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ASSOCIATION MEETING - One more disruption resulting from the recent snow storm was an upset in planning for our March meeting. Accordingly, the meeting was postponed from last Tuesday to NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH 11. As usual the meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. in the PIMMIT HILLS SCHOOL. (Please note the item on door prizes below.)

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE SERVICE - Featured at this month's Association meeting will be a talk by Fairfax County Police Chief, Major William L. Durer. Major Durer will tell us of the services his department presently provides Pimmit Hills and of the types of police problems most frequently encountered by the department in this area. The talk will be followed by a question and answer period which will give us an opportunity to clarify questions about police service and make known to Major Durer any desire we may have for other or increased services.

Foremost among service improvements we feel should be considered is a substantial increase in police patrol through the community. Few areas with our population of approximately 6,000, we believe, are (or at least should be) without a full-time, 'round the clock patrol; yet ours is. The principal reason for advocating a full-time patrol is the hope of preventing serious accidents and crimes before they occur, not simply apprehending lawbreakers after the fact.

Fortunately, the only "criminal element" of even minor consequence we seem to have in our midst at the moment appears to be our kids. (Most complaints reaching Association officers so far concern vandalism, hot-roding and the like, and virtually nothing of a really "professional" caliber.) But with the ever increasing proportion of these volatile juveniles in our population, we may logically expect a paralleling increase in the number and (unless curbed) seriousness of juvenile violations in the years immediately ahead.

Complaints to the Association about the more serious misdeeds of our children are generally accompanied by inquiries as to "what the Association intends to do about it." Now the Association is by no means omnipotent, but there are several things we can do. The first is to urge support and participation in our efforts toward establishment of a community center to provide a central, supervised recreational facility in which our kids may find constructive outlets for their energies and interests. The second thing is to remind parents to try, as much as possible, to know at all times where their children are and what they are doing and to train them that their freedom carries with it the responsibility for proper social behavior and respect for the rights and property of others. The third is to remind all residents to eliminate unnecessary temptation to pranks and crimes by using normal safeguards on their property through locking houses and cars while unoccupied, being alert to prowlers and vandals, and reporting illegal acts to proper authorities--parents or police as appropriate--as soon as possible after their occurrence.

Each of these things the Association has done through the media of its Newsletter, general meetings, and committee activities. The third action, now proposed, is to provide greater understanding between the county police authority and residents of the others' needs and problems, and of the methods by which our mutual aims may be realized. In this respect, we again urge consideration of our proposal for more frequent patrols, in order to provide us with more adequate protection of our property and wider surveillance over our children, so that we may stop serious lawlessness before it begins.

Whether you agree or disagree with our proposal, we're sure you will find Major Durer's discussion informative and useful and hope you'll be sure to hear him and voice your opinion on this and other matters to be taken up at the meeting.

ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTER CORPORATION- Another topic at this month's meeting will be a presentation by attorneys Julius Meier and James Whytock of possible forms and methods of organization and government for the proposed non-profit community center corporation. The men expect to outline various alternatives and the possible implications of each in terms of the corporation's operation and its responsiveness to the community's requirements. On the basis of the presentation, Association members will be called on to decide as to the form they believe the corporation should take. This being decided, Mr. Whytock and Mr. Meier have agreed to draft the legal instruments necessary to request the state's corporation commission to authorize incorporation.

AGE LIMITS FOR TEEN CLUB DANCES - The local teen club's officers have asked that parents be informed of age limits at the club's weekly Saturday night dances. The minimum age for admission to the hops is 12 for girls, 14 for boys. A number of younger fry have been showing up lately, minus parental escort, saying they couldn't go home because their parents were out. The club assumes the children and their parents were unaware of the minimum age requirement and hopes this reminder will help correct the misunderstandings in the future.

SNOW REMOVAL - Association President, John Shacochis, received an enormous number of phone calls following the recent blizzard asking what could be done to clear roads in the community. John asks that, in reply to callers and many others who must have pondered about our predicament, we reprint the following from the February 22 edition of the Fairfax Newsletter:

"A Mighty Try - And why couldn't you drive out of your sub-division by Tuesday morning? Or down the lane to a State secondary route, to reach a main highway? Fairfax County has 160 miles of primary highways, 800 miles of secondary roads within its borders. It takes a lot of time and equipment to clear 12 to 18 inches of snow off that much roadway. That is, under ordinary conditions it would take a lot of time and manpower. But what made this storm particularly tough was that over and over again highways had to be cleared and recleared when drifting snow would bury a lane almost before it could be put in use.

"The Highway Department supplemented its own equipment with that brought in from other areas, and rented many heavy pieces of equipment from private concerns which had

it available. Even so, the task was monumental. County Executive Massey told the Board a committee met daily to coordinate plans not only for the snow removal but for handling the many emergencies which began to pop almost immediately.

"Snow plows, jeeps, tractors, fire tracks, ambulances, helicopters--and in some instances, rescue by foot--all of these were put to use to aid marooned families. The county police served as a clearing house for emergency aid calls, checked them out, and the necessary agencies went into action to bring relief.

"Roads in Fairfax County are not the responsibility of the county, nor does Fairfax have a 'snow removal' fund to cushion the sort of task it faced this week. But from the report to the Board of the County Executive, it sounds as though all hands did all they could--and a little bit more--to pull out of the drifts. The Board recognized their efforts with a formal resolution of commendation, including in their recognition 'the people for their patience.'"

