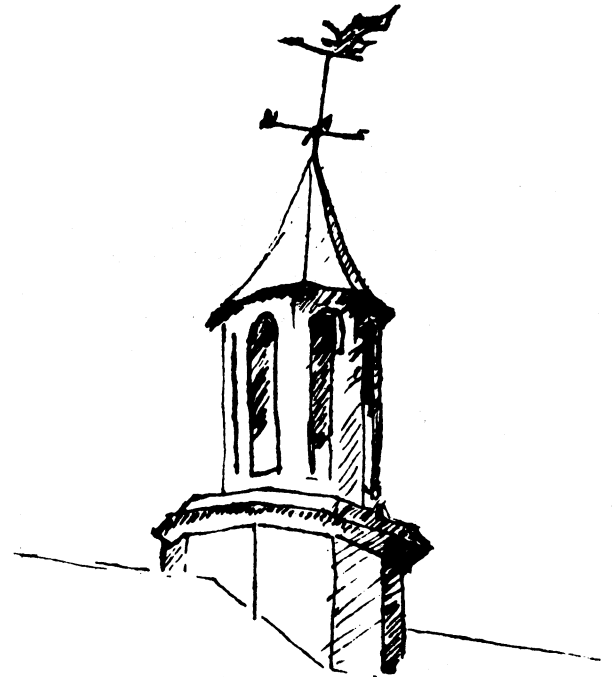


The Echo

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JANUARY 1980

RED-CROSS TO HOST NATIONAL DINNER HERE

"One of the nicest things that has happened to the town for a long time" is how Mayor George Borsari described a dinner and reception planned for February 9 at the Glen Echo Town Hall for the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross.

Some 110-115 people, including the Directors from all 50 states, are expected to attend. They will meet at the Clara Barton House before moving to the Town Hall for the banquet.

Having the event at the Town Hall was suggested to the Red Cross by the Park Service. "The town is honored to have them here," said the Mayor.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 21 - - 8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

All residents encouraged to attend

JUDY MCFARLAND TO RESIGN COUNCIL SEAT

Judy McFarland, who was elected to the Glen Echo Town Council nearly two years ago, will be resigning this month, she told the Council at its December meeting.

She cited the pressures of her full-time job as cartographer in an ecological research firm, plus household duties and her functions as a mother as reasons for her resignation.

Her term would have expired in May, 1981. She was elected in a special election on February 27, 1978, to serve the remainder of a four-year-term originally held by Joe Kashi and then by Bill Power.

Her resignation will make necessary the fourth election for this particular seat on the Council, a situation which may be unprecedented in the history of Glen Echo town government.

A letter to the town from the retiring Councilwoman appears on page 5.

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DARYL'S DECEMBER DOG TALLY

Daught in December:

A Springer Spaniel from Bannockburn - picked up by the owner

A part-Labrador from Glen Echo - picked up by owner

- - - Daryl Kuster, Glen Echo
Animal Control Officer

TOWN HALL INTERIOR BEING PAINTED

Painter Marvin Shoemaker is in the process of painting the interior of the Town Hall as part of a town refurbishing project. It had not been painted for 10 years.

New drapes will be purchased soon and an electrician is checking the wiring of the kitchen area. He will also quote a price for installing dimmer switches for the lights.

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50 RESIDENTS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 3rd Annual Town Christmas party in Glen Echo was attended by about 50 residents, at least a dozen of them newcomers.

It was held at the Town Hall on December 22 and was organized primarily by Rex Borsari.

Rex and Louise Engelhart coordinated refreshments, which included punch, Christmas cookies, pumpkin pies and other snacks. Those observed contributing refreshments were: Linda Cannon, Billy Kuster, Sally Atallah, the Rheins, the Andersons, Molly Cronin, and the Milstiens.

Tree decorations were loaned by Ilona Moreland and the hall was decorated by Diana and Debra Monteleone, Ann-Marie and Steve Kemp and Julia and Greg Anderson.

Town Council

Highlights

December 17

.....Don Wisdom, a Board Member of the Potomac Valley League, attended at the invitation of Councilwoman Long to answer any questions about the League's Suburban Conservation Study. He said the draft ordinance will go first to Park & Planning and eventually to the County Council.....

