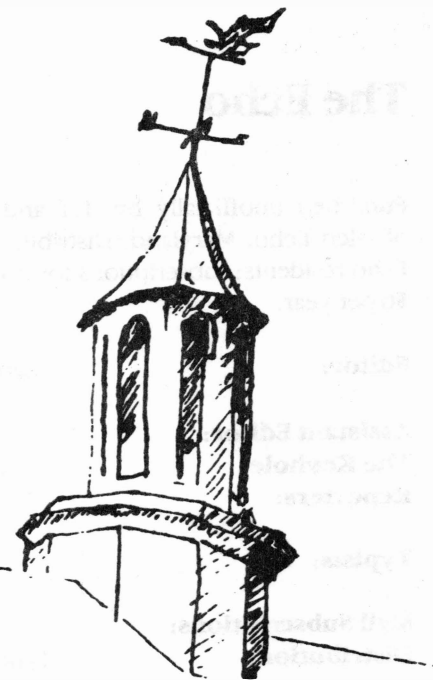


The Echo

The Town of
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OCTOBER 1984

County Declares Glen Echo Speed Limits Too Low

A speed limit of less than 25 miles per hour on secondary residential streets is "unrealistically low and difficult to enforce," according to a letter sent to Councilman Bill Shultz from Ronald C. Welke, Chief of the County's Division of Traffic Engineering.

The town has had a speed limit of 20 m.p.h. for at least 20 years.

"Numerous engineering investigations confirm that 25 m.p.h. is a realistic and safe speed in residential communities and one that most drivers abide by," the letter stated.

Mr. Welke conceded that Glen Echo has the legal authority to establish and enforce its own traffic regulations; he added that "you will have to contact the Bethesda Police station regarding their willingness to enforce the 20 m.p.h. speed limit in Glen Echo."

The Town Council is considering citing historical precedent and

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Glen Echo Town Halloween Party

Sunday, October 28

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

All residents invited - All Ages

Come in Costume

Trick or Treat Night

Wednesday, October 31

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Leave porch lights on if
you welcome trick-or-treaters**



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE—October 26

SPEED LIMITS (from page 1)

requesting a special exception, since the town is not equipped to enforce its own laws.

According to Councilman Shultz the county doesn't want to enforce laws which depart from the county norm.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 8 - 8:00 p.m.

All residents encouraged to attend.

Agenda attached to this issue. Contact the Clerk-Treasurer if you wish to add an item to it.



Town Council Highlights

September 10

Resident Gloria Levin complained to the Council that workmen from C&P were starting work before 7:00 a.m. The Mayor said a county ordinance limited permissible work hours to 7 a.m. to 12 midnight. He pointed out that Glen Echo has a noise ordinance of its own that the county won't enforce because it does not contain a statement of decibel level that is acceptable. The town could choose to enforce its own ordinance, after the "Tilly Frank" home rule issues are resolved in October, he said. In the meantime, the Mayor suggested that we should all be more considerate of our neighbors when we are doing or having work done....

Town attorney Tom Craven requested an increase in the town's rate of payment to him. He said his usual charge is \$95 per hour, but he has been charging the town \$50 per hour. He asked for an increase to \$75 per hour as well as a retainer of \$100 per month for up to one-and-a-third hours of minor office work. The request was approved by the Council.

Opening of bids for street repairs and sidewalk construction was scheduled for October 2. The Mayor hopes the Wellesley Circle sidewalk addition can be completed by the end of October....

Several residents expressed concern that, due to the "retirement" of aerobics teacher Peggy Kritzer, the County Recreation Department no longer offers exercise classes in the Town Hall. The Council will ask the Recreation Department to schedule these classes again with another qualified teacher. The Mayor will also inquire why the county has not paid the town for use of the Town Hall for the past 18 months....

The Spanish Ballroom, the Bumper Car Pavilion, the Cuddle-Up, the Arcade and the entrance to the swimming pool have all been placed on the National Register of Historic Structures, according to Councilwoman Nancy Long....

Resident Jane Eldredge requested, and the Council granted, a waiver of the \$8 licensing fee for her dog. She explained that an error by the town in notifying residents of the date of the rabies clinic in town caused her family inconvenience and an expensive visit to a private veterinarian in order to comply with the rabies inoculation requirement....

