

THE FAIRLINGTON

FIRST ISSUE UPSTART FREE TO DEC-8-1944 30TH ROADERS

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER WERE POPULAR

Thirtieth-Woodrowers found November a popular month for birthdays. Billie Hindman (Columbus St), Carole White, Mrs. Murray Cabell all celebrated their birthdays on November 3. Mrs. Cabell had her parents visit her from Oklahoma City, Okla. Sandra Kiebert, 3063 Woodrow, completed her sixth year on November 11. Jerry Reynolds, 4611 30th, was 5 on Nov. 4, and his sister Cynthia had her cake with 11 candles on Nov. 14, but in Madison, Wisconsin. Buddy Steele was 4 in November. Peter Van Rogers was one year old on Dec. 1. Carolyn A. Gomberg 3066 Woodrow was 5 on Nov. 24.

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THIRTIETH-WOODROW FACTS

Karen Kirkendall, from Buckingham, came to visit Edna Gail Wilhite, 4623 30th on Thursday, November 9.

Lrs. A. Dobat of Chicago spent Thanksgiving with Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Frank Dobat, 4605 30th.

Mrs. Minnie Clair spent Thanksgiving with Lt. Col. and Mrs. L. Seidenfeld, 4638 30th.

Miss Jo Larsen, sister of Mrs. M. V. Kiebert, 3063 Woodrow visited her on Nov. 14 from Hollywood, Calif.

Lt. M. V. Kiebert, Jr. has just been rewarded for his untiring efforts by being elevated to Lt. Commander.

Mr. Hugh J. McLaughlin has been away on a business trip to the West Coast.

Mr. John J. Lutter, 4625 30th, has come home from the hospital after suffering from stomach ulcers.

Jerry Reynolds and his father spent a recent week-end in Plainfield, N. J. becoming acquainted with his grandmother.

Robert Cary Coulter, a new resident of 4627 30th, has the chicken pox.

DEPARTING TENANTS LEAVE CAT BEHIND

Mr. and Mrs. Crawley could not take the stray cat they had been taking care of when they moved. It was coming around the nights after begging for food. Children would like someone to take care of it or find it a home. The cat, a stray before taken care of, had 2 kittens. Both died while Crawley's took care of the cat. The kittens were darlings to children. Some children fed them and the mother. They died by what Crawley's think was rat poisoning. The cats ate the rats which were poisoned by other tenants. Mrs. Crawley only found the white kitten, black eye, and buried it in the woods. The gray kitten could not be found.

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THIRTIETH ROAD BOYS WERE LOST AND FOUND

Ricky Buckner and Richard Geer went into the woods on Sunday morning, Nov. 5th, and were thought to be lost. Policemen found them up by the Shirlington Drug Store, and the boys were brought home at 3:00 in the afternoon.

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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

(In succeeding issues, we plan to list, building by building, the names of the occupants of each of the buildings on South Woodrow and South 30th Road. Help our reporter to get your house listed correctly when she calls on you. We begin with building 12-8, the one we know best)

Lt. & Mrs. W. P. Foote, U.S.N.R., and Harlen "Boots" Foote, 4601 30th.

Lt. Comdr. & Mrs. W. A. Weber and Bill, 4603 30th.

Lt. (j.g.) & Mrs. F. A. Dobat, Gayle and Bobby, 4605 30th.

Mr. & Mrs. H. S. White, Barbara and Carole, 4607 30th.

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HELLO - Thirtieth Woodrowers. With this issue we begin what we hope will prove an interesting and stimulating community paper. We hope to let you know about each other, so that we will all be more neighborly.

TO BEGIN WITH, we want news and we want reporters. If you want to write for us, see the editor. If you have news for

EDITORIAL

DANGER — A youngster riding his tricycle too close to the deep gully on Woodrow St. rolled down the steep bank, and almost hit a tree stump, but fortunately he wasn't hurt, but was badly bruised. We think that a fence should be put up by the sidewalk along this gully to prevent serious accidents in the future.

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us, see the editor. No pay either way.

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HELLO! FAREWELL!

(If you will call the Editor, we will print any items we missed this time. And don't forget to call us in the future.)

HELLO!

Lt. (j.g.) Joe Wise Pitts & family.
3082 Woodrow. November 14.

Lt. & Mrs. Arthur Sheaffer, USNR, 4621
30th, formerly occupied by the Crawleys.
Two children—Martha, 2, and a son,
Michael, 8 mos. From Chicago.

Lt. Comdr. & Mrs. Dwight A. Wrigley,
USNR, and 3 year old daughter, Cynthia
Ann, 4612-30th. From Corpus Christi, Tex.



Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Steele and their son,
Buddy, 4, from Alexandria. 4619-30th.

FAREWELL!

Lt. & Mrs. Crawley, USNR, moved to Los Angeles. They have two daughters, Diane, 6, and Linda, 4. Darling children known everywhere.

Mr. & Mrs. Knapp, also to California, in October. Their son Sammy, 8, was one of the best-known boys of Block 12.

Mr. & Mrs. Kean, moved to New York last September. Their two sons, Dicky, 6, and Bobby, 4, were a pair of the nicest boys on 30th Rd. We regret they had to move.

Mr. & Mrs. Holly, "Claudie" and his baby brother, left Nov. 17 in a car and trailer for California.

Mrs & Mrs. Roland Clarke, 3096 Woodrow, and two daughters, Mary Katherine and Ruth. To Fredericksburg, Va.

Mr. & Mrs. Naff, 4627 30th, and their 2 children, Ronnie and Barbara, have left for Los Angeles. A West Coast exodus.

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LOST - TONY, black toy terrier, has white paws & chest - long tail. Lost Nov. 25 in Shirlington. REWARD.
Lt. Van R. Rogers, 4642 So. 30th.

LOST - BRACELET. Mrs. Robert Blum,
4609-30th. A yellow stone link bracelet.
Lost on Friday, Nov. 3, on Alexandria bus or at bus stop at 30th and Columbus.

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FOR SALE

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Maple sofa-\$25. Mrs. Lutter, 4625 30th.

Maple sofa and two chairs. Mrs. Riley
4647 30th.

Universal table model electric ironer.
\$23.50 Mrs. Reynolds, 4611 30th.

Gas range and gas heaters. Mrs. J. G.
McNeely, 3082 Woodrow, Apt. B-2

For women only—one coat, medium weight,
color—wine; style—tailored and fitted;
size-14; price \$8. Excellent condition.
Temple 9285, Mrs. Fullmer, 4642 31 St.

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Wanted—Dinette set. Lt. Shaefer, 4621-30th.

Wanted—Tricycle, small. Mrs. North,
3094 Woodrow.

THE FAIRLINGTON

SECOND ISSUE
JULY 21, 1945

UPSTART

FREE TO
30TH ROADERS

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

There were four birthdays (so far as we know) among 30th Road children in June. Carol Faye Seidenfeld was 6 on June 5, and her sister Sue Ellen was 4 on June 22.

Dickie Geer reached his 3rd birthday on June 21. Valerie Reynolds had her cake and ice cream on June 19 for the 9th time.

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GREETINGS to the new baby who moved in on Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Eddie Phillips on June 16. His name is Eddie, jr. We wonder if next year he will have the dignity that his brother Jeffy used to have.

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VACATION NOTES

During June several 30th Roaders took vacations out of town. Major and Mrs. J. E. Riley and Jackie went to the beach at Creston, South Carolina.

Mrs. W. D. Swift and Billy went to West Point, N. Y. on June 1, and returned June 6. They had a wonderful time!

The Blum family (Lt., Mrs. and Billy) spent part of their vacation in New York City and part in Pennsylvania.

The Brandes family returned on June 9 after a week in New York City. This was their first trip to New York.

John Barbee, son of Lt. & Mrs. B., is away on his vacation, but we forgot to ask where.

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FAREWELL to Col. Wilhite who sailed on the Queen Mary on June 17 to teach economics in one of the new universities the Army has set up in Europe for American soldiers. Mrs. Wilhite, and her two children, Wilson, 7, & Edna Gail, 5, leave on July 25 for Norman, Oklahoma, where Col. Wilhite formerly taught economics.

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JUST NOTES. One of our neighbors has a flag in her window with two stars for her men-folks in the service. Her son, for whom the silver star is on the flag, is now home on furlough. We couldn't learn her name and his before press time, but we wish him well.

BOB BLUM has cleared an outdoor nook in the woods back of his house, and is constructing a fireplace of sorts. We're sure he will invite 30th Road to eat broiled steak with him this fall.

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YOUR editor has inveigled her father into building a model airplane (a Flying Tiger, no less). Daddy is all messed up with spars and longerons and wing flaps and missed baseball practice.

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WEATHER REPORT. Rain.

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NEW SOFTBALL TEAM Thirtieth Road men have organized a team to represent good old 30th Road in the 2nd half of the Fairlington softball league. The players include Paul Barbee, Bob Coulter, John Brandes, Dick Geer, Eddie Phillips, Bick Rice, Art Schaefer, Harry Steele, Dwight Wrigley, and Bob Reynolds, bat boy.

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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS (Our predecessor told you who lived in building 12-8, so we will start with 12-9).

- 4609. Lt. & Mrs. Robert G. Blum, and Billie.
- 4611. Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Reynolds, Cynthia, Valerie, and Jeremy.
- 4613. Lt. Comdr. & Mrs. E. C. Phillips, and Jeffrey, and Baby Eddie.
- 4615. Lt. & Mrs. Paul A. Barbee, John, Martha Lynn and Baby Helen.
- 4617. Lt. Comdr. & Mrs. D. C. Good, and Dorothy Good.
- 4619. Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Steel and Buddy.

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FOR SALE

BABY BUGGY. 4608 30th Rd., TE-6349.

PAIR RUBBERS. Size 2½, 4603-30th. TE-8676.

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WANT AD. TRICYCLE SUITABLE for 3-year-old. TE-8276. 4645 30th Rd.

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FAIRLINGTON
CIVIC ASSN.
BLOCK 12
July 1, 1947

RECREATIONAL FUND - PAPER DRIVE

Thanks, Everybody!

