

BARCROFT NEWS

February, 1989

FEBRUARY MEETING: WHAT SHOULD THE COUNTY BE DOING ABOUT THE VEPCO SITE?

In last month's issue we discussed the status of the old Virginia Power substation site on Pershing Drive between 4th and 6th Streets (where the curve to Buchanan starts). Virginia Power has vacated the site because the substation was no longer needed. There is now a good-sized piece of land--about two building lots--located next to the County parkland which runs from Pershing Drive down to Four Mile Run.

Some BSCL members have noted that there is no paved access path for Barcroft residents to Four Mile Run between 9th Street South and Arlington Boulevard. The old VEPCO site might make an ideal place to start a trail down to Four Mile Run, and the BSCL has asked to County to consider purchasing the property. Our February 2nd meeting will be devoted to a discussion of that subject, and we hope to have a speaker from Parks to enlighten us.

Since this meeting will be held on Groundhog Day, there will probably be some discussion of whether or not we will have six more weeks of winter. (By tradition, spring is here if the Groundhog does not see its shadow.)

Don't miss the meeting. This is one meeting you can walk to if it snows! As always, the meeting starts at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month, and is held at the Barcroft Community House, 800 South Buchanan Street. Look for Jack Taylor's signs on the morning of meeting day.

NATIONAL GUARD TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION ON THEIR PIECE OF ARLINGTON HALL SITE

National Guard representatives came to our January meeting to present plans for their part of the Arlington Hall site (along George Mason Drive).

The Guard building will be their new national headquarters. It will be an office building, not an armory. The architecture will be modern and severe on the outside, but the main buildings will be only three stories, and partly screened from view by plantings.

There will be more greenery on the Guard's part of the site than at present. The barbed wire fence will be replaced by an ornamental cast iron fence and plantings. The old temporary buildings will be razed.

There will be three entrances, two on George Mason and the other one from Arlington Boulevard. A total of 750 parking spaces will be provided, so the Guard employees will not be parking on Barcroft streets. The 400 cars using the George Mason entrances are not expected to disrupt traffic.

Construction on one building starts soon. The demolition of the old tempos will be a problem, since they contain asbestos and PCB's. The National Guard will return to a spring meeting of the BSCL to describe their plans for controlling environmental pollution during the demolition phase.

Next month we will have an update on the State Department's plans for its share of the site, which will cover a larger part than the National Guard buildings.

PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR ADULTS

Did you know about the County's fabulous program for senior adults? There are clubs, trips, workshops, lectures, music programs, dancing, films and a lot more.

The key to all this activity is a copy of the Senior Adult Newsletter, sent out monthly by the County just for senior adults. The newsletter lists activities for the month and upcoming trips you can sign up for. It has lots of chatty news about the many seniors clubs around the County. Senior adults can get on the mailing list for the newsletter by calling 358-4744.

One of the more interesting clubs is the Lubber Run Walking Club, which sponsors walking tours of various places on Wednesdays. Last month they visited Georgetown & Montrose Park, the George Washington Parkway Trail, the University of Maryland Campus, and a Monastery.

There were 19 trips scheduled for seniors in January, and 18 more for February. Each local area trip normally has a bus fee of \$4 or \$5, plus about \$10 if the trip includes lunch, but low income seniors pay less. There are some longer trips too--including one this month to a Victorian Restaurant and Theatre in King of Prussia, Pa. (\$36) and a big one to Disneyworld for a week at \$765. You have to sign up for most trips in advance.

Other programs include classes on knitting, dancing, literature, oil painting, sewing, crocheting, sign language, bridge, crafts, Spanish, yoga, cooking, woodcarving, quilting, writing, and stone carving. You can play billiards, ping pong, dominoes, bingo, golf, chess and checkers. You can hear lectures about cholesterol, Alzheimers, travel spots, meditation, Medicare claims, and Elderhostling. There is more, but we're out of space.

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WEDDING BELLS.

Mr. Roy Pritchard Captures a Fair Barcroft Maid.

