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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Probably the most bandied about phrase in the last few years is "law and order" and in Fairfax County that phrase is probably best exemplified in one man, Robert F. Horan, Commonwealth's Attorney—the man who must prosecute the criminals in Fairfax County.

Mr. Horan is a native of New Brunswick, N.J., and attended Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he received his B.S. degree in 1954. Following graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and served as a Marine officer until 1958. Upon leaving active service, he entered Georgetown University Law School and earned his LL.B. degree. He was admitted to the Virginia Bar in August 1961 and later served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney during the years 1964 and 1965. In September 1965 he resigned to become a partner in a Fairfax law firm. His law partnership terminated in March 1967 when Senior Circuit Court Judge Arthur W. Sinclair appointed him Commonwealth's Attorney to fill the unexpired term of Ralph Louk, and in November 1967 he was elected for a term of four years.

To take care of any "spare time" the county office might allow him, Mr. Horan is a member of the Virginia State Bar, National District Attorney's Assn., Northern Virginia Trial Lawyers Assn., Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity, the Ma-

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER MEETING

DATE Thursday, December 3
TIME 8:00 p.m.
PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
Graham Road and Lee Highway
SPEAKER Mr. Robert F. Horan, Jr.
Commonwealth's Attorney
PROGRAM Crime in Fairfax County
BUSINESS MEETING
REFRESHMENTS

rine Reserve Officers Assn., and the Young Democratic Club of Fairfax County. He is also a member and former secretary of the Fairfax County Bar Assn., and is the 10th District Chmn of the Virginia Commonwealth's Attorneys Assn. At the present time he is serving as a director of the No. Va. Mental Health Assn. and is the President of the Fairfax Police Youth Club. Over the past two years he has become active as an advocate of public education concerning the problems of drug abuse. We are indeed fortunate to have Mr. Horan with us on Dec. 3. He has agreed to answer any questions you may have on any aspect of crime in our community. Please plan to be with us and bring a friend to this very important meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Elling C. Reich

Hi! We had a pretty good turnout at our last meeting. Dr. Hoofnagle gave us a very good insight into the objectives of the Board of Supervisors. Sorry some of you missed it. We even had visitors from a neighboring citizens' association.

Our next meeting will be coming up real soon so make your plans to attend. The program will be interesting. In the meantime how about each of us embarking on a program to make Greenway Downs more civic minded and law conscious. Speeding through our area can be dangerous. Parking on the wrong side of the street can lead to an accident when you pull away from the curb. Use of the "park" property for parking vehicles, both commercial and non-commercial is prohibited. Tossing cans, bottles and paper onto the streets is not only unlawful but adds nothing to the appearance of Greenway Downs. Give it some thought and help your youngster to develop pride in his "neighborhood."

Don't forget, leaf burning is not helpful to those who suffer from respiratory problems. Be considerate and place your leaves in the trash barrels or beside the road. The County will pick 'em up sometime in the near future.

Hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving. See you on December 3.

Capt. Bruce Meiser has been elected to serve as delegate to the Federation of Citizen's Associations during the absence of Mr. Sanders.

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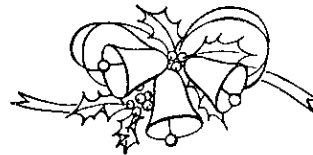
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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE COMPLETE

Thanks to Mr. Willard Scott and his fantastic team of canvassers as well as the residents of Greenway Downs, the 1970 Membership Drive is a success and real booster to the officers who have worked so hard for all of us. So far 77% of your neighbors have said "yes" to the Drive. Of 468 homes, 96 said they would not become members. We who serve you would be happy to hear your gripes and why you have not joined in our work.

As for the canvassers, the Executive Board voted to thank them with a Thank You Breakfast on December 5 at 9:30 a.m. at the Old Dutch Inn. Those who worked so hard and deserve this token are: Mrs. Roadcap, Mrs. Yarbrough, Mrs. Glammeyer, Mr. Grogan, Mrs. Crovo, Mr. Mace, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Owens, Mr. Brew, Mrs. Hedgepeth, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Fellenbaum, Mrs. Boland, Mr. Ritter, Mr. Goodwin and Mrs. Davis.

If you have not been contacted, please call Mr. Scott, 532-1560.



Congratulations—Mr. and Mrs. James A. Klinger, 2837 Greenway Blvd., on the birth of a son recently; and to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Stucker, 6915 Custis Parkway, on the birth of their daughter.

Welcome—Dr. Rhodes Thompson who has recently moved into 2850 Greenway Boulevard.

Anyone who lost a bright red child's wagon in Sept. should call Mrs. Paul Davis at 534-1593.

The next **Executive Board meeting** will be held on December 10 at 8 p.m. at 2753 Geo. Mason Road.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC

There is some relief to those complaints regarding commercial vehicles parking within our community. The County Code, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 16, Article 5, prohibits persons from "parking any truck or other commercial vehicles on or alongside the roads, highway, and streets of residential districts for more than two hours; unless the vehicle is picking up, delivering, performing work, or service at such location. Violators shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars."