The new town maintenance worker, James Seavey, is a sergeant at the Glen Echo Fire Department. He will be doing 16 hours of work a week for \$100. The Mayor is soliciting ideas for maintenance projects needed in town....

Two trees planted at the Bryn Mawr entry to town have been injured by county mowing equipment. The Mayor plans to enclose these trees with wire and have the new maintenance worker, Mr. Seavey, mow the area in the future....

Letters citing the town ordinance, "Prohibition Against Weeds," were sent to 11 residents on September 1. It gave them 10 days to remove weeds from town sidewalks....

The Mayor purchased a commercial Lawn Boy mower for the town for \$450..

-----Jane Eldredge and Gloria Levin--

Back When Glen Echo Was A Notorious Speed Trap

It was in 1907, and Glen Echo Town Marshal Charles P. Collins was accused by the U.S. Attorney-General of violating Federal law because he was halting and fining all motorists exceeding six miles per hour on Conduit Road (now MacArthur Boulevard), which was then, as now, Federal property.

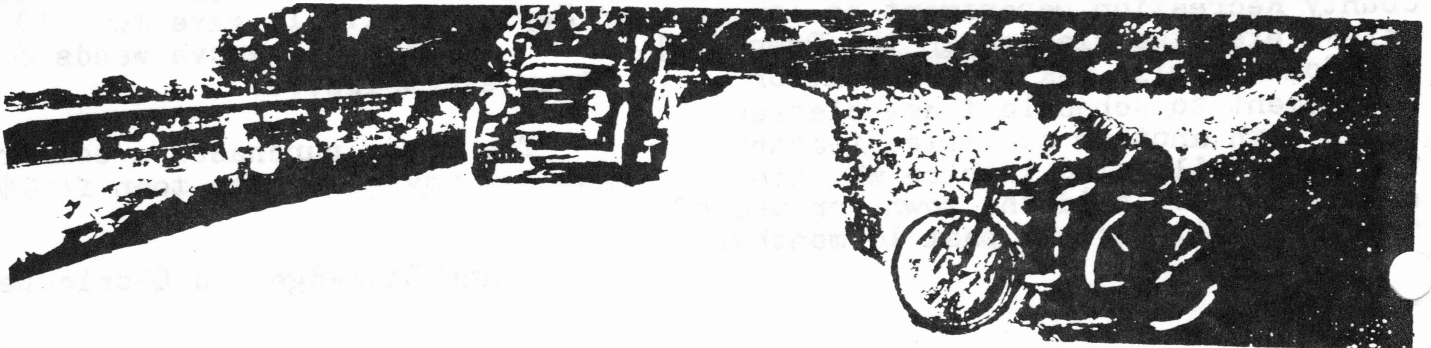
Marshal Collins, who was dubbed the "Human Automobile Trap" in an account appearing in the August 3, 1907 issue of Harper's Weekly, was said to lurk at the town border on his bicycle "sedulously seeking victims by night as well as day." When told that his activities violated Federal law and that he was in danger of arrest, Collins was quoted as responding: "gol darn 'em, let 'em come on if they dast!"

Whether they did dast is unknown to THE ECHO, since its source material is confined to the one article made available by Carol Barton, Park Technician at Glen Echo Park.

The article describes the town of Glen Echo as "not much more than a name, a mayor, and a marshal, but it has succeeded in making itself something of an international complication Ambassadors, ministers, dukes, attachés, and diplomats of all degree have been rounded up by the redoubtable town marshal Of course Marshal Collins should confine his attentions to plain American 'scorchers.' But how is a man to know an ambassador from, say, a government clerk, if he is muffled in automobile coat and goggles, and is enveloped in a cloud of white dust which is moving forward at the rate of thirty miles or so an hour? When such big game has become entangled in the meshes of the net, immediate release and regrets have of course been in order, but it hurts the dignity of the son of a hundred earls to be suddenly hove-to, possibly with a bullet-hole through a tire."

The article explains that the length of Conduit Road is Federal property because it follows the path of the supply pipes which bring water to Washington. For those who questioned Marshal Collins' authority to make arrests beyond the corporate limits of Glen Echo,

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Marshal Collins lying in wait for the unwary speeder.

