



# Quidnunc?

## CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION:

Barbara Barnes

For the third year Joe and Geneva Welsh are making Christmas happier for some needy children. You know that pile of junk - those broken down toys, games with missing parts and dolls minus clothes - they take them and repair them, and they come out nice, clean, usable toys - that will delight the heart of some youngsters on Christmas morning. Some of the items they now have ready to be picked up by the Salvation Army for distribution are Chatty Cathy - all cleaned up and dressed in a frilly slip! A ten pin bowling set, automobiles and trucks all shined up and ready to go, several nice games - including Sorry and Bingo, a pogo stick and many other items that the previous owners probably thought could never be used again. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile cause by donating toys, take them to the Welshes at 318 Farmington Drive, or call them at 273-3115 to make arrangements for collection. Deadline for collection 12/15.

## HELP NEEDED:

Would you like to use some of your spare time to help others?

People are needed to transport babies to Richmond for adoption.

A speech therapist is needed in a school for handicapped children.

Tutors are desperately needed in several area health and welfare agencies.

Helpers are needed to prepare the Cancer Crusade.

Finally, the Fairfax-Falls Church Volunteer Services Office says there's always need for people who can do typing and general office work.

To volunteer, call the Office at 532-7302 any weekday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

## CAR POOL WANTED:

Robert K. W. Gideon - 22 Embassy Lane, Greenway Hills, CR 3-4790.

18th and H St., N. W.

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

## HALLOWEEN PARTY:

Brookwood Drive abounded with spooks, goblins, and lots of fun for all. Children howled with glee—or was it screamed with terror—when the witchiest witch that was descended upon the milling crowd. Pin a rose on Marilyn Hedges for a marvelous performance. (You didn't know who it was either, did you?)

Our Civic Association Halloween party was a great success—and that's even quoting the youngsters.

Entertainment (Jean Soho, Marilyn Hedges, Virginia Hallam) meant fun for all. The food—300 hot dogs and ten gallons of liquid refreshment—was obviously enjoyed. Thank you Helen & Jerry Fitzgerald, Leona Abat, Jean Ward, and Jean Zaffarano. Tom Powell and Bill Weems supplied the music with Bob Pasco and Mr. Johnson setting things up and the electricity. That beautiful bonfire was the work of Teddy Perkins, Eric Bergmyer, and Kevin McMonigle.

Chairman of the whole affair—thank you, Roy Abat!

Thanks, too, to Bruce Evans of the Colonial Atlantic Service Station for "bringing" Hairy Kari.

## NEWS OF NEIGHBORS:

At the October meeting of the Kiln Club of Washington, D. C. our own Max Shanklin was elected President for the year 1964-65. Congratulations!

David Soho on Andover Drive had a luncheon party on December 3rd to celebrate his fifth birthday.

Jim Holland is out on the ice at least once a week with The Washington Amateur Hockey Team at the Coliseum.

... by Barbara Barnes

Country Club Hills was saddened to hear of the death of Wesley R. Tilton, Jr. Wesley was killed as a result of an automobile collision in Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 28th. He was the 15 year old son (he would have been 16 on Dec. 14th) of Wesley and Rose Ann Tilton and the brother of Steven, 10, and Gregory, 9. The Tiltons were among the original settlers of Country Club Hills and lived at 118 Country Hill Drive before moving to Salt Lake City last July.

As a sophomore at Fairfax High, Wesley was on the Babe Ruth League, Little League, and the school's Junior Varsity Football Team. While here he was an altar boy at St. Leo's.

The neighbors are donating a trophy to the Babe Ruth League. This trophy will be inscribed with Wesley's name and will go to the outstanding player of the year. The trophy will remain in the possession of the winner for one year, at which time it will go back to the League to be presented to the next outstanding player.

A requiem mass was held for Wesley at St. Leo's Catholic Church on December 3rd, followed by burial in Arlington Cemetery.

