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**MARCH MEETING**

**ABOUT OUR SPEAKER**

**DATE:** TUESDAY, MARCH 22

**TIME:** 8:00 P. M.

**PLACE:** Devonshire School  
Cafetorium

**PROGRAM**

**Speaker:** Mr. Fred A. Babson, Jr.  
Chairman, Fairfax County  
Board of Supervisors

**Subject:** "EFFECTS OF RECENT  
LEGISLATION ON FAIRFAX  
COUNTY RESIDENTS"

**SHORT BUSINESS MEETING**

**REFRESHMENTS**

Hot coffee and homemade baked sweets to enjoy while you chat with your neighbors. All are invited.

Mr. Fred A. Babson, Jr. was elected Supervisor in November 1963. He is now Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. He is also Chairman of the Fairfax County Council on Youth and Chairman of Transportation Planning Board for the National Capital Region. He is a practicing attorney in the City of Fairfax. He received his AB and law degrees from the University of North Carolina, his home state. He recently introduced a resolution which was adopted by the School Board to make 7 high school gymnasiums available for the use of young people on Sunday afternoons. It has proved so popular that plans are being made to open such facilities in all the high schools and also the intermediate schools.

Mr. Babson and his lovely wife live in Annandale with their two young sons.

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DO YOU HAVE NEWS OF INTEREST TO  
THE COMMUNITY?

THE DOWNS is pledged to serve our community by announcing the time and subject of the General Meeting of our association. It is also the instrument by which your officers can bring topics of general interest to your attention so that you may take appropriate action when needed. It is also the medium by which we try to report events of general interest about people in our community--that is when they have received an honor of any kind; when a new arrival is welcomed into the home; reporting on extensive or unusual travels of our residents; etc. We desire to report mostly "happy-type" news and that is why we do not report illnesses or accidents of those in the community. The only "sad-type" news we report is the announcement of the passing of one of our residents.

It would, therefore, be very much appreciated if you would report any news of interest to MRS. MARY REICH, JE 3-1844. She is the new "news gatherer" for THE DOWNS.

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Are they going to raise County taxes? Are they going to tackle our storm-drainage problems?

"They" are the Fairfax County Supervisors. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and the man we elected to represent our Falls Church District, will be able to answer your questions Tuesday night, March 22, at Devonshire School.

Fred Babson, from my limited conversations with him, gives straightforward answers. He seems sincere and personable. He meets with many neighborhood groups during the year to tell them of the County's progress, and to hear of their problems.

Tuesday night is our turn. This is our chance to judge him as the head of the fastest-growing county in the United States. But, just as Mr. Babson will leave an impression with us at the meeting, we will also leave an impression with him.

How concerned are we about our neighborhood and its problems? A good gauge, to him will be the number of people present. He knows that ours is a small neighborhood. A good crowd may accomplish more than letters or petitions.

I invite you to come to this meeting for the good of our neighborhood, whether or not you are a member of Greenway Downs Citizens Association. If you are a newcomer, Tuesday night is an ideal time to get acquainted with your

YOUR EDITOR SIGNS OFF

This is the last issue of THE DOWNS that I will be putting together. I am happy to report that new workers have volunteered to take over for me, so THE DOWNS will not cease to be published with this issue.

I received a most heartwarming letter of appreciation from the president of our civic association for the time and work that I have spent on issuing these newsletters. The comments of appreciation that have been expressed by many of you at the time of our membership drives and at other times has been most gratifying. As you know, this is the only "pay" their is for this work and, therefore, is the only incentive for continuing to find time to do this job for the association.

The ladies who will be taking over for me are--

- Mrs. Elouisa Stokes
- Mrs. Bettie Wells
- Mrs. Mary Reich

I know that they are going to be most successful in this new work for the association

IRENE T. SMITH  
Editor

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neighbors and your county representative.

We plan to conduct the annual membership drive during May this year instead of March as has been the custom the past few years. We hope to see an increase in the membership of GDCA,

BEN BLANKENSHIP  
President

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FEDERATION REPORT

At its February meeting the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations took the following actions--

(a) urged passage of the bills which embody the legislative recommendations of the Virginia Outdoor Recreation Study Commission;

(b) urged that the power of eminent domain, where provided in these bills, be retained as necessary provisions to effectuate fully the Virginia Outdoor Plan; and

(c) commended the Virginia Outdoor Study Commission for their thorough study and concise reporting and recommendations for legislative action.

In addition, the Federation urged the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to approve, in principle, the application of a small watershed conservation program for the Pohick watershed under Public Law 566, and request the Commonwealth Attorney to present at the earliest possible time a recommended ordinance for the control of sedimentation and erosion within Fairfax County.

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WE WISH TO THANK THE BOY SCOUTS FOR TAKING OVER THE DELIVERY OF "THE DOWNS" THIS MONTH; AND WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE GIRL SCOUTS FOR DOING IT SO GRACIOUSLY LAST MONTH. WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY.

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FALLS CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
JUDGED "SUPERIOR"

At last week's Band Festival, sponsored by the Virginia Music Educators Association, the Falls Church High School Concert Band emerged with an over-all No. 1 Superior rating.

This achievement is the most recent of many which the band has received under the direction of Mr. James Lunsford, Director of the school's bands, and Supervisor of the school's music department.

The Band's presentations included a highly-spirited march, appropriately titled "National Spirit March" by Hummel; a contemporary offering, "Pageant" by Persichetti; and a superb Finale from Tschai-kowsky's "4th Symphony"--all Grade VI music, considered by accomplished musicians to be the most difficult for high school band students.

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FEDERATION ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Blankenship attended the Federation of Civic Associations Annual Awards Dinner on February 23 at which Dr. Walter Kurylo was honored for his work in getting the Fairfax County voters to approve the school bond issue. He is currently the president of the Falls Church High School SPTA. He is also an officer in the County Federation of PTAs. Mr. Blankenship reported that Dr. Kurylo was an excellent speaker although he was not the principal

SPRING LAWN CARE TIPS

I would like to pass on a helpful comment I received from a garden expert about fertilizing lawns in the spring. Of course, the best time to feed a lawn is in the fall at which time crabgrass, weeds, etc., are soon to be killed by the cold weather, leaving only the good grasses to benefit by this feeding. However, if you did not get around to feeding your lawn last fall, it is advisable to give it a light feeding now. Be sure to water it in if it is not actually raining after you apply it. This is not so necessary with organic fertilizers. This is most important as much damage is done to a lawn by lack of water following an application of dry fertilizer. I learned that often the yellowing of a lawn in late spring or early summer is due to insufficient watering in of chemical fertilizer.

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SCOUTS CAN USE MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE

The mimeograph machine that the GDCA owns is being made available for the use of any and all scout groups in Greenway Downs. At the present it will be located at the home of Mr. Schaffstall, 6825 Custis Parkway, JE 3-0432.

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speaker at this dinner--Harry Byrd, Jr., was.

Ben Blankenship also attended the Cub Scouts' Blue and Gold Banquet a few weeks ago, at which time, he accepted the Charter for our Cub Pack for the year 1966.

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