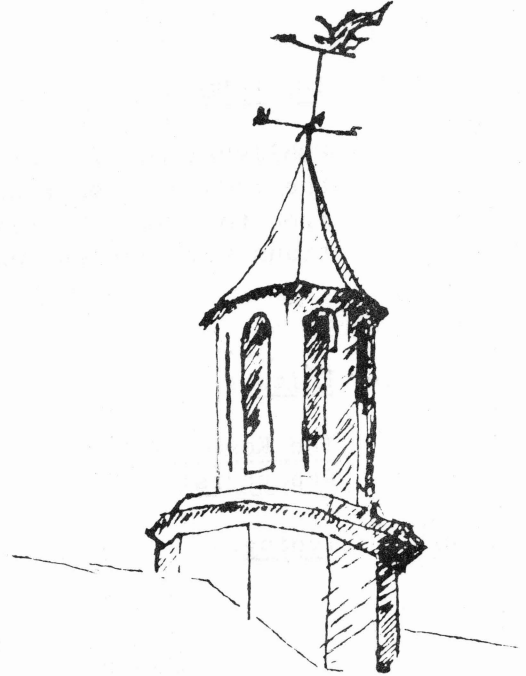


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STATE THREATENS TO TRIPLE TOWN TAX ASSESSMENTS

A Maryland state tax assessor told Mayor George Borsari last month that on the basis of recent sales prices he has determined that Glen Echo houses are greatly under-assessed. The assessor, whose name the Mayor does not recall, said the entire town will be reassessed starting in the tax year 1981 and that he expected assessments to be tripled.

Under current law, property taxes in the County cannot increase more than 15% per year. However, this bill may expire if it is not extended, according to the Mayor, and then "everyone's taxes would triple immediately." He said there is "tremendous pressure on the legislature to get rid of the 15% limit."

If the limit were retained, however, and tax assessments in town were tripled, it would take over eight years for the taxes to be actually tripled.

Added to the taxpayer's burden is a projected increase in the County's tax rate, which is currently \$2.35 per \$100 assessed value. If the rate goes up, a homeowner's tax bill does not have to conform to the 15% limit, the Mayor explained.

The town could also raise its tax rate, if the Council so voted.

Tax assessments are made by Maryland State tax assessors. Mayor Borsari said he pointed out to the assessor that property values here are going down rapidly and that houses in town which are built on

FUTURE OF PEMBROKE LANE CLOUDED

Pembroke Lane -- the short street off Wellesley Circle that parallels MacArthur Blvd -- does not officially exist, according to the County's Park and Planning Commission.

It is not on any maps of Montgomery County, nor on the official response records of the Fire Department, a Mr. Flaherty of Park and Planning told Mayor Borsari last month.

He said the matter was brought to their attention by WSSC, which tried to turn the water on at 5, Pembroke Lane, the only house on the street, and couldn't find it.

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Property Taxes (from page 1)

sub-standard sized lots might not be rebuildable if they were destroyed by fire. "I gave all the excuses I could," he said.

The Mayor said the town might decide to have the town attorney protest greatly increased tax assessments.

A given area can be scheduled for reassessment every three years. Now that it's Glen Echo's turn, homeowners can expect to have an assessor knocking at their door one of these days. One doesn't have to let him in and it's interesting to conjecture whether leaving him on the doorstep will be better or worse for your tax bill.

If you did not get THE ECHO, you may find a few extra copies at the Post Office.

Daryl's Dog Corner

The Town Attorney has written a letter to the owner of a dog which has previously been sent to the pound and is continually at large. The matter is also being referred to the town's Animal Control Board for appropriate action.

The dog in question has snapped at people, bitten other dogs, and been the subject of many complaints by town residents.

The owner of another dog --an Elkhound-- has been asked to keep the dog contained and to get a town dog license. The dog has been loose numerous times.

I have talked to seven dog owners about the necessity for them to get town dog licenses. One has already done so.

One dog from out of town was caught last month. - Daryl Kuster

PEMBROKE LANE HAS TO PROVE ITSELF (from page 1)

Mr. Flaherty told the Mayor that the street may have to be re-named because there is a Pembroke Road and a Pembroke Terrace off Bradley Blvd. near Goldsboro and locating the Glen Echo Pembroke is too confusing.