On Wednesday evening, September 23, a beautiful wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Palmer, when his daughter, Miss Nettie Palmer, became the wife of Mr. Charles Roy Pritchard. The bride was magnificently gowned in French mull over white silk and carried bride roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Gray, of Mount Olivet Church, of Ballston. The spacious parlors were beautifully decorated with ferns, palms, potted plants and trailing vines. The Lohengrin Wedding March was rendered by Miss Zodie Finnell, aunt to the groom. Among those present were Mrs. Mary Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. Winter Barnes, Mr. Harry Palmer, Mr. Mr. Frank Payne, Mr. C. R. Pritchard (father to the groom), Mrs. War Sherman, Mrs. Dr. Ashton, Mr. John Finnell and Miss Zodie Finnell. There were many handsome, valuable and useful presents from relatives and friends. Soon after refreshments were served the happy couple left for Washington, and will make an extended tour of the north and west.

ARLINGTON TIPS.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Franklin have moved to the city for the winter. Mrs. J. Rochon has left for New York city.

Col. J. E. Sickles and wife left for Chicago last week to visit Mrs. Anderson, their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirtzer, of Garfield, Va., visited friends here last week.

Mrs. E. D. Brown has rented her small farm down the road to Mr. Yowell, of Culpeper, who expects to move his family here in the near future.

Mr. Castinet and wife, of Washington, spent last Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bradbury are spending their vacation at River-ton, Va.

Cupid says a wedding march will be played in this neighborhood soon.

It is to be hoped that the Arlington School Board will get to business about October 15. The hot-air work of the summer had about exhausted their energies; but it is hoped they will bury the hatchet for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dawson Johnston and their interesting daughters have left the White House and hied to the city for the winter. Miss Dorothy has entered the third grade of the public schools, and Nan the kindergarten.

PERSONAL.

Monsieur M. DuPerow and Mrs. Parker Cutter spent Sunday, the 20th, at Klemwood.

Mr. Wallace Wright, of Fort St. Glen, Md., spent last week with Mr. S. P. Wright.

Mr. Chewning counted the ties between Glen Carlyn and Barcroft a few evenings ago, on the way to Palmer's hill, and said he was willing to travel many miles farther to reach the habitat of a certain young lady.

Miss Elizabeth Frank, from Staunton, Va., is a guest of Mrs. S. P. Wright.

Gen. S. S. Burdette, we are glad to announce, is convalescent and has gone to Atlantic City for a short rest. The General had rather a close call from ptomaine poisoning and was confined to his bed for nine weeks. The boys on the train first were under the impression that the General was trying to doze the heated debates with a certain constitutional "argufyer" and all around debater during the heated term.

Miss Emma Pelham has returned to Kleinberg college, in Nelson county, Va., where she will graduate next June. We hope to have her with us next year. Miss Emma was a very pleasant and agreeable addition to the "younger set" at Barcroft during the past summer.

Master Stuart Dewey, of Washington, has been visiting Mrs. Klemroth at Klemwood.

Rev. Mr. Stokely filled the pulpit at Arlington yesterday.

Mrs. Walter Palmer, of Herndon, and Mrs. War Sherman, of Boston, are Mrs. W. H. Palmer's guests.

There are meetings of joy
And partings of grief.
An inconstant lover
Is worse than a thief.

Inquiries for Barcroft lots were received the past week from Buffalo, N. Y., and Detroit, Mich.

NEW SCHEDULE.

Beginning October 4 trains will reach Washington at 6.57, 7.40, 8.30 and 8.31 a. m. and 1.25 and 3.00 p. m. They leave there at 8.00 a. m. and 1.00, 4.30, 4.35, 5.00 and 6.25 p. m. Train arriving at 8.35 p. m. and leaving at 4.00 p. m. is the express.

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF
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As the new year begins, Barcroft staff and students anticipate it eagerly as an extension to the successful past four months. During the fall, students participated in a variety of enjoyable educational activities. Field trips to the Outdoor Laboratory facility (some for an overnight stay), stargazing at the planetarium, performances at the Kennedy Center and Ford's Theater and a special trip to Henderson Hall for a Halloween party were some of the many off-campus learning experiences.

At school we used computer and video activities to supplement regular academic work, enriching and teaching each student. This past grading period we had 79 Barcroft Honor Roll students. We are very proud of the efforts of each Barcroft student.

