

The Echo

The Town of
GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND
Chartered, 1904



JUNE 1983

Rabid Raccoon Trapped in Glen Echo

A raccoon which had been spotted in town several times over a three-day period was trapped May 10 by a Park Ranger on Princeton Avenue and later determined to be rabid.

The raccoon was sighted on Sunday, May 8, by Giff Eldredge of 6004 Princeton Avenue, who thought it was acting strangely. He called Animal Control Officer Daryl Kuster, while his sister, Nanny, called Willem Polak who lives across the street and into whose yard the raccoon had wandered.

"Daryl got down here faster than I could get outside," Mr. Polak recounted. She had a trap with her and left it in the yard. Mr. Polak said the raccoon was limping as if it had been injured, and was very thin and listless.

Since the Polaks had killed nine copperheads in their yard in the two weeks previously, they were not letting their children in the yard in any case, but he termed the situation "scary." Two days later, on Tuesday, several people from the Park Service chased the raccoon from the Clara Barton House into the Polak's yard, where it cowered under the deck.

Park Ranger Hank Snyder, a Resource Management Specialist, tried to snare the animal in the yard with a snare pole which has a cable through the middle and a loop which can be tightened. It ran onto Princeton Avenue where he snared it, transferred it into a cage and took it to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

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Come to the TOWN PICNIC

Sunday, June 26
6:00 p.m.



Town Park--Corner of Princeton and
University Avenues

Bring a salad, main dish or
dessert to share with your
neighbors, and
your own beverages, cups, plates
and eating utensils

NEWCOMERS ESPECIALLY WELCOME
(in case of rain, picnic will
be held in the Town Hall)

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GLEN ECHO RABIES CLINIC AND DOG TAGS ON JUNE 23

On Thursday, June 23, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., dog tags and rabies vaccinations will be available at the Town Hall.

All dog owners and cat owners are required to have current rabies vaccinations for their animals. All dogs over four (4) months of age must have a current rabies vaccination and be licensed. The rabies vaccinations will be available free to all Glen Echo dog or cat owners.

Dr. Raymond Craft, DVM, from PetVac, will be giving the vaccinations. He will also be available for heartworm tests, distemper vaccinations and stool checks for dogs and cats at a fee. Dr. Craft is located on MacArthur Blvd. and Wilson Lane Thursday from 1:00-4:00 p.m., offering low cost mobile veterinary service and has house call service by calling 933-4277.

The fee for dog tags is \$4 for unspayed females and \$2 for neutered females or male dogs.

RABID RACCOON (from page 1)

He assumes it was killed there and the brain tissue cultured and looked at under a fluorescent wave length. On May 12 it was determined that the raccoon showed positive presence of rabies, he said.

Ranger Snyder said it was the third one he had snared this season and that he considers his a dangerous job. "Sometimes they are hissing or spitting and the saliva transmits the disease. You can wear gloves, but they can bite through the cage. Sometimes you don't have gloves handy, and if you garden a lot, your hands are always nicked.

"I would advise the public to go to any extreme to avoid having contact with wild animals at this time."

He said Glen Echo is adjacent to an ideal raccoon habitat, with estimates as high as 20 per acre in the Potomac Valley. Additionally, more raccoons are out in warm weather.

He said that although it is unusual to see a raccoon in the daytime, it does not mean it has rabies, particularly if it is in a trash can, where it could have remained overnight.

Meanwhile, Mr. Polak has had enough encounters with wildlife for a while. He said it was reassuring, however, to see everyone react so quickly and "do such a good job."

-- Carlotta Anderson

HOW TO AVOID CONTACT WITH RABID ANIMALS

1. Don't feed pets outside.
2. Keep garbage lids on tight.
3. Keep dogs on leashes or in sight when outside at all times.
4. Keep cats in at night and be sure they are innoculated. If they come home with scratches or bites, put them under a veterinarian's observation.
5. Remove stray animals from town.
6. Screen your chimney and patch up any holes.
7. Warn your children but don't terrorize them.
8. Be alert to wild animals.
9. If bitten by a wild animal, have it kept under observation so it can be caught and treated for rabies.