In last Saturday's drive, we contributed 500 pounds of newspapers
200 " " magazines

Good work! We made best showing of all blocks in North Fairlington.
All money for paper collected by our block is credited to our account for
purchase of playground equipment to be set up in our block for our kids.
A few more successful drives will give us the necessary amount.

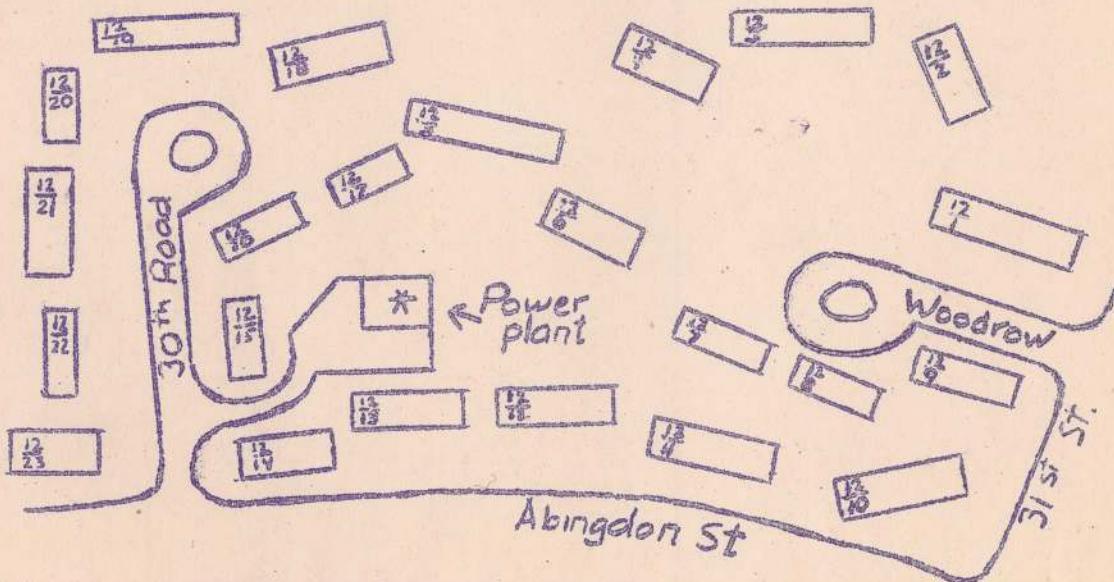
Next collection Saturday, July 12 8 am - 12 noon

Incentive: Free open-air movies for Block 12 if we contribute enough paper
we need 25 pounds a family - 2950 pounds in all.

Save all your newspapers and magazines. (Keep magazines separate.)
They are worth more.

Tie 'em in bundles — bring to power house

(If you can't bring them, put your pile of papers on your back porch, and we will
pick them up. Put the kids to work.



SWIMMING! Every Tuesday & Thursday - Potomac Pool
Bus leaves Administration Bldg. 9:15 am - out of pool 11:30 return at 11:45
No charge pool or locker. Bring your own towels. 30¢ bus fare (^{round} trip)
Children under 10 years must be accompanied by parent.

Arranged jointly by Arlington County and Fairlington Civic Association

FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
July 18, 1947

RECREATIONAL FUND PAPER DRIVE THANKS AGAIN!

The Association's collection last Saturday (for all of Fairlington) netted \$118. Our block did extremely well, and we thank you all. For lack of scales, we don't know our exact poundage. We estimated about 500 lb. of newspapers and about 300 lb. of magazines.

We got lots of help, especially from the younger generation. Eddie Zebley, and the Reynolds kids brought in a lot of papers. Michael Ebert did a swell job of sorting magazines from the mass of papers (we get more money from magazines and they have to be tied separately.) Even the little kids did their bit: Bobby Frank, Tommy McLean, and Jeffy Phillips. You should have seen little Ward Phillips, aged two. There are plenty of other kids in our block, and we would be glad of their help too.

Also, does someone have a large pair of scales we can borrow, so we can get full credit for our block? Call TE-1774.

Maybe we ought to have some concerted block action on community projects such as a badly needed fence around the gully, and an adequate drainage system to stop the lakes which form in back of building 10 when it rains. See Irv Seeley, Block Chairman.

Swimming -

The bus now leaves the Administration Building at 8:30 a.m. (instead of 9:15) on Tuesdays and Thursdays for free swimming at the Potomac Pool on Hains Point. Bring your own towel and 30¢ for bus fare.

We promised open-air block movies, if we met a quota. We didn't meet it, but every one has been so helpful and generous that we will have them anyway. They are being arranged by Mrs. Allan Dean of Block 9, who is general chairman of the paper drive. (The hours that gal puts in!) We'll let you know soon.

We are even advertising in the skies. Tomorrow evening, July 19, at about 10 pm the Goodyear blimp will advertise the paper drive for our recreational fund in lights over Fairlington. So crane your necks and soak up the message.

Next drive -
Saturday, July 26

Please save all your papers and magazines for us. We don't get them if you put them in your trash rooms during the week. Bring them to the Power House from 8 to 12 on Saturday, or put them on your back porch and we will pick them up.

FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
August 7, 1947

A new contest
for the sprouts—

In the last paper drive of the Fairlington Association, there was a contest for kids 11-17 years of age, with tickets to Griffith Stadium for a ball-game. We did pretty well. But in the past, most of the work, according to our local observations, has been done by the sprouts of 6 and up (sometimes even younger). So now we are having a contest for them too.

This will give a chance to Michael Ebert, Eddie Zebley, and Johnny Linn, of our block, who have done such good work in earlier drives.

1. A free movie
for children 6-10

Forty children (age 6-10) who bring in the most paper August 9 will be given free tickets to Shirlington Theater for the matinee on August 16.

2. A free baseball game
for children 11-17

We again have a contest for the big boys (young men, some of them). Twelve boys (age 11-17) who bring in the most paper will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Mesher and Clark Griffith at the baseball game between Washington and Philadelphia at Griffith Stadium, August 16.

Free Movie Bulletin!

The free movies for our block, which we promised you, are scheduled for August 20 at dark. Exact time and place later.

We have noticed some confusion between our block bulletins and the mimeographed bulletins put out by the Association. So long as they say "Fairlington Association" they are all one and the same. The mimeographed bulletins go to all Fairlington. Our block bulletins have the same information --generally more -- but are written with the interests of our own Block 12 in mind.

Extra! Halene Davis (and husband Richard of News Week) had a baby girl this morning.
Bet we scooped him!

THE PAPER DRIVE BULLETIN
Two Contests this time!

CONTEST DETAILS

Bring the papers, magazines, cardboard, etc. to the Block 12 Power House on Saturday morning, August 9, from 9 a.m. till noon.

Please don't swamp us

this Saturday morning. We hopefully expect a mob. But we will have to take you one at a time. Let us know your name, age, address, and telephone number. It will help if you have it written on a slip when you come.

Get all the papers you can, kids. But don't fight over them. Everybody gets an equal chance. And, since we have no scales we have so measure the paper in inches. So, please fold the papers out nicely (the way you get them at the news stand) and have them in even stacks.

To our adults:

All the money collected from sales of paper goes toward the recreational fund. We all benefit from it. And it doesn't cost any money to save papers. So please each of you help us all by saving all your papers in your own basements until the days of the paper drive. Collections made on second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

Winners in the last Contest:

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Ross Fletcher	Louise Rutherford
"Swifty" Martin	Ann Menns
Porter Claxton	*Cynthia Reynolds
Frank Allston	*Valerie Reynolds
Larry Graham	
Thomas Wiener	*Block 12 entrants
Ron Montague	(What happened to the boys?)
Michael Curran	
Steve Eisner	
Billy Beasley	

Free Tennis Lessons
Tennis lessons are being given on the Abingdon Street Courts Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. No age restrictions.

Bring your own racket, balls, and tennis shoes.

FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION

BLOCK 12
August 15, 1947

PAPER DRIVE-RECREATIONAL BULLETIN

MONEY TO SPEND : CONTEST WINNERS

We'll have money to spend—

Well, soon, anyway. We are starting to make some impressive showings in the paper drive, and soon we'll have some money to spend. We had hoped to tell you in this bulletin, but that will have to wait a bit.

But we'll have to start thinking--as a group within the community--how we want to spend our money for recreational activities.

We think that the best way to work this out is the time-tested democratic local-option method. We think that Block 12 families, with the "advice and consent" of the children, should decide what kinds of equipment we want and where we want it.

Having had some experience in group work, we know that 106 or 212 mothers or fathers or both just won't come to a meeting. So we think that the best way is to have each two or three buildings select a representative, who can come to a meeting prepared to present the views of the people in her or his buildings.

Since there is no formal organization, we are going to take the liberty of asking somebody to represent the various buildings. However, we are not trying to usurp any authority, and if anyone has a better idea, or just wants to take violent exception to our high-handedness, let him sing out. That's how this democratic process works, anyway. (continued on page 2)

NEXT PAPER DRIVE: AUGUST 23, 1947

Please save all your papers and mags.

FREE OPEN AIR COMMUNITY MOVIES. The movies we promised you will be held at 8:45 p.m. in our block on August 20. At press time we don't know where, but probably somewhere near the power house. Just watch the crowd and you can't miss.

Contest winners

Block 12 had 4 winners in the August 9 paper drive contest in the 6-10 age group. There were no contestants in the 11-17 group.

WINNERS: (With inches collected)

Jerry Reynolds	90	Barbara Pace	77
Gary Cassady	79	Vincent Dwyer	50

RUNNERS-UP:

Jane Neely	44	John Ribble	31
Charles Lynn	41	Michael Ebert	29
Harvey Tompkins	34	Lee McCandless	25
Edward Billowitz	22		

INFORMATION FOR ALL CONTESTANTS:

Meet Mrs. Dean at the Administration Building on Saturday (tomorrow) at 1 p.m. sharp. You will be driven to the Shirlington Theater in private cars.

Note to Mothers or Fathers: Mrs. Dean needs one or two more cars to help drive the winners to the show. If your car is in shape to help drive 56 wild Indians, call her at OV-0485 tonight.

