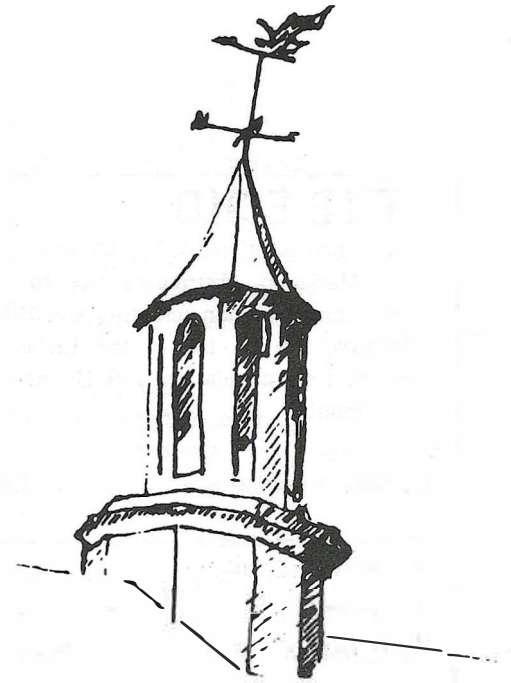


The Echo

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July, 1993

TROLLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY PROPERTY AUCTIONED

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

A three-mile long section of the old trolley line which ran alongside Glen Echo was sold by auction on June 16 for \$42,500. The buyer and only bidder was Leonard N. Bebchick, an attorney acting on behalf of a group of transit riders who won a 1960s class action suit against D.C. Transit System Inc. and its boss, O. Roy Chalk.

The auction was a foreclosure sale that took place because D.C. Transit defaulted on a note scheduled to be paid to the riders. The note was secured by the property.

Glen Echo Town Councilman Bill Shultz was an observer at the auction, which was held on the steps of the Judicial Center in Rockville. He asked Mr. Bebchick if he was interested in donating to the town some of the right-of-way abutting Glen Echo. Mr. Bebchick rejected the suggestion because his clients wanted to realize a financial benefit from the land, and they were not eligible for a tax write-off because they were a non-profit group.

He told Councilman Shultz the group would be very interested in discussing selling a section to the town.

A \$25,000 deposit was required in order to bid. Mr. Bebchick is out of the country until July, and it was unclear why he had begun the bidding at the higher price. William Harvey, substitute trustee, said that it is common at foreclosure sales that only the noteholder shows up. Glen Echo town attorney Tom Craven was

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COUNCIL SETS NEW TAX RATE Most Will Pay Less Than Last Year

By Gloria Levin

At the June 14 budget hearing and town council meeting the town council voted to raise the property tax rate slightly in order to partially offset a decrease in income due to lowered tax assessments.

Mayor Beers proposed increasing the rate from \$.31 to \$.35 per \$100 valuation in order to achieve a "constant yield" of revenue. She estimated that few town property owners would be paying higher taxes because the assessed values of most town properties had decreased substantially. Keeping the same tax rate, therefore, would produce lower income for the town.

The council voted instead to raise the rate by only \$.02 (to \$.33) as a compromise. Councilwoman Nancy Long voted against the motion. She said she wanted to "maintain a healthy surplus" and have "a comfortable cushion in the bank."

During the discussion at the hearing, Tom Kenney presented to the council a graph showing the steep increase the \$.35 rate would cause those whose taxable assessments go up 10% each year because they are capped or because of improvements to the house or a change of owners. He proposed a zero percent cap for those properties. Mayor Beers said any such change should be motivated by its affecting more than a few people. Even for those affected, she estimated the increase to be under \$50.

A \$15,000 line item for repaving the Town Hall parking lot and installing a storm sewer on the property was added to the

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BUDGET (from page 1)

mayor's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. Other minor changes included adding \$5,000 for a review of the condition of town streets and the town hall.

The council approved a final budget of \$197,050 with an estimated income of \$111,037. Last year \$148,601 was budgeted, with \$83,924 actually spent by the end of April, 1993.

The size of the town surplus (currently \$237,032) was questioned by Councilman Jim Anderson. He claimed that the town could operate for four years simply by using the current surplus. Councilman Michael Brintnall said he considered the surplus a set-aside for future capital needs, and thought that, if anything, the surplus was too low for longterm capital expenditures.

Mayor Beers said that she intended to spend the budgeted funds this year in view of several years of non-action. She noted that an indeterminate amount would be needed for compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and ongoing street improvements.

