

# THE COUNTRY CLUB HILLS

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

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### SCHOOL SITUATION TO DATE —

Our Bulletin of May 31, 1964, offered us an opportunity to be heard. A large number of interested residents of CCH took advantage of the opportunity, and the resolution that accompanies this Bulletin was the result. Quite a number of these same people came out again the very next night and attended the City School Board meeting at which time our resolution was presented. The resulting action and correspondence appears on Page 2; following this article. We feel that it is reasonable to have expected some "administrative action" by this time. Mr. Walker said his letter should initiate administrative action and that we should wait. In view of the developments listed below, we have decided to pursue this matter at the "school board" level. We are, at the moment, attempting to have the matter placed on the June 25th agenda of the County School Bd. meeting. These meetings are open to observers, the public does not participate, due to the very heavy agenda usually considered.

Following are some of the details we think you might be interested to read. On June 18th, both Mr. Walker and Mr. George Pope, Associate Superintendent of Fairfax County Schools were contacted. Mr. Walker said there had been no response to his letter, though he felt certain it will receive attention. He explained that "the closing of school" (Cont'd Pg.2)



### TALL GRASS YOUR PROBLEM?

Call - Cr. 3-  
Steve Sgro (1334) and Woody Smith (7067)  
Larry Denton (4372) & Harry Rhoads (2872)  
Toby Jones (4569)

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### HELP!

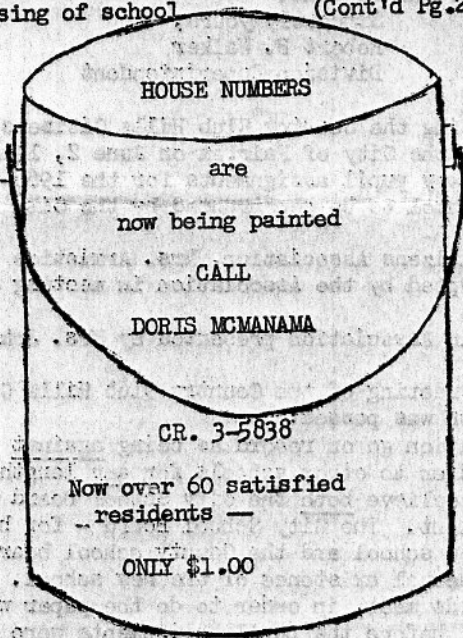
Speaking of yards, what do you do about the very infrequent one that is unsightly? Weeds so high the seeds are ready to fly into your lawn and cause you trouble! Mr. Jim Woods told us at our June 1st meeting of a homeowner who was not particularly receptive to the suggestion that perhaps the neighborhood "beauty" would be enhanced with an occasional lawn mowing. A call to the City Engineer's office caused the owner to receive a registered letter less than 24 hours later requesting the work be done within a reasonable time (seven days). When this wasn't done—the city completed the task—the bill was \$17.50. (The boys listed above don't charge that much!) This policy is still in effect. If you wish, call your Area Rep. One of them is taking care of just such a problem now.

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### Cityside —

At the June 17th City Council Meeting it was decided to postpone until the second meeting in July a decision on "An Ordinance Amending the 1958 Code of the City of Fairfax, Virginia, by Adding Chapter 18, Dealing with Weapons." This amendment follows the one recently passed in the County. It was felt that some groups of citizens might wish to be heard on this matter before its passage. Draft copies of the proposed ordinance may be obtained from the City Manager's office, 2nd floor, City Hall.

Passage of the General Fund Budget was postponed to a special meeting called for (Cont'd on Page 4)



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and the county school budget hearings were immediate, our problem, by its very nature, was something that could wait."

Mr. Walker, in a much appreciated return call, informed us that in the morning mail he had received from the Office of School Building, Va. Department of Education, their final approval for the redesigned plans of the new city school. These will be returned by messenger and then taken to Philadelphia and Charlottesville for further approval. July 7, 1964 is the day set for the opening of bidding.

Mr. Pope cited three reasons he has been "holding tight."

1. He has no better information than he had three months ago. He was able to tell us that the Fairfax County School budget was cut by well over a million dollars as of the wee hours of the morning of June 18. On Thursday, June 25, the County School Board will meet to determine what to do about the cut.

2. He wanted the City to have the opportunity to rebid the new school, since the building is badly needed.

3. He will be away at school for all of July, and the time element is such that he felt it almost impossible to decide on districts until perhaps August 10, 1964. He felt the time between the July 25 meeting and his departure too short.