Pembroke Lane used to be called Bryn Mawr Avenue, but that was even more confusing. When the subdivision of the National Chautauqua was laid out around 1890, Bryn Mawr Avenue was projected as a circle which, at its lowest point would cross land now occupied by the Parkway. It would then continue around the hillside until it joined Wellesley Circle just before Cornell Avenue.

As built, however, there is a great gap between the bottom of Bryn Mawr just above the Parkway and the short segment that meets up with Wellesley at the northernmost end of Glen Echo. Originally that segment was called Bryn Mawr as well, but, according to resident Frank Corder,

delivery people and emergency vehicles could not find it, since it was so remote from the longer section of the street.

Around 1966-68, when Mr. Corder was on the Town Council, it was decided to change the name in the interests of safety and convenience for the family living at what was then 9, Bryn Mawr.

The Council chose the name Pembroke because the streets at that end of town are all named after women's colleges and Pembroke is a women's college in Providence, R.I., Mr. Corder explained.

He says he is sure the fire department was notified at the time but does not recall if other agencies were officially notified. Park and Planning claims this was never legally done.

If town records show that the Council made the change officially, the street is legally Pembroke. If not, "we will have to negotiate with the County," Mayor Borsari said.

Dear Friends and Neighbors of Glen Echo,

Each of us would like to sincerely thank you for the lovely container of white glads, antherim and white poms sent to us in memory of my mother, Nellie Balenger.

We can't begin to thank each of our neighbors for the numerous kindnesses shown us during this most difficult time.

Your visits, cards, food and phone calls have been a real blessing.

We are still receiving phone calls and visits daily, each of which we sincerely appreciate.

There's nothing like a small town in time of grief.

The love and help of each of you during this period have meant more than we can put into words.

Most sincerely,

Betty, Bill and Bud Briggs

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Highlights

February 19, 1980

By Michael Mariotte

*****Ronnie Vine was sworn in as the new Council member, after receiving unanimous approval from the Council. Mr. Vine, of 6010 Princeton Avenue, has lived in Glen Echo since 1919. He has been the town's Animal Control Officer and has been a candidate for Town Council

*****Louise Englehardt was also unanimously approved to be a member of the Animal Control Board. Mrs. Englehardt lives at 6004 Princeton Avenue and has also been a Council candidate. Her appointment should mean that the Animal Control Board, which has not been at full strength, will be able to meet soon and take action on a number of recent loose dog complaints....

*****Mayor Borsari praised the "generally cooperative effort" of the Council and town residents in helping with the refurbishment of the Town Hall. He invited town residents to see the renovations. Currently on exhibit in the second floor room are a number of items from the town archives, including maps, photos and drawings of Glen Echo....

*****The Mayor also reported that he has not heard anything--which he described as good news--on zoning changes nor on County efforts to make the Glen Echo Park's parking lot into a fringe parking area....

*****Carlotta Anderson volunteered to look into the possibility of Glen Echo joining in Montgomery County's newspaper pickup program. Though the County's program encountered many problems at the beginning, it is now reported to be running smoothly. Participation in the program would probably reduce the town's cost at the dump site, as well as aide the County's recycling effort....

*****The Council approved Councilman Kuster's request to purchase six new file cabinets at \$81 apiece, rather than trying to purchase surplus cabinets at Fort Meade. (Two have since been purchased by Councilman Anderson from the British Embassy for \$75 apiece).....

*****Repair of potholes is still planned for Spring. Three new no-parking signs are on order and will be installed at appropriate places when the ground becomes sufficiently thawed....

(Michael Mariotte, a resident of 44 Wellesley Circle, is an editorial assistant with the Washington Letter of the American Bar Association, has been a contributor to Unicorn Times and is drummer with Tru Fax and the Insaniacs, a "new wave" rock band.)

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday March 17 ----- 8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

All residents encouraged to attend

SAVE

WN HALL FESTIVE FOR POTLUCK SUPPER

Some 45 Glen Echo residents admired the newly redecorated Town Hall and enjoyed an assortment of delicious foods at the town Potluck Dinner Sunday evening, February 17.