✓ FAIRFAX PARENTS INSTITUTE - The George Washington University will hold an institute for parents on five successive Tuesdays from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. beginning April 8th at the Graham Road Elementary School, Graham Road and Arlington Blvd. Classes dealing with the following areas of study will be given: (1) helping parents understand the role of the elementary school in the education of our children; (2) the place of the adolescent in the family; (3) the place of the parent, the teacher, and the pupil in the educational process; and (4) pupil evaluation--tests, and measurements, grading, reporting and their uses and value in our educational system.

The classes will be preceded by four general lecture sessions and will be conducted by a number of highly qualified educators who are well informed on school systems throughout the nation--particularly those of Virginia and the Washington, D. C. metropolitan area, including Fairfax County. The instructors are especially anxious to be of assistance to parents in connection with specific questions and problems.

Cost of the entire institute is \$10.00. Pre-registration is required by March 27; fees must be paid by April 8. For further information, call Mrs. William E. Tolley, CL 6-4422.

LIKE A FREE \$5.00 HARDWARE GIFT CERTIFICATE? - You'll have a pretty good chance of getting one at the Association's meeting Tuesday. Mr. Frank Bruffey, proprietor of the newly opened Broad Street Hardware store near the West End Shopping Center has made three such certificates available as door prizes for this meeting.

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS FOR 1958 PIMMIT HILLS DIRECTORY - The attached sheet will help you correct and up-date your Directory. Please pull the page and either insert it in your copy of the Directory or, better still, take a few minutes to transcribe the changes on the appropriate pages.

PIMMIT HILLS DIRECTORY-1958

Corrections and Additions

SECTION I

- page 3 - under Utilities, Washington Gas & Light Co. changed to FE 3-4500
- page 4 - Membership Committee, Pimmit Hills Citizens Association reconstituted as follows:
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| Mr. Wayne Comer, Chairman | TW 3-7675 |
| Mr. W. Lowry Waring, Region A | TJ 3-9517 |
| Mrs. Francis Miller, Region B | TJ 3-7624 |
| Mr. Wayne Comer, Region C | TJ 3-7675 |
| Mrs. N. J. Kakalec, Region D | TJ 3-7538 |
| Mr. Douglas Glass, Region E | TJ 3-9527 |
| Mr. Jesse Barb, Region F | EL 6-3047 |
- page 10 - Church of the Redeemer, McLean, listed under United Brethren should be under United Lutheran.
- page 10 - United Brethren should be:
Sleepy Hollow Evangelical Brethren Church, Radnor and Holloman Rds., Falls Church
Minister: Rev. Wm. H. Smith, JE 4-6461, JE 4-6205
- page 11 - under Roman Catholic, Father Joseph C. Toy, O.S.F.S.
- page 12 - under Cub Scouts, change to Del Dalby, Pack Comm. Chairman

SECTION II

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| page 13 - add Adkins, Cletus | 707 Taylor Pl. | ----- |
| change Adams, Okie | 1911 Hileman Rd. | ----- |
| add Beltrante, Nicholas R. (Joan) | 2424 Gilson St. | EL 6-4734 |
| page 15 - change Bryan, Robert P. (Patricia) | 2114 Cherri Dr. | TW 3-8739 |
| omit Burden, L. C. (Gertrude) | 321 Fisher Dr. | TW 3-7679 |
| page 17 - add Clemons, Robert P. (Ida) | 2202 Griffith Rd. | TJ 3-8338 |
| change Clingenpeel, Calvert H.
(Geraldine) | 1918 Patterson Rd. | TW 3-9496 |
| page 18 - change Dalby, D. M. | 320 Burnside Ct. | TW 3-7848 |
| change Dargan, John C. (Dorothy) | 509 Pimmit Dr. | TW 3-7476 |
| page 19 - add Doughty, Leon A. | 322 Fisher Dr. | ST 3-5200 |
| | (office) | Ext. 4195 |
| change Elkins, Lomer to <u>Elkins</u> , Lomer | | |
| page 20 - change Gafford, I. Ted (Dorothy) | 2406 Storm Dr. | TJ 3-7380 |
| page 21 - change Glass, Douglas E. (Mary Ellen) | 409 Lisle Ave. | TJ 3-9527 |
| omit Gordon, F. Guthrie | 318 Arch (moved) | JE 8-2583 |
| page 22 - change Hardin, Wm. L. (Mary) | 2311 Prout Pl. | TW 3-7996 |
| change Harrington, Mrs. Wm. R. | 2405 Ware Rd. | TW 3-9567 |
| page 23 - change Hilleary, James E., Jr. (Joan) | 329 Fisher Dr. | TW 3-7428 |
| page 25 - change King, Richard | 1919 Hileman Rd. | TJ 3-7944 |
| add Mason, Furman C., T/Sgt. USAF | 409 Fisher Dr. | TW 3-9370 |
| page 26 - change Magarity, James (Agnes) | 1931 Howard Ct. | TJ 3-7747 |
| page 27 - change Meadows, S. E. (Pauline) | 311 Dexter Dr. | TW 3-8356 |
| page 28 - add Norton, John C. (Pauline) | 500 H St. | TW 3-7181 |
| page 29 - add Reed, Richard (Marion) | 210 Burfoot St. | TJ 3-8007 |
| page 30 - change Rohlin, John F. (Evelyn) | 125 Paxton Rd. | TW 3-7217 |
| page 35 - add Woods, David L., Ens. USNR
(Barbara) | 321 Fisher Dr. | TJ 3-8005 |