ABOUT CONTESTS-- We don't like contests. Especially in community activities, where everybody benefits, and where steady work from everybody is essential. Contests are swell--ONCE. Everybody gets out to work. But somebody loses. Then they lose interest too. So the next time they say, "Aw, the heck with it." And then everybody loses, because the "losers" make a real contribution. In the last paper contest, the "losers" brought in just less than half the papers we got. Without them, it was a flop. But we want them to keep working. So--should we have contests, or give them up?

At any rate, we are going to dig into our own jeans and send all contestants to the movies tomorrow. (That's an editorial "we", chum, and if you want to help "we" out to the extent of a nickle or dime, we'll be happy too.)

Planning to spend our money

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We think that the decisions as to how much equipment we get and where we put it will depend upon a number of things. We will, of course, have to think of costs, how much we are willing to spend, and how we are to get the money. But more fundamental, we think, are the ages and interests of the children. The children themselves should be consulted. The answers to these questions will go a long way to crystallize our thinking:

1. Do we want a central play area for the block as a whole, with a lot of large equipment?
2. Do we want a central play area for the block, with some equipment, but supplemented with smaller play areas in several different places within the block, with a sandbox and maybe a swing or slide?
3. Or do we just want several smaller play areas with no central play area?

The decisions on these questions, apart from what we WANT, will be based in part on what it costs to get the kind and amount of equipment we want or at least would like to have. Now, equipment of this kind, as those who have priced it know too well, costs plenty.

And, while we are at it, we will all have to get used to the idea that, if we are to have any kind of ambitious program, it will take us about ten years to finance it through paper drives alone. Since there

has been collected the basic 50¢ required from every family in our block, all funds collected from the block for or by the Fairlington Association are earmarked by the Association for expenditure by our block. (That seems complicated, but it is more orderly.)

In most blocks, a collection has been made from families to obtain the necessary amount. How much this will be for our block depends upon how much we want to spend. And, to complete the circle, how much we can spend will depend on how much we are able and willing to contribute. But whether there will be a fund-raising business will be for the block to decide.

We have given this long-winded discussion as a background to our consideration of a block recreational program. It may help us to get started in our thinking.

So we suggest that you start thinking and talking among yourselves about a recreational program for our block.

To assist in the decisions of any group that is called together, it seems desirable to make a census of the child population: age and location. So, unless there are squawks, we will make a such a census very soon.

Since we are now talking about money, we think it necessary to discard this anonymous editorial "we" which we have used because we are not looking for any glory. Actually, it is just dag-goned hard work. So, for better or worse, "we" are:

Robert E. Reynolds
3050 South Woodrow Street TEMple-1774

FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
September 18, '47

\$31⁸⁰ of our OWN Money to Spend - Contest Winners - Electing a Block Captain - Association Meeting

CUTTING A MELON--\$31.80 TO SPEND

Block 12, at long last, has some money to spend. At a meeting Monday night, Sept 15, the Executive Committee of the Fairlington Association voted a 30¢ dividend per family from the paper drive fund for blocks meeting certain conditions. Our block met them, so we now have \$31.80 to spend for recreational equipment in our own block. Also, we will be allocated a portion of the future paper drive money in strict proportion to the amount of paper we turn in.

However, as we stated in our bulletin of August 15, we "will all have to get used to the idea that, if we are to have any kind of ambitious program, it will take us about ten years to finance it through paper drives alone." That is, money will have to come from other sources. These sources are mainly: (1) membership dues of 50¢ a family in the Fairlington Association and (2) special collections made in the block for use by that block alone.

NOW HERE IS WHERE WE GET SERIOUS:

(and to save us from telling this story to each of you individually, it is suggested that you retain this copy of the bulletin)

Before deciding how to spend our money, we want to set before you, as briefly as possible, the somewhat complicated financial arrangements of the Association.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING -- FAIRLINGTON ASSN.

First fall meeting will be held next week.
Day: Thursday, September 25, at 8:00 p.m.
Place: Fairlington Elementary School

All residents are invited, and by custom may vote, even if not members. Among matters to be discussed are: paper drive, program for year, and budget. Also there will be present a representative of the Citizens Convention Nominating Committee to discuss the platform of the Convention's candidates for the school board election to be held in November.

LAST PAPER DRIVE A BIG SUCCESS-- CONTEST WINNERS

The paper drive last Saturday, Sept. 13, was a smashing success. 22 tons of newspaper and 10 tons of magazines were collected in Fairlington as a whole. Block 12 did more than its share. We can be proud of ourselves. All told, we raised more than \$400 in this one drive. Let's do as well or better next time.

BLOCK 12 CONTEST WINNERS

Fifteen boys and girls qualified for the Daniel Boone movie, which is to be held on Saturday, September 27 in the afternoon after the next paper drive. Contestants will be informed later of the details of when and where to go.

Two girls are entered in the contest for the Capitol Theater party (to be held probably Saturday Sept 27), and the WTOP radio party (to be held this Saturday Sept 20). One boy is entered in the WTOP contest. We don't know yet whether they have won (it is "either or", girls, not both), but if they have, we will let them know details as to time and place. Of course, if these three contestants do not win, they are still winners for the Daniel Boone movie.

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JOIN THE ASSOCIATION

All residents are eligible to join the Fairlington Association, but are not automatically members, even though, by custom, they are permitted to vote at meetings if they are not members. Membership requires payment of 50¢ dues per family. This covers period from April 1 to March 31 of each year. Not all Block 12 residents are members. A larger membership will increase the ability of the Association to accomplish things for the Community, and will enhance its standing in the Community. Also, it will enable our block to get back a larger proportion of paper drive money.

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NEXT PAPER DRIVE SEPTEMBER 27, 1947
Please save all your papers and mags.

REGISTER TO VOTE

October 4 is the last day to register to vote in the November election for school board and county board members.

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(MONEY - continued from page 1)

1. In 1944, three years ago, many blocks made collections for recreational equipment for their own blocks. Some blocks did not collect enough money to buy any equipment, so the money was kept by the Association until the block could get en enough extra money.

2. Between 1944 and 1947, the money for these blocks remained credited to them on the Association books, but the money was actually spent for other worthy purposes.

3. At a meeting last spring, a big paper drive was planned. As you know, it has been almost phenomenally successful, owing mainly to the tremendous amount of work done by Mrs. Alan Dean. It was also decided that the first money received from the paper drive was to be used to repay those blocks whose money had been spent for other purposes. After that the paper drive money was to be apportioned to the blocks in proportion to the amount of paper turned in by each block during the paper drives.

4. We have worked hard on the paper drive in our block, and most of us thought, your editor included, that we were working in part to help pay ourselves back our 1944 money. All of a sudden it was learned that Block 12 had made no collection of money in 1944. That meant that we would get nothing for our summer's hard work.

A number of Block 12 residents have told us they are certain a collection was made in 1944. Maybe so, but the audited books of the Association do not show it. Maybe we can prove it, but that is something for later.

5. Another essential part of the story to understand what is said in paragraph 7 is that the Association decided to put on a recreational program this last summer for Fairlington as a whole. It was to be financed by a collection of 50¢ per family. (You may recall that a questionnaire was circulated asking what kinds of recreational activities you were interested in. Also,

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residents were asked to become members of the Fairlington Association by paying the 50¢ annual dues per family - dues run from April 1 to March 31 of the next year).

Our block is shown on the books to have contributed 50¢ for each family for the special recreational fund. (How this was done is also another story on which all the facts are not yet known: you will be told as soon as we learn. At any rate, we have been credited with having paid our quota.)

6. Upon learning that we had no 1944 money coming back to us, strong representations were made to the Association that our block should have something to show for our work. This feeling was intensified because certain blocks which were getting back their 1944 money through the paper drives did no work whatever in the paper drives, and got their money just the same. Some other blocks in the same boat made similar demands.

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(CONTESTANTS -- continued from page 1)

Daniel Boone Winners
(and paper collected)

Dudley Wood	94"	Joseph Schreiber	39"
Jerry Reynolds	54"	John Morgan	38"
John Lynn	46"	Jane Ann Neely	37"
Lee McCandless	45"	Eddie Zebley	37"
Connie Hunt	41"	Mary Sargent	37"
Bobby Manning	39"	Bobby Sargent	37"
Kerry Coulter	39"	Barbara Pace	37"
Lynn Lapsley	37"		

WTOP and CAPITOL THEATER contestants

Barbara White 82" Harvey Tompkins 74"
Karol Sue Bobzien 74"

Three other contestants, Jimmy Baer, Judy Lewis, and Freddy Pollack, didn't have enough paper to win. Among them they had enough for one winner, and if they want to draw straws, one of them can go to the movie. Work it out, kids, and let us know.

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HELP HELP HELP HELP THE PAPER-DRIVE MAN

We (we've told you before about that editorial 'we') were practically buried in paper last Saturday. The contest is what did it. We just love contests, but somebody is going to have to help us next time Saturday, September 27. A couple of big, brawny men, no afraid to get dirty, will fill the bill.

CAPTAIN FOR BLOCK 12 TO BE ELECTED

The Fairlington Association Executive Committee has requested all blocks to elect their block captains for the coming year. Arrangements will be made soon to conduct this election for Block 12.

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(MONEY - continued from page 2)

7. A special committee was appointed by the Association President to consider the whole matter. The Executive Committee approved their recommendations, with minor revisions, as follows:

(1) 30¢ per family is to be granted from paper drive funds to those blocks which:

- (a) had 100% contribution to the summer recreational program (see paragraph 5 above) and which
- (b) had actively participated in the paper drives (that's us, chum).

(2) Any future allocation of receipts from any subsequent paper drives is to be made to each block in proportion to the amount of paper it turns in.

(3) The Executive Committee is to authorize any future allocations which may be made. That is, the money is not allocated to the blocks automatically, but there has to be a specific authorization.

8. You may not realize it, but that is distinct progress, and goes a long way to help regularize matters. However, it is expected to be improved even further. A "Clarification Committee" was set up on Monday, headed by Col. Gilbert, to recommend the criteria to be used in actually allocating the money. This takes a little explaining.

