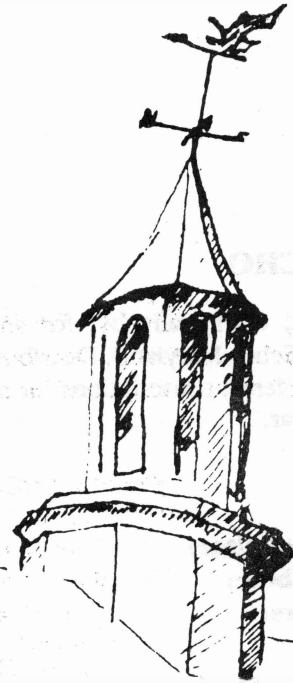


The Echo

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Demolition of Pool Area to Begin Soon

By Julie Milstien

George Washington Parkway Superintendent John Byrne and Glen Echo Park Site Manager Audrey Calhoun described plans for demolition and stabilization of the former Crystal Pool area at the March 8 Town Council meeting.

Mr. Byrne showed plans for the work, which would include dismantling the wooden locker room facility, removing concrete slabs to a certain level in the pool area, placing them on the structurally sound pool foundations, and filling the remaining pool area with rubble and fill to form a flat earth surface which could then be landscaped as a "multiple usable space."

Work cannot begin until the Park receives a memorandum of agreement from state and federal historic preservation agencies. If all goes well, demolition will probably commence in April and be completed in 45 days.

Mr. Byrne noted that the proposed plan is compatible with either proposal for the pool in the Master Plan for Glen Echo Park: to fill it up, or to remove it completely. However, he pointed out that removal of the pool would eliminate usable space in the area because of the slope of the land.

Council members expressed their support of the Wheaton Hockey Club proposal to build an ice rink on the site and stated their concern that the demolition would not preclude that proposal. Mr. Byrne replied that the

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BRIDGE TO BE CLOSED DURING REPAIR WORK

Crumbling curbstones installed in 1976 on the Union Arch (Cabin John) Bridge northwest of Glen Echo will have to be replaced this month.

The repairs, which will take several weeks at least, will necessitate closing the bridge to traffic during certain hours every day. The bridge will be open during rush hours, according to Harry Ways, Chief, Washington Aqueduct Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He suggested repair hours might be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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LOCKER ROOM DEMOLITION (from page 1)

demolition and stabilization plan would actually make it easier to build an ice rink.

Councilwoman Nancy Long asked about the status of restoration of the carousel animals and her concern that it be carefully done. Research is underway on the original colors used on the animals, according to Site Manager Calhoun. Mayor Kuster noted that "that carousel was placed there by a lot of local community effort.

If it takes some extra money to see that it's done right, we don't want any spared."

Renovation of the ball room exterior is also awaiting agreement from historic preservation agencies. The restoration expected to take around 150 days, will return the Spanish ballroom to its 1930s appearance and remove all traces of its later, funhouse period.

BRIDGE REPAIRS (from p. 1)

When the historic 120 year old bridge was restored and converted to a single lane roadway a little over five years ago, at a cost of nearly \$200,000, the original Seneca sandstone pieces were replaced with concrete blocks dyed to match. Mr. Ways attributes their rapid deterioration to salting the bridge during the winter rather than the concrete material.

"We've posted signs there saying 'Do Not Salt Bridge' but the County does it anyway," said Mr. Ways. "We've done everything we can to prevent it but we can't station a guard there."

Since the aqueduct carrying water to Washington runs under the bridge, the Army Corps of Engineers has authority there, although the county is responsible for maintaining all roadways.

Mr. Ways discounted the idea that the concrete blocks were substantially inferior to the Seneca sandstone ones, although he conceded that the dye might have contributed to the rapid deterioration. The new blocks will not be dyed to match the reddish color of the original stones because they are not particularly visible, he said.

The dye used in 1976 was developed by experts in research conducted over more than a year to perfectly match the original stones.

Mr. Ways also disputed that tires hitting the sides of the narrow roadway could have caused the crumbling and said there are no plans for any tire barrier.

Repair work will cost \$10-12,000, Mr. Ways estimated. He stressed that the cost will be borne entirely by D.C. taxpayers, for whom the water in the aqueduct is destined, with no money from the Federal Government or the County.

"People in Glen Echo ought to realize there is a question of how much D.C. taxpayers should be spending to keep people in Montgomery County happy. I like to think we are doing what we can but there is a limit to how much we can use for that purpose."

GLEN ECHO FLEA MARKET

For All Town Residents
Bring Your Treasures & Cash In

May 15th or May 22nd (rain date)

Town Park: Princeton & University

10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Call Heather Plunkett 229-8210

QUITCLAIM DEED POSSIBLE AT OAKDALE VILLA SITE

Builder Richardson Beard is willing to move the front building line at least five feet back from the minimum building restriction, save as many trees as possible and not sacrifice any trees to build driveways on the Wellesley Circle property adjacent to Oakdale Villa in return for the Council's action to abandon Radcliffe Lane, he has indicated in a letter to the town.

Town attorney Tom Craven reiterated his doubts that the Council has abandonment authority at the March 8 meeting, but suggested a quitclaim deed. He noted that Mr. Beard is aware of reservations on the authority of such a deed, but is willing to take the risk.