The mayor said that at the urging of its auditors, the town is attempting to collect all the \$15,000 taxes owed on business property or from those whose businesses are located in their homes, which is listed in the budget as "Personal Prop. Tax." Persons subject to this tax have been contacted and if necessary the town will contract with a collection attorney.

More than a dozen residents attended the hearing. One said she opposed the mayor's plan to improve landscaping at town entrances because she felt it would call attention to the town. She said she'd prefer the town looking "a little shabby" in exchange for maintaining the current security.

The mayor said she wanted to purchase a FAX machine for the Town Hall office and possibly add another street cleaning in late spring or summer.

SUN SMILES ON TOWN PICNIC

The weather was beautiful, and a turnout of more than 50 Glen Echo residents turned out for the annual town picnic on Sunday, June 13. Many remarked that they thought it the most enjoyable in many years.

While their elders shared dishes they had brought and beverages provided by the town, laughing children cavorted on a Moonbounce, arranged by Kate Horwitz, who organized the party. She was assisted by John Barrett and Jim Horwitz.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

May 1993

Lam's Landscaping (April & May) \$1,745.28
MacArthur Animal Hospital (rabies) 20.00
Esther Cerruto (T.H. cleaning) 100.00

(A full accounting of all bills paid and payments received is available as part of the town council minutes.)

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 12—8:00 p.m.

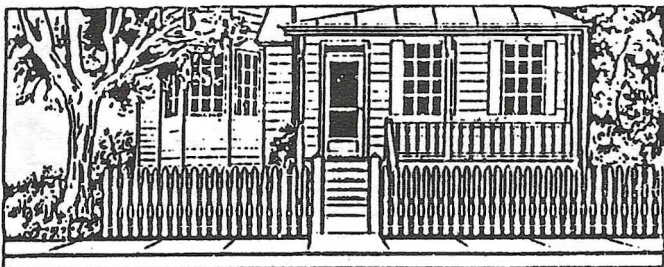
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OLD TROLLEY LINE CORRIDOR AUCTIONED (from page 1)

informed prior to the auction that the property would be sold as a whole, not piecemeal.

The auctioned land included much of the former trolley right-of-way from Radcliffe Lane to the Dalecarlia reservoir in D.C. The riders group did not buy the section including the still-standing railway trestle and the former turn-around west of Radcliffe Lane because of possible liability problems, Councilman Shultz was told.

Some sections were previously deeded to the government for the Clara Barton Parkway and Glen Echo Park, Mr. Harvey said. Other parts are easements granted for the railway, which, when abandoned, may revert to the person who granted the easement. While a substantial portion was owned outright by D.C. Transit, Mr. Harvey said it was "impossible for me to figure out if that is the majority or minority of it."

If abandoned land has been in continuous use by the same person for 20 years, it sometimes may be acquired by adverse possession, Mr. Craven told the town council last month.

According to an article in the Washington Post, the land, which no longer contains tracks, varies from a width of 120 feet to 30 feet. It said the 15-acre corridor was assessed at \$571,000. The last trolley ran in 1960.

The article quoted Mr. Bechick as saying the bulk of the property had no value but the group thought it might be able to sell part of it to the National Park Service so it could widen the Clara Barton Parkway. There was no comment on whether the group was interested in selling portions to individuals.

The 30-year-old transit riders suit was initiated because of fare increases in the 1960s, according to the Post. In 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court decided they were owed a multimillion-dollar refund, but so far no distribution plan has been approved by the U.S. Court of Appeals. The Riders fund now has \$11 million and is still owed \$4.8 million.

It will be several months before all legal formalities of the sale are concluded, Mr. Harvey said.

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NEW OWNERS COMPLAIN OF RADCLIFFE LANE PROBLEMS

By David Sproul

New town property owners Alec Graham and Madeleine Carter came to the town council last month to describe their objections to recent town actions near their house on Radcliffe Lane and to request that others be carried out.

As laid out in a letter submitted to the council, they complained that a truckload of wood chips had been dumped in the woods beyond the paved portion of the street and that they were concerned that the town intended to establish a compost area there. They said that they had been assured by Mayor Beers before they bought the house, which they rent out, that the town "had no plan" for the site and that if they had known that anything would be put there they would never have bought it.

Mayor Beers countered at the meeting that she had told them only that no construction was planned there, but that the land had been used for decades as a composting site and she had no inclination to see that use end.

