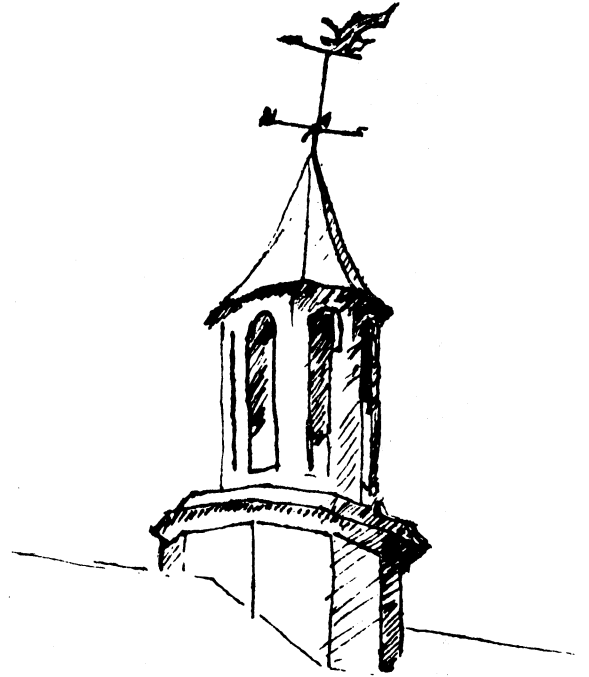


The Echo

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MAYOR TO APPOINT RONNIE VINE TO COUNCIL SEAT

Mayor George Borsari plans to appoint Ronnie Vine to the Town Council to fill the unexpired term of Judy McFarland, who resigned last month. Mr. Vine has agreed to serve, the Mayor told THE ECHO.

The appointment must be approved by the Council. The Mayor planned to have a special Council session in early February for the purpose of confirming the appointment, so that Mr. Vine could be in office for the next regular Council meeting on February 19.

Mr. Vine unsuccessfully ran for a Council seat in the special election of February, 1978, when he was defeated by Judy McFarland, and in May, 1979, when Nancy Long and Fred Kuster were elected.

The term of office for the seat vacated by former Councilwoman McFarland will expire in May, 1981.

The Town charter provides for the Mayor to appoint a replacement member--subject to Council concurrence--when the remaining term is less than two years.

In her resignation letter, published in the January issue of THE ECHO, Mrs. McFarland said increased personal responsibilities precluded her continuing on the Council. At the same time, she criticized "the mutual antagonism and distrust between the Mayor and the Town Council."

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TOWN POT-LUCK DINNER TO BE HELD AT TOWN HALL FEBRUARY 17

To inaugurate the refurbished Town Hall for Glen Echo residents, a pot-luck supper will be held Sunday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m.

All those wishing to attend should bring a dish--main course, salad, hors d'oeuvres or dessert--sufficient for three times the number in their family. Paper plates, napkins and cups will be provided, but not silverware.

Bring your own beverage--non-alcoholic or alcoholic. Ice will be provided. Also bring whatever pieces are necessary to serve your dish.

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POTLUCK DINNER (from page 1)

The idea for the dinner was proposed at the January Town Council meeting by Councilwoman Nancy Long, who said she was "uncomfortable" about the number (only two) of town residents invited to the American Red Cross dinner February 9. Town residents should have an early opportunity to enjoy the newly-decorated hall, she told the Council.

Councilwoman Long volunteered to organize the arrangements and inform town residents of the planned dinner by a special bulletin.
-- Carlotta Anderson & Vince Hovanec

NEW COUNCIL MEMBER (from page 1)

In discussing what he planned to do about proposing a replacement for Mrs. McFarland at the January Council meeting, the Mayor made no comments about her letter.
-- Vince Hovanec and Carlotta Anderson

Daryl's Dog Corner

One loose town dog was caught last month and returned home. At ECHO deadline time he had again escaped and was missing. Another town dog was sent to the pound.

In response to a complaint, I talked twice to the owner of two dogs, reminding him that dogs may not run loose in town.

I'd like to call to people's attention that all dogs in town must be licensed by the town of Glen Echo. There are currently about five town dogs which do not have Glen Echo tags. In order to obtain a license, you must show proof of rabies inoculations. Penalties are provided for in the Town Charter for owners of dogs which are not licensed by the town.