It was the fourth potluck get-together of recent years, an event commemorated by a cake baked by Jane and Brockie Stevenson with the following iced inscription:

Glen Echo the Great
4th Pot Luck Dinner

Works of art by town residents added to the beauty of the Hall. There were drawings and paintings by Brockie Stevenson and Jim Anderson, stained glass works by Bob Toubman and Rex Borsari, photographs by Tom Wolff, a dollhouse by Bill Cole and Jane MacKenzie Stevenson's fantastic wooden animals. All but Rex Borsari and Jim Anderson are professional artists.

The event was organized by Councilwoman Nancy Long, assisted by Rex Borsari, Daryl and Fred Kuster, Alberta Bartkus, Carlotta Anderson, Brockie Stevenson and Marty Martinez.

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR OFFERED

"Common Cents," a financial planning seminar for families is being offered free at the Bethesda Library Saturday, March 22.

It features three lectures: "How to Set Up a Budget"--10-11:30 a.m.; "Budget, Record Keeping, Important Papers and Estate Planning"--12:30-2 p.m.; and "Dealing with Credit and Creditors"--2:30-4 p.m.

The lectures will be given by Anne Elward, Financial Specialist for the Montgomery County Branch of the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service.

You may register for one or all of these sections. Reservations should be made by calling the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Center at 656-6796 by March 20.

HOW THE TOWN TRASH COLLECTION WORKS

By Councilman Jim Anderson

Glen Echo is fortunate in having a reliable trash collection service. It's a system, and a man (Mr. Rudolf Neal, of Brookmont), that works extremely well, but it takes some cooperation and knowledge on the part of the householder.

These are the basic rules:

--Regular garbage collection is Tuesday and Friday mornings. Trash and garbage must be contained in closed plastic bags, or in boxes which are tied. Mr. Neal generally begins around 7:30, so it's wise to have your trash out the night before. But if dogs or raccoons get to the stuff before Mr. Neal does, it's your responsibility to have it in the right shape for the pickup.

--Leaf and grass pick-up, also to be placed in plastic leafbags, is now on Monday (formerly it was Wednesday). Leafbags are available through the town clerk-treasurer, Paula Wolff, 229-2378.

--Non-combustible heavy household junk as well as other non-combustible objects are picked up the last Saturday morning of every month. It is not written down in any rule, but if you have something heavy like a washing machine, it just makes good sense to be around when Mr. Neal comes so that you can help him load it in the truck.

--For especially large jobs, such as the residue of construction jobs, a special pickup is required. Again, call Paula Wolff, and she will arrange with Mr. Neal, or somebody else with a truck. In really big jobs, it can be arranged that the truck is left overnight so that you can load it up. There is no charge for the service. Common practice has been that owner loads or helps load the truck.

RED CROSS HOPES TO DINE HERE AGAIN

By Michael Mariotte

Terming their annual dinner at the Town Hall February 9 a big success, the Board of Governors of the American Red Cross expressed the desire to return to Glen Echo for their Centennial dinner in 1981.

The Mayor and Town Council received letters of appreciation for the use of the Town Hall for the dinner, which was attended by 110 people.

Council members noted that Ridgewell Caterers used the Council chambers and mayor's office as a kitchen--even bringing in a large stove--without leaving any mess.

The Montgomery County Red Cross has also requested use of the Town Hall for a benefit dinner dance in April. Council members questioned whether the Hall could now hold the 100-150 people expected. Councilwoman Long said she would encourage the County Red Cross to look for a larger place. In the meantime, the fire marshal will be called in to check the 156 person limit for the room, now that the renovation is completed.

On June 7, an unusual wedding will take place in the Hall--a Chevy Chase couple will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary by remarking and holding a reception.

SNOW REMOVAL STILL LOWER THAN BUDGETED

Despite a snowfall of some eight inches March 1-2, the town has spent only a quarter of the amount budgeted for snow removal this year, according to Councilman Fred Kuster.

Almost \$2,000 was budgeted, with less than \$500 spent by ECHO press time. The early March snowfall removal cost the town \$130 and was efficiently carried out by Brigham Day Co.

PARK FACES SHORTAGE OF FUNDS

Glen Echo Park's season will run from May 11 through September 28 this year, but a shortage of funds may hamper this year's activities.