At a recent School Board meeting an architectural feasibility study was presented to the School Board for consideration. The study contained suggestions for possible renovations and/or new construction for Barcroft. The architects completing the study are experienced in working with school staff and communities on school modifications. The architects recognized immediately the landmark status of the Barcroft School building, especially the 1924 structure. Anyone interested in further details should contact me at Barcroft.

Barcroft is a wonderful place full of activity and learning. Volunteers are always welcomed. Please contact Shirley Stovall at Barcroft if you are interested in volunteering.

Dr. Kahan

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**BARCROFTER CARL COSTANZO TO APPEAR IN
ARLINGTONES BARBERSHOP EXTRAVAGANZA**

The Arlingtones Barbershop Chorus will put on their annual Big Show at TJ Center on the 24th and 25th of February. Show times are 8:15 each evening and 2:15 on Saturday afternoon. The theme for the show this year is "Barbershop of Horrors (Arsenic and Old Songs)"--a little different from the usual showboat theme! The featured visiting quartet is International Silver Medalist winner "Second Edition." Barbershopping Barcrofter Carl Costanzo will appear with the cast of hundreds in the chorus. For tickets call 527-6195. The Arlingtones always put on a good show, and you can bet it will be upbeat, family entertainment despite this year's theme!



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AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD
with Kathy Kerr

**MORE BABIES! AND THANKS
TO THE CHRISTMAS BAND**



Back in December, neighbors on Pershing Drive were on pins and needles waiting for two families to have babies. Maureen Locke and Susan Kelly were due one day apart--December 7th and 8th--dates the babies simply ignored. Susan's baby decided to come a little early on November 30 while Maureen waited and waited until December 18th!

Susan Kelly and her husband Iles Minoff are the proud parents of Anne. Anne's big sisters are Alexandra age 10 and Elisa age 6 who attend Holy Trinity School down in Georgetown. Married for three years, Iles and Susan moved to Barcroft 2 years ago from Arlington Forest. They enjoy the neighbors here in Barcroft and love the convenient location, good services and the Arlington county government.

Susan and Iles describe themselves as "leftovers from the 60's." Iles works for the AFL-CIO. Susan is an attorney with a small firm in DC specializing in energy law. Returning to work in March, she will be blazing a trail as the first woman, mother and part time employee at her job. Good luck!

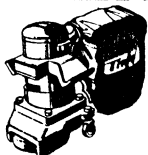
Down the street a bit, Maureen Locke and Steve Wilson are enjoying their little Rebecca June. Their first daughter Lauren, age 4, loves to help with the new baby. Steve and Maureen have been married for 6 1/2 years and moved to Barcroft 6 years ago. Maureen is a dentist with an office in McLean. Steve is an assistant professor of anatomy at Howard University. They both enjoy playing guitar and joined in the Barcroft Christmas band!

By the way thanks to all the merry participants in the Barcroft Christmas Band. Fun was had by all--musicians and singers alike. Toni Copeland did a fine job of directing a rather unlikely assortment of instruments dusted off just for this occasion. Al Copeland strummed the mandolin, Barbara Swart joined Maureen and Steve on guitar, John Ames and Jack Turner blew their


trumpets, Jim Lande tooted his clarinet, Randy Swart "serenaded" with his bagpipe, Michael Nazaretz squeezed some fine accordion and I sawed on the violin. There was a hot trombone in there too. It was all not to be forgotten--join us next year if you missed it. Also, we are all looking forward to the Barcroft 4th of July parade and celebration. Perhaps the "Barcroft 4th of July Band" will make its appearance. There must be lots more musicians out there who would like to join in, so tune up that old instrument and get ready!

New neighbors, babies, grandchildren weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, anecdotes, anniversaries, talents, memories? Help Kathy keep up-to-date in the new year on Barcrofters and their big events. Call her at 892-6458.

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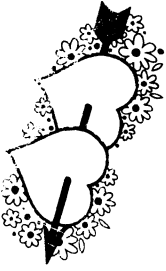


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1. You have income of less than \$22,000 per year.
2. You have assets of less than \$75,000 not including the value of your home.

Call the County Commissioner of Revenue at 358-3030 today to find out if you are eligible. If so, you must file an application before March 15.