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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 7 in the PIMMIT HILLS SCHOOL.

FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL REORGANIZATION - The Committee on School Reorganization of the Fairfax County School Board recently recommended that the Board adopt a three division plan of organization for the County's schools providing for six years of elementary, three years of junior high, and three years of senior high school. The current school organization typical of this and most other jurisdictions in Virginia is seven years of elementary and five years of high school.

The issues involved in this proposal, though perhaps not fully apparent at the first glance, are important to all of us. Because of the County's continued increase in school population, further expansion of school facilities is imperative. The School Board committee's proposal, however, raises many questions. It implies not just the construction of more buildings to house the intermediate age group; it implies hiring more specialized teachers, revision and probable diversification of curricula, purchase of specialized equipment and other physical facilities, narrowing of student age-group associations, and many other developments of consequence to parents and other citizens alike.

With the vital link between education and national security so graphically illustrated in recent months by "Sputnik," "Mutnik," and the ballistic missile race, this proposal raises the question, "How can our schools be organized to best equip our children for a fruitful life—perhaps just survival—in the years to come?" It poses questions not only as to the years ahead but of tomorrow: "What attitudes and behavior result when, under the present system, my boy or girl of twelve associates daily with the near-adult sixteen thru eighteen year olds in the upper high school grades?" And, finally, we must ask the question of price: "How much, in this era of constantly spiraling increases in living costs, can we afford to pay for the fruits of educational development?"

These and many other questions will be raised and, we hope, clarified in two discussions of the Committee's proposals here in Pimmit Hills on Monday, January 6th and Tuesday, January 7th. The Monday discussion will be part of the Monthly Pimmit Hills PTA meeting. Lawrence Dahl, a representative of the County's Federation of PTA's who served on the Committee on School Reorganization will be present to present his views.

The Tuesday discussion is on the agenda for the Pimmit Hills Citizens Association meeting. Assistance at this meeting will be provided by a member of the School Committee of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. Both meetings will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Pimmit Hills School on their respective dates. Try to make one or both meetings, if you possibly can.

1958 PIMMIT HILLS DIRECTORY - The new edition of the Pimmit Hills Directory will be on sale for the first time at the Association's Tuesday night meeting and also at the Pimmit Drug Store—price 35¢ a copy. We also hope to be able to contact each household in the Hills during the next month. Therefore, if you are willing to carry the Directory to the neighbors on your block, please let us know by calling Association Regional Vice President Hans Moses (TW 3-9411) or Directory Editor Peg Herby (EL 6-3073).

In addition to the usual alphabetical listing of residents' names, addresses, and phone numbers (the new TWinoaks numbers are included), the Directory contains a wide variety of information about the community and other matters of general interest to area residents. The general appearance of the publication has been improved and its bulk reduced by use of offset printing instead of mimeographing in its production.

Credit for the fine printing job goes to Mr. Richard Harshfield of 213 Lisle Ave. and, for the neat art work (once again), to Mrs. Shirley Barnes of 311 Pimmit Dr. The Association and the community are indeed indebted to all of the Directory Staff for their tireless work and 100% cooperation, despite several acute problems which would have daunted a less determined group. Space prohibits individual credits here, but many thanks and congratulations to each of you!

INCORPORATION OF PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY CENTER - Another topic on next Tuesday's Association meeting agenda is discussion of proposals to incorporate the PHCA to enable it to act quickly and effectively in negotiations for development of a community center. All views and particularly those of anyone with legal knowledge on the subject are welcome.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP SALES - Because of the resignation of our Membership Chairman, expectations of full and rapid coverage of all areas of Pimmit Hills in the Fall membership drive were not realized. In line with provisions of the Association's constitution and by-laws, memberships are now available at half-price (\$1.25 for the remaining half-year).

Since the Association relies heavily on membership dues to finance its relatively meagre operating expenses, additional membership sales are badly needed to continue effective operation. We hope each of you who have not been visited by a membership committee member will call your Regional Vice President and ask for membership. Regional Vice Presidents are:

Hugh Gresham	Sections 1 & 2	1912 Patterson Rd.	TW 3-7378
Gerald Titherington	Sections 4, 5, & 8.	408 Pimmit Dr.	TW 3-8630
Hans Moses	Section 4, Mickler's Addition, Register's Addition, Orchard Crest, and Leonard Subdivisions.	2000 Cherri Dr.	TW 3-9411
Nicholas Kakalec	Section 6 (West)	302 Fisher Dr.	TW 3-7538
Paul Culler	Section 6 (East)	2308 Cherri Dr.	TW 3-9436
James Herby	Section 7 and Pimmit View	2113 Hillside Dr.	EL 6-3073

SIDEWALKS FOR MICKLER'S ADDITION (NIGH AND MAYNARD ROADS) - On the basis of information received recently from County Executive Carlton C. Massey, the Association's Executive Committee concludes that action to arrange for installation of sidewalks in several areas of Pimmit Hills should be preceded by an opinion poll of residents in Mickler's Addition.

Official cost estimates for sidewalks were made earlier by the state in Section 6 and Register's Addition but were not made in Mickler's Addition. Further action on the sidewalk project as a whole is contingent on knowing the desire of residents of each area affected and on availability of official cost estimates. Since the state's cost estimate takes some time to prepare, we believe that efforts at this time should be devoted to determining whether residents of Mickler's Addition actually desire the improvements. If not, of course, no cost estimate for that area would be necessary, and action on the project would be focused on the other two areas.

Discussion of the proposed poll of Mickler's Addition residents will be a topic for our Tuesday meeting, and residents of that area are particularly invited to attend and participate.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST WINNERS - Listed below are winners of this season's Christmas decoration contest. The contest was sponsored jointly by the Association and the local Green Thumb Garden Club. Winners were selected from among official entrants by judges from the Falls Church Garden Club. First prizes were \$15 each, and second and third prizes were \$10 and \$5 gift certificates.

Best Overall Decoration

1st Prize-Mr. Donald Wallace  
216 Burfoot St.  
2nd Prize-Mr. Dorsey Fowler  
507 Stanley Pl.  
3rd Prize-Mr. Douglas Glass  
419 Lisle Ave.  
Hon. Mention -Sgt. Jim Haney  
607 Lisle Ave.

Best Window Decoration

1st Prize-Mr. Alec Merton  
2313 Anderson Rd.  
2nd Prize-Mrs. B. M. Shaver  
517 Leonard Rd.  
3rd Prize-Mr.&Mrs. Albert Geer  
2116 Griffith Rd.

Best Door Decoration

1st Prize-Mr. David Thomson  
421 Leonard Rd.  
2nd Prize-Mr.&Mrs. M. R. Enger  
300 Kilgore Rd.  
3rd Prize-Mr. F. N. Flasher  
2112 Pimmit Dr.