Last year, the National Endowment for the Humanities granted \$100,000 to the Park, while this year's funding so far is only \$3,500.

Three break-ins have been reported at the Park in recent weeks--two at the ballroom and one in the pottery yurt, where some money was stolen.

The Park's Acting Site Manager Audrey Calhoun has left to return to her previous position. However, she is applying to become the permanent site manager.

---Michael Mariotte

HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Citizens who have not registered to vote or who have not submitted their change of address cards must do so before April 14 in order to vote in the primaries on May 13.

Requirements for registration are:

United States citizenship;
Residence in Montgomery County on the date of registration;
At least 17 years old on day of registration and 18 by next General Election, November 4.

Registration is permanent as long as the voter remains a resident of Montgomery County, keeps his address current with the Supervisor of Elections and does not let five years go by without voting.

Registration cards may be obtained any weekday from the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Center, 7400 Arlington Rd., Bethesda, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., or from any public library.

GOOD AND BAD BUGS

By Edd Barrows

This is the first of a series of articles on garden insects and their kin, the spiders, millepedes, centipedes, mites and others. My viewpoints are those of a person who is very concerned about the deterioration of our natural environment. The quality of our lives declines as environmental quality declines.

Many people do not know that most insects and their kin (arthropods) are either beneficial to gardens or they have more or less neutral effects. I would guess that there are at least 1,000 species of arthropods in the average garden in this part of the country. "Good" arthropods include the bees that pollinate crops; ladybird beetles (ladybugs); flower flies; lacewings that eat scores of aphids; ground beetles that eat many types of insect pests; and the tiny parasitic wasps called chalcidoids that eat eggs and immatures of many insect pests.

We should be careful to kill as few "good" arthropods as possible with insecticides. Unfortunately, chemical insecticides are not specific for only the pests. To save bee lives, please apply pesticides in the late afternoon and in the evening when few bees are flying. To save the lives of beneficial arthropods in general, try to use as little insecticide as possible.

It is better to apply pesticides to plants after the insect population becomes noticeable to you. If you apply pesticides on a regular schedule without checking the pest numbers, you could be wasting your time and money, polluting the environment and needlessly killing helpful arthropods.

Because of the dangerous effects of some chemical pesticides, it is better to tolerate a little pest damage to vegetables than to try to grow perfect specimens. Maimed parts of vegetables and fruits can be removed with a paring knife; traces of pesticides that can be harmful to your health cannot be removed without ruining the produce.

If you have a specific question about "bugs" in your garden, contact me at 21 Wellesley Circle, 229-3193.

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Edd (Edward) Barrows teaches Biology at Georgetown University, and writes a monthly column for the National Capital Park's Garden Gazette.

SOIL TEST KITS AVAILABLE--Before you plant your flower and vegetable garden this spring you may wish to take advantage of the free soil analysis offered by the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension. Soil sample test kits are available at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Center located inside the Bethesda Library at 7400 Arlington Rd. The kits contain one box for lawns, one box for gardens and one instruction sheet.

RESIDENT USES "SNAPSHOT" TECHNIQUE IN PHOTO EXHIBIT AT PARK

Shooting photos "blind" with a 45-year-old Kodak "Jiffy" pocket camera, photographer Tom Wolff has attempted to create a nostalgic feeling of the 1930's in the exhibit of his works currently showing at the Glen Echo Park gallery, along with those of Frank Herrera.