The conflict boiled to the surface recently when a town contractor, under the supervision of Councilman Bill Shultz, deposited on the land a thin layer of wood chips which had been produced during the clearing of vines and undergrowth on the trolley right-of-way. The clearing operations also removed what Ms. Carter and Mr. Graham saw as a valuable screen from MacArthur Blvd.

They said they thought advance notice should have been given them before either of these things transpired and they wanted assurances this wouldn't happen again. They also asked that the town plant a strip of leyland cyprus and erect a 6'6" fence along MacArthur Blvd. on the Chalk right-of-way to provide a screen.

They also complained that the strip of town land along Radcliffe La. was an eyesore. They asked the town to clean it up and put a picket fence around a neighbor's vegetable garden on that property in order to block the view of it.

Councilman Brintnall proposed, and other council members agreed, that as a compromise the town would distribute wood chips elsewhere whenever possible and neatly maintain grassy areas on the land in question, as well as clean up any trash. Additionally, the area would not be touted as a public composting site.

Mayor Beers agreed to look into the practicality of a water-diverting bump at the top end of the road, which they requested in order to redirect water run-off.



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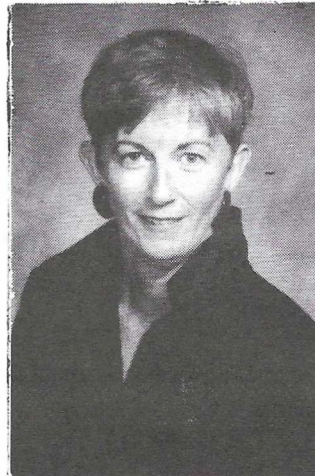
Leo Mondale and Sarah Patton of 7309 University Ave. spent several days at the Outer Banks, N.C. While there, they celebrated the third birthday of daughter, Sophie. Also joining in the fun was her brother, Freddy, who will soon be one year old.

—Tillie McNoldy

BRIEFLY NOTED

The Bannockburn community is inquiring whether a **bus stop at the Glen Echo shopping center** could be funded by the Keep MC Beautiful program sponsored by the Dept. of Transportation...

The Wilson Lane sidewalk is scheduled to be built in 1994, the *Bannockburn Newsletter* reports. It is to be 3500 feet in length and will cost a reported \$112,000...



Eleanor

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Town property owner Sally Law came to the meeting to inform the council that she and The Inn at Glen Echo were distributing petitions **opposing the construction of a storage, power and utility building for Glen Echo Park** outside the perimeter of the existing park or directly across from their Tulane Ave. businesses. Ms. Law said that she had also protested to Sen. Barbara Mikulski, Rep. Connie Morella and other legislators as well as Kitty Roberts, Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Mayor Beers offered to allow petitions to be delivered through the town hall mail slot...

The council granted a request from resident Gloria Levin to use the town hall in December for the **benefit of the Ivy Inter-American Foundation**. The permission was unusual in that the council has traditionally avoided town hall uses which involve items for sale. Ms. Levin assured the council that proceeds will go to charitable causes and that the items for sale will not be of very high cost, thereby minimizing the amounts of money involved...

Councilman Anderson reported that **vehicle ordinance violators** are being pursued in the prescribed steps...

The council decided to award a contract for **painting the town hall** to the Renaissance painting firm for \$14,400. The firm's bid calls for full priming and includes new paint for the fences...

Councilman Anderson announced that he had nominated this reporter as his replacement representing Glen Echo to the **Montgomery County Police Citizens' Advisory Board**...

The council postponed a decision on **paving the town hall parking lot** but expects it to cost around \$15,000...

—David Sproul



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June 20, 1993—Sexual Assault. Rape. Sunday, 6:15 a.m. on the C&O Towpath between Fletcher's Boathouse and Chain Bridge. A woman who was fast-walking was attacked and raped. Description: Black male, very dark, 25-35, 5'5"-5'8", 155-170 lbs. Short black dreadlocks, yellowish teeth with gap in front, goatee, wearing multicolored button down short sleeved shirt with long tails, carrying grey nylon bag.

April 25, 1993—Indecent Exposure, Sunday, 10:25 a.m. on the C&O Canal near Potomac, MD. A woman was walking or jogging on the path when a nude man approached her from out of the nearby bushes. Description: White male, 30's, 6' tall, 175 lbs., long brown hair, beard. The U.S. Park Police say this man has been around for a couple of years and they would very much like to apprehend him. If you have been approached by this man or know of someone who has, please call U.S. Park Police, (301) 492-6293, as soon as possible.