--From Resource Management Specialist
Hank Snyder of the George Washington
Memorial Parkway

FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:

Attention all residents:

It is important for all residents to be aware of animal bite procedure. If you or someone in your family is bitten by an animal, it is important to notify animal control for follow-up on current rabies vaccination and quarantine.

It is also important to have proper medical care of the bite site.

It has been brought to my attention recently that two so-called "good neighbors" not in Glen Echo did not report a dog bite and since then the same dog has bitten a 16 month old on the face.

The good neighbor should be the dog owner who should realize that if a dog has bitten before, it should not be left tied in a public place to bite again.

Prevention is the responsibility of all.

--From Daryl Kuster, Animal Control Officer

MAYOR RESOLVES TO ENFORCE DRINKING, PARKING LAWS ADJACENT TO TRAV'S INN

By Frank Corder

Mayor Kuster warned the operators of Trav's Inn at a May 5 meeting that the town intends to enforce parking violations by tavern customers and step up its efforts to clear the streets and sidewalks in that area of public drinkers.

The Mayor arranged the meeting with Robert E. Butler and LeRoy C. Corcoran, who were recently granted a Class D Beer and Wine License, to seek the licensees' cooperation in eliminating such problems. A Class D license permits both on and off sale of alcoholic beverages.

At the meeting, Mayor Kuster emphasized that public drinking on municipal property near Trav's violates Maryland law and brings disrepute on the town. He told the Town Council at its May meeting that Messrs. Butler and Corcoran disclaimed any responsibility for the conduct of their customers after they leave the tavern.

He invited them to attend the Council meeting, he said, but they did not appear.

To prepare for enforcement of parking regulations and a crackdown on public consumption of alcoholic beverages near the licensed premises, the Mayor met with Montgomery County Police Captain Renfro, head of the Bethesda precinct. Mayor Kuster reported Capt. Renfro's pledge of cooperation in the town's effort. He will provide evening and weekend, patrol-car surveillance of the Tulane Avenue area.

Glen Echo Park Site Manager Audrey Calhoun authorized installation of signs prohibiting alcoholic consumption and vehicle parking on National Park Service property along Tulane Avenue and promised regular patrols by U.S. Park Police to encourage enforcement.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT UNDERWAY

By Frank Corder

The triennial reassessment of real property in the Town of Glen Echo is underway, according to George Andrews, Assistant Supervisor of Assessments for Montgomery County. He said the new assessments will not take effect until tax year 1984.

Assessor Donald Walker of Section R-2 of the Montgomery County Assessments Office is conducting physical inspections of Glen Echo premises, confining his on-site observations to the exteriors of houses unless interior inspections are requested by the property owners.

Land and improvements are assessed at 100% of their fair market value. Mr. Andrews estimated that on an average for Montgomery County as a whole, the fair market value of real property has increases by approximately 25% over the last three years. He pointed out, however, that this figure does not necessarily apply to any particular parcel of real property or to the property in any particular location such as Glen Echo.

In the event the assessment of any property is increased, it will be implemented in equal increments over tax years 1984, 1985, and 1986, according to Mr. Andrews.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, June 8 -- 8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

All Residents Encouraged to Attend

Please note change in date of
meeting.

NEW COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE

Mayor Kuster welcomed the three incoming members of the newly-constituted Glen Echo Town Council at its May meeting. He announced the reelection of Nancy Long by 37 votes and reported that William Shultz received 36 votes to fill the seat vacated by Regis (Rex) Borsari.

Both candidates, who will serve four-year terms, ran unopposed.

On the day after the May 2 election, Mayor Kuster administered the oath of office to the two elected candidates and then convened a special session of the Town Council at which he nominated Harry Odell to replace former Councilwoman Bonnie Whyte, who recently resigned.