9. The paper drives cost money to run. Thus, there can't be turned over to the blocks the gross receipts of the drives. Also, the Association has a program relating to Fairlington as a whole. Also it has administrative expenses. Furthermore, the Fairlington P-TA (which is us, just organized differently) has asked to participate in the paper fund. Etc., etc.

So, to know how much of the paper fund can be set aside to be allocated to the blocks, there must first be known: (1) what administrative expenses there will be for the paper drive; (2) what administra-

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tive expenses there will be in running the Association itself; (3) what the program itself will cost (athletics, dramatics, what have you); (4) what funds will be allocated to participating organizations such as P-TA, Boy Scouts, etc.

Then, when you know the costs, you turn to look at income (maybe it is vice versa, but budget experts please will not kibitz). The income consists of membership dues and paper drive money, plus some receipts from a carnival or two. Since the membership dues and carnival receipts together will not pay the full running costs of the Association, it will be necessary to set aside from the paper drive money as much as necessary to make up the difference.

Of course, we don't know yet what the Clarification Committee's report will be, but from preliminary indications it will recommend that a certain percentage of the paper drive receipts be regularly allocated to the contributing blocks.

The purpose of this windy tale is to acquaint you with all the facts, to let you know why all the paper drive money can't come back to the blocks; and to indicate the importance of belonging to the Association. The reason for this is that the more memberships there are, the smaller the amount which has to be set aside from the paper drive money to pay the operating expenses. In other words, the more members there are, the more we can get back of the paper drive money to be spent in our block as we want to spend it.

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3050 South Woodrow St. TE-1774
(In other words, friends, we could use some help on this little job).

FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
October 9, 1947

Poll to get
your views on school situation-

As announced in the North Virginia Free Press, the Fairlington Assn will conduct a poll of Fairlington residents as to the building of a new elementary school in and for North Fairlington.

The School Board is about to contract to build an extension of 6 rooms to the present school. These rooms would not include a cafeteria or play room suitable for games such as basketball. At the Assn's request they are not signing the contract until our sentiments are learned.

The September membership meeting of the Assn unanimously agreed that a school should be erected in North Fairlington. A delegation attended a school board meeting.

The Board would commit itself on only one item: a school will ultimately be built to serve N. Fairlington. When it will be built is another matter, for no concrete plans exist. Many of us believe than it can be built now, if we insist. But it is also believed that if the extension to the present school is built now, a new school will be delayed some years because of the school needs of the rest of the county. (That is, we can get either or but not both at once.)

A new school will take longer to build than the extension--from 9 to 18 months longer. The real question then is: do we want a new school even if we have to wait a bit longer, or do we want to relieve the crowded condition of the present school as soon as possible even if it means waiting several years for a new school.

Many believe that there is no long-run justification of an extension to the present school; and that even if there is, the building of a school in N. Fair will not permanently prevent an extension being built.

At any rate, the issue is up to you. Canvassers will visit you before Monday night. Please think this matter over.

OUR BLOCK MONEY
We had planned for this time a big bulletin on organizing a real recreational program for Block 12. Too much night work made us put it off until next week.

PAPER DRIVE CONTESTS THIS SATURDAY, Oct 11

Big contest prizes are hoped to make the next paper drive equal to the one of Sept. 13, when we raised over \$450. Last time wasn't so good, only about \$125 being raised.

CONTEST DETAILS

Contest 27 prizes (2 tickets each) to hear No. 1 Nathan Milstein, violinist, at Constitution Hall on October 17 at 8:30 p.m. Compliments Bates Concert Bur.

Contest 54 tickets to play miniature golf No. 2 at Sportstown. Compliments of the management. (This is a new place somewhere up on Leesburg Pike. If you win, your pop will have to take you in the family buggy.)

Contest If you don't win one of these, or No. 3 if you don't care for either, you can go to the free movie (Fairlington Elem. School, Sat. Oct 18, 2 pm) if you bring in 30 inches of paper.

NO AGE LIMITS ON THESE CONTESTS

Special Prizes to girl and boy having most paper. For Girl. \$5 gift certificate at Cameron Radio Co. 1711 Center Plaza, Fairlington Center. For Boy. \$5 gift certificate at Colony Sport Center, 1543 Seminary Road, Fairlington Center

NOTICE. We have to know which contest you want to win. Fill out blank below to hand in with your first load on Saturday.

There was some criticism of our first movie. We couldn't get "Daniel Boone" and the distributor substituted "Tom Sawyer", saying it was fully suitable for youngsters. To avoid any future trouble, a parent's committee has been set up to select movies. This time entirely cartoons and comedies.

PAPER DRIVE CONTEST ENTRY BLANK
Fill out & bring to power house Saturday.
Name Address Phone
Circle contest you would like
to win (you may prefer 3, but 1 2 3
if you circle 1 or 2 and dont
win that one, you will still be a winner
for no. 3 if you bring in 30 inches.

**FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
October 17, 1947**

BLOCK 12 WANTS
NEW SCHOOL 97-0

Fairlington residents voted emphatically for a new school to serve North Fairlington in preference to a six-room extension to the present elementary school located in South Fairlington. In the poll conducted last week by the Fairlington Association, partial results show that at least 80% of residents favor the new school, even though that means a longer wait for additional school facilities.

Results for North Fairlington are substantially complete. The sentiment of residents in North Fairlington was about 95% in favor of the new school. Opinion in South Fairlington was not quite so unanimous. Preliminary results for that area show that between 75% and 80% favor the new school. Sentiment was strongly in favor of the new school in all blocks in both North and South Fairlington except one block in South Fairlington.

Intimating that the results were more important and impressive than it had expected the Arlington County School Board has consented to an extension of nearly two weeks to permit completion of the school census and poll in South Fairlington.

School Census

Census data for children of school age show very dramatically the need for a new school as soon as possible. Results for North Fairlington, except for the three blocks located in Fairfax County, are shown in the table in the middle of the page.

(see CENSUS, page 2, column 1)

SCHOOL POLL FAVORS NEW SCHOOL Paper Drive Winners - A START ON RECREATIONAL PLANS FOR BLOCK 12

PAPER DRIVE PRODUCES $22\frac{1}{2}$ tons -----
CONTEST WINNERS IN BLOCK 12

Newspaper collections in the paper drive held on Oct 11 totalled $18\frac{1}{2}$ tons, only a little less than the amount in the record Sept 13 drive. But we were low on mags, so that total collected was $22\frac{1}{2}$ tons. But not bad, boy, not bad. -- Nobody in Block 12 was near the winner of the \$5 prize. The winner of boys' prize brought in 60 feet. Gosh, and to think that block 12, which did dang well, had only 84 feet.

High man in our block in the paper drive was Paul A. Ronka of 3064 South Woodrow. He and Betsy Jones won tickets for the miniature golf at Sportstown. We have no music-lovers in our block, apparently. Nobody wanted to hear Nathan Milstein.

Other contestants with 30 or more inches of paper were:

HEART OF SCHOOL CENSUS		
(These figures are for North Fairlington only. But all school planning should be based upon such figures for the whole school area served)		
Number for North Children	Number in Fairlington	Number in Block 12
Under 1	144	13
1	159	12
2	162	17
3	166	19
4	145	20
5	138	11
6	85	8
7	91	13
8	69	7
9	57	8
10	391	49
11	52	8
	37	5

David Dunn	Dickie Parker
Dick Dixon	Fred Pollack
Alex Callander	Cyn Reynolds
Kerry Coulter	John Ribble
Connie Hunt	Mary Sargent
Bobby Lapsley	Joe Shreiber
Lynn Lapsley	Harv Tompkins
Bobby Manning	Barbara White
Barbara Pace	Eddie Zebley

These 18 winners are all eligible for the movie to be given from 2 to 3 p.m. at the school on Saturday afternoon. Get your tickets before 11 a.m. Saturday at 3050 Woodrow.

OOPS! Sorry. Just learned that Miniature golf tickets required a minimum of 50 inches to get into select group. Seems lots wanted them. So Betsy, it's the movies for you.

NEXT PAPER DRIVE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
October 22, 1947

In the bulletin of October 17, we said that there were three more pages to come. There still are (concerning the recreation program) but the hot story of the day is the school census and poll. This is a sort of special issue to give you the full results. These are in the attached report and graph. We think you should study them carefully, and come to the Association meeting tomorrow to take part in the discussion about our school needs.

FAIRLINGTON OVERWHELMINGLY FAVORS NEW SCHOOL RATHER THAN EXTENSION OF OLD

Final results of the poll of Fairlington residents showed an overwhelming percentage in favor of a new school in North Fairlington in preference to the 6 classroom extension planned by the Arlington County School Board. In the poll conducted last week by the Fairlington Association, 2011, or 95.6% of residents voting favored the new school. Only 92, or 4.4% favored the extension.

In North Fairlington (exclusive of the three blocks in Fairfax county) the residents favored the new school 1035 to 9. That is, 99.1% voted for the new school.

Despite predictions to the contrary, even South Fairlington showed a surprising preference for the new school. 976 or 92.2% of votes in that area favored the new school, with 83 votes opposed.

Poll Takers

The poll and school census was conducted by volunteer workers. Those in Block 12 included Mrs. D. Neal Hunt, Mrs. Robert Sargent, and Mr. W. J. Kelly of Woodrow Street, Mrs. Edwin H. Snell of Abingdon Street, and Mrs. Edward Phillips, Mrs. Samuel Shreiber, and Mrs. Robert C. Coulter of 30th Road.

School Census

Final figures on the school census are contained in the attached report. These figures are taken from the official report. While the tables and interpretative material were prepared with a view to being included in the material to be sent to the school board, those in charge of the poll decided to send the raw, unadjusted data to the school board so that the board could perform its own analysis and evaluation. Similarly, it was believed that the board would resent having the implications of the data pointed out to it, such as what the Fairlington Association thinks our school needs are and what the residents want. Others disagree with this view.

PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SHIRLINGTON

Volunteers Wanted to Help Keep Library Open

A branch of the Arlington County Public Library is scheduled to open about January 1. It will be located on the second floor or building to North of the Shirlington Theater. Opening date depends upon when building is finished.