Councilwoman Whyte pointed out that Mr. Beard's "only roadblock" to building what he wants is the Historic Preservation Commission, and "they don't have much teeth. So we have to guarantee it." She supported a quitclaim deed so long as the burden is not on the town.

Councilwoman Beers suggested a reverter clause in the deed to insure that Mr. Beard would keep his part of the arrangement when he builds his two proposed houses on the site.

Mr. Craven will prepare a draft agreement and draft deed with a reverter clause for consideration at the April 12 Town Council meeting. The agreement will specify at least a 10-foot setback (double that proposed by Mr. Beard) as well as the saving of at least three mature trees.

NOTEWORTHY GLEN ECHO BUILDINGS: Baptist Church/Fire Station

By Jan Shaut and Carlotta Anderson

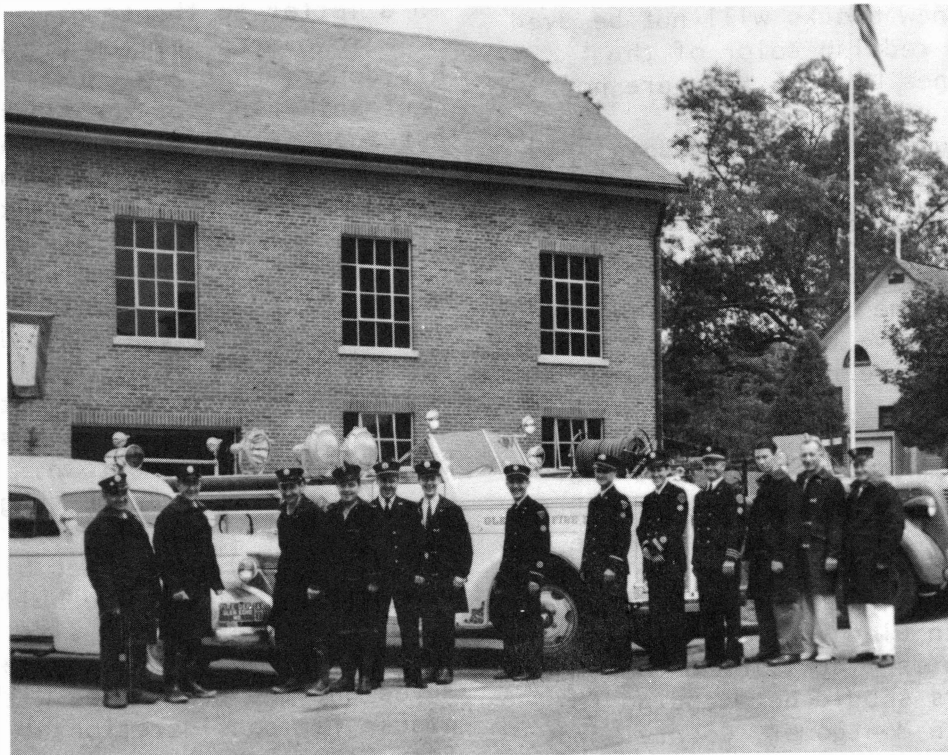
What is now the site of the Glen Echo Baptist Church was originally the home of the first Glen Echo Fire Department, built on the ground intended for the never-constructed Women's Temple of the 1880s Chautauqua period. In its original form, in the early 1930s, the fire station was no larger than a good-sized garage.

In October, 1934, the Public Works Administration gave a grant and loan to The Conduit Road Fire Board, which consisted of the Mayor and Town Council members, for the purpose of building a larger combination fire house and community hall at that location. (Conduit Road was the former name of MacArthur Blvd., since the aqueduct which runs under it is the conduit for water for the District of Columbia.) On July 20, 1935, the new building was dedicated with a senator and two congressmen present.

The building appeared much as it does today, except that the openings for fire trucks have been bricked up and a parking lot added. Originally, University Avenue continued right up to the brick walls.

Numerous town residents remember many a social event taking place in the upper level community hall, where church services are held today. Halloween parties, bingo, fund-raisers and political meetings were common there after 1935, since the old Town Hall, located across the street from the fire house entrance, had been converted to a Catholic church around 1928.

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Glen Echo Fire Station, circa 1940. Little Flower Catholic Church (r) was an elementary school as far back as 1906, later the first town hall and was torn down around the early 1950s.

GLEN ECHO FIRE STATION

(from preceding page)

Resident Ronnie Vine of Princeton Avenue fondly remembers the fire station's 1926 American La France pumper. It was the first truck owned by the Glen Echo Fire Department (although purchased second-hand) and was nick-named "Leaping Lena."

At that time, Ronnie was a volunteer fireman with the job of Driver No. 2. Willard Alban, uncle of Paul Alban of Bryn Mawr Avenue, was Driver No. 1. Unfortunately for Ronnie, Willard lived right next door to the fire station at 21 Vassar Circle, so he always got there first. Ronnie only got to drive the pumper once five miles up Wilson Lane, but "it was a big thrill that I'll remember as long as I live."

In 1941, the U.S. Army took over the top floor of the building to use as a barracks for soldiers guarding the aqueduct, according to Richard "Dicky" Arnold, who grew up at 23 Wellesley Circle, and is presently a lieutenant in the Glen Echo Fire Department at its Massachusetts Avenue location. His father was one of town residents who volunteered guard duty there during the war years.

