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SEPTEMBER MEETING

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Date: THURSDAY, September 19
Time: 8:00 PM
Place: Devonshire Cafetorium

We feel sure there is no subject of more general interest and importance to the residents of Greenway Downs than that of our schools. With this in mind we have asked Mr. CLYDE A. ERWIN, Jr., to speak to us on the problems Fairfax County faces in administering a rapidly growing school enrollment, especially in the light of the large cut in their budget for the current school year. He will be glad to answer our questions, so come and be enlightened.

PROGRAM

Speaker: Mr. CLYDE A. ERWIN, Jr.
Coordinator of School
Community Relations
Fairfax Co. School Board
Subject: PROBLEMS OF SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Erwin received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Education from North Carolina State University. He has taught for 5 years and was a Legislative Consultant with the National Education Assoc. before coming to the Fairfax County School Administration.

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

This is our chat and get-acquainted with your neighbors period. Come join us.

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NEWS WANTED

We would like to receive more news
items for our paper. We are in-
terested in those who have just
moved into our community; who has
done something of interest to
others; especially at this time of
year we would like to report those
young people who are away at col-
lege, who is on a scholarship,
going to what college, studying
what and in what year. So let's
have a nice long article next month
on our young people. Call in your
information to one of the names
listed above.

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PARDON OUR ERRORS

We have had the following errors
in our Directory brought to our
attention.

P. 10--add H. Neal Cunningham...

Jewell, JE 2-3683, 313 Cameron

P. 11--the 6th name should be

ANDRUSIA, not ANDRUS

P. 13--the address for J. F. Clem
is 206 Woodlawn Ave.

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The hot dry summer is past and we
hope for a downpouring of rain to
replenish the depleted underground
water supply. Vacation time is
also past and we trust that the
activities of the GDCA will merit
your cooperation and that you will
attend the monthly meetings so that
we may have a greater working force.

NOTE: The date of the regular
Association meetings has been
changed to the third THURSDAY of
each month. We hope that more of
you will be able to attend now.

Mr. T. LESTER of the State Highway
Dept. has been most cooperative
with your president and has been
responsible for a number of im-
provements in our community.
Gutters have been cleaned out and
many of them have been blacktopped;
drainage pipes have been cleaned
out; catch basins have been built;
broken sidewalks have been torn up
and replaced with new; and a new
sidewalk has been built the full
length of Westmoreland Road.
There are still some projects to
be completed and we hope he will
be able to do them this fall. We
all wish to thank you, Mr. Lester.

A huge drainage project for the
creek along Custis Parkway and all
tributaries of Tripps Run is on
the drawing board and as soon as
funds are available this will be
done.

Tommy Thomsen

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TENNIS COURT

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hodge who live on N. Oak Street just west of Broad Street are the "victims" of progress in the form of a new office building to be built on their land soon. Their lot will be the parking lot for these offices. Since they must move and have no further use for the tennis court in their yard they donated it, including nets, backstops, poles, fence, as well as a set of basketball standards, to our Association. We had planned to erect it on our Park but the County Engineers have informed us that this area has been designated as a flood area and no construction is permitted on it.

Lt. USN CARL HARPER of 214 Cameron Road has offered to let us erect the court on his vacant lot. The Executive Committee of GDCA is now investigating the various phases of the project, such as grading, leveling, construction, obligations and liabilities to the Association. If it is determined that it is feasible, we may call on YOU to lend a helping hand. One member of our community has offered to blacktop the tennis court labor free, we have only to pay for the material used. What SERVICE CAN YOU OFFER? If you can help, or have any helpful suggestions to make, please give your president a call. JE 2-1653, Tommy Thomsen.

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NOTICE

Election of the Nominating Committee for new officers will be made at the meeting Thursday, Sept. 19.

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WALKING VS. RIDING

After many years of haggling and indecision pro and con as to whether the children of Greenway Downs should walk to school or not, the School Board has determined that where reasonably safe walking paths are available all children living within one mile or less of school shall walk. Therefore, the law provides that bus transportation will not be supplied for most of the children living in Greenway Downs who attend Devonshire School.

Your Executive Committee has considered the matter and discussed it with the proper County officials. All have been most cooperative. Associate Superintendent Robert Pope spent a great deal of time with Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lucas and your president recently explaining what has been done, what the School Board could do and what we could do if we felt any adjustment needed to be made. Supt. E. C. Funderburk is meeting with your president to make a personal inspection of the walkway to Devonshire School. He will then determine if a recommendation should be made to the Board of Supervisors to reestablish bus service or if any alternative proposals should be made. This will be discussed at our regular meeting Thursday, September 19.

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DIRECTORY CHANGES

Please notify your president or the editor of any correction or additions to be made in our Directory.

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DID YOU KNOW--

JOAN CAROL BEANE, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. L. Beane of 119 Westmoreland Road, was married June 6 to Lt. HOWARD MICHAEL TOMME in Colorado Springs. Lt. Tomme graduated from the U. S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, June 5, 1963. They are now living in Taipei, Formosa, where he is stationed. We send them our congratulations and hope to hear from them from time to time.

JAMES H. MARSHALL, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. James H. Marshall of 300 Greenway Blvd., married CAROL ROBERTSON of Seattle, Washington, this past Saturday, September 14 at The Falls Church. Mr. ROBERT OWENS of 306 Greenway Blvd. sang at the wedding accompanied by his wife, LOIS. The newly-weds are living in the Timberlane Apt. Jim, Jr. is associated with his dad in the appliance repair business which is located in our community at 811 Lee Highway.

Three students from Devonshire School living in Greenway Downs were selected to attend Camp Charles Grime at Kilmarnock, Va. This camp is for training school safety patrols and the Devonshire PTA sponsored them, paying all expenses. STEVEN F. LAWRENCE, son of Mr. & Mrs. John F. Lawrence of 1104 Custis Parkway, has been made Captain of Devonshire's Safety Patrols. JOSEPH PAUL SHAFFER, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Shaffer of 116 Bolling Road is now a Lieutenant. The third student was PEGGY ANN STODDARD who lives with her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Chapline of 129 Winchester Way.

TOMMY GEDDES, the winner of our cover design contest and son of Mr. & Mrs. G. H. Geddes of 304 Greenway Blvd., spent a very profitable summer on a dairy farm in the vicinity of Herndon, Va. He said he arose at 4 AM every day to help with the milking of 53 cows then helped clean up the barn until breakfast time at 6 AM. After a hearty meal of pancakes, syrup, ham and eggs, milk and fruit, he did such chores as cut down trees and chop them up into firewood for the winter, bale hay, straw or oats, and worked in the barn. Of course, they stopped for a big meal at noon, too. Then at 3 PM it was time to milk the cows again. After cleaning up they stopped working for the day at 5 PM and had dinner. Tom says he highly recommends spending a summer like this. He worked for 8 weeks and thoroughly enjoyed it. School must seem easy to him after all that work.

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WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Your editor has had the following newcomers to the community reported, so bring your Directory up to date.

Mr. & Mrs. Martin and their son
120 E. Westmoreland Road

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dennison and
their 3 children
316 E. Westmoreland Road

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald White and their
3 children
805 Custis Parkway

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