The Tilton's present address is 4826 Quail Point Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

# A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS IN A VICTORIAN MANSION

Sponsored by The National Capital Garden Club League, Inc. in cooperation with The Town and Country Garden Club, December 12 and 13, 1964. At the home of Miss Margaret Weaver, 2029 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W., Georgetown, 12:00 Noon to 6:00 P.M. Tour admission, \$1.50; tickets available at door or call Ticket Chairman, Mrs. Milton Schlosser, EM-3-4113. For the benefit of The National Capital Garden Club League Garden Center and the Aged Women's Home of Georgetown. Sale of christmas greens and kitchen goodies.

Ladies--You are requested to wear low heels.

# ANOTHER NEWSPAPER GOES TO PRESS:

Carren Bersch

THE GUNSTON LEDGER staff of George Mason College announced a changeover in newspaper staff management on November 4, 1964. Since that date the newly-organized staff has published two issues of the newspaper --one on Friday, November 13th, and one on Wednesday, November 25th.

Editor of THE GUNSTON LEDGER is Carren Bersch. Other staff members include: Robert E. Aiken, Assistant Editor; Sam Schwab, Composition Editor; Karen Carroll, Feature Editor; Michael E. Ludwig, Sports Editor; W. A. White, Business Manager; and Richard M. Hathaway, Exchange Editor.

The ADVOCATE, the GMC yearbook, is another publication begun this year. Bill Flandermeyer is the Editor.

A literary magazine, which will be sponsored in cooperation with THE GUNSTON LEDGER, is also in the offing. It will be edited by a staff headed by Paul Garneau.

Besides the three publications, GMC's organizations consist of a Student Assembly, an Honor Court, an Honor Society, a Chess Club, and a men's service club, the SYMPOSIUM. Clubs which are soon to be, or have recently been, chartered are the French Club, the Spanish Club, and the Debate Club. Student interest has also been shown for a Ski Club and a Sports Car Club.

Upcoming events at GMC are the Talent Show and the Christmas Dance, neither of which has been given a specific date.

# FOUND:

One white dress glove at the Halloween Celebration.

(ED: Will the finder and the loser please call me-- I must have been in a real hurry--or something-- when I jotted this one down!!)

# OUR NEWEST NEIGHBOR:

Carren Bersch

George Mason College of The University of Virginia is now established in its permanent home on University Drive in Fairfax. At present the college consists of four buildings: The Administration, the Science, the Library, and the Physics and Math buildings. The recently completed parking lot accomodates 463 cars. A master plan for the eventual campus calls for 16 buildings and parking space for 2500 cars.

George Mason is the only co-educational college in northern Virginia. It is also the first state educational institution to be fully air-conditioned.

Since GMC is a community college, and will stay that way for some years, there are no dormitories for students. Many GMCer's live some distance from school; for instance, in Hillsboro, Virginia. With winter approaching it will be difficult for these students to drive on snowy highways and many of them would like to stay with families here in Fairfax.

Any family able to accomodate a student may call the college at 481-2982 or 481-2983 and leave the message with the switchboard for the Honor Society which handles this work.

ED. NOTE: Upon being reminded that renting a room might be against the Zoning Ordinance we investigated further...It was pointed out that Section 2 "Definitions" Paragraph 11 reads as follows:

"Family: One person or a group of persons related by blood or marriage, plus not exceeding three additional unrelated persons." (underscoring ours)

# CLASSES:

Did you know that one of our teenagers is a real champion when it comes to baton twirling? Not only that, but she is willing to teach your youngsters. Sharon Scibilia of 306 Brookwood Drive has been twirling since she was 6 years old--10 years ago--and last year she was selected as the Most Outstanding Majorette at the National Tobacco Festival in Richmond. She has many beautiful trophies which decorate her home. Sharon plans to begin a group baton twirling class for youngsters 4 years and up. This class will begin in a few weeks and will be held on Saturday morning. For further information, call Sharon at 273-6539.

# FOR SALE:

15 gal. aquarium with stand, heater, pump, light, several fish and supplies - \$15.00 complete.

Short formal, strapless, aqua silk organza, size 9 - \$15.00.

Long formal, strapless, with velvet jacket, melon pink, size 10 - \$10. CR 3-4735 - - - 601 Spring Lake Ter.



# ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS:

Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Chairman  
Fairfax City Evening Unit, LWV  
406 Capeway Court, 273-1587

In December the two Fairfax City units of the Fairfax Area League of Women Voters will study the Fairfax City Budget. All women interested in good government are invited.

The morning unit will meet on Thursday, December 10th at 9:30 at the home of Mrs. James Butler, 6 Embassy Lane, Fairmont Estates; and the evening unit at the home of Mrs. Dustin Pratt, 409 Duston Place, Fairview, on Monday, December 14th at 8:15. For further information, call the membership chairmen, Mrs. Butler, 273-3239, or Mrs. Seth Hawkins, 273-0383.

The Fairfax Area League is now conducting its annual Finance Drive. Individuals who would like to show their appreciation of the League's efforts in Voters' Service and the dissemination of information on governmental structure and issues are urged to contribute toward the continuance of League activities by mailing a check to Mrs. Wm. Clarke, 351 Jones St., Fairfax, Va. Checks should be made out to "The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area."

## FAIRFAX CITY TAXPAYERS ALLIANCE:

Jay Shanklin

The Fairfax City Taxpayers Alliance is a city-wide organization of homeowner and other taxpayers dedicated to an informed electorate and sound City government. It does not support or oppose candidates, but it does, after study, take positions on particular issues affecting the City. One of its chief functions is that of conducting studies of current issues and supplying the facts developed to its members and City officials considering the matter.

FCTA's activities during the past six months have included:

- 1- Opposed secret sessions of City Council. It obtained personal pledges from each member of the present Council and the Mayor promising to hold only public meetings, except on consideration of qualifications of proposed appointees and matters involved in litigation which might adversely affect the City's legal position.
- 2- Favored compensation for Council members and the Mayor to reimburse them in part for loss of earning time and the expenses necessary to proper and conscientious conduct of City business.
- 3- Favored collection of real estate taxes twice a year to save the City from borrowing money in anticipation of tax receipts and to provide \$850,000 windfall in 1965 to meet pressing City financial needs and obligations.
- 4- Urged equalization of water rates so that homeowners in the City would pay the same for water as apartment

owners and commercial users. Under present rates, homeowners pay 62¢ per 1,000 gallons, while apartments pay 48¢.

-5- Urged City Council to amend the zoning ordinance to limit the areas of the City in which gasoline stations, drive-in food stands, and small stores can be operated.

-6- Urged the City to adopt an ordinance clearly forbidding construction in the flood-plain areas in order to prevent the City being put to great future expense in protecting structures from flooding, as has happened in certain areas in Fairfax County, Arlington and Alexandria.

Two CCH residents are on the FCTA Board of Directors: Jay E. Shanklin, Vice President, and Douglas P. Mulholland, Director. Other officers and directors are: Harley M. Williams, President; Mrs. Eugene T. Fisher, Secretary; William H. Grimm, Treasurer; and Mrs. Glenn H. Curtis, Dr. Mollie Ray Carroll, Eugene T. Fisher, Elvin F. Henry and Cullen Wimmer, Directors. Dues are \$2.00 for an individual membership, \$3.00 for family.

## SCOUT NEWS:

Jean Benneche

Dens 1, 3 and 6 went with their pack to the Smithsonian Natural History Museum on the 21st.

There are 72 boys in this pack, which is sponsored by Layton Hall School. Fifty boys is the recommended number.

Dickie Ryan, 10½, received his Lion Badge and is now in the Webelos.

Den #7, sponsored by Truro Church and led by Lois Holland of Farmington Drive, went to the Planetarium in Rock Creek Park on their November field trip.

Brownie Troop #670, with 16 girls led by Doris Ward and Tina Neal, made Thanksgiving tray cards, arranged pretty fruit baskets and—with some flowers—went to the Fairfax Lodge Nursing Home. The girls presented a singing program.

## CAMP FIRE NEWS:

Jean Benneche

A new group of Blue Birds (girls 7 and 8 years old) was formed this month. They call themselves "The Early Birds" and their leader is Lois McKeown of University Drive. The members are: Janet Benneche, Jenifer Brown, Bonnie Cobbins, Shelly Draper, Karen Eustace, Vicki Louk, Nora Ann McKeown and Debbie Smith. The group's first project was filling Christmas stockings for children. These will be distributed by the Salvation Army.