When President Eisenhower was inaugurated in 1953, the fire station, which had one of the few television sets in town, placed it in the middle fire truck opening so that town residents could watch the events.

In 1954, the Glen Echo Fire Department moved to Massachusetts Avenue and Sangamore Road, partly to upgrade the insurance code rating for the residents it served by being more centrally located.

Soon afterwards, the Glen Echo Baptist Church moved in and did extensive remodeling. The Church was originated in about 1941 by a few families who met in the community hall above the fire station. That congregation moved to the present church annex at Harvard and University when the Episcopal Church which had been located there moved across MacArthur Blvd. When they moved

back to the former fire station in 1954, their pastor was Rev. David Cole, who still leads the congregation.

There are presently some 200-300 parishoners at the Church, several of whom are Glen Echo residents.



Kindergarten Round-up

Bannockburn Elementary School's annual Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Tuesday, May 4. Round-Up provides an opportunity for next year's entering students and their parents to visit the school, meet the kindergarten teacher and other staff members, and have an informal pre-kindergarten conference.

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before Dec. 31, 1982, please call Ms. Wright at the school (229-3097) for further information. (Conference times must be pre-scheduled.)

If your friend or neighbor has a child of the appropriate age, please pass this information along.

Thank you!

--- Ellen Hope

At the GLEN ECHO SHOPPING CENTER

Pharmacy Adds Electronic Games

Glen Echo Pharmacy has acquired two video games for its customers and added new lines of merchandise and new fixtures since it was sold to Paul and Ellie Miller a few months ago.

The owners withdrew their application for a beer and wine license because they are located less than 300 feet from a church, which would make it against County Health Department regulations.

The pharmacy section has been remodeled. In addition to owner Paul Miller, Bob Kuvent serves as pharmacist. Otherwise, the employees remain the same.



MAKING THE SKIES SAFER AND QUIETER

(Resident Chris Hewitt received this communication, which he wishes to pass on to readers.)

The recent Air Florida crash is a tragic reminder of the deficiencies of National Airport. The Coalition on Airport Problems (CAP) is mounting an intensive advertising and lobbying campaign to bring about a reduction of the jet traffic out of National. To do this, they need money. In the Glen Echo/Cabin John area, contributions should be sent:

c/o Dan Costello
6514 75th Street
Cabin John, Md. 20818

Make checks payable to CAP (they are tax-deductible). Let's act now to make the skies safer and quieter!

Pizza Take-out to Open Soon

Jack and Karen Marble are eating pizza nearly every night, a different recipe each time, and they're getting pretty sick of it.

But they want to offer their customers a good product, hopefully made entirely from scratch, when they open their pizza carry-out at Glen Echo Shopping Center next month.

With only 500 square feet of space, it'll be a "pretty simple basic type of operation," according to Karen Marble, who met her husband when she was a student at Whitman and a part-time employee of High's in 1971. Jack's parents have managed High's for about 15 years.

The shop will offer pizza, subs and possibly sandwiches, with no sit-down room and two employees. The pizza won't use pre-formed shells, but the Marbles may have to buy fresh dough from another source.

"We thought about doing this for a long time," said Karen. "We're trying to fill a need."

Hardware Store To Lower Prices

The new manager of Glen Echo Hardware says his policy will be to lower prices overall about 10-15%. He will also discontinue discounts for some customers beginning in April.

"Otherwise everything will stay about the same, with the same employees," said Tom Christopher, who worked at the store five years while attending high school and college.

Longtime owner of the store, Sam Schneider, retired in January and sold the store.

Mr. Christopher opened a hardware store in Gaithersburg with his brother Mike, two years ago. Mike will continue managing that store.

Seafood Deli to Open at Shopping Center

By Reed Coble

Sea Air Seafood, Inc., a co-operative venture which runs the open air fish market at the corner of MacArthur Blvd. and Wilson Lane, will soon be opening a seafood deli in the newly-remodeled Glen Echo Shopping Center.

The Co-op, which consists of seven stock owners and four apprentices and is presently based on Taft Street in Rockville, has been serving our community from the Cabin John Bridge location for the past two years. While this no-rent set-up may seem ideal, the costs in time, effort and gas associated with setting up and taking down what amounts to a store full of wares each day, plus the problems in dealing with the vagaries of the weather, make it more expensive than the rent on an indoor facility.

The Founder of the co-op, Ken Diffendorfer, has been associated with the sea all his life. Born in Okinawa, he has lived on every continent, except Antarctica, and has studied the seafood eating habits of people around the world. He finds that many fish considered delicacies in other parts of the world, such as Cusk and Lobo, are not harvested in American waters because American consumers are unfamiliar with them and not venturesome enough to try them.

One of the primary roles of the new store, to be named "Fishermen's Marketing Company," will be to educate consumers about these lesser-known, inexpensive and tasty seafoods. In addition to raw and prepared fish, the store will provide recipes and nutritional information.

The move from truck to store is actually just an additional step in the overall plan for the co-op members. Their ultimate goal is to have a vertically integrated fish company that controls the product from sea to market. The next phase will be the launching of their own fishing boat, a step they hope to take sometime this summer. But for now, they are simply looking forward to their move indoors, expected to take place later this month.

If you are interested in learning more about their plans, they publish a newsletter full of interesting facts about fish and fishing, which can be had by asking to be placed on their mailing list next time you visit their stand.