.....Former Park Manager Dick Ring introduced Audrey Calhoun, who is filling in as site manager for both the Park and the Clara Barton Site. He mentioned that the Park will be doing archeological work on the ruins of the amphitheatre in the parking lot. He said that in the course of creating a development concept plan for the Park there will be discussions on Metro access to the parking lot, the issue of who owns Oxford Road and improvement work in the parking lot, among other topics.....

.....a March date for the beginning of sidewalk repairs is planned, the Mayor said.....

.....Brigham and Day has bid \$70 a ton for asphalt work on town streets, Councilman Kuster told the Council. They estimate about 10-12 tons will be needed to repair the street at the bottom of Cornell and Wellesley, at the dip in the road on the upper part of Vassar and on Tulane and Oberlin Avenues. They also bid \$300 for each manhole cover and \$200 for each water valve to raise them to grade level, making a total price of \$3400.....

Other matters are covered elsewhere in this issue.

SNOW REMOVAL PLANS TRIED OUT JANUARY 5

The first snowfall of the year draped Glen Echo in about five inches of snow January 4 and 5, and many townspeople were observed sledding, cross-country skiing and even snow shoveling with pleasure (by their own accounts).

The town's snow plans went into effect, with Brigham and Day shoveling the streets with a grader and two workers early Saturday morning, at a rate of \$65 per hour.

That evening Earl Wright used a dump truck with a plow and sanded for \$35 per hour, plus cost of the sand.

SNOW OFF SIDEWALKS, PLEASE

Town residents are reminded that it is the responsibility of house occupants to remove snow from the sidewalk in front of their houses. It is also, of course, an act of courtesy to their fellow residents.

The town charter provides that the town can, if it chooses, remove the snow from sidewalks and bill the property owner.

DRIVER CLAIMS DAMAGES OVER POTHOLE

A driver who broke the wheel and damaged the tire of his car when he drove over a pothole on Tulane Avenue is claiming \$147 in damages from the town.

Jeff Butler, son of Travis Butler, the owner of Trav's Inn, contends the damages to his car are the responsibility of the town..

Mayor Borsari has turned the claim over to the town's insurance company. He said he does not know what decision the company will make in the matter or if the town is covered for this type of claim.

LETTER TO THE TOWN FROM COUNCILWOMAN JUDY MCFARLAND

(Councilwoman McFarland, whose term would have expired in May, 1981, is resigning from the Council this month (see page 1). The following letter to the town was considerably shortened by the editor and originally included extensive suggestions for improvements in the functioning of the Town Council.)

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is with regret that I am announcing my resignation from the Town Council, effective January 15, 1980. This fall I took a position as cartographer for a small environmental consulting firm. The requirements of my new job do not allow me the time and energies necessary to continue with the Council at this time.

I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to serve the town as Councilwoman. A year and four months is left in my term that will need to be filled. I encourage you to consider running for the office and I will be happy to talk with anyone interested in learning more about the position.

The specific responsibility assigned to me by the mayor when I took office was maintenance of the Town Hall. During my two years on the Council I have had the hall floor refinished, the building's exterior scraped and painted, seamless baked enamel gutters installed, the furnace room sump pump replaced, the furnace room entry roof replaced, the parking lot storm drain rebuilt, and the Town Hall treated for termites. I am compiling an inventory of maintenance needs and routines for the Town Hall to assist the Council in this continuing task.

One particular issue has underscored my two years on the Council: the mutual antagonism and distrust between the mayor and the Town Council. I take this opportunity to describe aspects of the conflict in which I have been directly involved.

In the Spring of 1979, work on the Town Hall and a number of other town maintenance areas stopped abruptly when the mayor announced unilaterally that he was taking over town maintenance. He eliminated my designated Council function with no prior discussion with me, no attempt at cooperative problem-solving and against the will of the Council.

The mayor stated that he would refuse to sign checks for expenditures not personally authorized by him, whether or not the Council approved the expenditure. Since then town maintenance has been minimal to non-existent. Richardson Beard was never made to correct the drainage and sediment problems he created during the construction of houses at the end of Bryn Mawr Avenue. The clerk-treasurer's position went unfilled for eight months.

After months of being unable to obtain a cooperative relationship with the mayor, the Council investigated the possibility of amending the town charter to provide for the recall and removal of elected officials. The town lawyer, Tom Craven, as asked by the Council to draw up the language for such an amendment and to outline the procedure necessary to implement it.

The handling of this request to the town attorney points up another source of continuing frustration--the relationship between Tom Craven and the mayor who selected him as town attorney. In the case of the recall information, the town attorney sent his response exclusively to the mayor, who failed to tell the Council that the letter had even been received.

