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FILLMORE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The fair was held December 19th in both the auditorium of Gordon Junior High and the library at Fillmore. Each grade presented a skit in the auditorium, along with performances by the Glee Club and the French Club.

Afterwards there were refreshments for everyone in the library at Fillmore and very inexpensive gifts for the kids to buy in one of the classrooms. The gifts were donations from the families of the students with profits going to the PTA. Very little profit comes from the Bazaar but it is the perfect opportunity to get all the families together for a social event. In this respect, it was a very successful evening.

LIBRARY HOURS REMAIN SHORTENED

Chuck Clinton, Chairman of NPC#6 and Peter Perry, ad hoc representative, attended the last D.C. Library Board of Trustees meeting to present an appeal for extended library hours. It apparantly failed.

The attempt culminated efforts begun almost one year ago to open the library on Sunday. At that time, contrary to many libraries throughout the city, Georgetown was closed all day. In May, 1972, the Board voted to allocate $3500 to maintain a Sunday opening if additional funds could be raised from local community sources. In response to the Board's pledge, the Peabody Library Association and NPC#6 each donated $1000. The library opened on an experimental basis for 12 weeks during Sunday afternoon with the $2000 in local monies. However, the $3500 was never funded, despite the Board's initial vote and clear pledge.

Georgetown Library is now open on Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00. The hours are misleading, however, since Saturday hours have been curtailed from 9:00 to 5:00 to 9:00 to 1:00. A number of citizens think this contravenes the spirit and thrust of the original pledge.

Dr. Milton Byrnes, the newly appointed Library Director, stated that half-day

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JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan. 8, 1973--BCA monthly meeting, 8 pm, Gordon Jr. High
NPC-6 meeting, 7:30 pm Western High

Jan. 17, 1973--BCA Anniversary Committee mtg., 8 pm, 3526 T St.

Jan. 29, 1973--BCA Exec. Cmte. mtg., 7:45 pm, 1935 38th St.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If the first few days of the new year are any indication, 1973 is going to be a magnificent year. Spirits in Washington are running high with the Redskins winning the NFC championship and the Presidential Inaugeration only weeks away. Our tiny community not only shares the excitement of our city but we also have a special celebration of our own coming up, for 1973 is Burleith's Golden Anniversary.

Throughout the past several months there have been numerous articles in the Newsletter about the coming events--the Spring clean-up campaign, the garden and house tours, Annual Art Show, and the combined Picnic and Anniversary celebration in June. Many of you have asked where and how you can contribute. The answer is twofold: first, by helping on the committees, either one directly connected with Anniversary events, or one working to improve our neighborhood. Secondly, by taking pride in your community and in your home and doing those improvements to your property which you have been putting off until tomorrow. Tomorrow is here! Our neighborhood, in 1973, will be the cynosure of all eyes and time is growing short in which to complete the beautification of our area and make it the model community we would all like it to be.

Sincere wishes to all of you for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

L. K. Van Fleet

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hours are being enforced on a citywide basis and that "there will be no exception for Georgetown." On December 18th, the President of the D.C. Library Board, reiterated that there would be no exception, despite the Board's action last May. Library administrators say they don't have funds. Privately, some local residents speculate that the Martin Luther King Library budget is probably suffering from a familiar problem of "cost-overruns", forcing curtailment of services.

The library is too important a resource to stand idle on week-ends when most children and adults have time to use it. Attendance during the summer experiment proved that the library would be used. The only hope now seems to be for Burleith citizens to write to Library Director Byrnes or Congress requesting expanded hours and demanding an accounting of how library funds are spent.

At the very least, the original vote should be honored.

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NOTICE

Due to the Christmas party, the discussion of the revised BCA Charter and By-laws was tabled until the January meeting of the Association.

Notice is hereby given that the proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-laws will be discussed and voted upon at the general meeting of the Association on Monday, January 8, 1973.

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REGULAR ASSOCIATION MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8th, 1973

The regular monthly meeting of the Burleith Citizens Association will be held on Monday, January 8th, 1973 in the library of Gordon Jr. High, 35th and T Sts., NW.

The January meeting will be strictly a business meeting with the principal matter of business being the review and discussion of the Association's revised Charter and By-Laws.

As this will be a most important meeting, please plan to attend.