AT GLEN ECHO GALLERY

PHOTOGRAPHS BY MEN: The Sequel, an exhibit by Frank Herrera and Tom Wolff.

Tom Wolff, a photographer at Glen Echo Park and resident of this town, will have 15 photographs of Glen Echo in the show. He is an instructor at Shepherd College and recently had a one man exhibit there.

April 2 - April 28, week-
days 10 - 5; weekends, 12 - 6.

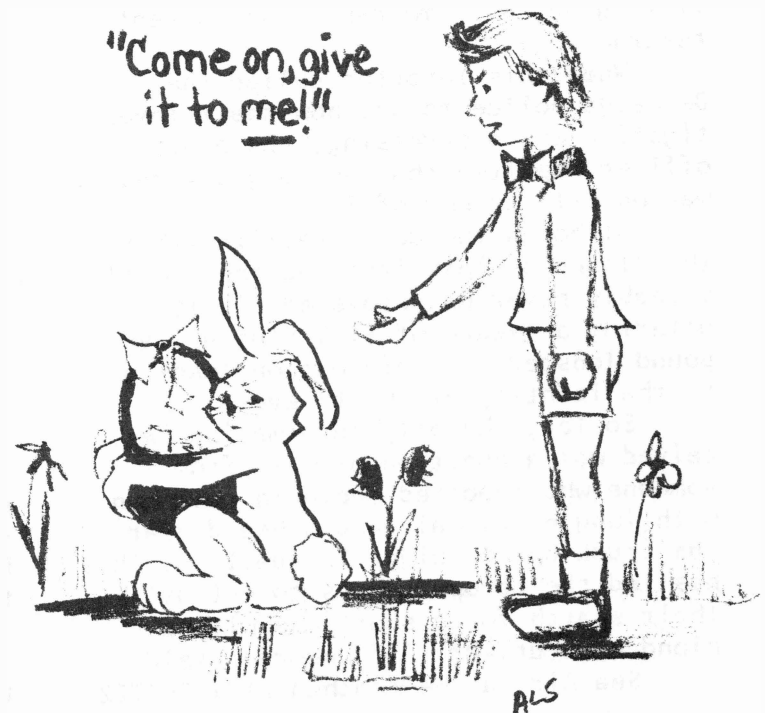


Illustration by Amy Simler

BURGLARY AT FISH TRUCK

By Reed Coble

Sometime during the night of March 5, the "Shrimp" truck, owned and operated by Sea Air Seafood, which parks just south of the Union Arch (Cabin John) Bridge, was entered by thieves, who made off with some \$1500 worth of seafood--mostly shrimp--and equipment.

Normally, at the end of the day, the wares are returned to the Rockville ice house for the night, according to Ken Diffendorfer, founder of the cooperative organization. However, on this particular night, a breakdown immobilized the truck, necessitating on-site storage for the night.

Someone took this opportunity to break a padlock on the rear door of the truck and abscond with its contents.

Although the crime was reported to the police, Mr. Diffendorfer feels he has little hope of the case being solved through this channel. Although the authorities have spent much time in checking the co-op's licenses and permits, in an apparent attempt to dislodge them from their location, the police spent less than five minutes filling out a crime report and haven't returned.

When this reporter called the Bethesda police to see how their investigation was progressing, the press officer reported that no burglary report was on file at her office.

Although the co-op realizes that the financial loss from the theft will probably never be recovered, it is offering a reward of \$100 plus a five pound lobster for information leading to the identity of the thieves.

So far, the only information received was a questionable tip from someone who reported seeing a tall man with long black hair and a beard near the truck on the night in question. This has led the co-op members to intensify their search for a short man with a blond crewcut, Mr. Diffendorfer said.

Sea Air can be reached at 762-2722.

SHOOTING AT SHOPPING CENTER

By Reed Coble

On February 22, at 4:30 p.m. a 27-year-old District man, visiting the Glen Echo Shopping Center, was shot in the right foot during an alleged robbery attempt. The victim described his alleged assailant as a black male, 23 to 28 years old, between 5'8" and 6' tall, weighing 185 pounds, of slender build, with short hair and a moustache, and wearing a blue jacket, blue "Lee" jeans and white basketball shoes.

The victim claims that the assailant approached him as he was leaving his car and demanded money. When the victim told the assailant that he had no money, the assailant pulled a revolver from his pocket, pointing it first at the victim, then at the ground, at which time he fired one shot, striking the victim in the foot.

The victim was transported to Suburban Hospital, where he was admitted in good condition.

While the press release from the Bethesda police indicated that the investigation of this incident is continuing, a follow-up call a month afterwards yielded no further information. None of the employees of stores at the Shopping Center who were asked had witnessed the shooting.

ECHO editor, Carlotta Anderson, noted she believes this is the first incident of this nature to occur here in her 13 years as a Glen Echo resident. If true, it is certainly an ominous escalation in the calibre of crime in our area.

Artists Invited to Exhibit

The YWCA of Montgomery County invites artists and craftsmen to exhibit and sell their creations at the YWCA Community Arts and Crafts Festival, to be held Saturday, May 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the YWCA, 2701 Bel Pre Rd., Silver Spring.

For an application and more information, call 460-3900.