-- Daryl Kuster

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\$35,000 SIDEWALK REPAIRS DUE SOON

By Vince Hovanec

Highlights

January 21

---Sewer line under the streetcar right-of-way: A series of public information meetings may be held in March to explain details of the proposed Rock Run Advanced Waste Water Treatment Facility at Avenel Farm on Persimmon Tree Road, Councilwoman Long explained. The abandoned streetcar right-of-way which runs alongside the town of Glen Echo has been tentatively proposed by planners as the site of one sewer line serving the plant; another route might run along the George Washington Parkway. The situation is still very preliminary, Council members agreed; indeed, the facility itself might not even be built, at least in the foreseeable future, Councilman Kuster opined.

---Council agreed to send a letter to the widow of the late Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas expressing the town's "great debt of gratitude" for his efforts to establish and develop the C&O Canal National Historic Park.

---Filing cabinets for Town records will be purchased, whether surplus files from Ft. Meade or on the open market with the \$500-600 appropriated last year. If the town can't arrange to buy cheaper surplus units from Ft. Meade by March 1, then regular, more expensive commercial models will be bought.

---Vince Hovanec

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 19 -- 8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

All residents encouraged to attend.

Sidewalk repairs--an estimated \$35,000 project--will begin most likely sometime in late April, the Town Council was informed January 21.

Mayor Borsari said the project will be put out for bids in several stages, so that the town will be able to monitor costs on the project, which has been in the talking stage for some time.

Councilman Fred Kuster also urged that street repairs be done about the same time. Asphalt prices, currently \$70 a ton or \$20 a ton more than last year, will probably increase still more because of rising prices for petroleum and petroleum derivative products.

Councilman Jim Anderson inquired about the possibility of recycling the existing asphalt, as has been done on some recently repaved George Washington Parkway stretches, but Councilman Kuster said that the town's volume of 10-12 tons would probably be insufficient for a cost-efficient recycling project.

Councilman Kuster told THE ECHO that with the exception of some potholes near Trav's Inn which were temporarily patched for \$150 last month by town resident John Howe, town potholes will not be repaired until the end of March when the weather is warmer. Those near Trav's will also be permanently repaired at that time.

TOWN HALL HAS NEW LOOK

After some ten years, the Town Hall has a new coat of paint, with several other changes planned in a more than \$3,000 refurbishment project.

In addition to the new coat of paint, draperies will be purchased, the kitchen area has been enclosed and dimmer switches will be installed for the main overhead lights.

Because of a shortage of funds, however, the restrooms remain to be painted. Town Council members and residents attending the January 21 Town Council meeting had an opportunity to view the re-done hall.

-- Vince Hovanec

EDITORIAL

It has come to our attention that some residents feel a bit miffed because they are never mentioned in THE ECHO. Would that we had a band of roving reporters who could discover all the interesting activities of our residents, their promotions, awards and achievements, their travels, their engagements, marriages and births, and so forth.

In practice, however, most things only come to the attention of THE ECHO staff if you tell us about them. There's Tillie McNoldy, who cannot see around corners through her "Keyhole," but can listen to your news via telephone number 229-4119. There's also a box for ECHO news items and ads in the post office next to one of the stamp windows. Or you can call the editor at 229-3748.

There's another way to be mentioned in THE ECHO and that's by volunteering. There are innumerable jobs, large and small, to be done in town and they are never all filled. We frequently hear residents apologize that they are too busy, but aren't we all? The Mayor and Town Council members all have full-time jobs, yet they devote many hours monthly without pay for the town's benefit.

People frequently mention to the Editor that it must be wonderful to live in a small town filled with community spirit yet so close to a major metropolis. Yet in many ways the neighboring communities of Cabin John and Bannockburn -- which are not incorporated towns -- are way ahead of us. They have community shows, rummage sales, crab feasts, newcomer parties, and, more important, community directories and histories. To our knowledge, no one has ever written a history of the town of Glen Echo, fascinating though it would be, nor has there ever been a directory of residents, yet there is a real need for one (in fact, there is one in the works now).

Glen Echo Property Sales

6108 Princeton Ave. - - \$85,000
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30 Wellesley Circle - - \$54,000
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Property sales in town are printed in THE ECHO after settlement date. The data is supplied by Realtor Louise Engelhardt.

SPRING CLEANING?

Would you like to have tidy closets, neater garages and empty attics? The Cabin John Three and Four Year Old School is planning a rummage sale and festival and is ready now to pick up your discards and treasures.

They will take everything (except large appliances): clothes, toys, books, furniture, lawn equipment, antiques, etc. The sale will take place May 3 at the Clara Barton School.

For pick-up call: Katy Glakas, 229-6253, Cathie Nelsen, 229-5282 or Gladys Richter, 229-8415.

If you did not get THE ECHO, you may find a few extra copies at the Post Office. The Editor also usually has some extras.