Mr. Pope is directly responsible for all school districting in Fairfax County. The completion date of the school is vital to any decision. A school completed by mid-year would influence a decision one way, whereas, a school completed in April or May would make an entirely different solution necessary. He did not feel the suggestions offered by the CCH Civic Association satisfactory.

Mr. Pope also discussed the possibility of double shifting only the primary grades, stating most specifically that in Fairfax County, any child on a shift will receive a minimum of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours of academic instruction from his teacher with the second teacher who shares the room working in a tutorial capacity at the same time. During the second shift the teachers reverse their responsibilities.

As Mr. Pope says, "Everything is problematical."

June 3, 1964

Mr. Earl C. Funderburk  
Division Superintendent  
Fairfax County Schools  
400 Jones Street  
Fairfax, Virginia

Dear Earl:

There is attached herewith a summary of an attendance problem discussed and acted on by the City School Board in meeting on June 2, 1964, which I believe is self-explanatory.

I stand ready to assist in any way that I can and to assume my responsibility for the decision that was made relative to the redistricting of the school attendance areas. I want you to feel free in any discussion that may transpire to so indicate.

One hesitates to predict a completion date of the new school, but I am making every effort that I can to ready the school for use by the beginning of the second semester. I am advised by the architect that it can be done.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert B. Walker  
Division Superintendent

A delegation of citizens basically representing the Country Club Hills Citizens Association appeared before the School Board of the City of Fairfax on June 2, 1964. They expressed their concerns regarding elementary pupil assignments for the 1964-65 school term in view of the fact that the new school to be constructed by the City would not be available in September.

The President of the Country Club Hills Citizens Association, Mrs. Armistice Turtora, presented the following resolution adopted by the Association in meeting on June 1, 1964:

"Resolution of the Country Club Hills Civic Association presented by Mrs. John Turtora, President.

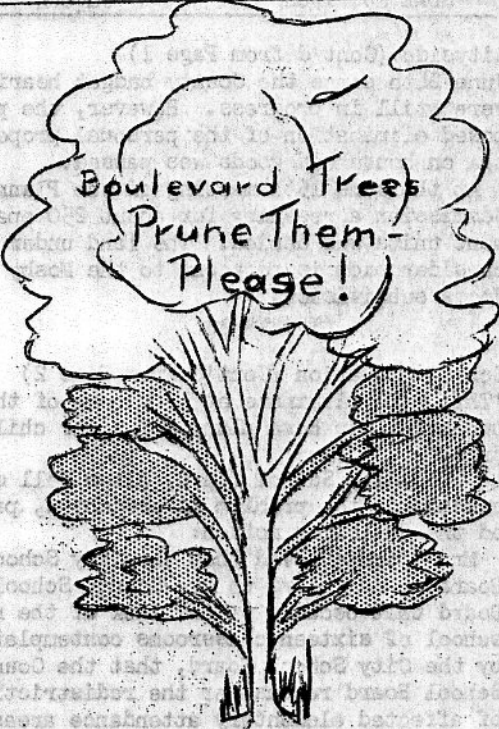
"At an extremely well attended membership meeting of the Country Club Hills Civic Association last night, the following resolution was passed:

"That the Country Club Hills Civic Association go on record as being against double shifting and transporting of their children to other schools for any length of time. That, altho acting in good faith, we believe both the City School Board and the County School Board made an error in judgement. The City School Board - for being too optimistic about the construction of the new school and the County school board for redistricting the school areas before the actual existence of the new school.

"Therefore, we request the two school boards meet, in order to do the paper work necessary to leave things as they were in April before the pupil assignments were made.

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Boulevard Trees  
Prune Them-  
Please!

Pruning Note:  
Rule of thumb  
for pruning — A tall  
man should be able  
to walk under them  
comfortably.

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## Congratulations to —

— Howard Ozer, a Fairfax High School honor student who has been selected by the National Science Teachers' Association as one of 26 students representing the United States at the sixth International Youth Science Fortnight in London. Thirty other countries will be participating.

With our decision at the June 1st meeting to contribute \$25.00, we became the first civic group to donate toward Howard's expenses.

— Emily DeHuff, for recording the first perfect score in the seven-year history of George Washington University's annual English competition for high school juniors and seniors. She was one of 663 students competing from 71 area high schools.