It is hoped to keep library open two hours each in morning, afternoon, and evening Monday through Friday, and all day Saturday. To do this, however, requires a lot of volunteer help. There will be a paid librarian, but she will need help. Volunteers are wanted who can devote two hours at a stretch one day a week REGULARLY. The county librarian will instruct volunteers in basic techniques in a brief course to be given at the Administration building from 10 to 1130 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from November 17 to 30th.

Books wanted for Library

The new library can use a lot of good fiction PUBLISHED AFTER 1940. No trash. Also no strings (a libe can often sell or swap extras, but not if strings are tied to gifts). A table to receive such books will be available this Sunday in the basement at 4513 South 36th Street (courtesy of Mrs. Kendall).

Information concerning the library may be secured from Mrs. Robert T. Beall, TE-5484.

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We would like to thank Ray Bryan and Harold Enarson for help during paper drives. But men, we could use some more of you.

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OCTOBER MEETING FAIRLINGTON ASSOCIATION
Thursday, October 23 8 p.m. at the school
1. School poll and census 2. Library
3. Use of paper salvage funds. 4. Winter
recreation program of Assn. You should
be there and help build the Association.

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NEXT PAPER DRIVE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
See Mimeographed bulletin for Prizes

FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
October 31, 1947

ANNOUNCING THE START OF A BLOCK 12 RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

A provisional committee to make the initial plans for a Block 12 recreational program was set up by several block residents who attended the October meeting of the Fairlington Association. These plans were made at a meeting last night.

Subject to your approval, the committee decided upon a tentative plan of organization, and suggested objectives for the recreational program itself. The important thing is to get the organization started. If you approve the plans, the committee will proceed to arrange for election of a block captain and building representatives. After that, the provisional committee will disband, and turn over to the regularly constituted Block Committee the job of planning.

No further action will be taken by the provisional committee until residents approve, reject, or modify the plan. To learn your views, the members of the provisional committee, and other Block 12 residents, will visit you during the next week. Your opinions will be invited on all aspects of the proposed program.

Following is a summary of the main points of the proposed program prepared by the provisional committee:

Plan of Organization

1. There should be a block organization for a recreational program. It should operate through a Block Committee made up of an elected block captain, and 11 building representatives.
2. The block committee should be given authority to spend block 12 funds subject to prior approval of detailed plans by residents of the block.
3. There should be a building representative for each two buildings. His or her duties would be to discuss plans, policies,

and programs with families in the buildings he or she represents. He would also distribute information, and participate in Block Committee decisions.

The following groups of buildings is suggested: (these are building numbers).

1 and 2 3 and 4 5 and 6 7 and 8
9 and 10 11 and 12 13 and 14 15, 16 & 17
18 and 19 20 and 21 22 and 23

4. The block captain, elected by direct vote of residents, will act as head of the Block Committee; will represent block at meetings of Fairlington Association's executive committee; and will direct Association treasurer to disburse Block 12 funds when specifically authorized to do so by majority of Block Committee in furtherance of a program approved by the residents.

5. The block committee will support the paper drive and the general program of the Fairlington Association.

Recreational Program

1. It is suggested that the younger children, especially those under 6, get the benefit of the program at first. This should probably take the form of sand boxes with real sand located at several places throughout the block so that mothers can see children at play from their back doors. A program for older children or adults can be developed as the need arises. There are 49 children between 6 and 11 in our block, and 92 under 6.

If you approve this program, it can succeed only with your real cooperation. A first essential is the selection of a building representative really interested in a block recreational program.

Robert C. Coulter Mrs. Earl L. Harper
Mrs. W. M. Hines Mrs. John F. Kiernan
Mrs. John W. Limbert Mrs. Fon J. Montgomery
Mrs. Robert S. Sargent Mrs. Harvey J. Tompkins
Mr and Mrs. Robert E Reynolds

FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
January 2, 1948

THANKS, EVERYBODY!

Christmas morning brought me one of the best Christmas presents I have ever had. As you all know (at least, that is what I am going to assume) YOU gave me as a present from Block 12, a whopping big dictionary. It was a Funk & Wagnalls New Standard, and must weigh all of twenty pounds.

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FAIRLINGTON ASSOCIATION The BIG News
BLOCK 12 (it came in late)
January 19, 1948 is on
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No Paper Drives
January 24 & February 14

Inclement weather and inability to use the power houses to collect paper has resulted in a decision by the Paper Drive Committee headed by Mrs. Alan Dean to abandon the next two paper drives, originally scheduled for January 24 and February 14.

The next paper drive will be held on February 28. Please keep your paper for that drive. If we all do this, the February 28th collection should be a whopper.

The intervening weeks will be used to perfect the paper drive organization in other blocks. Not all blocks are as well acquainted with the paper drive, or support it as enthusiastically as Block 12.

The paper collection is the major source of funds for the Fairlington Association. (The Rent Stabilization Fund, announced in the attached general bulletin of the Association's Rent Committee, of which your Block captain is a member, is a special fund which is entirely separate from all other funds). Already over \$2,000 have been received from the paper drives. Fifty per cent of the net proceeds is allocated to the contributing blocks in proportion to the amount contributed. Smaller sums go into the general expense account, and the account for general recreational activities. The PTA and the Boy and Girl Scouts also receive stipulated amounts.

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In the last bulletin, in thanking you all for that splendid dictionary, I forgot to include Mr. Enarson, who has helped tie papers, Mrs. Kiernan, who worked on the organizing canvass, and Doris Rall, who has been a help and inspiration in too many ways to list.

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Block 12 has a springtly new resident at 3058 Woodrow, where the Irelands lived. You are hereby introduced to the Kleins, transferees from another block.

Block construction of playground equipment delayed

Last September Block 12 received its first allocation from paper drive funds—\$31.80—for use in buying and erecting playground equipment for the kids in our block. Another allocation is about to be made for the receipts during the last quarter of 1947. Also in September, organization of the block for deciding how and where the use these funds was begun.

As most of you will recall, canvassers asked your opinions on a list of questions on this subject. The canvass, conducted by Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Shreiber, Mrs. Kiernan, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Hines, and Mrs. Tompkins also Mr. Enarson, Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Hunt, and Mrs. Limbert, was about completed, and the organization was about to be put into operation when events intervened. The new owners of Fairlington, the Fairmac Corporation, informed the Fairlington Association that no additional equipment would be permitted to be erected until after the completion of a recreational survey by the corporation. They also indicated their belief, contrary to the observations of many residents, that there was no need for construction in the late fall and winter since the children did not use this type of equipment except in spring and summer.

A decision as to Fairmac's policy on recreational equipment is expected to be made in the spring. Until then, no money can be spent for this purpose. The recreational organization of Block 12 for these purposes will be reactivated at that time.

Inability to spend the money should not lead us to cease accumulating it through the paper drives. If we can't use it for one purpose, we can always use it for another.

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Your block captain would like to have the signatures in the fly leaf of his new and stupendous dictionary of all the residents of Block 12. It's too big to tote to you, so Mahomet will have to come to the mountain. You are cordially invited to come any evening after 6, and any time Saturday or Sunday—3050 Woodrow.

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Captain Schmidt has left for his new post of duty. Mrs. Schmidt will follow in the near future.

Rent Stabilization Fund Campaign Starts

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Fairlington Association, which completely filled the school auditorium on January 5, adopted in full the Rent Committee's recommendations to institute legal action testing the legality of Fairmac's requirement that new tenants pay 15% higher rents.

The Rent Committee emphasized the importance of this test because of the probability otherwise that with turnover in tenancy Fairmac could substantially attain its purpose to get higher rents in the course of time. Fairmac could also play off old tenants versus new tenants to the detriment of all. Thus the old tenants have as much interest in this legal action as the new tenants.

Full details of the resolutions adopted will be found on page 2 of the attached mimeographed bulletin.

Financing Legal Action

Legal action will cost money---exactly how much depends upon the types of cases, and how far they are carried. The Rent Committee is pledged not to engage in legal action costing more than the amount of cash in hand from this special fund. (No other funds of the Association, either the general or block funds, are to be used for legal action). However, the Committee cannot make adequate plans until it knows what it can spend. Any unused amount can be returned to contributors in proportion, or can be turned over to the Association for other uses, as the members of the Association later decide.

Contributions to be asked

After thorough consideration, therefore, the Rent Committee has decided to make full use of the authorization (Resolution 1) to collect a Rent Stabilization Fund. As to size of contribution, it was moved from the floor of the January 5th meeting, and adopted, that the suggested contribution be one-half of one month's increase in rent. This ranges from \$2.50 to \$5.00,

Contributions already received, with little or no solicitation, amount to \$156. The average contribution, to date, is about \$4. They have ranged from \$1 to \$10.

Block 12 residents will soon make a canvass to discuss this matter with you, and to ask for a contribution if you support the Association's proposed legal action.

Most tenants refused to sign leases with increased rents

The Association's decision by the members at the first special meeting on rent, to urge old tenants not to sign leases at increased rentals, has borne considerable fruit. Information secured from the Arlington Rent Control office, shows that 857 long-term leases were signed by tenants through December 31, the last date for signing at higher rentals. Of this number, approximately 200 are for new tenants, so that only about 657 signed leases. A better way is to say that 2582 old tenants did not.

ASSOCIATION TO BE REPRESENTED BEFORE CONGRESS ON RENT CONTROL EXTENSION

Robert E. Reynolds of Block 12, will head a delegation, including Jesse Coop (General Chairman of North Fairlington) and others not yet selected, to represent the Fairlington Association on rent control extension before the Banking and Currency committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Need for extension and strengthening of the present rent control law, based upon our experiences with Fairmac Corp. will be the keynote of the testimony. The delegation will oppose the inclusion in a new law of any mandatory percentage increase in rents. It will ask for extension of present rent levels for two years, with provision for landlord relief when hardship can be satisfactorily established. Loopholes in the present law, which should be closed such as the decontrolling of apartments when tenants sign leases providing for "voluntary" increases in rent, will be called to the attention of the Committee, with recommendations for corrective action.

**FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
February 24, '48**

**ASSOCIATION OFFICERS
MET WITH FAIRMAC**

The Association's officers, headed by A. Webster Tenney (of Block 12), president of the Fairlington Association, met with Mr. Ziegler, Mr. DeNeale, and Mr. Howell on Saturday, February 21. They covered the whole relationship between the Association and Fairmac, and went into such matters as project recreational activities, block playground equipment, flowers, etc. Rent was not discussed--by agreement.

A full report will be given at the Association meeting to be held at the school on Thursday, February 26, at 8 pm. It can be disclosed that we can probably work out arrangements for flowers that will be satisfactory to the management. Also the overall project recreational activity for the summer can go ahead. A somewhat modified block playground equipment program will be approved. This is encouraging news, for Block 12 already has over \$80 to its account from the paper drives for the purchase of recreational equipment for the kids. (But, as we warned you last year, paper drive money alone will not be enough).

Come to the meeting this Thursday and get full details.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The annual membership drive for the Association will begin in a few weeks. Annual membership dues are 50 cents a family, and run from March 1 to February 29. The Association has shown its worth within the last few months, and will prove more and more valuable to us all as time passes. Every family should support the Association by joining again for the next year.

The membership fees, together with the paper drives, are the major sources of Association funds. The Rent Stabilization Fund is distinct, and was authorized as a separate contribution for a specific purpose.

PAPER DRIVE NEXT SATURDAY

After an interval of six weeks, the Association's semi-monthly paper drives will start again next Saturday, February 28.

Please tie your papers! An awful lot of paper has accumulated, and to reduce the work next Saturday, lengths of stout twine are being distributed. (But we can't do this every time. However, any time you want twine, see us at 3050 Woodrow). Each length is enough for a bundle six inches thick. Six inches is plenty--thicker bundles are too heavy to handle--both for the kids and those who throw them on the trucks.

Paper is to be brought to the Block 12 power house between 10 am and noon. Same prizes as before--a movie ticket for each 30 inches of paper. There will probably be other prizes, but they are not yet decided at press time.

Kids: there is plenty of paper in our block--and people have been telling us that you don't come around any more.

Note to adults: if the kids don't get the paper, please bring it to the power house yourself, or, if you can't, put it on your front or back steps, and we will see that it is picked up.

Please keep magazines and corrugated paper separate from newspapers--we get a better price on them.

Help! If this drive is as big as we think it will be, we will need several husky men to help us at the power house on Saturday.

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SCHOOL AND POPULATION CENSUS BEGINS

The U.S. Census Bureau and Arlington County starts on February 24 a census of population in Arlington County. This is an official census, and will cover full details as to name, sex, age, school, etc. It is to be used primarily for county planning purposes--schools, roads, sewers, etc.

Enumerators are from North and South Fairlington, but will cover blocks other than their own (so you don't need to worry about telling your ages, gals). They are special agents of the U. S. Government, and have taken an oath to secrecy. You may ask to see their credentials.

The enumerator for Block 12 is Mr. Buford Miller.

RENT

The law suit authorized at the January 5 meeting of the Association has not yet been filed--we are waiting to see that sufficient funds are contributed. You see, we have to have the money in hand before we spend it.

The block captain, who is also a member of the Rent Committee, is soliciting funds in Block 12 for the Rent Stabilization Fund. Five of the twenty-three buildings have already been covered. Most people have contributed the amount suggested at the January meeting--\$5. But we will take anything from a quarter up. This is a community project, and should have broad community support. If more is collected than needed, the members can vote to return it to themselves in proportion to their contributions, or they can direct its use for a variety of other worthy purposes.

At last report, Fairlington contributions totalled \$557—in the hands of the Committee. Other sums collected, but not yet turned in will raise this figure. Of the \$557, \$56 was contributed by Block 12. We are out in front as usual—and we are just getting started. We will see you all within the next week or ten days.

NEW RENT CONTROL LAW

Congress may pass a new rent control law. In fact, it probably will. But the more letters you write to your Congressmen and tell them the kind of law you want, the more likely you are to get it. Tell them to support S. 2182—a pretty good bill.

Write to your Senators, but write particularly to your Representatives—for the real hurdle is in the House of Representatives.

LET'S ALL GET X-RAYED

The Fairlington Association is cooperating with the Public Health Service and the National Tuberculosis Association in a project to have free chest X-rays of every person over 15 in the Washington area. We want 100% participation in Fairlington.

We want everyone (over 15) to get this free X-ray, but we particularly want the women. Most men get X-rayed at work from time to time, but the gals practically never. So, women, make it a point to be there. You don't even have to undress, and it takes just a short time. You can bring your young children with you. There will be people there to take care of them for the short time you will be getting your picture taken.

The men should go as soon as they get home from work.

Canvassers will come to see you this week to explain in detail, and to sign you up—they want to know how many to expect.

Block 12 is scheduled for Friday, March 5th. The place is the Administration Building, lower entrance, from 10:30 am to 7 pm.

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COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SHIRLINGTON

Do you know that Arlington County has a new branch public library in the Shirlington Theater building? It is open from 1-5 pm and 7:30 to 9:30 pm Monday to Friday, and from 1 to 5 pm on Saturday.

The collection is pretty good—but they are anxious for more recent fiction—good books published since 1940. Taken 'em to the library or to 3050 Woodrow.

Children can take out 2 books at a time for 2 weeks. No charge. Parents must sign cards for borrowing privilege for children 14 and under.

FAIRLINGTON ASSOCIATION

BLOCK 12

March 11, 1948

PAPER DRIVE BIG SUCCESS

The paper drive held on February 28 was the largest ever conducted by the Fairlington Association. Forty-two tons of newspapers and magazines were collected. Block 12 made a big contribution to this amount--over 191 linear feet of paper. This was the largest amount collected by any of the twenty-seven blocks in Fairlington. This is something to crow about, for there are several blocks with twice as many apartments as in our block.

Thirty, Block 12 children participated in the last drive. Those who brought in 100 inches or more, with their contributions, are listed below:

Dudley Wood	293	Harvey Tompkins	138
Cubs Den No.1	228	Lynn Lapsley	136
John Morgan	163	Paul Ronka	114
Barbara Pace	150	Peter Bryan	105

Other participants, in order of the size of their paper collections, were:

Clinton Mangum	Karen Stevenson
Alex Callander	Ricky Davis
Connie Hunt	Ginger Rippere
Eddie Billowitz	Jerry Reynolds
David Stanley	Jeffy Phillips
Bob Manning	Denny Lewis
Virginia Seeley	Francis Lambert
Betsy Jones	Jane Ann Neely
Mary Sargent	Bobby Frank
Barbara White	David Dunn
John Elsey	Kerry Coulter

Ray Bryan, Don Basler, and Mr. Stevenson took care of the paper at the power plant.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS--ASSOCIATION MEETING

Plan to attend the next monthly meeting of the Association to be held March 25. Officers will be elected for the next year.

PAPER DRIVE THIS SATURDAY

A regular paper drive will be held this Saturday, March 13. Bring your paper, magazines, and corrugated paper to the power house on Saturday morning between 10 and 12.

Please tie your bundles. Passing out lengths of string last time proved to work well. In fact, we couldn't have handled all the paper if it had had to be tied at the power house. So we will pass out more string this time. Ray Bryan has offered to do this on 30th Road. We would like two more volunteers--one for Abingdon St., and one for part of Woodrow St.

Kids: Please don't go out of our block to collect paper. You see, the other blocks like to get credit for their own paper. It is OK if you have friends who save paper for you, but don't go from door to door soliciting paper.

Prizes are listed in attached bulletin

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THE X-RAY DRIVE

81 Block 12 residents told canvassers that they would be X-rayed in the drive that ended last Saturday. This is an excellent showing, since most of the other adult residents of our block had had X-rays within the past year.

Block 12 canvass was conducted by Mrs. Basler, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Callander, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Zebley.

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OFFICERS MEET WITH FAIRMAC

The officers of the Association, headed by President Webster Tenney (a Block 12 resident) met with the Fairmac management on February 21 to discuss our mutual problems (except rent). As a result of these discussions, two special committees have been appointed to work out the details of the block equipment and flower programs. It is hoped that an arrangement can be devised which will permit growing of flowers and yet avoid the conditions which led Fairmac to decide that flowers could not be permitted.

These committees are now at work: we hope to have a full report at the meeting on March 25.

FAIRLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
MAY 1, 1948

LET'S BE CHARITABLE

(The following statement is one person's views. The statement was not examined by Association officers, and the Association is not responsible. Despite occasional irony, it is written with a sincere effort to clear the air, and to promote early co-operation between residents and Fairmac.)

Our new proprietors, Fairmac, have had a bad press, and we have heard residents say things. But let's be charitable to Fairmac. After all, they are experiencing the pains and pleasures of fitting into a new suit of clothes--that of private ownership. You know, the system of free enterprise, in which the owner has all the freedom and the tenant has none.

They have ideas for the management of Fairlington, and, considering the basis of their thinking, some of them are pretty good. For example, they don't want to have the front lawns ruined. That is what is behind one of their recent regulations which aroused residents so much.

A symptom of their growing pains is that they haven't caught on yet to the best method of approaching people.

We have observed that the best way to get cooperation from people is to consult them as to your plans, explain your objectives, and revise your plans if sound objections or alternatives are presented.

Yet, from the manner in which it has approached us, it seems that Fairmac has a definite feeling of paternalism. It issues orders and largess with a combination of

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NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Officers of the Fairlington Association, elected at the March meeting, include:
A. Webster Tenney, President (Block 12!)
Clate Cox, First Vice President
Florence Shollenberger, Second Vice Pres.
John F. Cady, Treasurer
Mrs. Robert T. Beall, Secretary

DUDLEY WOOD, BARBARA PACE GET 400" OF PAPER, WIN \$1

EDDIE BILLOWITZ TOPS LAST DRIVE

Dudley Wood, 3076 Woodrow, was Block 12's first paper driver to win \$1 for collecting 400 inches during 4 consecutive paper drives. Dudley won her dollar with the April 10 drive. Barbara Pace, 3063 Abingdon, won hers with the April 24 drive.