A suggestion of a more cooperative spirit seemed present at the December Council meeting. I hope that spirit will grow and develop in the new year so that the town's elected officials can concentrate their time and energies servicing the town.

Thank you for the support, assistance and encouragement that you have extended to me in behalf of the town over the years of my term.

Sincerely yours,
Judy McFarland

FRINGE PARKING AT PARK DISCUSSED

Various proposals for bus stops, turn-arounds and commuter parking were discussed at the Town Hall December 5, with Mayor Borsari and Councilwoman Long representing the town.

Also present were representatives from the County Department of Transportation, the National Park Service, Metro and from Congressman Michael Barnes' office.

One suggestion was that buses come into the Park parking lot, where people could park their cars and get directly into the buses. An access ramp off MacArthur Blvd. instead of access via Oxford Road was mentioned as a possibility.

The County estimated that some 40-50 cars that now are parked in other locations would park at such a Metro stop.

Mayor Borsari suggested having buses stop farther up Goldsboro Road, above the Exxon station. Plans were taking into account the possibility of as many as three buses being in one location at the same time. With the possibility of gas lines in the future, the present location is considered inadequate.

Councilwoman Long mentioned the northern end of the upper Park parking lot as a possible turnaround.

The whole conversation was a discussion, according to the Mayor, who said he suggested the County come to the town with specific proposals.



BURGLARY at Vincent & Vincent Hair Design, 7309 MacArthur Blvd., 3:00 p.m. December 4 to 7:55 a.m. December 5. Broke out window. Money taken.

There was a burglary at the same location in November.

From Montgomery County Police News Summary

TOWN LAWYER INDICATES RECALL OF TOWN OFFICERS UNLIKELY POSSIBILITY

Town lawyer Tom Craven was asked by Town Council members at a special work session November 1 to determine if the Mayor could be recalled.

There is no constitutional or statutory authority for recall in the State of Maryland, Mr. Craven indicated in a letter to the Mayor and members of the Council dated November 29.

He wrote that the issue is discussed in Town of Glenarden v. Bromery and that from a reading of that case and the various briefs which were submitted to the Court of Appeals no such authority exists.

"The case held, however," he wrote, "that a municipality does have the right to amend its charter to reduce the terms of its mayor and council even if the amendment would have the effect of divesting the incumbent mayor and councilmen of their offices."

In other words, the town government could call its term at an end and require new elections.

IF YOU DIDN'T GET THE ECHO you can pick one up at the post office where several extra copies will be available.

EXERCISE CLASSES AT TOWN HALL

Two classes in Slimnastics are currently underway at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

They are sponsored by the County Recreation Department and cost \$12.50 for eight one-hour sessions. The classes began the second week of January.

For further information call 468-4050.



Original drawing by Glen Echo artist A. Brockie Stevenson

TOWN ARTIST FEATURED IN CORCORAN SHOW

Glen Echo painter A. Brockie Stevenson, whose paintings hang in many public buildings and private collections throughout the United States, will be one of the artists included in "Images of the 70's: 9 Washington Artists," an exhibition opening January 18 at the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

Brockie, who resides at 6105 Harvard Avenue, has been teaching at the Corcoran School of Art for the past 13 years.

He describes his paintings as "hard-edge realism", with emphasis on Maine houses. The drawing above appears inspired by his Glen Echo home.

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January 5 - February 10

Saturdays & Sundays
1:00 and 3:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$2.75
320-5331

THE KEYHOLE

By

Tillie McNoldy

While some of our friends and neighbors were surprised at Christmas by gifts, unexpected guests and phone calls, Betty and Billy Briggs of Bryn Mawr Avenue received their pleasant surprise when son Buddy announced his engagement to Barbara Fouch of Tulip Hill. No date has been set for the wedding.

With Buddy's announcement, the list of eligible bachelors in town is shrinking. All eligible girls had better hurry before "there are no more." Maybe we should have a "Sadie Hawkin's Day?" At lease we would find out how fast both sexes can run!

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It seems that the prerequisite for early retirement is to have served as Mayor of Glen Echo at one time. Before retiring, the following were all active Mayors of our town: Ed. Fenimore, M. Randall, Hubert Woltz, Bill Hertstein, Dave Fessenden, Paul Alban and now we can add Frank Corder to the list.