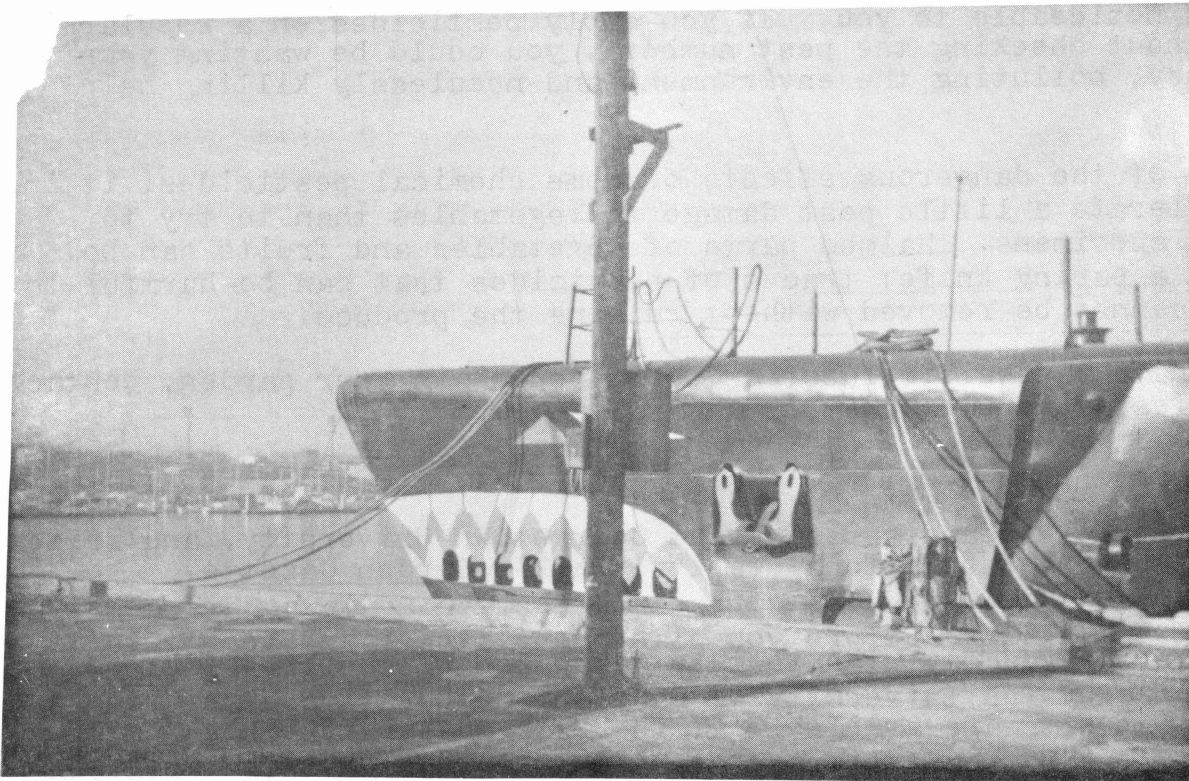
Mr. Wolff, who lives at 6001 Yale Avenue, currently uses a Leica, but was working with a "snapshot" technique when he took the 13 photos in the exhibit. The collapsible "Jiffy" pocket camera, which was common and cheap in the mid-30's, has four F-stops, but he only used the widest, which gave a soft look to the pictures. Because his "Jiffy" is somewhat damaged, he cannot see through it and thus photographed "blind."

On opening night, February 29, Mr. Wolff sold two of the \$100 prints. The reception at the Gallery, which was attended by three members of the Town Council as well as a number of other town residents, featured beer and chili and was catered by Glen Echo's own Trav's Inn.

When Mr. Wolff enlarges the photos for framing, he prints the whole negative, including the border, which creates an irregular black frame around the picture.

The show will continue through March. Mr. Wolff will also be exhibiting some of his photos in a group show at Mt. Vernon College in April.

Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday, 12 noon-6 p.m. The Gallery is closed Fridays.



A submarine in Baltimore taken with the "Jiffy."

ENROLLMENT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR CABIN JOHN 3-AND-4 YEAR OLD SCHOOL

Parents interested in considering the Cabin John 3-and-4 Year Old School for their children during the 1980-81 school year are invited to a meeting on March 26 at 8 p.m.

The school is an accredited non-profit pre-school program for 18 children which has operated in the Cabin John area for 15 years. Tuition is \$45/mo. Classes are held from 8:45-11:45 Monday through Friday mornings, September through May in the Clara Barton School building (now St. Andrew's Episcopal School) on MacArthur Blvd. at 75th Street.

To find out more about the program, come and visit the classes any weekday morning, or call Annette Davis (229-0754) or Rita Burke (229-8857).

PUT YOUR LEFTOVERS TO GOOD USE

Your unneeded clothes, books, furniture, small appliances, gardening equipment, etc. can benefit the Cabin John 3-and-4 Year Old Nursery program--and you, in return, can receive a letter acknowledging your contribution to this non-profit organization.