The Council unanimously approved Mr. Odell's appointment to serve the remaining two years of Ms. Whyte's term of office.

As he opened the May 9 Council meeting, the Mayor expressed the hope that he and the Council "can move together for a promising future for Glen Echo."

Councilman Odell will be responsible for vehicle control and Councilman Shultz will oversee maintenance of public ways.

The election was conducted by Paul Alban, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and by Supervisors Betty Briggs, Nancy Helmig and Barbara Odell.

---Frank Corder

Classified Ads

REMINDER: Ongoing classes at the Bannockburn Clubhouse - "Stretch & Tone," "Jazz," "Modern Dance." Children & Adults. Focus on individual attention. Low rates. Contact Debby Kanter, 656-2427 for information and registration.

PROFESSIONAL WOMAN with two children seeks nice 3-bedroom home to rent, summer occupancy. Call Dale Whedler, 466-5220, 9-5.

BABYSITING, Mon-Sun, Call 229-4529.
Ask for Paula Guber

PLAYGROUND FUND-RAISING OFF TO GOOD START

Town residents are collecting funds at Glen Echo Park every Sunday afternoon for the children's playground to be constructed near the Spanish Ballroom.

By the end of May, \$320 had been collected at the table manned by Mayor Fred Kuster, Town Councilwomen Nancy Long and Debbie Beers, and residents Marie Hewitt, Jan Shaut and Cathie Polak.

Press releases describing the town-sponsored campaign to raise \$20,000 for the project have been sent to area newspapers and TV and radio stations.

Architect Ralph Giammateo of the firm Giammateo and Muse is preparing a three-dimensional model of the proposed playground which will serve as a campaign aid and be displayed at the Park's Chataqua Tower. He is the son of the late Joe Giammateo, for many years Chief of the Glen Echo Fire Department.

A major revision to the original plan calls for moving the playground closer to the Crystal Pool location in order to reserve space for a dining patio if food service facilities are provided at the Ballroom building in the future.

Glen Echo Park Site Manager Audrey Calhoun said that playground equipment will be ordered after plans for the playground are approved by the Town Council and the National Park Service.

Checks for the playground fund should be made payable to the National Park Foundation and sent to Playground Committee, Town of Glen Echo, Town Hall, Glen Echo, MD. 20812. Contributions are tax-deductible

---Frank Corder

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents and may be left in THE ECHO box at the Post Office or given to Carolyn Reptsik, 7309 University Ave. Please do not phone them to the Editor.

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AD DEADLINE : 24th of each month.

COMMENTARY

Three Cheers for a Town Bird, Tree, Flower and Insect!

By Edd Barrows

Two recent events started me thinking about the idea that Glen Echo should choose a town bird, tree, flower, and insect. First of all, the U.S. Postal Service recently issued a beautiful set of stamps of all state birds and flowers. Second, in 1982 Calvin County, MD, voted the zebra swallowtail butterfly to be its county insect, possibly the first case of any county having an official insect, although some states have a state one, like Virginia, with the voracious praying mantid, and North Carolina, with the industrious honey bee.

It's possible that Glen Echo could add to its uniqueness by being the FIRST TOWN IN THE USA to have an official bird, tree, flower, and insect. I would like to nominate the following organisms for your consideration; your comments would be much appreciated.

Town Bird: blue jay. This is a well-known member of the crow family (Corvidae) and one of the most beautiful and intelligent American birds. Jays are year round residents of Glen Echo. No state has appointed the blue jay as state bird; it's overkill that seven states have designated the cardinal (also a common Glen Echo bird).

Town Tree: tulip tree. I have written about the virtues of this native tree in a past issue of THE ECHO.