Frances Lambert and John Morgan appear to be well on the way to earning theirs.

Edward Billowitz, of 3091 Abingdon, topped the last drive with 126 inches. Other paper drivers were:

Frances Lambert	100	Lee Neely	32
Karen Stevenson	94	Bobby Frank	30
Barbara Pace	90	Denny Lewis	30
Lois Limbert	50	Steve Gewirtz	30
Mary Sargent	36	Betsy Jones	23
David Ronka	32	F. A. Dyer	7

Prez. Tenney tied papers, and Dick Franz went with the trucks all over Fairlington, tossing bundles up on the trucks. Thanx.

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FAIRLINGTON ASSN PROGRAM

The Fairlington Association has a long-range and an immediate program. All of it is aimed at making Fairlington a better place to live in. The long-range program is pretty grandiose. We have to have more experience, better support from residents and more money before we tackle that. But it is there, in the backs of our heads.

The immediate program relates mainly to recreational matters. Such things as activities on the large playgrounds, block play areas, swimming, tennis, flowers. The Association can't act by itself in most of these matters, but has to negotiate with county authorities or with Fairmac. These negotiations have been full of

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PAPER DRIVE MOVIES

We hasten to apologize for wrong information. The free paper drive movie for the smaller children begins at 1 p.m. at the school (not 1:30), and at 2:30 pm for the older children.

(CHARITY continued from page 1) authority and noblesse oblige. It has plans, but won't tell them, except as reflected in a specific action. It does not consult. It does not explain. But let's be charitable. We think that with the passage of time, it will find that that is not the best way to get results.

Specifically, it has plans for recreational activities. At least, we deduce that it has. We may be wrong, for they haven't explained, but it seems to us that what they have said means about like this:

Fairmac Play Program

Block playgrounds can be built in only a limited number of areas, and are to be used by children up to, but not over, six years of age. Older children are to go to the large central playgrounds. It frowns upon sandboxes as messy and unsanitary.

Children in blocks not having play areas will cross the streets to the nearest play area. What is more, the children will have to play within the fenced area of the playground, and stay away from the grass and sidewalks. No ball games can be played in the block play areas.

How Kids Play

Now, as a multiple parent, and a constant observer of parents and children, we know that play patterns of children just will not conform to such ideas. Parents of one to three year olds want their kids playing in their sight, which in Fairlington generally means just outside the back door. Children of such age will not be permitted to go unaccompanied to a block play area, especially if it is not in the parent's sight. And under no circumstances will they be permitted to cross streets to get to play areas.

Cooperative child-watching arrangements could correct some of that, but it is not the only or best solution.

Older Children

As to the older children, much of the same applies to many 4 to 6 year olds. Mothers want them playing nearby. And how are the children over 6 to be kept out of the block play areas where there are swings slides and jungle gyms? Moreover, while children of school age will occasionally go to the large playgrounds for group activities, either supervised or self-organized, that won't happen all the time, especially after school or near supper time. Even when the 7 to 10 year olds go, the teenagers often kick them off. Furthermore

many of these children live quite a long distance from the large playgrounds.

Parental Cooperation

Even with the utmost of parental cooperation, it is doubtful if Fairmac's ideas (if we understand them correctly) could be fully carried out. And in view of Fairmac's approach to parents, it is doubtful whether many parents will be in the mood to cooperate. And that's too bad, because we will all be happier when Fairmac and residents cooperate to establish and enforce logical and reasonable regulations to make Fairlington a happy, safe, and beautiful place in which to live.

So, once again, let US try to be patient and charitable with Fairmac while it is learning how, and where, and when children play.

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As a specific comment on the recently issued regulations, Fairmac does not have control over sidewalks paralleling streets. They control only the interior sidewalks, and those around parking courts. Street sidewalks are controlled by Arlington County. Fairmac cannot prevent children from using wagons or tricycles on street sidewalks. Lawyers have told us that any Fairmac employee who brings a child to its home because of tricycling or wagoning has probably committed assault and battery.

What Fairmac really wants is to protect the grass in front. Let's help them do that, and have the kids play in back.

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OUR FANCY NEW DRESS

You have seen us until now in Ditto purple. From now on we will be in Mimeograph black. But we are the same old BLOCK 12 bulletin. We are proud of our handsome headlines and even margins. But we are even prouder of the reason why.

The reason why we have changed is that the Fairlington Association, mainly through paper drive receipts has bought a brand-new, automatic-feed, power-driven Mimeograph. The \$700 investment got all the frills, too--Mimeoscope, lettering guides, illustrations, and even color if we want it (as in the flower bulletin).

We hope to come out more regularly after this in our new look. But not in bulletins this size, they take too long to produce.

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hurdles and road blocks. However, some tangible progress has been made, and the present results are described in other articles in this bulletin.

This program is financed by membership dues, by paper drives, and by special activities such as the boat ride. Through these sources of funds, the Association can carry through its general program without soliciting special contributions from residents. To do this, however, a substantial number of residents will have to join the Association and pay the annual dues of \$1 per family. The only thing on which funds would have to be solicited is the development of block play areas. The Association gives community-wide support and guidance to the block program, but leaves these block programs pretty largely in the hands of each block to develop or not develop as the block sees fit.

This is an indirect way of telling you that fellow residents, representing the Association, will soon ask you to join the Association for this year, and help assure the summer program by paying dues of \$1 a family. Dues cover the period from April 1 of each year to March 31 of the following year.

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FLOWERS

We don't have the flower program we wanted. But at least negotiations between the Association and Fairmac have achieved partial success. We now can plant flowering shrubs and perennials. A recent bulletin described the things we can plant, and where. We hope you kept it, and will make use of it.

The Association wanted Fairmac to agree to permit the growing of annuals. Fairmac was willing to authorize this in certain plots away from buildings. But the Association would have had to take the full responsibility of seeing that the plots were used, that they were cultivated and maintained as beauty spots, and that they would be cleaned up at the end of the growing season. The Association was not willing to take this responsibility for the whole of Fairlington.

However, if a resident or a group of residents of Block 12 will take such responsibility for a particular plot, there is a good chance that Fairmac will approve. Anybody who wants more details, please see your block captain, TE-1774.

PLAYGROUND PROGRAM 3

A supervised playground program of group games, softball, and handicrafts for children of school age will be conducted on the school playground, and the lower Utah street playground this spring and summer, starting some time in May. We also hope to have a planned program on the Abingdon Street playground if shelter and toilet facilities can be provided. This is being studied but we can't make any promises yet.

Supervisors, equipment, and materials are being provided by Arlington County. The extent of this is not yet known, because the County Board has not yet decided on the size of the county recreation program. Allotments to Fairlington have not been made, but it is expected that we will have at least three full time trained supervisors. Fairmac is helping by putting the Utah and Abingdon Street playgrounds in shape, and may give a cash contribution. The Association has voted \$750 to aid this part of the program.

There will also be a softball league for adults. Those interested should call Orville Split, AL-6538.

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BOAT TRIP

A get-acquainted boat trip down the river on the SS Potomac will be made on Tuesday evening, July 13. The Association has chartered the boat on this date exclusively for Fairlingtonians. The boat will leave the wharf at 8:30 pm and will return about 11:50. A 45-minute stop will be made at Marshall Hall amusement grounds across from Mt. Vernon. There will be dancing, contests (beauty, etc), and refreshments, but NO slot machines.

Only about 2000 persons can make the trip, so you had better act quickly when tickets are available.

Joseph P. Smyth, local attorney, is in charge of arrangements. He needs help, however, on the promotional, program, tickets, and refreshments committees. See your block captain at TE-1774 or call Mr. Smyth, 4130 S. 36th St., OV-1269, if you wish to help.

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BLOCK 12 NOTES

Bob Manning, popular TWA co-pilot, has been transferred to the Kansas City division, and is in training for rank as captain, which he will get next January. Mrs. Manning and Betty have joined him.

TENNIS

Tennis on well-kept courts at nominal rates is in prospect for tennis addicts this summer. Fairmac has put the courts in shape, and has erected fences to keep cars from being driven over them.

Good tennis requires courts which are kept in shape through daily rolling, watering, and marking. To finance this, a small fee will be charged for each hour's play. Courts will be available to all residents, including children under certain conditions, and it will not be necessary to join a special tennis association.

Arrangements are being worked out for all these matters. A more complete report will be made later. Any tennis fanatic wishing to take part in these arrangements should call Norman Cottrell, TU-1028.

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NEW BLOCK 12 FAMILIES

Brand new or relatively new families in Block 12 include:

Arthur and Felice Baier, and Jeffery, 3070 Woodrow.

Nicholas and Gerry Gregory, and Peter, 3058 Woodrow.

Maj. Leonard Jella, 4619 30th Road.

Willard and Margaret Kelly, Edward and Jeff, 3092 Woodrow.

Herbert L. and Louise D. Propst, and Ned McClellan Propst, 3063 Woodrow.

Peter H. Remington, 4640 30th Road.

Sidney and Shirley Shemel, and Barbara, 3097 Abingdon.

Wilson C. and Mildred Wearn, 3056 Woodrow.

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HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Margaret Bryan, 4642 30th Road, heads the Hospitality Committee for North Fairlington. The Committee for Block 12 comprises Marjorie Pace, 3063 Abingdon, Gail Kelly, 3068 Woodrow, and Stewart White, 4607 30th Road.

Functions

The functions of the Committee are to visit new residents and welcome them to Fairlington. The Committee will explain such things as schools, shopping facilities, veterans organizations, operation of the Bendix and dryer. It will answer questions about the community, and generally aid in drawing the new families into community life in Fairlington.

A BLOCK 12 PROGRAM

What can we do for close-at-hand playgrounds----slides, swings, jungle gyms, sandboxes, etc.,--for Block 12? Right now we don't know. The Association's objective has been to assist the development of such areas in each block. To that end, 50% of the net receipts of paper drives is allocated to the individual blocks. Block 12 has a credit of about \$100 through the end of March.

