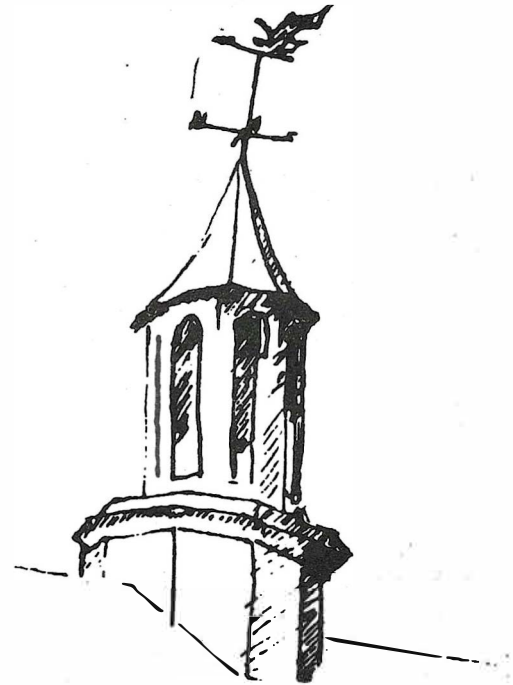


The Echo

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NO COST ESTIMATES GIVEN AT NATURAL GAS MEETING

By David Sproul

A large turnout of town residents on Feb. 13 heard representatives of Washington Gas Light Company discuss the possibility of bringing natural gas service to Glen Echo. With more than 20 in attendance, Mayor Beers moved the council meeting from the council chambers to the upstairs of the town hall.

Company representatives Rick Williams and Connie Poole showed a videotape extolling the benefits of natural gas as compared with other home heating technologies. Among benefits claimed were lower costs, higher air duct temperatures than electric heat pumps and a cleaner burn than with oil. Popular gas appliances mentioned were permanent outdoor cooking grills, fireplace "logs," air conditioners, furnaces, water heaters, dryers and outdoor lighting fixtures.

VENDORS AT WILSON LOT MUST MEET NEW LAWS

By Carlotta Anderson

Vendors at the informal open air market at Wilson La. and MacArthur Blvd. will be required to meet provisions of a new county vending law which was adopted Feb. 21. However, county authorities have agreed not to enforce it at that location until July 1 in order to give vendors time to be properly licensed or certified.

The agreement was worked out at a Feb. 14 meeting in Rockville between representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Protection, and the communities of Cabin John, Bannockburn, and Glen Echo (represented by this reporter).

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The narrator emphasized that the normal appearance of the landscape would be restored following any gas line construction.

In the question and answer period that followed, most questions were directed at the costs involved, but the representatives refused to be pinned down. They said they could give no range until they knew what the scope of the job would be.

They made the following points regarding conversion to gas:

--Where a home is heated by radiators, only the boiler would be replaced and, in some cases, just the burner section of the boiler;

--There is no additional hazard of carbon monoxide production if installation is according to code and given annual free safety checks;

--The idea that gas service cannot cross MacArthur Blvd. is probably incorrect, since service has been brought across the boulevard in several places within a few miles of Glen Echo. What is needed is an easement from the U.S. Army Corps of

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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

February 13

Councilwoman Levin reported that the Park Service has accepted responsibility for dealing with the serious erosion under the **drain at the intersection of Bowdoin and Oberlin Avenues...**

Two county representatives will be at next month's town council meeting to answer questions about compliance with the **Americans With Disabilities Act...**

Town hall use will be discussed at the March council meeting...

--David Sproul



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GAS BENEFITS CLAIMED (from p. 1)

Engineers;

—The amount a homeowner would pay for conversion would depend on the contractor chosen and whether the work could be done in conjunction with other homeowners to make it more cost effective.

Questioners tried their best to elicit an estimate of cost involving actual numbers, but the marketing representatives would cite no figures. They made the point that with sufficient interest, the cost of initial construction might be borne entirely by the gas company. Otherwise, the cost might have to be subsidized by an escrow fund extracted from the first few customers and returned to them as more customers came on line.

The representatives would not commit to a minimum number of initial customers for unsubsidized construction. With gas, homeowners could expect a reduction of 30 percent in fuel bills compared to electric heat pumps, they said. The savings would be on the order of 15–20 percent when compared with oil heat.