Town Flower: wild aster. Any of our several species could be included here. The most attractive, I think, is the lavender one that bloomed from October through December, 1982. It's a perennial that springs up along the streets and elsewhere in town. The town flower, in my opinion, should be a native plant (as are these asters) rather than an alien one. It's unfortunate that so many states have chosen foreign flowers as their state ones, e.g., camellia, peony, carnation, red clover, lilac, and orange blossom. No state has chosen the native asters. "Aster" is Latin for star--quite patriotic.



Wild
Aster

Town Insect: spicebush swallowtail butterfly. These extraordinary butterflies are common in Glen Echo gardens in the summer, sipping nectar from flowers. Their caterpillars feed on leaves of spicebush which grows in surrounding woods. The adults are black, with about 3½" wing spans and iridescent blue or bluish green, yellow, and orange markings. Males have blue hindwings; females, bluish green ones.

NOTEWORTHY GLEN ECHO BUILDINGS: 7317 Columbia Avenue

By Harry Odell

When my wife, Barbara, telephoned one day in 1971 to tell me she had seen a house in Glen Echo that might suit us, she added that it belonged to the "kind of nice old lady you would want to buy a house from." It did suit us, we bought it, and Mrs. Schweitzer was indeed, at the age of 91, exactly as advertised. We later came to realize that she was not only nice, but an unusual person, with an interesting personal history, in part reflected by the house we now owned.

Mrs. Schweitzer--nee Daisy St. James--and her late husband had built the house in 1953/54 to replace one taken by the authorities when the Parkway was constructed alongside the canal. Long-time residents have told us that the earlier Schweitzer house, built of stone with a veranda on the river side, was the most imposing of the several houses given up by the town as its Parkway sacrifice. Their new, and more modest, house was well built of fine material, and incorporated design features that make it eminently livable. One of those features, which helped make it rentable when the time came, is a separate entrance to a groundfloor bedroom and bath, designed to accomodate an infirm Mr. Schweitzer, who, however, reportedly never used it as intended.

The Schweitzers evidently like wood fires and included two fireplaces, one in the living room and one in the basement. This latter area has gradually become our library, TV room and all purpose place of gathering. There are screened porches on two floors, pleasant spots in warm weather.

Fortunately for them, and for us, the Schweitzers owned a substantial amount of property in the neighborhood and thus were able to site the house on a lot somewhat larger than the norm, while retaining an adjoining lot of conventional size for privacy or subsequent development. They also preserved, on the corner of Harvard and Columbia Avenues, a noble Willow Oak that produces quantities of leaves and contributes shade to the amenities of the neighborhood.

The Schweitzers did not throw things away casually, and when Mrs. Schweitzer finally moved to Florida with her 94-year-old sister, Clara St. James, she left diverse objects from her past, including a set of canvas marking tapes for a clay tennis court, now the site of the Beaubien house at 7315 Columbia Avenue, wooden packing cases suggesting service with the U.S. High Commissioner in the Philippines, well-thumbed copies of Thomas Cook's guidebooks (1900 edition) to Switzerland and the Rhine, and two fine crosscut saws, made obsolescent by the chain saw, but still hanging on the garage wall and ready for use if needed.

From time to time, as these and other artifacts surfaced, I would write Mrs. Schweitzer, always receiving polite and properly drafted replies. We realized, of course, that a woman of what my father called "parts," born in 1880, would certainly have had connections worth recording. Accordingly, we were not especially surprised, but pleasantly intrigued, to learn that the young Miss St. James had been for a time personal secretary to Clara Barton



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7317 Columbia Avenue
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of the Red Cross. It somehow made our home, and us, seem more a part of things in Glen Echo.

My job took us away for extended periods, but we were lucky in our tenants, one of whom added a special dimension to our feeling for the house and for the town. Angus McDermid, Washington correspondent for the British Broadcasting Corporation, taped his broadcasts in the room where I am writing, and we heard his voice each week coming across the Atlantic from Glen Echo. Angus and his wife, Nan, became our friends, and have entertained us wonderfully in their remote Welsh retirement home.

