ON MY REAL PROPERTY TO FINANCE THE CURB AND GUTTER PROGRAM.

I AM AGAINST ANY INCREASE IN TAXATION AND FAVOR THE PRESENT CONDITION.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORY OF CURBS AND GUTTERS PROJECT

In the early days of the Curbs and Gutters project a number of alternative methods of securing the improvements were investigated, every effort being made to try to take into account the various legal, financial and practical considerations involved. Several approaches were thrown out because they promised to be either impractical or impossibly expensive for the homeowner. (Several of these approaches could be taken today, but they are still just as impractical or expensive.)

The alternative adopted was to have established a "Sanitary District," which is a legal status given under Virginia law to a carefully defined geographic area for some specific purpose such as installation of curbs, gutters, streetlights, etc. For our purpose, however certain changes had first to be made in existing Virginia sanitary district ordinances in order to permit the county to issue bonds in the amount we needed and then repay the principal and interest on the bonds over a period of fifteen years through increased taxes levied against the properties included in the sanitary district.

During one session of the Virginia General Assembly several years back, our Association in cooperation with the Bell Air Association helped get changes made in the sanitary district laws, which, apparently was thought by all concerned to provide us with the legal foundation we needed to move ahead in this direction. Next, we had a rough estimate made of construction costs by the Highway Commission and an engineering consultant. The resulting figure was about \$225,000. We then went through a series of required maneuvers and in 1956 succeeded in having the "curb-and-gutterless" areas recognized as Sanitary District No. 8. The next major steps were to get a bond brokerage to agree to sell county bonds at reasonable interest rates, and to hold a referendum for voters residing in Sanitary District No. 8 to approve an increase in their property taxes so the county could pay off the bonded debt. This was to be followed by final engineering work, bond sales, construction contract arrangements, and finally actual construction.

In 1957 contacts were made with bond brokers and, late in the same year, preliminary preparations were made for the referendum. Construction was expected to start in the spring of 1958. ...Then the bad news came in. The bonding attorneys studying our plan concluded that the revised sanitary district statute might prove inconsistent with the Virginia Constitution. This they believed rendered the proposed bond issue unsound and, hence, unsaleable on the bond market. During the 1958 session of the General Assembly our representatives attempted to remedy the situation by proposing additional legislation, but this too failed. Latest reports are that financing the project through a bond issue is virtually hopeless and that our only practical solution is adoption of the pay-as-you-go plan discussed on page 1.

---

## SIG, WHITE, LONG-LEGGED BIRD DEPARTMENT

Marge and Wally Landstreet, 2317 Leonard Dr., recently became the proud parents of a boy, Mark Patrick. They have another son, Michael, who is 3.

Anderson Road has been a busy place for the stork recently. The following couples have all welcomed in new additions:

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Gardner, 2322 Anderson Rd., had a boy, Larry Allen. They also have two other sons—Steve, 8, and Richard, 4.

Mr. & Mrs. Chester Fox, 2420 Anderson Rd., welcomed in little Christopher John. Their other child, Steven, is 5.

Mr. & Mrs. Avron G. Berman, 2310 Anderson Rd., hit the jackpot with twin boys, Ronald and Donald. Other children in the family are Gail, 5, and Chris, 7.

Mr. & Mrs. Groff C. Yeck, 2416 Anderson Rd., have a baby named William Lee. William's big sister is Pricilla Ann, who is all of 3.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Yalacki, 2412 Anderson Rd., had little Danny. Their other children are Bobbie, 4, Chrissie, 3, Eddie, 2, and Debbie, 1.

That's all for Anderson. When we get scads of paper we'll get busy on Pimmit Drive!

# F.A. McConnel

Plumbing & Heating

SALES + SERVICE

**GAS APPLIANCES SERVICED**

Rear 1061 West Broad St. Falls Church, Va

JEFFERSON 2-4440

**RADIO DISPATCHED SERVICE TRUCKS**

*Falls Church's Newest Hardware Store*

## BROAD STREET HARDWARE

1107 WEST BROAD ST. FALLS CHURCH

(JUST BELOW TOPS DRIVE-IN)

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINTS \* SUPER KEMTONE

KEMGLO \* FABULON \* BOLGIANO SEEDS \* FERTILIZER

GARDEN SUPPLIES \* DUSTOP AIR FILTERS (all sizes)

TOOLS RENTED \* FLOOR POLISHERS \* FLOOR SANDERS

ELECTRICAL + PLUMBING SUPPLIES \* HOUSEWARES

KITCHEN GADGETS \* STANLEY TOOLS \* SAWS +

LAWNMOWERS SHARPENED

JEFFERSON

**3-8080**

DAILY 9<sup>am</sup> - 9<sup>pm</sup>

SUNDAY 10<sup>am</sup> - 2<sup>pm</sup>

DELIVERY SERVICE

**McDaniel's**  
**SERVICE** **ESSO** **CENTER**

**929 WEST BROAD ST.**

**JEFFERSON 2-2127**

**ACCESSORIES - WASHING**  
**EXPERT LUBRICATION**

**TWIRL**  
Where Champions Study Twirling  
**WALTERS MAJORETTE SCHOOL**  
1073 W BROAD ST. FALLS CHURCH  
NAT'L CHAMP and 10 STATE CHAMPS  
6<sup>00</sup> monthly  
BALLET, TOE, TAP, ACROBATIC  
JEFFERSON 2-7000

**JIM HOLLINS INC.**  
**INSURANCE**

**FOR PERSONAL SERVICE ON**  
**ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE**  
**CALL**

**JEFFERSON 3-0400**

**118 E. BROAD STREET**  
**FALLS CHURCH, VA.**

**PROGRESS IN LOCAL TRAFFIC SAFETY NOTED**

Thanks in no small measure to the persistent efforts of Pimmit Hills resident Kathie Ritchey, double traffic-separator lines were recently painted on Leesburg Pike at the Pimmit Drive entrance to the Hills. This is the latest of a series of improvements sought for some time by the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association and other local groups to make for safer driving conditions on the heavily traveled section of Route 7 and its intersections near and adjacent to our community.

