

The Echo

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Council Opposes Apartment Appeals

By Frank Corder

For the first time since Montgomery County's accessory apartment law passed on December 2, 1983, the Town has opposed a property owner's application for permission to rent a second dwelling unit in a Glen Echo residential structure.

At its January meeting the Council voted unanimously to authorize the Mayor to record the Town's opposition to accessory apartments at 30 Wellesley Circle (Case #S-1001) and 36 Wellesley Circle (Case #S-978) in a statement to the decision-making body, the Montgomery County Board of Appeals.

Two owners of residential property near petitioners' premises, Rene Springuel and Bonnie Whyte, urged the Council to take decisive action to prevent proliferation of accessory apartments in the Town of Glen Echo by opposing the special exceptions sought.

None of the residents attending the January Town Council meeting spoke in support of the applications for accessory apartments in Cases S-978 and S-1001.

At the Board of Appeals' hearings held January 17 on the two applications for accessory apartments, Mayor Fred Kuster read a letter summarizing the reasons for the Town's opposition. Nancy Long and Frank Corder also appeared in opposition to both applications, while a letter registering Carlotta Andersin's opposition to an accessory apartment at 36 Wellesley Circle was entered into the record.

No Glen Echo residents appeared in support of the accessory apartments sought except the petitioners and property owners, Anne C. Lewis (30 Wellesley Circle) and Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Banziger (36 Wellesley Circle.)

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE—February 25

A How-To for Dog Owners

Book reviews may seem somewhat removed from the purview of the Animal Control Board, but I'd like to take this opportunity to recommend one in particular which has impressed my family in our attempts to intergrate our Labrador retriever into our circle as well as the Town. "How to be Your Dog's Best Friend" by the Brothers of the Society of St. Francis, also known as the Monks of New Skete (N.Y.) is available from the library.

This book is the result of years of training German shepherds at the monastery, as well as working on an "out-patient" basis with problem dogs of other breeds brought to the monastery. I won't deal with details of the book as the Brothers make their points in such a delightful, positive way that their instructions must be read.

Letters to the Editor are welcomed, as well as articles for publication. Volunteer reporters are always needed. Call the Editor, 229-2521.

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They advocate an early start and daily persistence in training, yet are quite optimistic about overcoming certain problems if they are properly analyzed. I was particularly taken with the sections describing the particular difficulties encountered in keeping dogs in a city, suburban, and rural atmosphere.

Crown Books in Bethesda has this book available, and I imagine other books stores do also. You might find the process of becoming your dog's best friend more rewarding than you thought.

...Nancy Helmig

ACCESSORY APARTMENT OPPOSITION (from page 1)

The County Board of Appeals has approved accessory apartments at six residential properties in Glen Echo: 7327 University Avenue, 7309 University Avenue, 3 Vassar Circle, 50 Wellesley Circle, 5806 Oxford Road and 6001 Yale Avenue.

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection has approved a seventh accessory apartment as a non-conforming use at 7308 University Avenue.

Ms. Whyte reminded the Council that approximately three years ago while she was a Council member, the Town had sent warning letters to the owners of 30 and 36 Wellesley Circle that put them on notice that accessory apartments were illegal under the zoning ordinance. She recommended that although they no longer owned the properties, copies of the warning letters should be introduced at the hearing on the present owners' applications.

Former Councilwoman Whyte also urged the Council to act now to curb the spread of accessory apartments "before it is too late."

Apologies for Late Echo

Due to an emergency gall bladder operation on guest editor Anne Lewis, The Echo could not be printed in time for its usual distribution on the weekend preceding the Town Council meeting.

Regular editor Carlotta Anderson spent most of December and January in Jamaica.

BURGLARY 'UNUSUAL,' POLICE TELL COUNCIL

By Frank Corder

The December 29 burglary of David and Thelma Fessenden's home represents "an isolated type of crime" in the opinion of the Montgomery County Police Department.

According to Officer Carl Holland of the Bethesda Station, who briefed the Town Council on its implications, 6:00 a.m. is not a "normal" time of day for that type of incident. The police theorize, he said, that the intruders could live close by, possibly in Glen Echo, Cabin John or Bannockburn.

Officer Holland said he does not anticipate recurrence of burglary elsewhere in the Town of Glen Echo. He emphasized that traditionally Glen Echo has been free from such incidents due to its being "a tightly-knit community."

If, however, a resident is ever confronted by a burglar, Officer Holland advised non-resistance. He said a confronted burglar is unpredictable and can be dangerous, and recommended allowing intruders to take what they want.

In terms of preventive measures Officer Holland strongly advised keeping all doors and windows locked, double-checking locks before retiring, and activating alarm systems at all times, even during occupancy, since some break-ins occur during daylight hours.

The burglary of the Fessendens home was publicized on a Montgomery County Police Crime Solvers' appeal aired January 14 by Channel 7.



N-5 BUS FARE INCREASES

N-5 Express Bus riders must add a 50¢ surcharge to their bus fares to and from downtown Washington effective January 27, according to David F. Bone, Senior Planner, Transit Services Division, Montgomery County Department of Transportation.

In response to a question from Councilwoman Beers at the Town Council's January session, Mr. Bone explained the reason for the 50¢ fare increase. He said continuation of N-5 service is an exception to the County's policy of eliminating express buses where downtown service can be provided by a combination of feeder bus and Metrorail routes. Where such policy exceptions are made, the County requires recovery of all direct costs of the service or a fare equal to the combined feeder bus and Metrorail trip, whichever is higher. The N-5 will continue to operate exclusively on a rush-hour schedule.