March 6, 1993—Indecent Exposure, Saturday, 1:15 p.m. on the C&O Canal near Lock 7. A woman was walking on the towpath and saw a man in the woods near the river exposing himself. Description: White male, 30s, 6', slim, with a green baseball hat with a blue/green windbreaker and bluejeans.

—Road Runners Club of America, Bulletin #28 and U.S. Park Police

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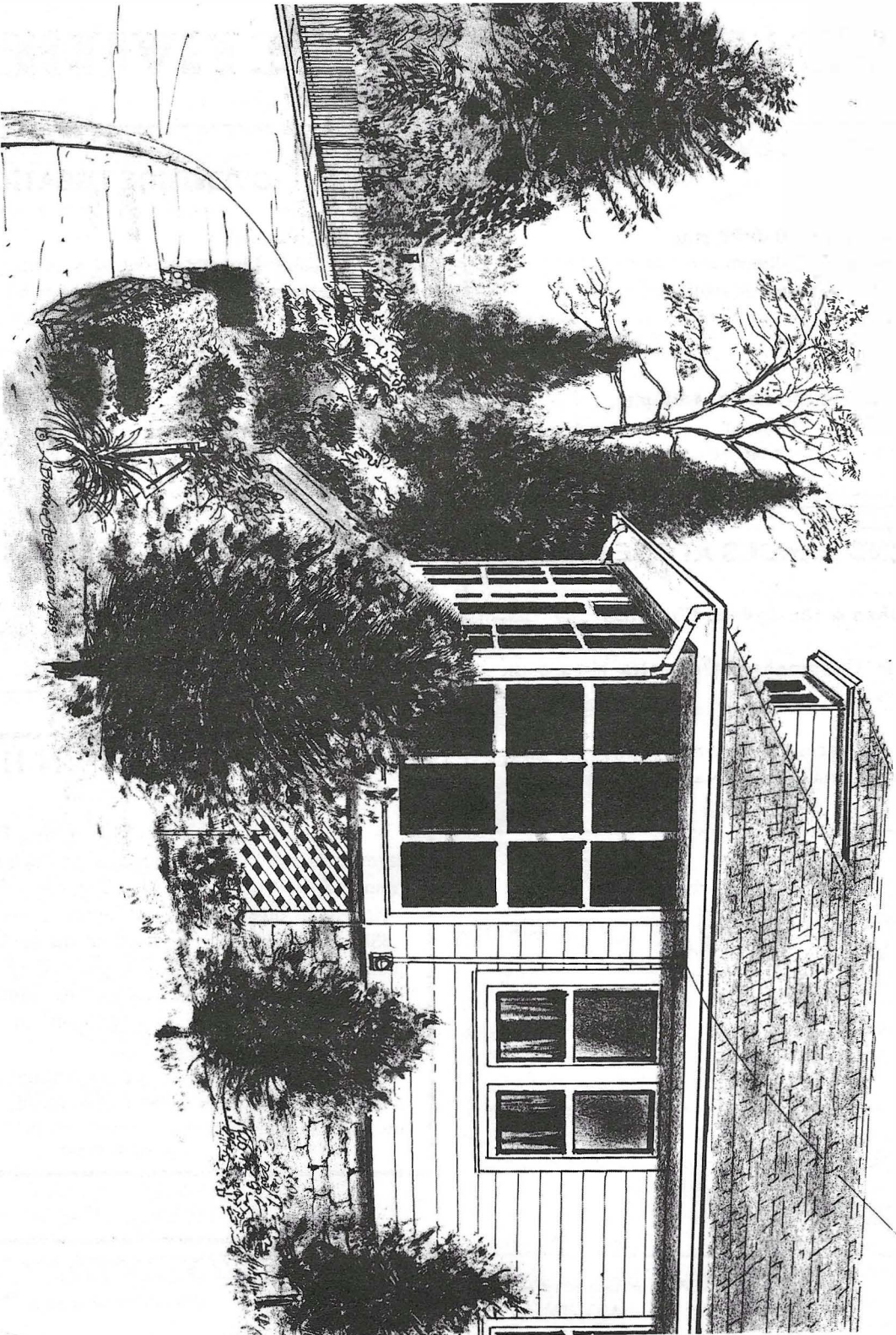
Non-profit organizations may apply to use the hall with a \$50 deposit, which is returned on the basis of the above qualifications.

Other groups may rent the hall for \$400, with a \$50 refund if hall and grounds are left in a clean and undamaged condition.

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