COUNTY DECIDES AGAINST INSPECTION OF HOUSE

The County has decided against pursuing an internal inspection of the Manatos property at 6006 Bryn Mawr Avenue, according to a letter from Assistant County Attorney Adam Wojciak to town attorney Tom Craven.

The fact that the house has two kitchens is not in dispute, according to the letter. However, all tenants in the house are covered by a single lease and all have access to the entire house, it said. Thus, the property is not in violation of zoning laws.

The Council voted at its March 8 meeting to instruct Mr. Craven to attempt to get a copy of the lease from Montgomery County and that town action be postponed until then. The motion passed 3-0, with Councilwoman Rex Borsari abstaining.

---Julie Milstien

WSSC PAYS RESIDENT'S LAUNDRY BILL

When Clerk-Treasurer Paula Wolff, of Yale Avenue, washed her laundry on March 15, everything came out stained brown from the water. When the water was again clear, she re-washed the clothes several more times and got the stains out.

The following day, her laundry was more deeply stained and even bleach wouldn't clean it. Paula complained to WSSC that they should have warned her about the discolored water.

WSSC responded that there was no record of any work in Glen Echo that could have caused that condition and thought it might have been the fault of the fire department. Nevertheless, they decided she was entitled to a claim.

They told Paula to take the stained laundry to the International Fabric Care institute in Silver Spring which they described as a "trouble-shooting" cleaners. The bill will go to WSSC.

Paula requested that if any WSSC work in the future might disturb the water clarity, town residents be warned in advance.

TROLLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY CONCERNS COUNCIL

O. Roy Chalk, owner of the former trolley right-of-way alongside MacArthur Blvd., has not responded to a letter from Mayor Fred Kunster concerning maintenance of the property.

The town's alternatives, Mayor Kuster suggested at the March 8 Town Council meeting, are to clean up the right-of-way and add its cost to the tax bill, or to find some means of acquiring the property by donation, purchase or condemnation as a scenic easement.

The town is obtaining copies of the County condemnation ordinance, as well as those from other municipalities.

Councilwoman Long suggested that Mr. Chalk be approached with the idea of donating the right-of-way for tax purposes.

In the meantime, Mr. Craven will send another letter to Mr. Chalk notifying him of the town's intent to clean up the right-of-way, which is within the corporate limits of the town, and add the expense to his tax bill.

---Julie Milstien

Club to Present Ice Rink Plans

The Montgomery County Amateur Hockey Association will present its plan for an Olympic-sized ice rink in Glen Echo Park to the National Park Service this month.

The proposed rink would be built with private funds for between \$1-2 million on land leased from the Park Service.

The imminent dismantling of the locker rooms of the swimming pool once located on the site, as well as the sculpture studio, is exactly what the Association was hoping for, but "they didn't do it for us," spokesman Barry Maloney pointed out.

The pool was some 20 feet shorter than would be required for the rink, and with the locker rooms gone, "We can just expand that way," he said, "and still use the other three sides of the pool."

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 12 - 8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

All Residents Encouraged to Attend

Those wishing to add items to the agenda of the meeting should contact Clerk-Treasurer Paula Wolff.

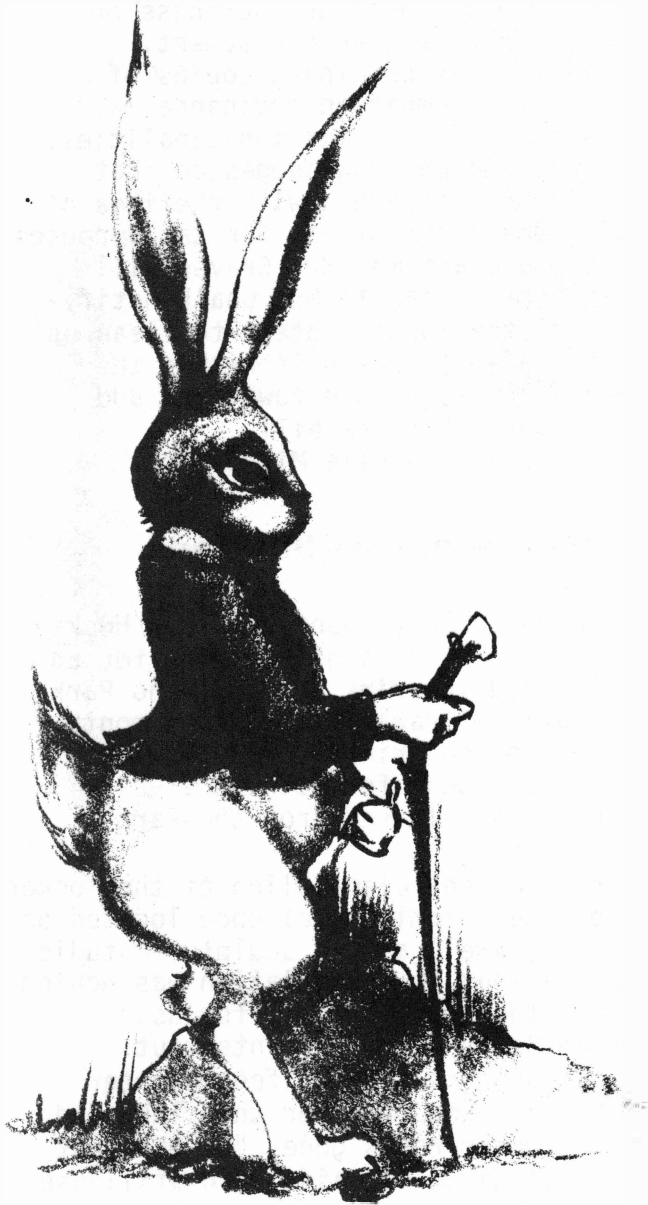


Illustration by Jackie Peed

Town Council Highlights

March 8

Councilwoman Long asked the town attorney to look into the feasibility of the town's acquiring scenic easements on property surrounding houses in order to prevent resubdivision by future owners....