Frank decided to join our retirees group and made it official on Dec. 28th. He was a good mayor, he is a good lawyer, and I know he will be a welcome addition to our group. Congratulations Frank! Welcome aboard!

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Elsie and Paul Alban of Bryn Mawr Avenue "Shuffled Off to Buffalo" again after Thanksgiving where they visited Elsie's brother and his wife.

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---Seen Around Town!---

Sharon and Jim Kleinfelter flew here from St. Louis, Mo., to spend Christmas with their families, the McNoldys on Princeton Avenue and the Kleinfelters in Gaithersburg.

Linda (Miller) Locke and her four children drove up from Stone Mt., Ga., to be with Janice and Jimmy for Christmas.

Also "Home for Christmas" was Nancy (Miller) Riesebieter and Bill from Woodbridge, Virginia.

Ellen and Bailey Briggs were up from Farnham, Va., visiting son Billy and family. It was good to see Ellen looking so well after undergoing a recent arm operation. "Can't keep a good woman down."

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Among the many parties given in town was the annual tree trimming party hosted by Daryl and Fred Kuster and Billy of University Avenue.

Also, the annual late, late party given by Caroline Reptsik also of University Avenue. It starts at 12:30 A.M. and lasts till?

Another traditional party was held New Years Eve at the McNoldy's home on Princeton Avenue.

Getting into the party-giving act also were Elsie and Paul Alban who hosted a "Post New Year" affair at their home on Bryn Mawr Avenue.

The "midnight oil" you may have noticed burning at the Miller home on Bryn Mawr Avenue is not Janice and Jimmy doing their income tax. It just means another UNO game is in session. UNO is a popular game making the rounds and the Miller home seems to be the focal gathering spot for the players.

I'm sure there were more social events in town but these are the only ones brought to my attention. Please let me know if anything interesting happens to you or your family so we can share it via "The Echo."

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Remember Deborah Odell who lived on Columbia Ave. with parents Barbara and Harry? Just heard that she became Staff Assistant to Ambassador Brewster on Dec. 12. Congratulations Deborah! You have really traveled since leaving Glen Echo.

* U.S. Ambassador to England

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MORE VIEW THROUGH THE
Happy 1980 birthdays to:

KEYHOLE

Elizabeth Jackson - - - - January 14
Ronnie Vine - - - - - January 15
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Our sincere sympathy to Dorothy Lumsden of Vassar Circle, whose brother Harold Hudson died January 6 at the age of 60. He grew up in Glen Echo along with sisters Dorothy and Ann, and brother Grafton.

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Our sympathies also to Janice Miller, whose brother, Albert D. Meeks, died on his birthday, December 2, at the age of 62 in Front Royal, Virginia. He moved to Glen Echo with his family in 1935 and grew up in town. In addition to Janice, he leaves a brother Thomas E. Meeks, and an aunt, Bessie Moon, who lives with the Millers on Bryn Mawr Avenue.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FREE - - "Teddy Bear" Hamsters
(new breed with fluffy hair).
Six white and one brown-and-
white. Born December 18. Cute
and harmless. Call Barrows,
229-3193.

Glen Echo Property Sales

21 Wellesley Circle - - - \$110,000
- - - -
41 Wellesley Circle - - - \$103,500
- - - -
6004 Harvard Avenue - - - \$ 85,000
- - - -

Property sales in town are printed
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The data is supplied by Realtor
Louise Engelhardt.

"TRU FAX" ABOUT SOME TOWN RESIDENTS

In a soundproof room at 44 Wellesley Circle a group of young musicians are privately creating original "new wave" music.

Even most neighbors are unaware when "Tru Fax and the Insaniacs" rehearse for a series of engagements at area clubs this month. And few residents know that two of the "Insaniacs" are Diana Quinn, organizer of the October town Halloween party, and her assistant, David Wells.

Diana is the rock group's vocalist and a guitarist. David is the lead guitarist. Michael Marriotte, who also lives at 44 Wellesley, is the drummer and Libby Hatch, who is not a town resident, is bass guitarist.

"Tru Fax" will be performing at Desperado's in Georgetown January 14, at Beneath It All in Georgetown on January 22 and at Childe Harold on January 24.

The group is preparing to record at the Underground Sound studios in about two months. Their recording will be released on the Wasp label.

WSSC STOPS WATER WITH DRY ICE

By Rex Borsari

WSSC spent several days in December repairing water lines in front of my house on Princeton Avenue. One day I noticed a wispy vapor rising out of the nine-and-a-half foot trench they'd dug there.