Collection centers in Cabin John are open as follows:
Wednesdays--9-11, 8501 Carlynn Dr. (in the Persimmon Tree development)

Saturdays--9-noon, Cabin John Gardens Community Center, 8½ Webb Rd.

or
Pickup--call Katy Glakas, 229-6253 or Cappie Morgan, 320-3269.

53 YEARS AGO IN GLEN ECHO.....

From the Minutes of the March 15, 1927 meeting of the Town Council:

Motion by Mr. McCuen, seconded by Mr. Collins, that an ordinance be prepared and posted prohibiting any person from appearing in public in the Town clad only in a bathing suit or an athletic suit with limbs exposed above the knees.

Motion carried.

Adventure Theatre

presents

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An Operetta - Music by Grieg

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Reservations: 320-5331

The Emperor's New Clothes
continues until March 23

CLASSIFIED ADS

Preview the new BRITANNICA 3 ENCYCLOPAEDIA in your home and receive the Science and Technology or Medical Yearbook free--with no obligations.

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For more information call: Josh Bowers, 44 Wellesley Circle, 320-4525 (evenings).

Classified ads are free to town residents and may be left in the ECHO box at the post office.

MacGregor, Youth Pastor, 229-5054, Riverside A/G, 6523 78th St., Cabin John.

(THE ECHO will print news of special events at community churches as space permits.)

FLASH -- YOUNG PEOPLE

There is now something to do on the first and third Saturday of every month, 7:30-10:00 p.m. Fun, food and fellowship. Please call the Fountain of Life Coffee House Ministry, Steve

The Irresistible Mr. Weems

By Ronnie Vine

The other day while I was eating breakfast, Mr. Weems, the town's resident ghost, showed up as usual, sat across the table from me and grinned. It was really more of a leer than a grin, though, and his ghostly eyes sparkled with anticipation. I prepared myself for a round of sarcastic comments.

"Well, Ronald," he said, "I see that they finally let you in."

I speared a bit of egg with my fork and carried it to my mouth before answering. "Let me in what?" I replied, pretending not to know what he was talking about.

"Bless my buttons, Ronald, you know very well what I mean. You are now Glen Echo's newest councilman. You were kind of sneaky about it though--you were appointed. Well, I suppose that was the only way you could get in--you ran twice, you know, and lost, and very badly, at that." As you know, Mr. Weems gets agitated very easily and he was beginning to change in and out of all colors of the rainbow.

I thought I would prod my wispy friend a little. "I rather like to think that the Council, or rather the Mayor, or both, recognize talent when they come across it. You might consider that the other councilpersons (Oh my!) had to ask to get in, while I was invited in, a bit of a difference, you know."

"Well, since you put it that way." Mr. Weems, much to my surprise was beginning to get serious. "Now that you are in, have you thought of a program, or have you made any promises you know you won't be able to keep?"

"Not really," I replied, as I bit into a buttered English muffin with satisfying gusto, just to torment him a little. You may know that ghosts cannot eat yet they can suffer the pangs of hunger. For instance, Mr. Weems hasn't eaten since that black day at Hastings in 1066.

"What do you mean, not really!" Mr. Weems was beginning to glow again. "You must have something in mind to shake up the Council, you've been complaining about it long enough."

"Well, let's see. Naturally, I'm for lower taxes, bigger salaries, larger welfare checks and a strong defense posture. At the same time, I'm against using town money to call Iran, or junkets to Florida and places south of the border. I believe in prayer at the schools and swearing allegiance to the flag. I'm going to introduce a bill to raise the Mayor's salary as well as that of the members of the Council and--"

"Hold on there," cried Mr. Weems. "Bless my buttons, you weren't sent to Congress. Just a councilman of a small Maryland village. Come, come, tell me truly, what are you going to do?"

THE IRRESISTIBLE MR. WEEMS (continued from preceding page)

"Well, I suppose I'll have to shave more often and buy myself a new suit," I replied. "But I'll have to make do with my old Pinto and there's not much I can do about fixing up the house. I hate to think I may have to take up jogging - maybe I can skip that. But I'll have to practice a new stance, you know, and acquire that hang-dog expression of an harried government official beset with the troubles of the world. Maybe an unlisted telephone number."