Resident Heather Plunkett complained that streetlights on MacArthur Blvd. are not bright enough to illuminate town street signs or pedestrians on the bike path. The Mayor asked the Clerk-Treasurer to talk to Pepco about possible solutions...

Town-sponsored landscaping around entrances to town and on private lawns was suggested by resident Rollina Sadarangani. Councilwoman Long said she would ask the landscaper from the Army Corps of Engineers to come to the next meeting to discuss available options along the aqueduct. Councilwoman Borsari suggested the possibility of tree donations from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture...

The Council decided to send Lt. Gov. Sam Bogley a letter complimenting him on his vocal support of municipalities. The Maryland Municipal League had asked the town to do this...

Town resident Julie Milstein requested the Council's surveillance of the commercial development at the Glen Echo Shopping Center as it may affect the safety of the town, in particular the installation of video games and other changes at the Glen Echo Pharmacy...

C and P Telephone has requested permission to move overhead lines underground at Cornell and Wellesley...

Alberta Bartkus has donated an electric broom and electric can opener to the Town Hall.....

---Julie Milstien

THE BOY WHO BRINGS THE NEWS: William Aldridge

Readers who brand today's youth spoiled, shiftless or unmotivated will take heart at the story of William Aldridge. An earnest, 13-year-old with neatly combed sandy-colored hair and blue eyes, William (not "Bill") is Glen Echo's Washington Post delivery boy.

Six days a week, William awakens at 4:30 a.m., delivers 71 papers by 7:00 a.m. and catches the school bus at 7:50. He returns home at 4:00 p.m., does his homework and goes to bed at 9:00, getting just a little over seven hours sleep. It's not enough for a growing boy, of course, so he catches up on weekends.

Sunday is his day to sleep in--until 5:40, that is. Sections of the paper are delivered to his home at 6004 Princeton Avenue by the distributor; it takes William an hour to put the papers together. At 7:00 he starts delivery, putting each paper in a plastic bag while a friend or relative drives him around town. The Sunday papers are too heavy to place on a dolly.

One week a month he collects--two hours per night for six nights in order to catch all the residents. He gets paid \$135 per month, augmented by the 50¢ to \$1.00 most residents tip.

It's Williams's first job and he's very proud to be working. He also enjoys it. "I like the idea of being up before everyone, and the fresh air," he says. "It's not hard work."

He's torn between efficiency and pleasure, however. Originally it took him two hours to deliver the papers; he's just worked out a system to speed it up to one-and-a-half hours. Unfortunately, the new system "takes the fun out of the job."

He also has worked out a throwing technique. "I throw from five meters, at an angle, so that one side hits first. That way it doesn't make much noise."

William thinks metrically be-



cause he has been attending French schools since the fourth grade. He spent his early childhood in Memphis, Tennessee, where his father was vice-president of the Memphis Theological Seminary. After his father died in 1975, William's mother, Elizabeth, having enjoyed living in Europe previously, decided to return to France. She took William and his brother, John, leaving her

three elder daughters in the U.S. They settled in Aix-en-Provence, where William attended a premaire (French elementary school) from the fourth to sixth grades. For most of that time, he was the only American at the school.

They next spent 10 months in Thailand, living with his uncle, who is in the Foreign Service. A year-and-a-half ago, they moved to Glen Echo, joined by sister Lesa. William attends the French International School in Bethesda, where all instruction is in French except for music and English classes.

"Other members of my family once spoke French and then lost the ability," he explains. "I'm thinking of going into the Foreign Service and want to maintain my fluency."

William plans to spend a month this summer with a French friend in Aix-en-Provence and will pay his student air fare with money he has earned.

William has had few customer complaints since he took over the route five months ago. Occasionally the distributor brings too few papers; sometimes

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WILLIAM ALDRIDGE (from p. 11)

William misses a house by mistake; the times he has been sick, he has tried to deliver the papers later in the day. Once the papers were too wet to deliver. William spread them on the floor to dry and delivered them after school. His record has been so outstanding he received the Washington Post Outstanding Carrier of 1981 award.

What William does not want customers to do is phone the Washington Post if they do not receive a paper on time. "Every call to the Post is registered as a complaint against me, no matter what the cause," he says. "And we are too far from the delivery zone for them to deliver the missing paper." He'd like the residents to phone him directly with a complaint at 229-7908. If he missed the house by mistake, he'll have an extra paper.

Last month he initiated a new collection system. He left an envelope in each paper for customers to put a check in and asked them to leave the envelope in their mailboxes for him to pick up later. He will use this new procedure only on alternate months, however.

"I want to continue to maintain personal contact with my customers," he explains, with the wisdom of a born entrepreneur.

