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NEWSLETTER - JUNE 1954

We have good news again. It seems that a few items are again falling our way.

First, I want to give you a few more details on the Pimmit Hills Picnic to be held at Vienna Park on Thursday, June 24th. It will start about 5:00 PM and people will be eating from then til probably 6:30 or 7:00. Pack a lunch and come on over. It will be a welcome change from eating indoors on these hot summer evenings. There will be supervised games and prizes for the kids, games for the adults, and new people for everybody to meet. Also, subject to the newly proposed County regulations, fireworks are planned. There will be no charge, of course, but each family is asked to bring some item of fireworks for each member of the family and one for the pot. They will be collected and set off by Mr. Shomo, a volunteer fireman. Thus, lots of exhibit and no casualties. Plan on it, won't you?

Next, we have some hope for bus service. You remember the petition being circulated. Well, based on that petition, the bus company has submitted requests to both the State Corporation Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission for the necessary licenses and permits to allow a bus route through the Hills. We should know the worst within the next two months. Although nothing is presently seen to hinder the issuance of these permits, it is better, as you have seen, to await the actuality before cheering.

And our school is coming along famously. I stopped by the School Department a while ago to get a look at the plans. Mr. Dunn showed me a sketch of the front of the building. It's truly a bit of all right. Long and low, you know, with a comparatively high center, decorative entrance and all. Then he proceeded to show me the layout of the fourteen class rooms - not twelve, as originally planned, but fourteen - and of the library, multipurpose room (cafeteria) and heating plant. It's quite a setup and I'm only sorry I can't give you a fuller and more exact description. An then Mr. Pope, Asst. Supt of Schools, gave me the final good word. There is some chance - more or less slim, but there - that pupils will be in the school for the January through June term. No promise, now, but an aim.

You have undoubtedly seen all the activity around the shopping center area at Paxton and Patterson, too. The Executive Committee has had some contact on that subject with the builders and has learned that there will be at least a chain grocery store, a delicatessen, a drug store and possibly a branch post office. The Association sent a letter to the postal authorities exhorting them to grant us this boon. The builders have also had some negotiations with the Post Office Dept. No estimated date of completion was available; but with work moving along as it is, it won't be long now. The Executive Committee hopes to have more information available for you before you buy your first loaf of bread there.

Plans are moving ahead on our summer recreational program. "Mac" Cook reports that land appears to be available and three hundred fifty dollars was voted at the June 1st meeting to cover the cost of the necessary facilities. The property being negotiated for lies across Great Falls Street, just a little bit south of the end of Magarity Road. Questionnaires have been circulated that will help him and the Executive Committee to determine the feasibility of the program and, if practical, the hours and age groups which can be accommodated. We are going

to need a lot of volunteer help for the paid supervisors if we put the program across. If you can possibly spare any time at all, from three hours a week up, call Mac at JE 4-0322. If we don't get the help, we can't handle the kids. It's just that simple.

On top of all of that, I am happy to announce that we have almost a full complement of District Representatives to handle our membership drive. Oh yes, memberships run out on August 31, 1954. It happens every year.

The annual dues, you will remember, are \$2.50. The money is used on various and sundry projects. As you noticed, \$350.00 was just voted for the summer playground program. A while ago, \$50.00 was voted for attorney's fees in sanitary district legislation. A flag was presented at our last meeting to our Girl Scout Troup 152. Stationery costs money. And these newsletters run something over \$6.00 a month. Then there are the social events - the picnic, the Halloween and Christmas Parties, and last month \$68.58 for a dance. Now a permanent community center is under study and it has been recommended that one dollar for each member's dues be set aside in a special fund for that purpose.

But money isn't everything, even though, at times it seems like it might be. An Association can be successful only if it can profess to represent its whole community. A small clique cannot for long bluff public officials into believing that the ideas and desires of that group are those of the whole community. If our membership were small, the Association, in taking a stand on legislative or executive actions could only recite the number of people living in the Hills. It would be afraid to tell the number actually represented. Such a statement would carry little more weight than a demand from a single individual. It is cooperative action that gets results. Your Association stands ready, willing and able to represent you in any and all causes. Support your Association in order that it may support you.

So when your district representative calls to issue your new card, have your money ready for him. \$2.50 covers the two adult members of the family and both may vote at meetings. Think how little that really costs you. A couple of week's smokes? A ball game? One dinner out? It's worth it. And speak to the guy next door. We want him to join too. And bring him to the meeting in September. Maybe he's never been.

Speaking of our District Representatives, at their last meeting they elected Boris Mandrovsky of 2306 Nordlie Place as their new Chairman. Boris has been active in the Association for a long time, now, and has been particularly interested in membership and attendance at meetings. With the membership just getting underway, everybody was particularly happy that he could serve in this capacity.

By the way, the membership drive will extend throughout the months of July and August.

About that dance I mentioned before, it was held on May 21st at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Falls Church, a roomy and very pleasant place. As far as I could see, and from all I heard, everyone there had an absolutely wonderful time. The only difficulty was that because of competing events and interests there weren't more of you there. This not only deprived you of an evening of good entertainment but caused expenses to exceed receipts - a difference covered from Association funds.

In asking around I have been surprised at how few people actually know about the monthly paper drive. This paper drive, also one of the tasks taken care of

by the District Representatives, is probably our second largest source of income. At one time, it was running around \$15.00 per month, and has on occasion gone over \$20.00 net. The return has recently dwindled to about half that amount. On the third Saturday of every month, regardless of holidays or weather, papers are collected at the corner of Paxton and Patterson Roads, right by the shopping center lot. It costs you nothing to save up your old newspapers and bring them down on that Saturday. The hours are from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

In an attempt to get the drive back where it should be, an anonymous gift of a \$5.00 prize has been made, to be given to the boy or girl, or family group, bringing in the most papers during the months of June, July and August. In addition to the prize, the usual custom of paying ten cents per hundred pounds will be followed. This could be a good thing for all concerned. Let's see what can be done with it. The June date is already gone, but the next drive will be on July 17. Have your neighbors save their papers for your kids.

Mrs. Eugene Case, 201 Pimmit Drive, was one of the ladies representing the Hills at a tea given in Fairfax recently by the County Cerebral Palsy organization. The purpose of the tea was to introduce people and organizations throughout the County to actual Cerebral Palsy cases and to generate interest in the new clinic which they are hoping to build. In her report to the June meeting, Mrs. Case discussed the surprising number of cases in Fairfax County. The disease doesn't compare in numbers with measles, of course; but neither does one recover quite so quickly. In fact, years and years of treatments seem to be required in the usual case, and each treatment can cost anywhere up to \$50.00. Yet there are no facilities in Fairfax County to help either these children or their parents.

The Cerebral Palsy organization wishes to remedy this situation. Land has been donated and a fund raising campaign will be inaugurated to raise \$55,000.00 for the building. Mrs. Case will direct the drive in Pimmit Hills. Remember, this isn't a program for which you will be solicited at work, and it's all for your own backyard. Let's dig deep when the time comes.

Don't forget your Association's two biggest fund raising projects - the membership drive during July and August; and the paper drive EVERY THIRD SATURDAY.

J. Whytock

P.S. A late news item -- TB Mobile Unit will be in Pimmit Hills 1-8 PM, Wednesday July 7, probably at corner Lisle and Griffith. Watch for signs at entrances to check location.