Those wishing to register their interest were asked to fill out cards. Extra cards were left with the town clerk-treasurer. Those with further questions were invited to contact the Washington Gas research department at (703) 750-7676. Inquiries about contractor work inside the home should be directed to (703) 941-4328.

GAS CONVERSION SUMMARY AVAILABLE

A three-page outline of the costs involved in converting to natural gas has been prepared by Joanne Murray, an architect and Princeton Ave. resident.

Anyone interested may obtain a copy by phoning her at 320-6305.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

"Family Relationships and Dynamics," including age-appropriate expectations, communication strategies, setting limits and implementing consequences, will be the subject of a Parent Education talk by Sue Stevens, L.C.S.W., on Monday March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer at 6201 Dunrobbin Dr. "Early Intervention for the Chemically-Abusing Adolescent" will be the subject of a talk by Kathleen Tavenner-Mitchell, C.C.D.C., on Monday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the same location.

Both speakers were made available through the Montgomery County Dept. of Family Resources.

(Notices of forthcoming community events should be sent to the Editor, 38 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, Md, 20812, by the deadline line date noted on p. 2 of this issue)

SLURRY SEALING STREETS NEED NOT BE DELAYED

By David Sproul

Rehabilitation by WSSC of Glen Echo's antiquated water pipes need not deter the application of the slurry sealing which has been budgeted for town streets, Councilwoman Gloria Levin told the council at its February 13 meeting.

The water pipe repair work is scheduled within a time frame of two to nine years, she learned, but the repair technique would not involve drilling up the streets. Instead, the existing old pipes will be flushed and then lined with a 3/8 inch layer of cement to eliminate recurrent problems with rust and flaking metal.

This contamination tends to collect at low points in the system, especially on dead end streets, and has caused acute problems of blockage and discoloration for townspeople.

Councilwoman Levin encouraged residents to call in complaints to WSSC so that its database correctly reflects the condition of the system. She said she and Joanne Murray are putting together a survey of problems with Glen Echo's pipe network.

POSTAL COMPLAINTS?

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NEW VENDORS LAW (from page 1)

Since it is classified as residential property, the lot is not normally a place where retail sales are permitted. It is used by the Corps of Engineers only as a "staging area" for repair of the Union Arch Bridge. While the Corps is not opposed to its use for transitory vending, it wants the activity regulated in order to avoid liability problems, according to G.R. Boggs, Chief, Real Estate Division, U.S. Corps of Engineers.

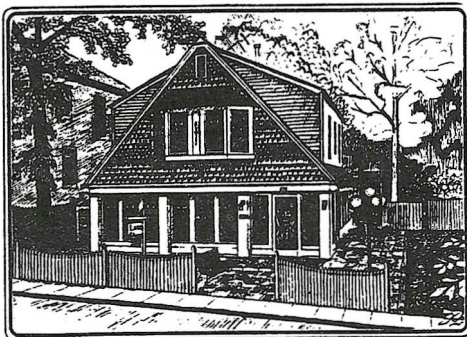
Until now, vending laws have not been regularly enforced at the lot because it was not under county jurisdiction. The Corps now wants to abide by local law, Mr. Boggs said. This could mean a fine of \$500 per day for each vendor.

There are apparently two possible ways in which the lot could be used for vending. There could be a designated county- or municipally-sponsored farmer's market at the site (Glen Echo could sponsor such a market), or the Corps could widen the area considered the MacArthur Blvd. right-of-way. Certain vending is permitted in a public right-of-way, called a "site specific" location.

However, in either case only food, shrubs or flowers could be sold and only when sold by those who grew or produced all or most of them. This would eliminate Amish quilts or rocking chairs (unless sold by the maker), Elvis wall hangings, and used cars. A representative of the Office of Economic Development has agreed to begin the process by determining whether "Tony" DiCarlantonio, the 93-year-old produce vendor who has been selling there for over 20 years, can meet the certification requirements.

In the meantime, the Corps has agreed to put up a "No Overnight Parking" sign.

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BRIEFLY NOTED

After about six inches of snow fell on Feb. 4, town children delighted in an enormous ice cave and fort constructed by **Jim Beaubien** on the street in front of his home at 7310 University Ave. Jim filled a bucket with packed snow to make the "bricks" for his igloo-type edifice...

The **Horwitz** family also made a fantasy structure of food can-sized ice bricks in their front yard. It was beautifully illuminated with blue lights...

The **Citizens Bank of Maryland** will be moving from its Goldsboro Rd. and Massachusetts Ave. location to Westbard Ave., according to a letter from the bank manager to customers...