---Carlotta Anderson

The End of a Long Partnership

Local trees of different species rarely grow so close to one another that their trunks touch and form overlapping flanges. An unusual pair comprised of a tall American elm and American sycamore joined in such a fashion along the Potomac River near Glen Echo. Unfortunately, due to the Dutch elm disease this strange partnership has ended; the elm has succumbed...

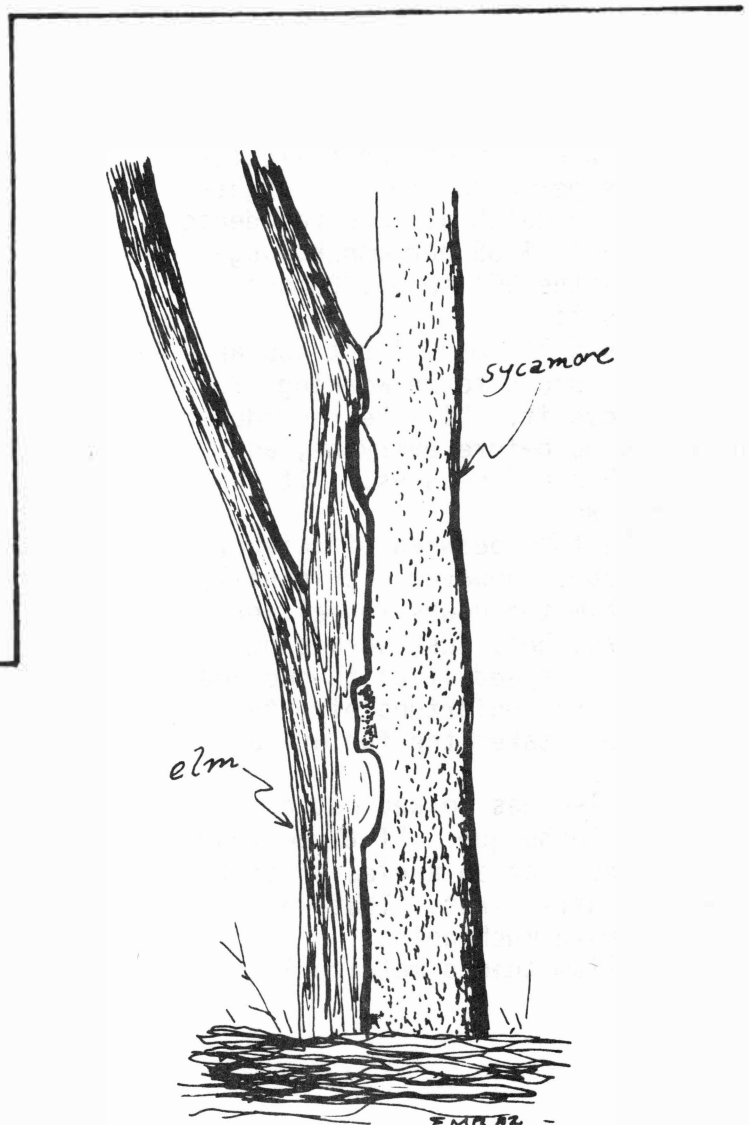
---Edd Barrows

HALL ACOUSTICS PRAISED

"One of the nicest little theaters I have attended" is how theater critic Davey Marlin-Jones described the Glen Echo Town Hall after watching a performance of "Alvin Was A Mean Old Boy" staged there by the Writer's Center.

Jane Fox of the Center pronounced the acoustics "excellent." You'd think with the cinderblock walls and wood floors everything would echo, but there was no problem at all," she said. "It worked beautifully."

A poetry reading by the Center in February drew a near-capacity (124) audience to the Town Hall. Some 65-85 people attended each of the two play performances.



THE KEYHOLE

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By

Tillie McGally

"Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stops these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." This could also apply to Julie Milstein of 6000 Harvard Avenue, who ran the Bethesda Chase (a half marathon--12.4 miles) on March 7th. It rained the whole day, with temperatures around 40°. Julie said "it was just awful, not fun at all." She was ankle deep in mud in the portion running thru Rock Creek Park. Her sweat suit and shoes were weighted down with water and very heavy. She had to keep wringing out her gloves, but it was too cold to go without them.

Last year she was quoted in the Echo as saying "never again." Since she couldn't refrain from entering this year's race with all the rain, I'm sure she will again be among the runners next year--come rain or shine. Ever think of becoming a "mail person" Julie? You certainly would qualify with your fortitude and determination.

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Through the efforts of those "dedicated couriers" mentioned previously, we have received news from three of our former neighbors with accounts of their activities.

Irene Cannon of Arizona, formerly of 5 Vassar Circle, tells us that she and Ed may be retired, but they still keep busy. Besides being enrolled in a water color class, Irene also takes "social dancing" lessons. At the present time Ed is in Mexico at school. He had been studying Spanish and, for a while, he resided with a Spanish speaking family, which enabled him to practise what he learned. After school in Mexico, he should be quite fluent in Español. Combining his eloquence with their dancing lessons (in which he participates when home) who knows? Maybe some day they will become as famous as Irene and Vernon Castle.*

*An internationally famous husband and wife ballroom dancing team who won their first award in Paris in 1912.

Also heard from Linda and Bill Cannon who occupied the home at 7314 University Avenue. She said they are having a very mild winter for Idaho. The main problem is lack of work during the winter months. Next year they may come back for a visit with her family. She sends regards to their friends in town.

