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FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE: February 27

TIME: 8:00 PM

PLACE: Devonshire School

Cafetorium

PROGRAM

Speaker: Mr. Willis H. Burton, Jr.

Administrator

Fairfax County Fire

Services

Subject: FIRE SAFETY AND FIRE

CONTROL

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

Coffee and homemade cookies

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Mr. Willis H. Burton, Jr., was appointed Administrator of the Fire Services for Fairfax County last October. Before that date he served as Fire Marshall for the County for 10 years, since 1953.

Mr. Burton will speak to us on the general aspects of fire safety in the home and what to do if a fire should break out in the home. This information is of great importance to everyone, homeowners as well as those renting. You will receive many useful pointers on how to avoid fires and what to do and what NOT to do.

Mr. Burton will also discuss the County's budget proposals for this activity in the fiscal year 1964-65.

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ROSCOE RUDDLE HONORED AT PTA

Thursday, Feb. 20, Roscoe Ruddle of 310 Marshall St. was given a pin and certificate making him an honorary lifetime member of the Virginia State PTA. This was awarded for his outstanding work in the community with the Boy Scouts, Little League and PTA. This is only the second time the Devonshire School PTA has made such an award. Each PTA may make one such award a year.

A humorous little skit, "This Is Your Life," portrayed the important events of his career and was directed by Ruth Grogan. All the actors were residents of Greenway Downs. They were Frank and Anne McWhirt as his parents; Jim Tribble as Roscoe playing basketball in high school; Ed Grogan, his love of hunting; Peggy Yarbrough, the "cute little thing" who later became his wife; Jack Lucas, his service in the OSS during the war; Ray Winterbottom, his son Arthur holding the "3 granddaughters"; William Ticknor was his son Lee, the red-headed college boy; and Robert Owens and John Yarbrough were the 2 younger sons.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We were happy to see so many of you turn out at the last meeting to hear our new County Supervisor, Mr. Fred Babson. He discussed zoning and planning for Fairfax County. Mr. Babson gave a very interesting and enlightening talk and it was much appreciated by everyone. We also thank him for so courteously answering the numerous questions posed.

A recent note from Mr. Babson states that the County Board, on his motion, directed the County Executive to request the State Highway Department to (1) widen Wilson Blvd. to four lanes between 7 Corners and McKinley Street, and (2) to improve the timing of the traffic control signals at Arlinton Blvd. and Patrick Henry Drive. Both these suggestions were made at our last meeting.

Why not make it a habit to attend every monthly meeting and bring a neighbor with you. I'm sure our programs will always contain something that directly concerns you.

CLYDE JACKSON

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WELCOME NEWCOMERS

We wish to welcome Frank J. and Jean Naimo who have recently moved into our community. They live at 201 E. George Mason Road with their four children.
Please add them to your Directory.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is that time of year again! February 29 is the start of our Annual Membership Drive. It will take place during the month of March. One of your neighbors will call on you to enroll your family in the Greenway Downs Citizens Association. Your GDCA has been very active in the past year. Among the accomplishments are repairs to streets and gutters, drainage pipes cleaned out, sidewalks installed, street light added where needed, also we have a tennis court ready to set up whenever we obtain permission from the County to do so. This is awaiting the solution of our flood problem along the park. We are hopeful we will see construction started on this flood control project this year. We have an annual picnic every June, last year's being our most successful one yet.

Your membership entitles you to a 10% discount on purchases made at FALLFAX BUILDING SUPPLY, INC., 2650 Lee Highway and LIGGON PAINT STORE, 154 Hillwood Avenue. You may also subscribe to the Fairfax County SUN ECHO newspaper at half the regular rate. This weekly paper gives you all the local news you need to know to be an informed citizen on all local issues.

The DIRECTORY OF GREENWAY DOWNS has been very well received and we plan to bring it up to date after this membership drive is completed. Members will again receive a copy free, non-members can purchase a copy. Please cooperate by giving

the necessary information the solicitor requests.

The following Executive Committee members are in charge of these. streets:

Woodlawn Ave. Monroe St. Marshall St.

Frank Sharpless J. E. Crum Clyde Jackson John Lawrence

George Mason Rd. Greenway Blvd.

Guy Meredith Betty Hungerford Jean Geddes

Cameron Rd. Westmoreland Rd. Virginia Beane

Frances Fisher Bernie Lucas

Winchester Way & Cavalier Tr. (Walter Mace Bolling Rd. Custis Pkwy. Lee Highway

(W. E. Scalise John Sharkey Irene Smith Archie Sanders

If you can help solicit members, please call one of the above and offer your services. Thank you.

Our past president, who so ably directed our very successful drive last year, is in charge of this year's drive.

The cost of membership is--Family membership\$2 Subscription to SUN ECHO with membership is an additional ..

SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION IT IS WORKING FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY FOR YOU

Don't forget to let your editor know of interesting news items.

A ride:

Mrs. Betty Hungerford is in need of a ride Monday-Friday to the vicinity of 5th & G Streets, NW. Time of arrival must be by 8:15 AM and she is ready to leave at 4:45 PM. If you know of anyone who could take a passenger, please call Betty at JE 3-2872.

Odd jobs:

Charles Stitzel is anxious to earn some money by doing odd jobs. If you are looking for some good, youthful help, won't you please call on him at JE 2-8177

More boys:

Boy Scout Troop #677 is looking for more boys 11-14 years of age who are interested in camping, outdoor skills and community service. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. The Troop meets every Monday evening at 7:30 PM at Devonshire School. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, have them call one of the following:

Alexander Jacobs, JE 4-3496 Alfred Thompson, Assistant Scoutmaster, JE 4-7412

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"CUBBING NEWS!

Pack #677

The Cubs Annual Blue and Gold Banquet will be at the Knox Presbyterian Church, Allen Street and Arlington Blvd. (just west of Graham Road) on February 28 at 6:45 PM. We'd like to invite anyone who

Cub Scout Pack #677 asks you to "SAVE 'EM A COUPLE OF WEEKS LONGER" --your old newspapers, that is. They had hoped to collect them this month, but even with an extra day in February that didn't make up for the weather. So, SATURDAY, MARCH 7 from 9 AM to 12 noon, is hereby proclaimed CUB SCOUT PAPER DRIVE DAY. They will be able to collect more papers if they are tied in bundles and put at the curb or on your front porch. If you have a particularly large amount of papers and don't want to be missed, you better call Mrs. Jacobs (JE 4-3496) and make sure they have your address.

"Cubbing News" cont.

would like to attend. We promise good food and an enjoyable evening. See what your Cubs have been doing during the past year. Tickets may be purchased from the following people: Mrs. A. T. Jacobs, JE 4-3496; Mrs. T. L. Beane, JE 2-0138; or Mrs. James Collins, JE 4-8455.

The Pack is looking forward to a tour of a real, live submarine in early March. We are a growing Pack with 3 Dens now and shooting for a fourth. If you have any questions concerning joining this fast-moving Pack, contact any one of the above listed numbers.

Betty Jacobs