We are sure Mrs. Ritchey was instrumental in securing the attention and assistance of state and county officials in connection with many of these problems by sparking action on the part of the Association and PTA organizations for several years.

**YOUR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION IS AS**  
**EFFECTIVE AS YOU MAKE IT**

**MOBILE SERVICE STATION**  
**Pimmit Hills Shopping Center**

**COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE**

**COMPETITIVE PRICES**

**STATE INSPECTIONS**

**ROAD SERVICE from 6:00 A. M.**

**Automotive Service, Incorporated**  
**Dutch Ficke, Manager**

**Telephone TW 3-7216**

**VIRGINIA HOME IMPROVEMENT CO.**  
**CUSTOM REMODELING &**  
**NEW CONSTRUCTION**

Air Conditioning	Driveways
Aluminum Doors-Windows	Heating
Fencing	Aluminum Awnings
Custom Kitchens	Recreation Rooms
Additions	Jalousie Porches
Aluminum Siding	Carports

**2115 Bethune St.**  
**Falls Church, Va.**

**TW 3-7577**

**Represented by**  
**ELVIN G. LOUK, President**

Open 11am to 11pm

## SAY HO RESTAURANT

Chinese-American Food

Take Out Orders: 1107 W. Broad St  
Jefferson 4-8338 Falls Church, Va.  
**SPECIAL FAMILY DINNERS**



Bring the Family to

## MCLEAN BARBER SHOP IN MCLEAN CENTER

MAKE ONE STOP FOR HAIRCUTS + SHOPPING  
\* A MODERN SHOP WITH FIVE CHAIRS  
\* EVERY OPERATOR A GRADUATE SPECIALIST

THE LATEST FASHIONS FOR ALL AGES  
PROPER SMART TRIMS FOR WOMEN

MEN • WOMEN • CHILDREN



## MONCURE AGENCY REALTORS

REAL ESTATE SALES  
TRUST NOTES PURCHASED  
APPRAISALS - LOANS  
- ACREAGE -

Specializing in Pimmit Hills  
and Falls Church, Virginia

6812 Lee Highway  
JEFFERSON 2-2200

## Streamline Market

WEST END SHOPPING CENTER

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

INCLUDING SUNDAYS + HOLIDAYS  
8 AM TO 10 PM

SEE OUR BUTCHER  
FOR MEAT CUT TO YOUR ORDER

## Bell Television

JEFFERSON 4-4444

Sales - Service

- TELEVISION
- AUTO RADIO
- HOME RADIO

1107 W BROAD ST. FALLS CHURCH

## NATION WIDE MOVING

A CLASS A CARRIER  
WITH LOW LOW PRICES

## REPUBLIC VAN LINES

CALL

RALPH PALMER JE 4-5556

FREE ESTIMATES

### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VC S

Mrs. Stuart Wright, 2203 Edgar Ct. was hostess for the December meeting. Martha Ludtke and Kathie Ritchey were discussion leaders on the subject of the Pomeroy draft zoning ordinance which has to do with land use for residential, commercial and industrial activities in Fairfax County. The proposed ordinance is now undergoing review by the Planning Commission, after which it will be presented, with the Commission's recommendations, to the Board of Supervisors. Public hearings before the Board may be possible in January or February.

The "League" is a non-partisan women's group devoted to study, discussion and recommendations for action on a wide variety of local, state and national subjects of current interest. Topics are selected annually by the membership. Any women interested in "food for thought" and stimulating company is invited to call Margaret Delean (TW 3-8343) for the time and place of this month's meeting.

### LEMON ROAD SCHOOL

by Shirley Barnes

The Boys and Girls Choir, under direction of 7th Grade teacher, Mrs. Holt, presented a fine program at the December PTA meeting. For January, Mr. Herbert Hoxie, special in-  
(next column)

vestigator for the F.B.I., will speak on juvenile problems.

Captain Shumate, Fairfax County Safety Div. asks parents to remind children to use the sidewalks, not the retaining walls, along the school route. This is a matter of safety.

### GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

Mr. Frank Ford from Cherrydale Home & Garden Mart will lead a discussion on gardening indoors and out, with emphasis on soil preparation and plant culture in this area. Members and interested persons are invited to attend the meeting at Pimmit Hills School, 8:00 p.m., January 14.

### MCLEAN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

by Helen Shacochis

College Board exams for seniors will be given January 10. There will be a "freeze" on all extra-curricula activities during exam week, ending January 22.

Dates to remember:

Jan. 13 — SPTA meets

Jan. 23 — Teachers Work Conf. (No school)

Jan. 24 — FTA Girl-Ask-Boy Dance

Basketball:

At Home - Jan. 9, Wash. & Lee; Jan. 20, Wash. & Lee; Jan. 27, Groveton; Jan. 30, Falls Church  
Away - Jan. 13, George Wash.; Jan. 16, Fairfax; Jan. 23, Mount Vernon.

PIMMIT HILLS NEWSLETTER  
Pimmit Hills Citizens Assoc.  
2113 Hillside Drive.  
Falls Church, Virginia

BULK RATE U.S. POSTAGE PAID FALLS CHURCH, VA. Permit No. 88
---