The source appeared to be dry ice. When I asked the workmen what they could be using dry ice for, they told me it was necessary to replace the shutoff valve for the house.

They said the closest place to cut off the water to my line would have cut off water to the whole town, as well.

Instead, a plug of ice was created in the line, which held back the water until they were finished.

(Last month Bill and Linda Cannon wrote to the town via THE ECHO about the plight of Laura Kuster, a 26-year-old blind resident who has been living alone since the deaths of her mother and step-father. They described Laura's need for clothes and a record player and asked for Christmas donations from townspeople.)

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Dear Friends and Neighbors of Laura Kuster,

Laura and I both want to thank each and every one of you who made possible such a wonderful Christmas for her.

First we want to thank the person who put \$20 in my mailbox. Jane and Brockie Stevenson gave Laura a record player which she loves and plays every day! Rex Borsari gave her a warm brown coat which was a perfect fit!

With the other donations we got Laura a beautiful long red robe, a long green gown and two-piece pajamas, a long slip, a green turtleneck sweater with overblouse, three pairs of underwear, knee-hi's and a lovely bedspread (from the thrift shop). These purchases came to \$98.82, which was contributed by seven people.

I also received a donation of \$15 from a family at the Town Christmas Party. With it Laura can choose the new sweater she wants.

I want to praise God for your thoughtfulness and Bill and I pray a special blessing over each of you!

God Bless You,
 Linda Cannon



Occupants of one of the newly built houses at the top of Bryn Mawr Avenue are the Sadaranganis, who moved here in November. Hiro is a comptroller for a Washington management consulting firm. His wife, Rollina, is a free lance interior designer and, incidentally, a native of neighboring Brookmont. Daughter Sheila, 12, is a student at Holton-Arms. The Sadaranganis spent the past 12 years in Brookmont so they already knew and loved this area. In their free time they enjoy various sports, including soccer and volleyball (Hiro), tennis (all three), and swimming (Sheila).

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Bud and Heather Plunkett are currently busy "rehabilitating" their house at 6106 Yale Avenue, the former "Canada" house. They moved here in October from Norbeck, Md., but previously have lived in Glen Echo Heights and had been hoping to get back into this area ever since. Bud sells computers and Heather works in Amtrak train operations. Although busy with the house, they say they are enjoying the community and hope to have more time to be "sociable" very soon.

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SONGS OF GLEN ECHO

By Richard Cook

Throughout history man has immortalized his homeland, province, state or town in song so that others might share in the appreciation of its beauty or wonders.

Such songs include "America, the Beautiful," "Oh Maryland, My Maryland," "New York, New York," and, on a local basis, "The Chevy Chase Two Step."

But what about GLEN ECHO? Has it been forgotten through all these years?

No. A number of songs have been written about Glen Echo. There is, for instance, "The Glen Echo Boat Song," and "The Glen Echo Polka." What! You've never heard of them? That's not surprising, since both were written before the turn of the century.

"The Glen Echo Boat Song" was written by Edwin Baltzley, who, with his twin brother, Edward, developed Glen Echo in the Victorian Era. The lyrics, written in 1889, have lasted through the years, but the score has vanished. Here are three of the sixteen verses:

On the loved Potomac rowing,
And its music through me flowing,
While above the sky is blue as any a sea;
Now the islands shade and love me,
And the shores hold trees above me,
While the happy hours glide homeward silently.

Give me friendship, rare and loving,
In my boat, while I am shoving,
Many a mile upon the dear Potomac shore;
And the days that men set gold on,
Me shall only then embolden,
Spendthrift-like, to squander all the more.

'Round my boat are eddies whirling,
Like the serpent's coil and swirling,
While, beyond, I hear the angry rapids roar;
Oh, the glad, tumultuous feeling,
Through my veins and senses stealing,
As I near the Danger stalking on their shore!

We have the music of "The Glen Echo Polka," on the other hand, but it has no lyrics. It was written in 1893 by Bessie Renner of Washington, D. C. and the title page is reproduced on the following page.

There are more songs of Glen Echo. If you recall one, why not share it with the ECHO readers?

Drop me a line at:

P. O. Box 45
Glen Echo

or give me a call at:

926-7690

Let's see how many Glen Echo songs there really are!

(Richard Cook is a local historian who has specialized in Glen Echo.)



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