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#### ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Mr. Robert Butler owns and operates HOUSE AND HOME REAL ESTATE CORPORATION at 7187 Lee Highway. He is, of course, a member of our community and advertises in our directory. He has been in business here for about six years. Prior to that he was with a real estate firm in Maryland and was their sales manager. He now has a staff of about 20 sales people who handle not only the sale of homes, but property management including rental property, and they also deal in the sale of land. Mr. Butler lives in Arlington.

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Many thanks to the boys of Scout Troop 677 who took time off from a busy weekend to deliver *The Downs*.

#### FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 27

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Devonshire School Cafetorium  
Graham Road and Lee Highway

SPEAKER: Mr. Robert Butler, Realtor

PROGRAM: Selecting Your Home

#### BUSINESS MEETING REFRESHMENTS

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As a special program for our February meeting, Boy Scout Troop 677 and Cub Scout Troop 677 will present their charters to the Association as the sponsoring group. Parents of the boys and those interested in scouting are urged to attend this ceremony.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Irene T. Smith, *President*

We had a very fine attendance at our January meeting. There were 30 members present, not counting our guest, Mr. Thomas Wright, Supervisor for our Providence District. We hope to see continued increase in interest and attendance by the members of this Association at our general meetings. We are trying very hard to bring you programs which will be of interest to a great many of our residents. It is always greatly appreciated by speakers, too, when they are giving so freely and generously of their time, to be greeted by a large group of listeners.

It was reported in last month's newsletter that Santa was able to visit only half of the community. Therefore, only half of the gift boxes he had for the children were used. Your executive Committee agreed that these gifts should be donated to The Salvation Army to be distributed to needy children it serves. This was done and the letter of thanks received as result is published elsewhere in this issue.

At our February executive meeting the subject of finance was further discussed and a motion was passed as follows:

"The Executive Committee recommends that it be considered at the February General Meeting to increase the cost of membership in this Association from two dollars (\$2) to three dollars (\$3) a year per family to cover increased expenses of the Association."

### THE DOWNS

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Our program for this month should prove of interest and, we certainly hope, of much help to many who are either contemplating or faced with purchasing a new home. The purchase of a new home is usually the largest single financial obligation that a family undertakes in their lifetime and the cost of it is something not to be entered into blindly. Therefore, we hope that you will find Mr. Robert Butler's explanations of what to look for in a home, the pitfalls to look out for, what should be in the sales contract, the settlement procedures and costs, how such costs are computed (points, for instance), and the financing that is available, will prove most enlightening. You are encouraged to invite any young couples who are interested in this topic, whether they live in Greenway Downs or not, to attend this meeting. They will be most welcome.

We hope to see many of you at our February 27 meeting.

*Dear Friends:*

*We would like to express our sincere thanks to you for your recent donation of candy to our Corps. It was passed out to the children and was thoroughly enjoyed.*

*God bless all of you.*

*Sincerely yours,*

**Harold A. Brinson**, Captain  
Fairfax County Corps  
The Salvation Army

**LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION** may be done at the home of Mr. Harold Parks, 2928 Woodlawn Avenue. Any boy who will be over 8 and not over 12 by August 1 may register. Call Mr. Parks at 532-3008 for more information.

The next meeting of the Devonshire PTA will be March 12.

## STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1968

<b>Membership</b>	
Mrs. Aline Shepherd . . .	.534-0320
<b>Program</b>	
Mr. Thomas Thomsen . . .	.532-1653
<b>Publicity (Editor)</b>	
Mrs. Elouisa Stokes . . .	.533-1392
<b>Schools</b>	
Mr. Elling Reich . . . . .	.533-1844
<b>Entertainment (Hospitality)</b>	
Mrs. Elaine Jackson . . .	.534-3862
<b>Streets &amp; Utilities</b>	
Mr. Henry Rodriguez . . .	.533-7795
<b>Garden</b>	
(Park, Community Beautification)	
Mrs. Jewell Cunningham . .	.532-3683
<b>Child Activities (Scouts, etc.)</b>	
Mr. William Shepherd . . .	.534-0320

These chairmen would greatly appreciate a call from you if you could offer some assistance on one of these committees. When many of us give a little of our time it is surprising how much can be accomplished and the joy we derive from such service.

The terms in parentheses explain the work of the committee a little more fully.

