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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

In these days when it is nearly impossible and very expensive to have someone do a job in your home or repair a piece of equipment, many counselors of young people are taking a very long second look at the thought that everyone needs a college education and must be a businessman, lawyer, or doctor to make it in this world. More and more they are telling kids that they can make it just as well in fields that keep their interest, perhaps like mechanics, plumbing, farming, and even artistic endeavors like sculpting, building furniture, and repairing antiques.

Unfortunately, due to our decades of conditioning, many of our kids are still forced into schooling and jobs they don't like and aren't interested in. It is just this attitude that Larry Johnson as Director of the Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America is trying to change. In his talk on April 29, he will outline what parents and youngsters can do to pursue a field of study other than college. He will also show us just how we tend to judge others by their job and why we should not.

APRIL MEETING

DATE Thursday, April 29
TIME 8:00 p.m.
PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
Graham Road and Lee Highway
SPEAKER Larry W. Johnson
National Director of the Vocational-
Industrial Clubs of America
PROGRAM Do We Judge a Student by
the Color of His Collar?

BUSINESS MEETING REFRESHMENTS

If your youngster is near that critical time of graduation from high school, it would be much to his and your benefit to attend this meeting and listen to this very knowledgeable man. Those in school who don't know where they're going would also be interested in this program. See you all on April 29.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Elling C. Reich

I very much appreciate the opportunity to attend the annual dinner of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. This dinner was held to honor a citizen of Fairfax County who was outstanding in local activities. The recipient, Mrs. Elizabeth Hartwell, has been very active in the Citizens Council for a Clean Potomac, in conservation groups, and other civic endeavors. An article appeared in *The Evening Star* on March 24. I am sure many of you read the article so I won't continue to dwell on Mrs. Hartwell's accomplishments.

I do want to write about the subject matter presented at this dinner by D.C. Deputy Mayor Graham W. Watt. His subject, "Reciprocal Income Tax," is something every resident of our area, and of our suburbs of D.C., should be vitally aware of. Why does D.C. want this tax? It is probably because they do not have sufficient income to support all their requirements. D.C. has a relatively low income tax base. Many of the low income wage earners work in government agencies in Virginia. The Virginia portion of the reciprocal tax would be much less than the portion D.C. would receive from Virginia residents working in D.C. If Virginia is going to have less income tax receipts from Virginia residents because of the reciprocal tax, it will become necessary to increase the income tax rate in Virginia and/or the real estate and/or personal property tax. Virginians would, in

effect, be subsidizing D.C. Virginians pay federal taxes from which Congress provides funds to D.C. to run the city. Isn't this really double taxation?

If the subject ever comes up for referendum, think long and hard about it before you vote, but be a good citizen and vote your convictions. Also, make known your thoughts to your congressional representatives and your District Supervisor. He is your representative on the Fairfax Board of Supervisors.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1971-72

The Nominating Committee met on March 4 and presents the following slate of officers to be placed in nomination at our Election Meeting in May.

Henry Rodriguez	President
Bruce Meiser	Vice-President
Kenneth Crovo	Treasurer
Mrs. Ruth Grogan	Recording Secretary
Mrs. Lois Owens	Corresponding Secretary
Mr. Willard Scott	Executive Board (3 yrs.)
Mrs. Irene Smith	Executive Board (3 yrs.)
Mr. Frank Peterson	Federation Del. (3 yrs.)

The deadline for the last issue of *The Downs* this year is May 12.

The May Executive Board Meeting will be held May 4, 1971 at 6925 Custis Parkway at 8 p.m.

Editor Needed for Fall—Anyone who is interested in taking over editing *The Downs* in September, please call Mr. Reich, 533-1844, or Mrs. Stokes, 533-1392.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, 2757 Woodlawn Avenue, on the birth of their son in March.

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Pot holes and road widening are very interesting subjects to the Downs residents in March. In fact, Mr. L. E. Brett, Resident Engineer of the Virginia Department of Highways spoke to a rapt audience which heard about his problems of rights-of-way, \$1-million-a-mile road costs, and frost over 12" in depth.

As far as the Lee Highway widening project is concerned, the Highway Department's right-of-way department is contacting property owners and detailing what the project entails. This will take 8 to 12 months and then bids will be accepted. At present the project calls for a 68-foot road with sidewalks on both sides. From Cavalier Trail to Greenway Boulevard, the median will be painted flush and from Greenway to Graham Road there will be 4ft. to 16ft. cross-over medians. Construction costs for the 7/10 of a mile will be approximately \$600,000.

In commenting on pot holes, Mr. Brett mentioned that some roads are just not there anymore due to the 1- to 2-foot frost line and the constant freezing and thawing we had this winter. He also commented that we always have a big snowfall on Christmas or New Year's Eve so that he's not even sure what goes on at New Year's Eve parties anymore.

He noted that since the Virginia Highway Department is now in court over Route 66, that project is at a standstill. However, the biggest job that he has right now is the Shirley Highway project which is ahead of schedule.