My old friend was quite taken aback.

"You must be joking. Be serious, what are you going to do as councilman?"

"You're right, Mr. Weems, I was only joking. I've promised myself not to appear important and pretend to be something or someone I am not. I'll work with my fellow members to the best of my ability consistent with whatever beliefs I may have. I do believe that the Town ordinances have to be worked over and those that have proved impracticable or unenforceable be eliminated. Cases involving outright violation of sensible ordinances and utter disregard for the rights and feelings of one's neighbors will have to be dealt with more sternly than in the past. Lacking a police force of our own, we are going to have to require more cooperation from the County police. Finally, the Mayor and the Council will have to start thinking and acting more positive in their relations with the townspeople."

"That is all?" asked Mr. Weems.

"Well, from time to time I'll think of something."



Anne and Bob Hall, who are avid bicycle riders and hikers, moved to 41 Wellesley Circle in December. Bob is originally from Connecticut and Anne from northern California but their last address was in Arlington.

Anne is a programmer-analyst with Simcon, Inc. in McLean; Bob is a data processing consultant with Aquas, Inc.

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New residents at 6108 Princeton Avenue are K. D. Sharma, his wife, Sheela, and their two sons, Parshotam, 15, and Mohan, 7. The Sharmas, who are natives of India, moved here in January from Brookmont after a long search for a house in this area. K. D. is a chef at the Congressional Country Club, while Sheela baby-sits in their home. Parshotam, currently attends Western Jr. High, but will move to Whitman High School next year; Mohan attends Brookmont Elementary.

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By

Tillie McNolly

THE KEYHOLE

It was good to hear from our former neighbor Irene Cannon. She and Ed are now living in Sun City, Arizona, but still keep in touch with the folks back home.

Irene is as busy since she retired as she was when she was our Postmaster. She not only is decorating the interior of their home, but together with Ed, is landscaping their garden and helping to plant trees and plants.

They also had a "post" Christmas party for 25 guests who "migrated" there from the eastern part of U.S. including 8 from Maryland.

Mary and Bernie Ives, who lived in Fairway Hills, are also Sun City residents and Mary has helped to organize a Maryland club. There are close to 500 people living there who were former "Marylanders" and about half have joined the club. Looks like Maryland is well represented in Sun City, Az.

Don't use up all your energy out there, Irene, your Glen Echo "Summer" home* is nearing completion and will be ready for your interior and exterior decorating skills!

*45 Wellesley Circle

Rex Borsari is the new Cultural Arts Chairman at Bannockburn Elementary School, replacing Judy McFarland who resigned about the same time she resigned as Councilwoman. Rex has already arranged for the children to see a slide show about the Chautauqua and Glen Echo Park which was given by Carol Barton of the National Park Service.

25 members of Explorer Post 4 went on a weekend ski trip to 7 Springs, Pa, in February. They were accompanied by George and Rex Borsari, associate advisers of the Post. The Post is open to teenagers from 14-18 and meets every Wednesday evening at the Town Hall. The month of March will be devoted to cave exploring.

Best wishes for a speedy return to good health to our former neighbor Otto Kumfert, who is a patient at Sibley Hospital.

Also to a recent patient at Sibley, Rochelle Rappaport, who is well known to most "Glen Echoans" and who now resides in Rockville.

Also to Elsie Alban, who had been a patient at Holy Cross but who is now home and doing real well.

Happy "windy month" birthday wishes to:

Carlotta Anderson—our Editor----March 19
Elsie Alban-----March 26

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

NEW ECHO CELEBRATES SIXTH YEAR

With this issue, THE ECHO marks its sixth continuous year of publication since its reincarnation in April, 1974, under its present editor.

The first issues of an ECHO the editor has seen date back to 1948, and the latest issue was May, 1960, although there appear to be many gaps in between. There was also a privately printed Glen Echo paper called THE CLARA BARTON TIMES, which came out in the mid-60's.

The editor is making an effort to collect a complete file of old ECHOS for placement in the Town Hall archives. Any town resident who has old copies and would allow them to be Xeroxed is asked to call Carlotta Anderson at 229-3748.