## RAPID TRANSIT AND ZONING

The position of county supervisor is a full-time, many-faceted job and our new supervisor proved it in January when he spoke to approximately 30 residents of Greenway Downs.

Mr. Wright explained the new boundaries of Providence District and what the urban county form of government meant in Fairfax County. The major portion of his time with us was spent explaining Washington's proposed rapid transit system. With the use of a map published by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, he showed the proposed routes, one through Arlington and up Route 66 toward Herndon and one down Route 1 and 236 to Franconia. He urged anyone who has questions or suggestions to write him or Mr. Babson, who is Fairfax County's representative. Now is the time to react

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

MARCH 26	Tuesday
APRIL 30	Tuesday
PICNIC	JUNE 8 Saturday

to the proposals, not in 1981 when the first subway rolls through East Falls Church.

The recent zoning report was also discussed although only lightly because of limited time. Mr. Wright felt that the three-man Land Use Review Board suggested by the commission was a very good idea. The Supervisors would set large land areas into categories and set guidelines for the Board, which would act on individual cases. Mr. Wright's only objection was that appeal would be to a circuit court judge and not to an elected official.

Anyone who wishes his thoughts known on county problems should write to Mr. Thomas B. Wright, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, 6315 Backlick Rd., Springfield, Virginia.

## REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

As a service to our newcomers, the following are the requirements to vote in Fairfax County. At the time of an election, the registrant must be a U. S. citizen, 21 years old, and have lived in Virginia one year, Fairfax County six months, and Greenway Precinct thirty days. It is only necessary to register once in Virginia and no poll tax is charged in order to vote.

Registration may be done at the Office of the County Registrar, 4101 Chain Bridge Road (Rt. 123), Fairfax, on Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 4:30. Call CR 3-2062 for more information.

In order to accommodate as many people as possible, a local Registrar is available by appointment. Mrs. Tera Vinson, 2845 Rosemary Lane, 532-0342, will make arrangements to register people in her home.

Please note that one must register thirty days prior to an election. Elections are held in Devonshire School.

## SCOUT NEWS

It's that delicious time of year again—Girl Scout Cookie time. From 4 p.m. Friday, March 15 until March 31, the girls from Troop 601 will be selling five varieties of cookies: butter flavor, oatmeal, assorted sandwich, peanut butter, and mint at 50¢ a box. If you aren't contacted or want more cookies, call Mrs. Steidel, Cookie Chairman, at 532-3265.

Cub Scout Troop 677 is looking forward to its annual Blue and Gold Banquet to be held February 23 at the Graham Road Methodist Church. The boys are also planning a newspaper drive in March. Please start saving newspapers, magazines, catalogs and *The Downs* for the boys to pick up. The date will be announced later.

A Klondike Derby is a cold way to spend a weekend. With 51 other troops, Boy Scout Troop 677 spent January 27 and 28 in the wilderness of Bull Run Park. It was a wonderful weekend of competition, hikes, practice of handicrafts, and eating one's own cooking. On Saturday night after three hours on the trail, there was a program of songs and skits, and Sunday morning a sourdough bread-baking contest. The highlight of the weekend was pulling a 60-lb. dogsled over the course of mud and slush. That's

right, sled. In spite of the lack of snow, Troop 677 tied for third. Congratulations, boys.

On February 24, the Troop will participate in the annual George Washington's Birthday Parade in Fredericksburg. The ladies will be dressed in colonial costumes, historic shrines will be open, and there will be a contest to throw a silver dollar across the Potomac. Everyone is invited. The parade starts at 12 noon.

## BAND WINNERS

Thanks to the hard work of Greenway Downs teens, Greenway Downs was well represented in the 1968 All-Regional Band Concert sponsored by the Virginia Band and Orchestra Director's Association.

On the weekend of February 10, participants were selected (by special auditions) from 30 schools in Loudon, Fauquier, Culpeper, and Fairfax counties and Falls Church city.

Greenway Downs teens who were selected from Falls Church High's Concert Band were **Larry Bertram, Pat Brescia, Ron Eler, and John Hartsook**; and from Whittier's Concert Band was **Don Lucas**. Congratulations to all of you.

—B. Lucas

**NEW NEIGHBORS**—Welcome to Judith and Robert J. Frederick who recently moved to 2807 George Mason Road.