Now we are experiencing another Glen Echo spring, and are again glad that we found a house for sale by "a nice old lady."

(Editor's Note: When the Schweitzers moved to Glen Echo in 1909, they rented a house from Dr. Julian B. Hubbell, an associate of Clara Barton. Mrs. Schweitzer helped Miss Barton with her secretarial work for a year and a half before her last illness. Mr. Schweitzer, who was Clerk Treasurer with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, also served for a period as Glen Echo Town Clerk. He died in 1963 and Mrs. Schweitzer in 1977.)

LOW COST RENTAL HOUSING OFFERED IN CABIN JOHN

Seventeen of the townhouses now under construction off Seven Locks Road in Cabin John will be available for rental under the County's Minimum Priced Dwelling Unit program, according to The Village News of Cabin John.

The rent will be \$580 per month plus utilities. To qualify for rental, a single person can have a maximum income of \$27,900 and a family of five to eight persons \$35,900.

Families interested in renting should request an application from the Office of Affordable Homes, telephone 279-1254.

SHORT TAKES

The Montgomery County Council unanimously approved the budgeting of \$180,000 for the reconstruction of the Cabin John Recreation Center, The Village News reported in its May issue.

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Glen Echo is looking brighter this spring, thanks to the efforts of some residents who are doing major painting or landscaping. Trav's tavern is getting a new coat of paint, as are the houses at 6101 Harvard Avenue and 6110 Oberlin Avenue. The Shultz family improved the appearance of Wellesley Circle with a new flower bed in the front of their house at 42 Wellesley.

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Giff Eldridge will cut the town grass every two weeks throughout the summer at the Town Hall, the town park and town property between Tulane and Oberlin Avenues.

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Eric Anderson and associates will soon be painting the yellow lines on streets and curbs.

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At the CLARA BARTON SITE

TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY TRANSPORTATION

Sunday, June 12, 2-5 p.m.

Penny-farthing bikes, horse and buggy

19TH CENTURY MUSIC

Sunday, June 26, 2-5 p.m.

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WANTED--vintage cars pre-1912. We are sponsoring a program featuring turn-of-the-century transportation methods. If you are interested in showing off your marvelous motoring machine contact Gail Klawitter at 492-6245 for further information.



Flower, Tree Plantings Beautifying Town

The Vassar Circle area is the next target of landscaping efforts by the town's Arbor Day Committee, Brockie Stevenson told the Town Council at its May meeting.

Holly and a variety of deciduous trees will be planted around the periphery of the Glen Echo Baptist Church property sometime this fall. The Church has granted permission to carry out the projected plantings on its land.

Mr. Stevenson told the Council that the 10 cypresses planted in the town park recently will grow one-and-a-half feet annually in achieving a 50-foot height. The five slower-growing clump birch planted there will attain a height of 15-20 feet, he said.

The golden rain tree planted between the Post Office and MacArthur Blvd. will grow 12-18" a year until it is approximately 50 feet high.

Mr. Stevenson also reported receipt of a \$25 donation to the Arbor Day fund from Peggy Kritzer, who conducts Slimnastics classes at the Town Hall under sponsorship of the County Department of Recreation.

This year, as for the past five, Brockie and Jane Stevenson have furnished and planted annuals in the circular flower bed around the flagpole at the Town Hall. This year Susan Catlett contributed to the purchase of red and white begonias within a ring of blue ageratum.

Two residents made beautification suggestions at the May meeting. Bertha Smith recommended landscaping the Oxford Road entrance to the town. Councilman Shultz suggested hanging baskets of flowers from street signs.

---Frank Corder



David Swanson, who moved to 6109 Harvard in March, wanted to live in this area "because of the community spirit." He had lived on Barr Road in Bannockburn before moving to Houston, Texas, in 1979.

David is in computer sales for the National Cash Register Corp. and worked in sales for Xerox and Datapoint in Texas. From 1976-79, he was general manager for the Magic Pan creperies in Tyson's Corner and Montgomery Mall, and then spent a year pursuing a Master's degree in Business Administration at the University of Maryland.