A resident of Braeburn Dr. in Bannockburn returned home during the day to **surprise a burglar**, according to the *Bannockburn Newsletter*...

HELP NEIGHBORS AND GET WHITMAN HIGH CREDIT

Whitman High School students seeking to satisfy their community service requirement may receive credit for helping their Glen Echo neighbors who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise in need of assistance.

Shovelling snow, helping with yard work, cleaning up debris along streets and sidewalks, and other such services would all qualify to meet the community service requirement. In order to receive credit, students must not accept any payment and should speak with Mrs. Zeanah at Whitman High prior to performing these services.

Anyone with ideas for satisfying the community service requirement is encouraged to contact Mrs. Zeanah (320-6597) or the Whitman High School Student Government Association.



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THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

Lindsay Whyte, a freshman at Walt Whitman High School and a Wellesley Circle resident, came in fourth in the 100 yard free style and the 100 yard back stroke in the county high school girls swimming team championships at the Montgomery County Aquatic Center last month. The Whitman girls team won the county championship.

Nancy McDonald, who is currently residing in Rawlins, Wyo., seems quite content in her present home. Not only have she and her granddaughter become good friends, but she has become quite impressed with her location. She said it is a very pleasant town, population about 9,000. It is surrounded by mountains, so she has a spectacular view, and lots of deer wander about looking for food. "They sometimes walk up our street to check out the yards."

Enjoy your "leave of absence," Nancy, but don't forget to return to 24 Wellesley Circle.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of **Nan Olive Jones**, who passed away recently in Tampa, Fla. Nan and her family lived in Glen Echo for many years at 6103 Princeton Ave., then moving to 6109 Princeton when the new home was built. Nan moved to Florida in 1960.

Her family had the first TV on Princeton Ave., so their home was the meeting place for the neighborhood children whenever Pick Temple and Howdy Doody were on TV.

Nan is survived by a daughter, **Cherie Lee**, a granddaughter, a twin sister, **Ann**, who lives in Vero Beach and a brother, **Jack**, who lives in Frederick, Md. She also had a son who died several years ago.

Paul Alban, formerly of 6104 Bryn Mawr Ave. is now a guest at the National Lutheran Home in Rockville, Md. His address is: National Lutheran Home, 9701 Viers Drive., #283, Rockville, Md. 20850. Am sure he would like to hear from former neighbors and friends.

(Don't make Tillie peek through your keyhole. Tell her about the interesting events in your life by dropping a note in her mailbox at 6100 Princeton Ave.)

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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Friday Morning: 10:00 COMMUNITY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Collecting food and clothing for the homeless and needy.

SOME CRIMES UP, SOME WENT DOWN

Embezzlement and theft offenses in Montgomery County were up 61.1 percent last year, according to the annual police report, with 1,964 cases. There was an 82.7 percent jump in liquor law violations (137 cases); 29 percent attempted suicide (561 cases); 22.2 percent juvenile offenses (2,142 cases); 25 percent arson (335 cases); and 22.8 percent weapons violations (452 cases).

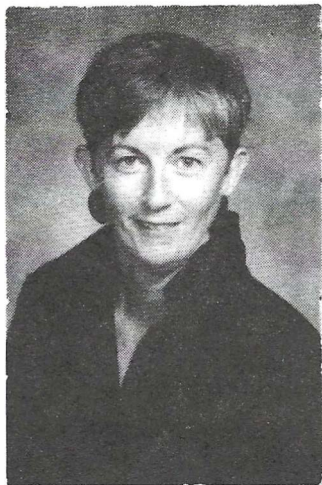
The few crime rates that went down included bad checks by 27.1 percent (713 cases); family offenses by 14.9 percent; and gambling by 40 percent (three cases).

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

6106 Bryn Mawr Ave.	\$359,000
36 Wellesley Circle	\$349,900

GLEN ECHO PROPERTY SALES

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Eleanor

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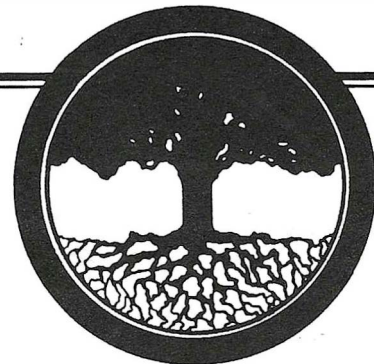
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