The Morning Glory Blue Birds, now flown up to Camp Fire, made and filled Sunshine Boxes which the Salvation Army will distribute to adults. Margaret Pettingill and Jane Peake lead this group, which will have its first Honor Bead Ceremony this month.

# WE GET LETTERS...

ED: We thank these people for taking the time to write their views on our community problems. We hope more people will accept our invitations to help make this bulletin more informative.

To the Editor of the Bulletin:

Bouquets before brickbats!! And the Bulletin deserves a large bouquet for the public service it performs as a channel for information and items of interest concerning our community. Overall, its content and the calibre of its reporting is very high, and it's unfortunate that the column "Dog News" is such a departure from this general standard. The Bulletin has invited expressions of opinion on controversial matters, and I think that "Dog News" meets this condition.

The Bulletin has devoted considerable time and space to this matter of animal management, and to admonishing animal owners to assume their proper responsibilities regarding their animals. For this it is to be commended, and it is not the intention of this letter to take issue with that basic purpose.

It does take issue, however, with the unrelieved negative bias of the articles, with their monotonously repetitious castigation of animal owners, one and all, with the posture of the writer as a (self-appointed) arbiter of conduct in this community, and above all, with the implication that pet possessors, as a group, are so beligerently irresponsible that it is incumbent on the Bulletin to take them to task periodically. A steady reader of this series might well have concluded that it is unsafe to leave one's home lest one be set upon by the hordes of vicious animals roaming our streets unrestrained, perhaps loosed for that purpose by their sadistic owners. It's become almost that preposterous and some attempt at a sensible viewpoint is long overdue.

Undoubtedly, there have been and will be instances in which such anger and indignation are thoroughly justified. Where neglect, or indifference, or irresponsibility can be clearly demonstrated—why then, agreed! tar and feather the brutes! Unfortunately, these persons exist in every community, but the point is that they represent the minority—not the majority—of animal owners. The majority do take proper care of their animals, they do make a conscientious effort to supervise their activities, and they more than willingly assume any and all obligations attendant on accidents or injuries involving their pets. The Bulletin has been remiss for failing to point this out, indeed, for not stressing it. It might also be appropriate for the Bulletin to note the fact that there are instances when animals are the victims of the

sometimes thoughtless, sometimes malicious, acts of children and adults. I'm sure that the S.P.C.A. and local animal owners could document them. Aren't such occurrences equally deserving of attention and anger and indignation? Or does the fact that they may concern only animal life make the principles less pertinent? The views of the Bulletin on this aspect of the problem would be very interesting.

If the Bulletin is going to continue to keep this issue a burning one, let's see some attempt at fairness and objectivity. Or better still, why doesn't the Bulletin set aside a page on which to editorialize about anything that concerns it— but mark it clearly as opinion. And then have it—be it about children, pets, property or writers of letters to the Editor.

(Signed)

Nancy Vorobey, Animal  
322 Spring Lake Terrace Owner  
Fairfax, Virginia

TO THE EDITOR:

Have you attempted to walk down your sidewalk lately? If not, try it for a change! You will find that the crabapple tree branches will stop your progress. Do you know how to solve this problem? **CUT THEM PLEASE!!**

Avery Kellogg

DOUGHNUTS DELIVERED:

By Steve Scro, 273-1334  
307 Cornwall Road

The following notice appears on each box you purchase:

"HELLO, NEIGHBOR

My business is distributing freshly made and neatly packaged Doughnuts and Doughnut Varieties supplied to me by DOUGHNUT VARIETIES CENTER, CL 6-3306. This firm sponsors me in a little business of my own. I will be in your neighborhood once a week. I earn my own money with my little business, and learn to handle money, make a sale, keep records, meet people and make friends. I have the responsibilities of a job to do. I will appreciate the opportunity to serve you. Thank you."

FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS--

One of our attachments this time is the final ratified constitution of our City Federation. More detailed news of this to come. The CCH delegates are: Roy Perkins, Armistice Turtora, Jay Shanklin and Marie Kellogg.