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Several hundred Burleith residents, ranging from 50-year residents to newly-born toddlers, turned out June 2 to wish themselves a happy Golden Anniversary. The fun and festivities at the Green Lot at 37th St. and Whitehaven Pkwy., N.W., marked the 50th year of Burleith.

Youth and age both were served at the affair which included contemporary sounds from rock groups, recorded tunes from 1923, the year Burleith was developed, testimonials for 50-year residents, pony rides for the kids and pot-luck picnic suppers provided by the residents themselves.

Official Washington took note of the event, including a proclamation read by John Mack, representing Mayor Washington, announcing that June 2 was "Burleith Golden Anniversary Day" in the District of Columbia. D. C. Delegate Walter Fauntroy commented that "at a time when neighborhoods are breaking down it is truly a magnificent sight to see so many happy neighbors." Fauntroy and

his son stayed for several hours, partaking in one of the many pot-luck suppers which dotted the Green Lot.

Former D. C. Council Chairman Gilbert Hahn said he hoped to give Burleithers a birthday present in the form of a successful court suit challenging the D. C. government's move to increase property assessments.

Waverly Taylor, representing the original developers, Shannon and Luchs, noted that in 1923 when the development began, "Georgetown was dead."

D. C. Councilman Jerry Moore said he hoped the occasion would encourage "sustained support of projects" to improve the city.

Russell Dickenson of the National Capital Parks, representing Interior Sec. Rogers Morton, dedicated a Golden Anniversary pink dogwood tree at the 38th Street side of the Green Lot.

Burleith also recognized its senior residents who had lived in the community for 50 or more

years. They included: Mrs. Mary Sorrell, Mrs. Agnes Robertson, Watson Lindberg, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tiernan and Mrs. William Evans, all residents for over 50 years. Those who were 50-year residents included Mr. and Mrs. J. Meyers, Mrs. Harold B. Rogers and Mrs. Harry E. Goodwin.

The Washingtonia Bavarian Dance Club gave a shoe-slapping, hand-clapping demonstration of its talents while contemporary sounds were supplied by a Baltimore rock group, the Fox Grocery Company, and Danny Denver. The old-timers also heard a medley of 1923-vintage music including "Yes, We Have No Bananas," "Maybe," "Barney Google," "Sugar Blues" and "I Cried For You."

The picnic was the latest event in a year-long celebration of Burleith's Golden Anniversary, sponsored by the Burleith Citizens Association.

Still ahead are two events slated for the fall: a Burleith House Tour and the annual Fall Art Show.

*Presidents Room Hours
Mon. & 2nd & 4th Sat.
9:30-5:30
Thursdays 1:00-9:00*