JELLEFF BOYS CLUB

The Jelleff Boys Club is not attracting enough boys to warrant staying at its present site at 3265 S Street, according to Archie Avedisian, Executive Vice President of the Boys Clubs of Greater Washington.

Avedisian told the Burleith Citizens Association at its Dec. 11th meeting that the Boys Clubs hope to continue to operate a pregram in the general area, however. He said several sites are being considered, including facilities at Georgetown University. Avedisian added that if the pending sale of the S Street property to a syndicate headed by attorney Raymond de Member goes through, there is a "lease-back" provision under which the Boys Clubs would continue to rent facilities at S Street until settled in a new location. The Boys Club executive estimated that it would take about a year to phase out the S Street facility even if the sale of the property were completed on schedule.

Asked what would be the Boys Clubs next move if the pending sale to the de Member syndicate runs afoul of the courts, Avedisian asid there are "four or five" other potential buyers of the S Street property.

Avedisian said the Jelleff's Boys Club has been losing $20,000 a year. Even this deficit is not the prime reason for selling, said Avedisian, but the fact that only 40 to 50 boys per day are using the Jelleff facilities. He contrasted this with some other area branches which draw 800 to 1,00 youngsters on a regular basis. Avedisian blamed the low attendance on "a deterioration of the relationship between Jelleff's and the community brought about by a shifting population." He said a breakdown shows 251 members presently residing east of Rock Creek Park, only 121 west of the park.

The Boys Club official urged Burleith members to offer their services to the local branch, saying volunteer help was more important than dollars.

--David von Sothen

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HECHINGERS

4555 Wisconsin Ave., NW
966-3376

HART FISHER

HOME REPAIR
338-4471

MEENEHAN

The Hardware Man
3241 M St., NW
FE3-8373

DE VOL FUNERAL HOME

2222 Wisconsin Ave., NW
FE3-6680

H.A.GILL & SON

1722 Wisconsin Ave., NW
FE8-5000

REED ELECTRIC

3247 Q St., NW
HO2-4321

LITTLE FLOWER SHOP

Coke Holman
1328 Wisconsin Ave., NW
338-1030

BCA ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

BCA Anniversary:	Marie Van Hise (333-5305)
Clean-up campaign:	Robert Curtiss (333-2959) Gladys Hoelman (333-1938)
Garden Tour:	Irene Woodward (333-3419)
House & Property Improvement:	Dave Commer (965-2563)
Spring Art Show:	Bernie Haskell (333-1028)
Picnic/celebrat'n:	Dave Longfellow (965-4244)
Public Relations:	Dave Von Sothen (333-0493)
Historical data, photos, articles:	Jane Winer (333-2379)

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GET READY FOR SPRING

Treat your garden to new 20 gallon trash cans before the oncoming spring clean-up. It was noted that one of the local branches of a ntionally known mail order house had 20 gallon galvanized metal cans on sale for $1.50 each.

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BCA GOES TO THE ICE CAPADES

A group is now being formed to attend the Ice Capades at discount rates. The idea, as it now stands, is to charter a bus in order to make the trip safer, easier and more fun for a large group. Total cost for the evening is expected to be about $5.50. Everyone interested in attending the Ice Capades with their friends, please call 333-5305 between 8:00 and 5:00 weekdays. Leave your name, phone number and the number in your party.

DECORATING CONTEST RESULTS

The Second Annual Burleith Christmas Decorating Contest was judged December 20 by Tricia Pacard and Jerald Clark. Th was the second in what is hoped to be a great annual event.

The winners were as follows:

Outside Tree:
- 1st--The Montagues at 3545 S Street
- 2nd--Gonny Van Der Broek and Cyntyia Noronya at 3703 S Street

Door:
- 1st--The McFaddens at 3509 T Street
- 2nd--The Pardoes at 3510 Whitehaven
- Honorable Mention--Allen Wilson at 3734 T Street
- The Corrados at 37th and S Streets

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SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The Federation's Environment Committee will meet January 6th at 9:30 in room 200 of the District Building to hear Mr. Hunington speak on solid waste disposal.

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LETTER SENT TO MANDEL

The BCA has sent a letter to the Governor of Maryland requesting that he bring Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties into compliance with the agreement to accept sludge from the Blue Plains sewage treatment plant.

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The Burleith community extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Cdr James W Head Jr. who passed away on January 2nd at the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

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