The third former neighbor to keep in touch with us is Marie Hertstein who lived at 6108 Princeton Avenue before moving to Macon, Georgia. She recently returned from California where she visited sons Willie and Mark and their families. Returned in time to go to Florida with daughter Kay and family with whom she resides. Jan Palumbo, another former neighbor, met her at Satellite Beach and together they visited Al Gatley, our one time Chief of Police, and his wife, Dot. From there they drove to Marathon to visit Agnes Thomas who lived in Fairway Hills but was well known in Glen Echo. Last stop on their "former neighbors tour" was to visit with Ann (Olive), who recently remarried.

Marie also sends a greeting to her Glen Echo friends.

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Current neighbors, who will soon be leaving Glen Echo, are Mary Ann Larkin, and her children Molly and Patrick, of 6102 Bryn Mawr Avenue. They have lived here for several years but will soon change their mailing address to Bethesda, Maryland.

Best wishes and happiness in your new home.

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APRIL "HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO TO:

Julia Anderson-----April 24

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Classified Ads

I'LL DO ANY JOB: wash cars, rake yards, walk dogs, feed cats, etc., except for babysitting. Reasonable rates. Call Benjamin Milstien, 229-4529. If you want a babysitter, ask for Sarah Milstien.

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TWO-ROOM APARTMENT available April 1 near Glen Echo. Share kitchen. Separate entrance on bus line. \$295/mo. includes utilities. Call Mrs. Larkin at 229-6416 or 347-4823.

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FOR SALE - 10 Gal. Aquarium and hood with florescent lighting, \$20. Call 229-2462 before 8:30 a.m. or after 10 p.m.

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NEED OUTDOOR PAINTING DONE? High school senior experienced in house painting available. \$6.50/hr. Good references. Call Pat Cronin at 229-6416.

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Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents and may be left in THE ECHO box at the Post Office or given to Ann Simpich, 23 Wellesley Circle. Please do not phone them to the editor.

Fee to non-residents; 50c per line of 36 spaces or fewer. Make checks payable to "The Town of Glen Echo" and mail to Ann Simpich, 23 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, Md. 20812.

AD DEADLINE: APRIL 23

NOTICE

Please do not put telephone books and magazines together with newspapers for the special Friday newspaper pickup since they cannot be recycled for use as newsprint.

At the CLARA BARTON SITE

Sunday, April 18

QUILTING DEMONSTRATION, 2-4 p.m. Eleanor Graham and other expert quilters from the Annandale Chapter of Quilters Unlimited will demonstrate quilting techniques and display their handiwork. Visitors are invited to bring their own projects for advice or comparison.

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Sunday, April 25

HISTORICAL FASHION SHOW, 2 p.m. A unique parade of women's dress from 1775-1905 will highlight the afternoon along with an explanation of how the changing fashions correlated to the changes occurring in women's lifestyles.

WANTED: People interested in modeling costumes in the Historical Fashion Show, We especially need women and children between ages 8-16. Anyone interested should call 492-6245.

Adventure Theatre presents

THE GHOST OF CANTERVILLE HALL
Match 27 - April 25

TALES OF RUDYARD KIPLING
May 1 - May 30

Sat. & Sun., 1:00 & 3:30 p.m.
Reservations: 320-5331

GROUND BROKEN FOR TOWN HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

A 13-acre site at Massachusetts Avenue and Goldsboro Road is being cleared this month for a development of 49 town houses. Construction of the houses will begin in late spring, with one group expected to be ready for occupancy in late summer.

There will be three models, each having three bedrooms and three-and-a-half baths, according to Steve Miller of Crowell and Baker, the developer and builder. The town houses will have brick veneer.

The homes will be built in groups and in phases, proceeding gradually up the hill facing Massachusetts Ave. Completion dates will depend on sales.

Selling price for the homes has not yet been set, Mr. Miller said. When asked if the firm was not worried by the current slow housing market, he said it was worried, but felt it was offering "a magnificent site and an exceptional piece of work."

He said new roads would be built into the site.



Floral illustrations in this issue
by Jackie Peed

COUNCIL COMMENTS to Nancy Helmig

Mayor Fred Kuster:

The Fire Commission has refused to hear our request to consolidate the town into one Fire District serviced by the Glen Echo Fire Department on Massachusetts Avenue. My next step will be to involve elected county officials as soon as possible in order to rectify our dichotomized situation.

Town residents wishing to lend weight to the drive for a new fire truck will find petitions at Westbard and Little Falls Shopping Centers on alternating days, and every day at the fire station.

An engineer will shortly be assessing town street conditions, particularly Talane Avenue.

Montgomery County Refuse Co. will "spring clean" the town shortly.

Councilwoman Debbie Beers:

An exterminator has taken down the shutters from three upper windows of the Town Hall and removed the bats that were hiding behind them. Suggestions for bat-proofing the shutters so that the bats cannot return, and volunteers for bat-proofing and replacing the shutters are needed. Please contact me if you would like to help.

Spring is here and any suggestions regarding and/or offers of help to maintain the Town Hall grounds and exterior would be appreciated.

I would also like to hear from any residents interested in creating a town playground for small children.

From the Animal Control Officer:

I caught a third raccoon last month. Rabid raccoons have occurred in Virginia, so please be careful if you see any.

---Daryl Kuster