Mr. Brett expressed hope that more people would use buses. He points out that there are only 1.3 persons in a car per trip in this area. Mr. Brett also had the detailed maps of the Lee Highway project and the widening of Gundry Drive in Falls Church from Annandale Road to Broad Street.

YOUTH NIGHT

Calling all kids—Greenway Downs Youth Night is in the planning stage but we need more youths to participate. If you are good at **anything**, give Mrs. Lois Owens a call at 532-2235 so that she can include you in the program. We need **lots** of volunteers.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

May 25 — Tuesday
June 12 — Picnic — Saturday

SCHOOL DAYS

Anyone whose child will be 5 by October 1, 1971 and has not registered with **Devonshire Elementary** for kindergarten, please call the school at 532-5999. And anyone who is planning to move, should let the schools his youngsters attend know as soon as possible since schedules for next year are being made up now.

On **April 26** and **May 17**, **Devonshire Elementary** will close at 1:25 p.m.

Devonshire's PTA meeting will be held on **May 11** at 8 p.m. for the election of officers.

J.G. Whittier Intermediate has scheduled an 8th Grade dance on **May 7**, 7:30-10 p.m.

On **April 25**, a country-western show featuring Charlie Waller and The Country Gentlemen, Bob Goff and His Bluegrass Boys, and Paul Puckett and Joni will be presented at 3 and 7 p.m. Admission is \$3 and tickets may be purchased at Koons Ford, Bratwursthaus, Carroll's Cleaners, or at the door.

On **May 17-21** — the National Institutes of Mental Health's Drug Mobile will be at the school.

The **Falls Church High** baseball season began on **April 13**. Good luck, boys.

The schedule for May is full. On **May 1**, a Band Parents' Dance will be held at 8 p.m.; on **May 5**, the FHA Mother and Daughter Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m.; on **May 8**, the State Girls' Track Meet will be held; and, on **May 21-22**, the Drama Department will present a play at 8 p.m.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Another of our youths has distinguished himself in scouting this spring. On March 20, **Ronald Ricks** of 2806 Woodlawn Avenue received his Eagle Scout award. Ronald is the sixth member of his family to receive Boy Scouting's highest award. Your Association is very proud of your hard work, Ronald.

PROBLEMS?

Presently a few of our streets have partial sidewalks or walkways; however, according to reports, automobiles parking across, along, or over them has limited their use. With public parking facilities here, as well as sidewalks, in very limited supply, we must all make an additional effort to respect the rights of our neighbors to use these limited facilities. This year let's all try to remember that we are not the only ones who use the parking spaces or sidewalks and then give the other person a chance. We can accomplish this simply following these points: Don't block driveways; don't park in

restricted areas; don't park or restrict the use of the sidewalks; and use available parking spaces wisely, leaving room for another vehicle when possible.

Another very dangerous parking situation often exists—parking on the wrong side of a street so that the car is facing traffic when it re-enters the roadway. With so many areas here with poor visibility, drivers should be particularly careful to avoid this situation. Park your car in the direction of traffic.

And, with the later hours of daylight, please watch for children on our streets.

SPRING CLEAN-UP — MAY 3

Neighbors, here's your chance to do your Spring cleaning and not have to look at the trash along the curb for several days. A special trash collection has been scheduled for Monday, May 3, to pick up ALL your trash from attic, basement, garage, yard and closets. Spend the first weekend in May having hubby and son haul it to the street, and Fairfax County will spend Monday hauling it to the dump. If they don't get all of it on Monday, they will come back

until it's all gone. There are only three requirements for debris:

1. It must be easily lifted by the collectors;
2. Branches must be no longer than 4' and tied;
3. Leaves and other yard debris must be in cans, boxes, or bags.

SO—take advantage of Monday, May 3, to help beautify your yard and house, and thereby do your part to beautify Greenway Downs.

HELP FOR PICNIC

Mr. Joseph Goodwin and Mr. Fred Kramer are the co-chairmen of this year's picnic to be held on June 12. Give them some of your ideas on the picnic—parade, food, games, other activities. They won't be able to please everyone, but will do their best to have a memorable day. To volunteer help or ideas call 532-2605.

Remember—June 12, 1971!

The Association's sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Basil Fowler, 2800 Woodlawn Ave. who died on April 13, 1971. Mr. Fowler was a long-time resident of our community and his loss will be sorely felt by his friends and neighbors.

DOG GONE NOISY

Has or have your canine pet(s) gone "Dog Gone Noisy"? Their barking may be melodious to you as the owner, but how does it sound to your ever friendly neighbors? It is recognized that man's best friend must have some way to express his opinion of intruders, human or otherwise, and even of the moon. However, barking during the sleeping hours of normal persons, say between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., is very disturbing especially for persons who are ill or very light sleepers. In the interest of harmony and nocturnal quiet, how about keeping your pet(s) inside the house during the period 11 p.m. to 7 a.m., or even later on Sat. and Sun.? Thanks for your thoughtfulness and consideration. Your neighbor does like you but not the barking of your household defender. (Hush, Fido!)