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#### NEWS NOTES —

About 500 people gathered at the Fairfax High School auditorium on May 25th to "Meet the Candidates." The candidates were present for this most informative meeting sponsored by the Fairfax City Chamber of Commerce, Fairfax City Unit of the League of Women Voters and the City of Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations.

The Board of Zoning Appeals granted the Special Use Permit reported in our May 11th Bulletin. However, the permit was granted to Mr. and Mrs. Eldon J. Merritt, not to the property. The permit was granted for an unlimited time but to a limited use for the operation of a kindergarten and related activities, not to exceed 40 students. The Merritt's telephone number is 591-4487 if you wish any further information about their school.

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#### H E L P   W A N T E D — —

##### TEENAGERS — ADULTS — EVERYONE —

We are revising and republishing our list of "helpers". Even if you have been listed before (in our Directory or previous Bulletins) please complete the form below and deliver or mail to any member of the Bulletin Staff listed on this page. They will have extra copies of the form if more than one is needed in a family. Deadline — JULY 1 — FILL IT IN NOW! The advertising is free—you are going to make the money!

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Do you have a Directory?

Have you paid your Civic Association dues—\$2.00 per family?

We're sorry you weren't home when your Area Rep. went around—why don't you call or go by???

Last Name	First Name	Age	Address	Phone
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Check one: ☐ Summer Only  
☐ All year

Service Offered -- (Babysitters—Please list curfews)

FAIRFAX CITY TIMES subscriptions....

In our February 10, 1964 Bulletin we mentioned the excellent and thorough coverage of local items in the TIMES and that our Association Board wished to urge you to support this local weekly newspaper by your subscriptions. Just recently Mr. Alan R. MacDonald, Times Circulation Director informed us that a number of people in CCH were not subscribing when they were approached by his solicitors because they were under the impression the Civic Association was soliciting subscriptions in order to receive the commissions offered for the treasury. However, the Board's policy has been, and remains, one of support but "no soliciting". So, call 385-7000 and for only \$3.00 a year you will start getting a "home town" paper that gets better every week!

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LETTERS

We welcome all "Letters to the Editor". Though they must have your correct signature, address and phone number, this information will be withheld upon request. Bring us your ideas—let us print them in your words.

SPLIT SESSION ...

To the Editor:

At the CCH Civic Association meeting on June 1, opposition was raised to the possibility of split session for our elementary school children. I should like to speak in favor of split session for the younger children, especially if it will enable them to walk to Layton Hall instead of being bussed to other schools, and if it will lower the pupil-teacher ratio.

Granted, split session disrupts the mother's daily schedule. Some parents also feel that they are not getting their tax dollar's worth if their children are not in school all day.

On the contrary, however, educators tell us that a full school day is too long for most six, and many seven-year-olds. Secondly, modern educational methods aim to educate each individual child to the fullest extent of his abilities, and this is done largely in small groups. While the teacher is instructing one group, the rest of the class is working independently. Particularly in the first grade, confusion and failure in any step along the way to learning a skill are especially damaging. Shift teachers in the Fairfax County Public Schools each have a qualified assistant, the teacher of the other shift, so that many errors can be avoided and the children learn to use their time more profitably.

In his talk at our meeting, Mr. Erwin attempted to point up these advantages of split session; and as a teacher, more than once I have heard educators say that "as soon as split session is mentioned, parents object. If they only realized that it is better for the children."

Marilyn B. Hedges

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Many thanks to Betty Coakley, for without her, this one would have been impossible — certainly not as much fun without her dandy lion!

Armistice Turtora  
President

Cityside (Cont'd from Page 1)

June 24th since the County budget hearings were still in progress. However, the proposed elimination of the personal property tax on household goods was passed.

At the June 15th meeting of the Planning Commission a rezoning for about 250 apartment units was denied. The land under consideration is adjacent to the Mosby Woods subdivision.

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School Situation (Cont'd from Page 2)

"This will eliminate at least one of the two moves you have planned for our children."

The City School Board, after full discussion of the problem as presented, passed the following motion:

Mr. Ritchie moved that the City School Board go on record to the County School Board that because of the lack of the new school of sixteen classrooms contemplated by the City School Board, that the County School Board reconsider the redistricting of affected elementary attendance areas to maintain the status quo of same as of April 1, 1964. Mr. Bowman seconded the motion and it was passed.