Twelve Play Areas Approved

The active construction program planned for last October was brought to a standstill. Fairmac insisted on no action until it could make a survey of needs. Negotiations have been conducted with Fairmac this spring, and by virtue of much hard work, we have some sort of program. Fairmac has agreed to the construction of play areas in 12 blocks, including 5 or 6 in North Fairlington.

None in Block 12

Fairmac will mark out these areas and erect a 3 foot steel fence. The residents of each block are to determine and purchase the equipment needed. Block 12, however, IS NOT one of these 12 blocks. Fairmac apparently feels that there is not a large enough open area for a playground. Perhaps not, yet it seems to your block captain that there is an area between Abingdon and Woodrow Streets which is large enough for swings, a slide, and a jungle gym. The kids will play there anyway.

A possible alternative solution is for us to seek permission from the owners of the land to the North of Block 12 to erect a small playground at the edge of the woods back of Woodrow or 30th Road. This would have to include an agreement to remove any equipment if and when the owner starts construction.

Do We Want A Playground?

The question is whether we want such a play area for Block 12 children badly enough to do something about it. Or do we want to contribute our Block 12 paper drive funds to Block 9--across Abingdon Street---to aid Block 9 in the purchase of equipment for the playground which is to be constructed in that block? In that event our children would have to go to Block 9's playground.

Even a limited playground area will cost about \$500. We now have \$100. Paper (See BLOCK 12 on page 5)

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drives will bring in more money this summer, but if we are to get equipment this year, residents of Block 12 will have to contribute about \$300 in cash--an average of \$3 a family. If you recall, we warned you in earlier bulletins about this.

Sandboxes are a separate matter. We can probably get permission from Fairmac if we want them badly enough. However, there are certain conditions. We will have to secure permission for the precise locations. Because of numerous complaints in past years of cases of worms caused by local cats, Fairmac will insist that residents release Fairmac from responsibility for such cases. This can be done by providing covers for the boxes, but residents will have to take personal charge of covering the boxes at night.

To find out what we want, and to provide the mechanism of getting it, the block organization which was started last October will be reactivated. Block 12 residents then voted in favor of a steering committee of 11 members, each representing the families in two buildings. Your block captain will start the process of organizing the Committee, but actually getting it and then getting results will be up to you.

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SUPPORT THE PAPER DRIVES

March and April paper drives have not maintained the average of last summer. There is plenty of paper we are not getting, and it all goes for our own benefit.

With tangible evidence of the value of paper drives, as described in this bulletin, let's hope that renewed interest is aroused in saving paper.

BUS LINE CHANGES HANDS

You have read that A, B & W has agreed to take over the Fairlington route franchise now held by Arnold Lines. This change is scheduled to take place May 19 if the ICC agrees.

AB&W provides more frequent service than Arnold, but takes a long route through Park Fairfax. Also their present route does not cover all of Fairlington. For these reasons the Association is considering whether to petition ICC to prevent the change. However, preliminary conferences with AB&W management has indicated that AB &W is studying route changes with a conscientious view of public needs. Plans are not yet in final shape, but the line expects to drop the Arlington Farms part of the route, and go directly to Washington on the express route. This would offset the Robin Hood's barn route through Park Fairfax. Rush hour service would go directly in to Washington from North Fairlington. Also, the route in North Fairlington would be changed from Columbus St. to Buchanan Street.

AB&W is sending a representative to meet with the Association executive committee about May 11 to go over their final plans in detail. On this basis it is not expected that the Association will object to the proposed change.

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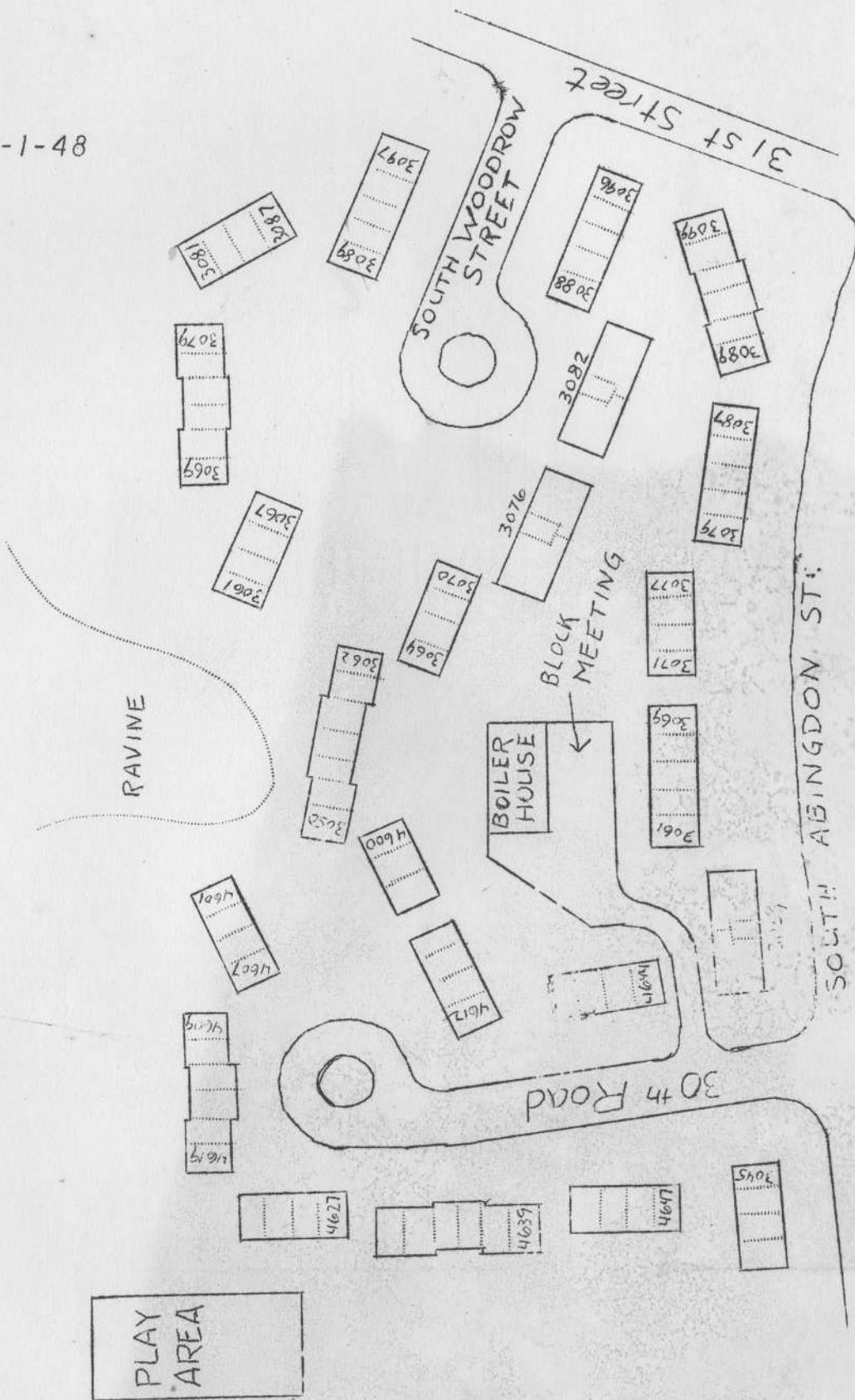
MORE BLOCK 12 NOTES

Nancy Phillips' third boy arrived Friday April 30th. Ed is in England for six weeks for an international conference.

Mrs. Zebley and Eddie, 4640 30th Road, left on April 1 to join Maj. Zebley in Japan.

NEXT PAPER DRIVE - MAY 8

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BLOCK 12
NORTH FAIRLINGTON

FARLINGTON
ASSOCIATION
BLOCK 12
AUGUST 1, 1948

BLOCK MEETING
MONDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 2
7:45 PM (OR FIRST CLEAR NIGHT)

PROBLEM-PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR BLOCK 12

The Fairmac Corporation has assigned and laid out a play area for Block 12. Its location is shown on the attached diagram. Its size is roughly 50 feet by 100 feet.

The question before the residents of the block is the purchase and installation of playground equipment for this play area. That question will be decided at the block meeting. You owe it to your children, your neighbor's children, and yourselves to take part in this decision, and in the work necessary to carry it forward. This is a community project.

The meeting will be held at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, August 2 on the concrete platform by the boiler house. (Some of you were told a different place. The change was caused by a child's illness). In case of rain, the meeting will be held on the first clear, dry day.

The questions involved in reaching the group's decision whether to go ahead, and how rapidly, will be discussed in full at the meeting. To assist in the discussion, we present some of the essential facts:

A play area can have a variety of equipment. Other blocks have a slide, swings, teeter totter, and jungle gyms.

To equip a play area with all this equipment (of the necessary size and strength) would cost over \$500. It can, of course, be bought an item at a time.

The block now has to its credit, thru paper drives, of just over \$100. Any costs in excess of this amount will have to be raised by direct contributions. This would be in addition to the \$1 membership dues in the Farlington Assn., but the entire amount of such direct contributions would be used for buying

equipment for the playground. None would be used for general Association activities.

Block 12 has 106 apartments. An average contribution of \$2 a family would make available now \$312 (including the \$ 100 now to our credit). \$3 a family would total \$418, and \$4 a family would total \$524. How large these contributions would need to be will depend solely upon your decisions at the meeting. And those decisions will depend on whether you want to go ahead, and how fast you want to do it.

Fairmac will install all equipment in concrete. Equipment selected must be approved by Fairmac. When materials are available, Fairmac will later erect a 3 foot high wire fence around the play area.

The area assigned to us is not fully satisfactory. It is not centrally located. It is at a distance from those who live near 31st Street. But it is the only area available. The apartments in Block 12 are so close together and so arranged that there is no large, central open space for play purposes. So it is this area or none.

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Another item of business is to select a new block chairman. The present chairman has given over a year to Block 12 activities, and would welcome some relief.

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The membership campaign will really get under way. Membership dues are the sole source of Association funds (aside from 10% of paper drive receipts).

PAPER DRIVE WINNERS
TO BE ON RADIO

Team members in an early "Let's Play Baseball" program over WTOP (Popular children's Saturday morning program) will be made up from winners in next paper drive.