Mr. Bone also announced that N-4 Metrobus service between Glen Echo and Washington was to be discontinued on January 27. It will be replaced by all-day N-8 Metrobus service between Glen Echo, Westmoreland Circle and the Friendship Heights Metrorail Station at Wisconsin and Western Avenues, including service during rush hours.

The N-8 fare is 80¢, and the Metrorail fare between Friendship Heights and Farragut West is \$1.10 (rush) and 75¢ (non-rush), totaling \$1.90 and \$1.55 respectively.

Mr. Bone pointed out that the new N-4 bus route will end at Westmoreland Circle. N-8 passengers may transfer from the location to and from the N-4 for downtown service and return at a combined one-way cost of \$1.55 for non-rush travel and \$1.90 during rush hours.

According to Mr. Bone, all-day Route 31 Ride-On service between Glen Echo and the Bethesda Metrorail terminal will begin January 27, and be provided at half-hour intervals.

In a related development, Mr. Bone informed the Council that an engineering consultant to the County has prepared two design alternatives for the proposed new Glen Echo bus stop.

-----Frank Corder



By

Tillie McJolly

THE KEYHOLE

The "Avon Lady" and "Fuller Brush Man," better known as Janice and Jimmy Miller, were seen around town over the holidays. Their former home was at 6101 Bryn Mawr Avenue and their new address is at Cherokee Village, Arkansas. They enjoy traveling and go to great lengths--or mileage--to prove it.

After leaving here, they will go to Newport News, Virginia, Woodbridge, Virginia, and Stone Mountain, Georgia, before heading back home--once again!

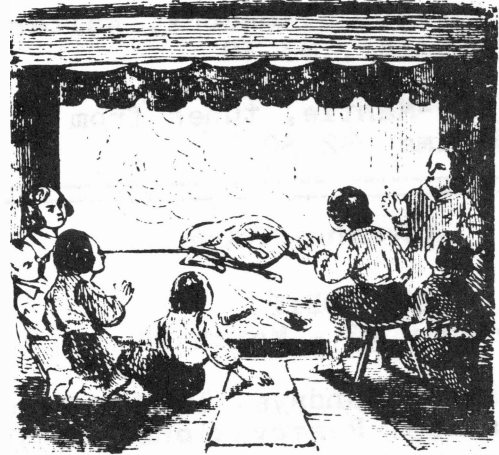
Also visiting Glen Echo were Minnie Adam from Philadelphia who spent several days with her sister Carolyn Reptsik and daughter Carol, on University Avenue, and Ellen Novotny from Baltimore who visited the McNoldys on Princeton Avenue.

Either a huge dog buried a huge bone, or else Lois Carroll, the town's Clerk-Treasurer, is burying the town's money beneath her house! Seriously, Lois and her son Richard are having a basement put in and all the excavating made a large hole beneath their house. The cold weather not only hindered the work of the contractor, but the vast open area and cold air played havoc with their heater--and fuel bill.

Cheer up Lois--Spring is only a few weeks away.

Remember Linda and Bill Cannon and children who lived at 7314 University Avenue? They now reside in Moscow, Idaho, and are keeping quite busy. They have befriended a Muslim family and through them have become friends with three other Muslim families to the extent that, when the mother entered the hospital for baby #6, Linda took care of the 5 boys and cleaned, cooked, did the laundry and, in her words, "only attempted to hang myself 3 times in 4 days."

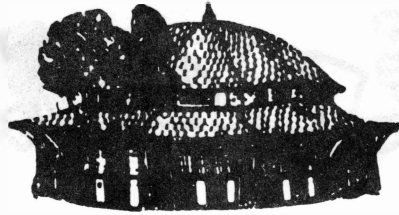
Together with Bill, and Remie who is 15 years old (could that be possible) Nick who is 11 and Jason who is 9, I can imagine she spent a lot of time commuting between the two apartments.



Investment Seminar

A seminar entitled "The Investment Outlook for 1985" will be held at the Town Hall on February 26 at 7:30 p.m.

There is no charge, but registration is necessary. For reservations, call Courtney Williams at 821-9100.



At GLEN ECHO PARK

Concerts Continue

February 17--Luci Murphy & Steve Jones, voice and guitar, \$4

February 24--Reuben Musgrave, traditional folk songs, \$3.50

March 3--Magpie, a variety of songs, \$4

March 10--Bob Hitchcock, guitarist and mandoleer, \$3.50

March 17--Mantle, tunes from jazz to old-time, \$2.50

Adventure Theatre

THE HOBBIT

February 23 - March 24

Saturdays & Sundays, 1:30 & 3:30
 Tickets: \$3; Reservations 320-5331

New Classes

New classes begin this month at Glen Echo Park. Among the unusual offerings are "Introduction to Sign Language for Children," "Clowning," "Juggling," "Winter Watercolor," "Quilt as You Go Log Cabin Block," and "A Woven Footstool."

Ballet, jazz dance and dancercise classes will be held at Glen Echo Dance Theatre.

Spring classes in dramatic arts include "The Art of Story Telling" and "Directing Workshop."

For a brochure or further information, call 320-5331.

At the GALLERY

Seven Fabric Artists - until February 26.

In and Around Glen Echo - paintings by and curated by Walt Bartman March 1 - April 1

The Gallery is open weekdays, 10-5 and weekends, noon until 6 p.m.

At the CLARA BARTON SITE

Sunday, February 24, 1-5 p.m.
VICTORIAN PIANO MUSIC - songs popular during the turn-of-the century will be played on Clara Barton's 1895 upright grand piano.

Sunday, March, 1-5 p.m.
WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK FILM FESTIVAL
 "We the Women," "The American Women: Portraits of Courage," and "Clara Barton, Angel of the Battlefield" will be shown throughout the afternoon.

All Events are Free