He is interested in sports of all kinds, in particular, sailing, as well as in photography. He also volunteered that he is 32 and single.

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COUNCIL BUDGETS \$72,925 FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR

The Town Council revised the original estimate of 1984 expenses for Town Hall repair and maintenance and traffic engineering downward to match the 1984 income at its budget hearing on May 25.

The Town Hall item was decreased from \$7500 to \$6500 and traffic engineering from \$20,000 to \$15,475. Except for refuse removal services, these were the largest items in the new budget.

The Council also voted to reestablish the tax rate at \$0.75 per \$100 valuation on real estate and personal property. The Mayor noted that regardless of how much of an increase might result from the current reassessment of Glen Echo houses, the tax can only be implemented at a rate of 15% per year.

Eight residents attended the hearing.

-- Frank Corder and
Carlotta Anderson

Flea Market Profits Town and Residents

Brisk trading at the town Flea Market held in the town park on April 30 added \$176.86 to the coffers of the town and brought uncounted profits and bargains to town residents.

"We thought we did very well this year and were very encouraged," said Clerk-Treasurer Lois Carroll. "I think a lot of people were pleased with what they bought or sold. It was a fun time."

Bertha Smith of University Avenue won the Japanese maple which was raffled off at \$3 per chance. The town took in \$78 on the tree raffle and paid \$49 for the maple, one-third of its regular price.

The town contributed \$100 of the Flea Market profits to the Arbor Day fund and the balance to the playground fund.

Mayor Fred Kuster and Heather Plunkett organized the Flea Market, and a number of residents helped out.

Another community sale may be held in October.

Adventure Theatre

Tom Thumb and More English Folktales
May 21 through June 26

Sleeping Beauty
July 9 through August 7

1:30 & 3:30 - - \$3
Reservations: 320-5331

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340-2910



THE KEYHOLE

Once again our Town Hall was the scene of a happy occasion. This time it was the retirement party for Lois Carroll of 6105 Yale Avenue. After 31 years with the C&P Telephone Co. and 10 years as a legal secretary, she decided it was time to retire and join the other Glen Echo retirees.

The Hall was attractively decorated throughout with floral arrangements--blue and white the predominant colors. The food and drinks were a gourmet's delight and the group singing entertainment was a delight too, if you were not too critical. Guitar playing and duet singing was furnished by the Pastor of Lois' church, Gordon Farber and his wife Jan. Stereo music for dancing was supplied by Richard Carroll.

Eighty five co-workers and friends and relatives not only had a good time, but helped to make it a memorable occasion for Lois. She will keep busy by fulfilling her duties as Clerk Treasurer for Glen Echo and commuting to Maine where she and Richard are redecorating their "summer home" and getting ready for long weekends.

Happy retirement Lois!

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Our neighbors are keeping active according to the news reaching the Key Hole.

Carol Reptsik of 7309 University Avenue spent a week in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She not only liked the climate and beaches, but found the Rain Forest, forts and missions very interesting and, to quote Carol, "the shopping there was great."

The McNoldys of Princeton Avenue, together with daughter Nancy and family, spent several days in St. Louis, Missouri, where they attended the graduation of Jim Kleinfelter, husband of the former Sharon McNoldy. Following his graduation

Mostly By

Tilli McJolly

from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, and his ordination at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Bethesda, he will be installed as a full time pastor at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Arcadia, Indiana.

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Two of our neighbors can qualify for the "home town talent makes good" title. Both Judy McFarland and daughter Diana of 6103 Bryn Mawr Avenue have been participating in Adventure Theatre projects at Glen Echo Park. Judy played in Story Theatre Presents and was also involved in behind the scenes activities for the Puss in Boots production. Diana had a part in Tom Thumb and other English Folk Tales and also played in Odyssey which was presented in January.