Why not start the New Year resolving to make some contribution to the town that offers you the sense of belonging, yet respect for each resident's individuality, the caring for each other in emergencies or need, and the safety and security of a small community?

The Mayor or any member of the Council will be delighted to hear you can help.

GLEN ECHO ARTIST'S WORKS ON VIEW AT THE CORCORAN

A major art show at the Corcoran Gallery of Art which features Glen Echo painter A. Brockie Stevenson has turned out to be one of the most exciting and controversial here in years.

Entitled "Images of the '70s: Nine Washington Artists," the exhibition even provoked a short-lived counter-show in a laundry off Columbia Road by some Washington artists who felt they should have been selected for the Corcoran show instead.

The nine non-abstract artists whose works will hang on the second floor of the Corcoran until March 16 were chosen by a new, 26-year-old curator named Clair List who said she visited 150 studios before making her choices.

Brockie Stevenson, who lives at 6105 Harvard Avenue, is represented by eight large paintings in acrylics, most of them of his favorite subject -- clapboard houses in Maine. They are realistic in the sense that the subject matter is easily recognizable, but they are abstract in their spare, straight lines which Brockie achieves with ruler and masking tape, eliminating all details that he considers superfluous.

He frequently places American flags in his works, as he did in a drawing reproduced in last month's ECHO, but intends no social or political implications. He says he is not interested in politics and chooses the flag solely because of its design and color.

Although Brockie has taught at the Corcoran since 1965, this is his first show there. He was an artist-correspondent for the U.S. Army here and in Europe during World War II and spent several years painting and teaching in Lima, Peru.

FILM SHOWS AT THE CLARA BARTON
HOUSE

"Angel of the Battlefield," a 25-minute color film about Clara Barton, is being shown every Saturday and Sunday at the Clara Barton National Historic Site.

Produced by the Handel Film Corporation, the film depicts Miss Barton's life as it tied in with the American Red Cross. Part of the film was made at the Clara Barton House and part at the Antietam Civil War Battlefield.

The film is being shown on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays.



Brockie Stevenson at his Harvard Avenue home
Photo by Mary Swift

NEWS FROM GLEN ECHO PARK

By Rex Borsari



Since the National Park Service took over the operation of Glen Echo Park, the annual question has been, "When is the parking lot going to be landscaped?"

Designers from the Park Service Planning Office are at this very moment studying the problem, according to acting Site Manager Audrey Calhoun.

An attempt will be made this spring to establish lanes and parking spaces as well as return some areas to green. Any permanent improvements will have to wait for the "Master Plan." The planners will present several proposals to the community for comment with the process completed by fall, it is hoped.

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Restoration of the Ballroom building will begin shortly, depending on the weather. A contract has been let to restore the facade and roof of the structure.

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The Youth Conservation Corps will be accepting applications through March 15 from 15 to 18 year olds for the eight-week program which will run this summer. The minimum wage will be paid for hours worked. There will also be environmental instruction. Applications are available at the Park Office.

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An opening exists at the Park for a Festival Intern. This position involves programming and production of festivals. Although no pay is offered, the experience may be enhanced by an arrangement for academic credits.

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Space is available in the yurts this summer for artists who are willing to perform their craft for Sunday demonstrations. The yurts will be available beginning in May and running through October. Four spaces are available. Applications are being accepted until March 7.

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Sound equipment worth \$2,600 was stolen from the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on January 11, including a new amplifier that had never been used. Also taken were a mixer, two speakers and several mikes, according to Site Manager Audrey Calhoun. Government property is not insured, she said.

There were no signs of forced entry to the Ballroom, but the thieves knocked a hole in the wall of the locked room where the equipment was stored. There was also other vandalism in the Ballroom.

Replacement of the equipment will be attempted by borrowing from other park sites.

----Rex Borsari

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Although two fire trucks and an emergency vehicle sped up to the Clara Barton House in the early evening of February 3, there was no fire.

Very sensitive smoke detectors in the House were triggered by smoke from a small amount of grease that spilled onto the stove in one of the kitchens, according to Curator Sandy Weber.

She said the event proved that the fire alarm system works very well. The firemen stayed at the House for a period to look around and become acquainted with the Site.

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BURGLARY at Glen Echo Pharmacy, January 20-21. Pried locks off front door, drugs taken.

---From Montgomery County Police News Summary

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BURGLARY at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., between 7:00 p.m. Jan. 18 and 9:00 a.m. Jan 21. Glass removed from window, candy taken.

