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OCTOBER MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, October 26
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: Devonshire Cafetorium
Graham Road & Lee Highway

PROGRAM

Movie: PIPELINE TO TOMORROW
by Washington Gas Light Co.

Speaker: Mr. Jim Horn

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

Delicious homemade cookies and plenty of hot coffee are yours to enjoy as you visit with your neighbors after the meeting.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Our program this month is a departure from our usual variety and we hope you will find it interesting and entertaining, as well as informative.

"Pipeline to Tomorrow" is a 20 minute color motion picture which depicts the service the gas company provides for its customers and takes you behind the scenes to show how this service is accomplished. Most all the actors in this film are employees of the Washington Gas Light Company. Maybe you will see someone you know.

Mr. Jim Horn, a representative from the gas company, will present the film and answer any questions you may have after seeing the movie.

COME OUT AND TAKE PART IN YOUR ASSOCIATION'S MEETINGS

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FAIRFAX TEACHERS SALARY SCALE

Fairfax County pays more to their top quality teachers than any other school district in the State. Only two school districts (Arlington and Alexandria) have a higher starting salary--by \$100. Fairfax County's minimum salary is \$5,200 and the top salary is \$9,360, which is not exceeded by any other school district. We should be proud that our County has been alert to recognize the necessity of paying a just salary to those teachers who have earned their master's and doctor's degree. We can't have the quality teachers people of this community demand unless we are willing to pay the price.

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CULTURAL ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

The Fairfax County Cultural Association, Inc., a private non-profit service organization, dedicated to the advancement of broad cultural development in the County, has recently published a Directory. It lists names, addresses and officials of various organizations in the County--civic, professional, social, religious, political, cultural, etc. Your Association is making them available to you for 75¢. They

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It was a pleasure to have a good attendance at the September general meeting. Our guest speaker, the Honorable Joel T. Broyhill, gave an interesting talk on home rule and other timely topics. In an informal discussion after the meeting, Mr. Broyhill commented on the value of a citizens group such as ours to the community. It was refreshing to realize the importance of maintaining a close-knit group of interested citizens as a liaison between the residents of a neighborhood community and county and state agencies. According to our membership campaign results, close to 300 families are now members of our Citizens Association.

Don't forget October 26, the date of our next general meeting. A new slate of officers for 1966 will be submitted. An interesting program is planned, so please come. SEE YOU ON TUESDAY.

J. J. SHARKEY
President

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THANKS TO MRS. FRAN FISHER WHO PUT OUT THE DOWNS LAST MONTH WHILE I WAS ON VACATION.

YOUR EDITOR

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cost \$1 if bought at the Cultural Association's office, 2944 Patrick Henry Drive, Falls Church (over the Drug Fair in the Willston Shopping Center) or \$1.10 if ordered by mail. These will be on sale at our general meeting, so come and see if you wouldn't like to have one.

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At the general election on November 2 there will be one referendum question -- IS THERE A NEED FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY TO BE ACTIVATED IN THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX? Virginia law requires that a majority of voters must answer this question affirmatively before a local governing body can establish such an authority.

The County has an acute shortage of low-cost housing and the basic purpose of a Redevelopment and Housing Authority is to provide safe and sanitary housing for families of low-income in the County. This will result in redevelopment of present blighted areas. The cost of such redevelopment, if and when undertaken, would be shared with the Federal Government, which will provide 2/3 of the needed money. The remaining 1/3 is provided by the local government.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Beginning on October 1, 1965, the Fairfax County Public Libraries will increase their hours of operation by remaining open Tuesday and Thursday evenings until 9 PM.

The new schedule of hours is as follows:

ALL BRANCH LIBRARIES

Monday - Friday 10 AM - 9 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY

Monday - Friday 9 AM - 9 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

The Broyhill Park Citizens Assoc. is having the Democrat and Republican candidates for the Virginia State Senate speak at their meeting, Monday, October 25. Each candidate will be allowed about 5 minutes to express his views on who he should be elected. A question and answer period will follow this. The candidates are:

DEMOCRAT Omar Hirst (incumbent)
Adelard L. Brault
Robert Fitzgerald

REPUBLICAN William I. Scott
Lamar Newcomb
Harvey Lampshire

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND BECOME A BETTER INFORMED VOTER FOR NOVEMBER 2

LATEST ON DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Your President, Mr. Sharkey, wrote to Mr. Babson, our County Supervisor, recently to find out what was being done to correct our long-standing flood drainage problem. He received the following reply.

"This will acknowledge your letter dated September 20 pertaining to the Custis Parkway drainage problem.

"Upon checking with the Office of Public Works, I was told that the engineer was picking up the plans today. After the plans are checked and reviewed, the specifications will be written up and the job will be bid upon. This all takes time but we are slowly making progress." The letter was dated September 24.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The weekend of Oct. 22-24 will find 260 Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts on an encampment at Potomac Woods, out past Leesburg. The Brownies from this area are going out Saturday for the day.

Any girls from the ages of 7 & 8 and in the 2d or 3d grade who would like to be Brownies should call Mrs. Center, 560-5840. Girls from the age of 9 on up should get in touch with Mrs. Sprague, 560-9132. There are 10 prospective Brownies waiting for 6 more to join them before a new troop can be formed. Anyone interested in working with girls should also call the above and let them know of their interest.

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FLOWER ARRANGING COURSE OPEN

The Fairfax County Cultural Assoc. takes pride in announcing a course of instruction in "Sogetsu Flower Arrangement-Elementary." The instructor will be Ruth Lohr who has a Professorship of the 4th Degree with the Sogetsu School of Tokyo, Japan and is a member of Ikebana (flowers) International. The Course will be given in the Cultural Center at 2944 Patrick Henry Drive, Falls Church.

Classes

Tues., Wed. or Fri. from 9-10 AM or 10:30-11:30 AM, also on Friday from 7-8 PM

Tuition \$30 (includes flowers and 10 classes, 1 per wk)

To register and for further information, call the Cultural Center, 532-0304.

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CUB SCOUT NEWS

The Cubs wish to thank everyone who put papers out for their paperdrive October 9, and they wish to apologize for not being able to pick all of them up. It seems there were more papers than one truck could hold. They hope to have another drive very soon, so watch THE DOWNS for the date. The boys earned \$30 for their hard work and the money they make helps to pay the expenses of their Cubbing program.

The GOODWILL BAGS the Cubs gave out recently will be picked up November 13, so mark that date on your calendar. Please make sure to have them outside your door BEFORE 9 AM.

If any boy 8-10 years of age would like to join the Cub Scout program, you should call Mr. Schaffstall, 533-0432. Nine Cub Scouts will be advancing to the Boy Scouts in a ceremony to be held very soon.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO TROOP 677 BSA

The Rebel Patrol of Troop 677, which is sponsored by Greenway Downs Citizens Assoc., won first place honors in Area 42 at the Fairfax Boy Scouts of American Camporee held at Dalton Pond, Quantico, last weekend, Oct. 15-17.

The troop's leaders are Mr. Al Thompson and Mr. Phil Simounet.

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HUNTING SEASON 1965-66

The season for hunting deer in Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier, and Prince William Counties will be from Nov. 15 to Jan. 5. There is a bag limit of one deer per license year with the shooting of either sex permitted on the first day only.

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