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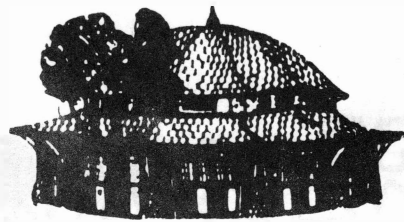
The few remaining "old timers" in town that remember Jean and Ed Fenimore and three children, who lived at 24 Wellesley Circle, may be interested to know that Jean and Ed still live in Waynesboro, Penna., but Cici (Cynthia) is a legal counsel in Cumberland, Maryland, Ann is teaching retarded children in California and Hugh, also in California, is working for an electronics company

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Brothers Christopher (formerly Greg) and Eric Anderson performed on a double bill at Friendship Station on May 8 with their bands, "Briekhouse Burning," and "Swedish Leroy and the Cupeakes." Christopher plays guitar and Eric bass in their respective bands. "Briekhouse Burning" also performed at the 9:30 Club and D.C. Space last month.

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Please leave items for "The Keyhole" in THE ECHO box at the post office. The Editor is still looking for a resident willing to take over the column.



At GLEN ECHO PARK

NO "THEME PARK"

Jack Fish, Regional Director of the National Park Service, told Mayor Kuster and Councilwoman Long on May 4 that the Park Service opposes development of a "theme park" at Glen Echo. After The Washington Post published an article advocating private development of the Park's facilities, town officials had been concerned about the possibility of a local version of Busch Gardens or Disneyland

CAROUSEL NOT TO BE MUSEUM PIECE

Mr. Fish assured the town officials that the carousel will continue to be accessible to riders, although the one restored carousel animal will not be available to ride until a suitable tough protective coating is found that does not bond to the original paint.

LAFF HOUSE TO BE DEMOLISHED

The Laff House, located near the Bumper-Car Pavilion, will be razed since the cost estimate for refurbishing the structure exceeded \$200,000. \$72,000 has been budgeted for carrying out the work. Removal of the structure will not begin until after Labor Day.

GOOD GUYS CARRY OUT TO PROVIDE FOOD

Good Guys carry out, located in the Glen Echo Shopping Center, is the successful bidder for a three-year food service concession at the Park. In addition to the subs and pizza now available at their location next to High's, Good Guys plans to serve ice cream, soda pop, hot dogs and popcorn. Pizzas will be baked in an oven to be installed at the Park. Food will be available weekends during the summer and during the Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening dances.

GRADING OPERATIONS BEGIN

Grading operations began May 17 under a contract that calls for improving the grounds at and around the filled-in Crystal Pool. The bank sloping toward Minnehaha Creek will be dressed and sodded and will be accessible to the public in late summer. The \$34,300 contract will also provide for a protective fence at the wall around the Minnehaha Creek side of the Pool area.

YELLOW BARN REHABILITATION

An agreement has been concluded between the Park Service and the craftsmen who occupy the Yellow Barn space, Henry Barrow and Jeff Kirk, providing that they will contribute their skills to upgrading the structure.

GIGANTIC BOOK SALE - June 12, noon-6 p.m.

TRADITIONAL OLD TIME MUSIC DAY - June 12, 1-4 p.m.

"COME OUT SWINGING" - contemporary jazz quintet - June 19, 2-3:30 p.m.

"EJAZ, INC." - experimental music bands - July 3, 12-6 p.m.

MARYLAND MEDIEVAL MERCENARY MILITIA - July 10, 12-6 p.m.

DANCES IN THE BALLROOM

Friday nights - squares and contras
Saturday nights - folk dances
Sunday nights - 17-piece dance band
Tuesday nights - open clog
Live Music - 8:30 p.m. - \$3.00

SUMMER CLASSES Begin in mid-June. Call 492-6282 for a brochure

AT THE GALLERY

Glen Echo Pottery Show opens June 3
Wearable Art opens July 3