It is suggested that those in violation be given a neighborly oral request to comply. If this is not taken, you should report the individual by calling the Fairfax County Police substation in Annandale at 691-2655.

The State Highway Department has agreed to perform a parking and speed limit survey of the Downs area. However, only minimum requirements are voluntarily imposed by the State unless the residents involved or the Association makes a request for stricter parking regulations.

You can help! If you are aware of a parking problem which is creating a safety hazard and needs attention, call 534-5930 and Mr. Kramer will be happy to have it investigated.

Also, if you have not called in any "approved" sidewalks in disrepair, please call Mrs. Stokes, 533-1392, by December 2.

—Fred Kramer

OLDER COMMUNITIES' PROBLEMS

Dr. William S. Hoofnagle, as Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, spoke at some length on the problems of the Board especially as they relate to older communities such as ours. He expressed a desire for the county to hold taxes on property and to provide tax relief for the elderly and those holding large tracts of land open. In order to do this he would like a better break from the State on return of taxes to our locality. At present 14% of the state income tax we send to Richmond goes elsewhere in the state.

Specifically referring to our area, Dr. Hoofnagle feels that curbs and gutters improvements

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Jan. 20	— Wednesday	April 29	— Thursday
Feb. 24	— Wednesday	May 25	— Tuesday
Mar. 23	— Tuesday	June 12	— Picnic—Sat.

must be paid in part by the homeowners although the county is willing to help to 50% or more. The entire Department of Public Works is presently being restructured to make it more responsive to the county's needs. The Board and the School Board are completely committed to the idea of neighborhood schools. They are also aware of the need to keep the older schools up-to-date.

Dr. Hoofnagle ("Please call me Bill,") took all questions he did not have answers to with him and Mrs. Barrie, his secretary, called everyone back with the desired information. Many thanks to Bill and Mrs. Barrie for attending our meeting and answering our questions.

SCHOOL DAYS

December is a busy season for all of us and those involved with the local schools are no exception. On December 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Falls Church High School Cafeteria, there will be a drug education workshop for parents from both J. G. Whittier Intermediate and Falls Church High Schools. Miss Dorothy Duncan, Drug Education Consultant to the Fairfax County Schools, and a team of specially trained teachers will describe what Fairfax County is accomplishing in the area of drug education for all public school students including the educational techniques and materials which are used. The specific programs for Whittier and Falls Church will also be discussed.

On Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. at FCHS, the annual Christmas Band Concert will be performed, and four days later—Dec. 16—at 7:30 p.m., the last Choral Concert of the winter season will be performed. We should all, by the way, be especially proud of the FCHS Band—they won the Bronze Plaque on Nov. 7 in competition in Philadelphia, Penn., for their excellence of performance. Congratulations.

December 12 — 1:00 p.m. "Comedy in Magic"
Devonshire Cafetorium. Children, 50¢; Adults, \$1.00.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 22 - 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Custis Parkway and Greenway Boulevard

This Year we will have another Christmas Party similar to the one last year. A bonfire with a small Christmas tree, hot cider, hot chocolate, and doughnuts, Christmas carols, and lots of good cheer will allow us to invite the entire family and friends to celebrate the holiday with us.

Come, bring a neighbor, even if only for a few minutes. The admission is only a child with a home-made decoration for the Christmas tree.

Rain date - Wednesday, December 23.

By the way, we need a volunteer Santa and people to help serve. Please call Mr. Kramer, 534-5930.

SCOUTING CORNER

Cub Scout Pack 677 will have its annual Christmas Party on December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Devonshire Cafetorium. Christmas centerpieces will be sold at auction with the proceeds to go to the Pack. Anyone who would like to donate a centerpiece or bid on one should come on the 16th.

The Cub Scouts have had to discontinue their paper drives temporarily because the price of paper is so low. An announcement will appear in *The Downs* concerning their resumption.

The Pack is in desperate need of a Cub Master beginning in January. Mr. Coverston who has worked very hard for many years has resigned. Any father of a boy in the Pack who can help should call Mr. Hill, 532-5970, or Mr. Coverston at 573-3197.

Boy Scout Troop 677 will be selling Christ-

mas trees again this year and again it will be in the old Hechinger's lot on Lee Highway across from A & R Tool Rental. Trees will go on sale around December 5 and will cost \$1 a foot. The profits from this sale will enable the boys to go to summer camp.

Speaking of camp, eight boys from 677 attended the Fall Camporee in Gettysburg in Oct. and several won patches for their hard work. Mr. Hall has just given the First Aid Course to boys who won their patches for their hours of work. The boys are presently working on their annual rechartering.

The Downs would be glad to publish other Scout and service club news but has been unable to contact leaders. Please call Mrs. Reich at 533-1844, before January 5 for our next issue.

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

There must be one more Outstanding Person in Greenway Downs. Please send in your nomination this month so that the committee can begin choosing the winner. Tell your friends to do the same. You may submit two names if you wish. Use the form below.

To: Nominating Committee - Outstanding Citizen Award - Greenway Downs Citizens Association
6933 Custis Parkway, Falls Church, Virginia 22042

I would like to nominate _____
for consideration as Greenway Downs' outstanding
citizen of 1971.

Your Name and Address

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