---Montgomery County Police News Summary

THE KEYHOLE

By

Tillie McNolly

Congratulations to our own Rich Adams of Oberlin Avenue for his excellent editorial on January 21 pertaining to D. C. residents and their lack of liability insurance in the event of accidents. I concur with Rich whole heartedly.

His editorials are always informative and logical, but this one was particularly interesting since it could affect one of us at some future date. Hope his editorial fell on "fertile ground!"

Rich is editorial director of Channel 9.
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Mark Arey, son of Anne and Herb Arey of Fairway Hills, was recently ordained in Baltimore as a Greek Orthodox Priest. He is married to Kathy Engelhardt, daughter of Louise Engelhardt from Princeton Ave., and they are the parents of a daughter named Zoe. Mark is currently the assistant priest at the Annunciation Cathedral in Baltimore, Maryland.

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Elizabeth Jackson, of University Avenue, was guest of honor at a surprise birthday celebration given by Alberta Bartkus. Preceding this party was another one at Farrell's hosted by son Joe and wife Dolores and grandson "Joey." Guess Elizabeth will remember this ? th (I won't tell, Elizabeth) dual birthday celebration for a long time.

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Not to be outdone by his wife, Bailey Briggs of Farnham, Virginia, is now a patient in the Rappahannock Hospital. Ellen recently was discharged, so now Bailey decided it was his turn to try out their services. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, friend. Don't give those nurses a hard time!

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Barbarba and Harry Odell were seen in town on a recent Saturday where they were kept busy visiting former neighbors and friends. When they were "one of us," Columbia Avenue was "home." New York City is currently their home, but we are hoping they will return to Glen Echo sometime.

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Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Jeri DePaolis-----February 7
Thelma Fessenden-----February 14
Jim Anderson-----February 18

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The town lost another "old time" resident when Nellie Ballenger of Bryn Mawr Avenue passed away on January 21st.

Nellie, and her husband Charles, who died in 1943, lived here for many years. He not only built the home in which they lived, but also the ones now occupied by the Albans, McFarlands and Tony's La Haute Cuisine. Ballengers were the parents of three children, including Betty Briggs, with whom she resided. Had she lived till February 3rd, she would have been 83 years of age.

Our sincere sympathy to the entire family.

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Please call Tillie at 229-4119 with any items of interest, or drop them into the "Town News Items" container in the Post Office.

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Dollhouse maker Bill Cole moved to 12 Wellesley Circle in November from Bethesda. Bill is the world's only brick dollhouse maker and specializes in Flemish and English bond brick patterns. With hardwood floors and electric lighting, his dollhouses are more museum pieces than toys for children, and indeed, he says, very few are bought for children.

Bill has been constructing dollhouses for the past two years and was an artist-in-residence at Glen Echo Park last summer. His works may be seen at Nieman Marcus and at The Dollhouse Museum, both in the Friendship Heights shopping area.

Previously Bill was a CBS news correspondent in various European countries for a period of nine years.

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A specialist in travel to China is the new resident at 21 Vassar Circle. Lindsay Soule, who is a travel agent for Adams and Associates in Georgetown, estimates that he personally handles approximately 80% of the travel to China by U.S. residents. The company handles all the travel undertaken by the National Council for U.S. and China trade as well.

Mr. Soule, who moved here in September from Rockville, doesn't speak Chinese, but was a political science major for East Asian studies when he attended the University of Denver. He plays folk guitar and describes himself as a "sports fanatic."

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Another town runner and a pole vaulter are among the newcomers that arrived in the past couple months.

John Lynch, a manager-trainee for Lawn Doctor, moved to 3 Vassar Circle in November from Bethesda. He was an All-American pole vaulter in 1975 while attending the University of Maine.

His roommate, Tim Stewart, arrived from Liverpool, England, and is working on a study of seismic faults in the Washington area for the U.S. Geological Survey as part of an international cooperative exchange program. Tim runs about 13 miles a day "just for health."

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Laurie MacNeil, with her daughters Maurya, 14, and Tara, 10, moved to Bryn Mawr Avenue in mid-November from Bethesda. Laurie is secretary to the president of Gardner Laboratory in Bethesda, a division of Pacific Scientific, and a manufacturer of technical instruments. Gardner Laboratory is also the long-time employer of Freddy Vine of Princeton Avenue.

Laurie and her family are nature enthusiasts as well as bird-watchers, she said, and much enjoy living so near the canal. Tara is also taking classes at the Park in theatre and dance and hopes to be an actress when she grows up.

Tara is a fifth grader at Bannockburn and Maurya is in the ninth grade at Pyle Jr. High.

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THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES

February 23 through March 23
Saturday & Sunday, 1:30 & 3:30

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Reservations: 320-5331

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