SPEED TRAP (from preceding page)

ne displayed two badges in addition to that of town marshal. One of these read "deputy sheriff" and the other was "a handsome medallion with the Seal of Maryland in relief deputizing Collins as a game-warden."

The Glen Echo court was always ready to do business, according to the article. Many of the marshal's prizes were taken at night, and if the mayor had retired, he appeared "clad in dignity and pajamas." Culprits were given a choice of \$25 or "three months on the rock pile."

They usually paid on the spot.

---Carlotta Anderson

(The Harper's Weekly article was discovered by Leslie Carter, a local history buff and volunteer at Glen Echo Park, who was researching the history of the carousel. She examined the "Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature" from 1890 to the present at the Martin Luther King Library and the Library of Congress and duplicated all materials on Glen Echo and carousels.)

Mayor Kuster Comments

After reading the original article, Mayor Kuster commented, with tongue in cheek, "We should do the same thing. It would be very profitable for the town and lower taxes."

The Mayor suggested that since the county appears loathe to enforce municipal laws, we should reinstitute a town police chief, give him a Japanese 10-speed bicycle, and "just think of all the motorcyclists he could nab coming out of Trav's."

He was not sure the town could find a suitable candidate, however, one who could ride a bike one-handed while shooting tires out with the other.

BANNOCKBURN ENROLLMENT UP

Enrollment this fall at Bannockburn Elementary School is 300, up 16 students from last year. Kindergarten enrollment has increased and there are now two all-day classes at the school.

The school also houses a class of six severely and profoundly handicapped students and a class of 11 children with language disabilities.

An after-school program is also housed in the school building. Approximately 40 children of working parents are enrolled.

Last year several retired residents from the area volunteered time to work with children in the school. If you are interested in working with children or helping in other ways at the school, call Dr. Barbara Moore, principal, at 229-3097.

If you did not get a copy of this month's ECHO or need an extra copy, you may obtain a leftover one at the Glen Echo Pharmacy. Just ask at the front cash register.

Fines should be much higher, he maintained, since "a \$25 fine back then was equal to about \$500 today."

The only problem he foresaw was waking the populace with gunshots in the middle of the night.



Classified Ads

BABYSITTER NEEDED! We are in need of a responsible and loving baby-sitter for our two boys, ages 4 and 1. Weekend evenings, and occasional after-school hours. References required. Call Cynthia, 229-8143 after 3 p.m.

TYPING SERVICES: Call Jennifer - 229-9121

PIANO LESSONS: Experienced teacher. Music degree, performing experience. Certified member Maryland Music Teachers Association. Call 229-7882.

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: Fee to non-residents: \$.50 per line of 30 spaces or fewer. Display ads, \$2 per column inch. Make checks payable to "The Town of Glen Echo" and mail them to Carolyn Reptsik, 7309 University Avenue, Glen Echo, MD 20812.

AD DEADLINE: 24th OF EACH MONTH

COUNTY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER WAIVER OF LOT SIZE MINIMUM FOR ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

By Gloria Levin

The County Council will be withdrawing a proposed amendment to permit accessory apartments on a lot size below 6,000 square feet in cases of individual hardship because the County Attorney advised the Council that such an amendment would be discriminatory.

Instead, the County Council will be introducing a substitute amendment which would allow all persons with an existing accessory apartment to ask for a waiver of the 6,000 square feet minimum lot size regardless of whether economic hardship can be demonstrated, according to a member of Councilman David Scull's staff.

Introduction of the amendment is awaiting its redrafting. Hearings have been scheduled for the evening of October 25.

Those who have filed for a special exception and whose lot size is less than the minimum may appear as a speaker at that session. To be scheduled for the hearing, call Joanne Wood, 251-7910.



Thanks to

Brockie Stevenson, for an artist's proof of his painting entitled "Glen Echo," which he donated to the town. The work depicts the house across the street from the Town Hall, where Brockie once lived. The town has had it framed and it now hangs in the Town Hall ballroom.

Marjory Lewis, who handled distribution of THE ECHO in August.

Rollina Sadarangani, who collated the paper in September.

THE KEYHOLE

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Mostly by

Tillie McNoldy

It is no longer June, the month for graduations, but two of our neighbors recently completed the courses required in their field and earned our tardy congratulations.

Holly Shimizu of 6102 Bryn Mawr Avenue was awarded a masters degree in horticulture from the University of Maryland. One look at the front yard of the Shimizu home and you can see that both Holly and her husband Osamu excel in their chosen field. Many hours of planning and labor must have gone into the landscaping project but the result is certainly a success.

John Rhein of 6102 Princeton Avenue "survived" and "graduated" from several weeks of boot camp at the U.S. Naval Training Center at San Diego, California. He is now being trained in aviation to be an anti-submarine warfare technician in airplanes.

Congratulations to each of you.

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Two former residents, who now live in California, returned to Glen Echo in August to visit friends and relatives. Arlene Richards and her daughter Kate spent several days with Fred, Daryl and Bill Kuster. Arlene and daughter now reside in Foster City, California, but at one time she lived at 7309 University Avenue in Carolyn Reptsik's apartment.

Dick Gilham of Pine Grove, California, visited the McNoldys on Princeton Avenue where he and his parents at one time occupied the second floor apartment. While residing in town, he operated the carousel at the park for quite some time so was happy to see it still in service. He and one of the present employees reminisced about brass polishing, cotton candy problems, length of time for rides and the music which has not changed much since the time it was an amusement park.

Also visiting the McNoldys was their daughter Sharon Kleinfelter who, with her husband Jim and daughter Christina, came from Aracdia, Indiana, to visit families and friends and spend several days at the beach.

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Call it "beginners luck" but Lois Carroll, our Clerk-Treasurer, went home with one of the door prizes at the recent bingo party sponsored by the Glen Echo Fire Department. It was her introduction to the annual event but I'm sure that winning a charcoal grill this year will encourage her to return next year.

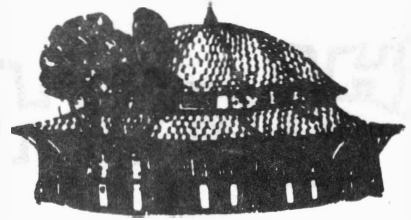
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Glen Echo's choice of the spice bush swallowtail butterfly as town symbol was reported by the Entomological Society of America in its September 1984 newsletter.

LATE CLASSIFIED ADS

NEEDED--Group Leader, Bannockburn Elementary After-School Program. 3-6 p.m. daily, \$5+ per ho r. Contact Joe Adlesic, 229-0805 (8-10 a.m.; 2-6 p.m.)

WANTED--Person or couple interested in working for The Church of the Redeemer for approximately 8 hrs. Saturdays to clean the Church and prepare for Sunday services. Please contact Harry Harper, Rector, 229-3770. The Church is across Benalder Drive from the Glen Echo Shopping Center.



At GLEN ECHO PARK

PERFORMANCES

October 7:
John Jackson, 2 p.m., country blues

October 14:
Joe Glazer, 2 p.m., workers' songs

October 21:
Gus Meade with the Snuffy Smith
Bridge Club, 2 p.m.

October 28:
Helen Schneyer, 2 p.m., ballads,
broadsides, hymns, mining songs

All concerts free

VOICES IN THE GLEN

October 28, 7 p.m.
Tales of the macabre and ghostly
Adventure Theatre, \$5
For tickets call Sharon Butler,
652-7835.

Adventure Theatre

Wiley and the Hairy Man
October 6 - November 4

The Cricket on the Hearth
November 17 - December 16

Weekends, 1:30 & 3:30, \$3
Call 320-5331 for reservations

At the GALLERY

Pottery by Britt Reeves
and Chris Oberlin
From October 5 - weekdays
from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
weekends from noon - 6 p.m.

At THE WRITER'S CENTER

Poetry reading by David Ignatow
2 p.m. -- \$3
Call 229-0930 for reservations

The Writer's Center is located
at 4800 Sangamore Rd., Bethesda

At the CLARA BARTON SITE

October 7, 1 - 5 p.m.
Apple Cider Press Demonstration

October 14, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Quilt Show

October 28, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
Presidential Campaigning,
1884 Style

A dramatization of 19th century
politics. Actors will portray
the candidates from the 1884
Presidential election using
actual speeches. Grover
Cleveland, James G. Blaine,
Benjamin F. Butler, and the
first formally nominated woman
presidential candidate, Belva
A. Lockwood, will challenge
each other on the important
issues of the day, such as
women's suffrage, Civil Service
reform, taxation, and the
United States' immigration
policies.

