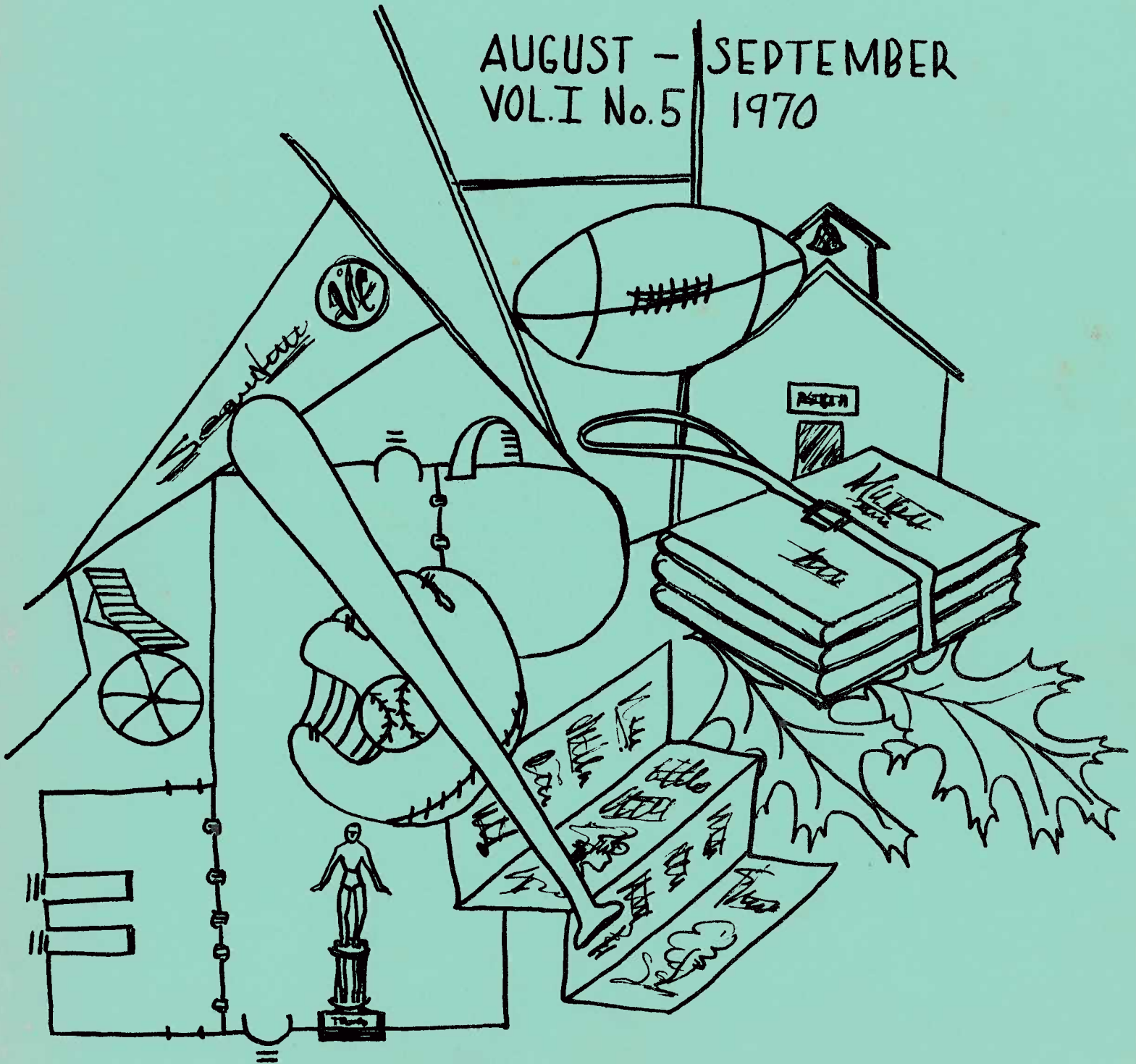


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T R U R O T R A I L S

PRESENT MODEL HOMES READIED FOR SALE; MILLER AND SMITH TO INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL LINE OF HOUSES AT TRURO

Much interest has been aroused by recent construction work around the Truro model home area. The models are being offered for sale and are being prepared for occupancy in October and November. Bulldozers and tractors moved into the display area in mid-August to prepare the roadbed for the new court, to be called Yerkes (rhymes with Turkeys) Place, in honor of DAVID N. YERKES, of the Deigert & Yerkes architectural firm that designed the homes.

While continuing to build the present models (with the exception of the Skyview), Miller and Smith, Inc., will introduce a new line of homes, to be priced in the \$40,000-\$45,000 range. In a statement to the Truro Trails, MR. KENNETH MURPHY, Truro Sales Manager, said this decision was made to broaden the market.

There will be five new models and, although smaller, they will follow the architectural design of the existing homes. Two locations are being considered for the new model area. One possibility is Guinea Road, and the other is Footstep Court, located off Ann Fitz Hugh Drive opposite the Community Center. The target date for completing the models is February, 1971. Construction on the first of the sale houses will proceed simultaneously, with delivery dates to coincide with the grand opening.

Furnishings and accessories in the present models will be used to decorate the new models, so there will be no clearance sale.

DATES TO KEEP OPEN

- September 7 - Truro Swim Club Family Picnic Monday (bring your own dinner) and Swim Party to celebrate the ending of successful first season.
- September 26 - Truro Homes Association adult (Sat. night) party at Community Center Clubhouse. Details will follow via flyer.
- October 17 - Truro Homes Association Couples (Sat. night) Progressive Bridge at Community Center Clubhouse. Details later.

BOARD TO HIRE ENGINEERS TO ANALYZE SOIL PROBLEMS AT TENNIS COURT SITE

The Truro Homes Association Board of Directors at its August 19 meeting agreed to arrange for an independent engineering analysis of soil compaction problems being encountered at the designated site of the Truro Community Center tennis courts.

The Board's action resulted from an August 11 letter from builder GORDON V. SMITH to T.H.A. President, DAVID JONES, detailing the steps the developers have taken to try to obtain proper soil conditions for installation of the courts.

Smith's letter states in part,

"...we have achieved a higher level of stability, but it is still not great enough in our judgment to risk placing an asphalt tennis court on its surface.

"We do feel that the necessary stability will be obtained if the site is allowed to sit through the coming winter. We are therefore preparing to complete the grading and sodding of the tennis court area, but not do any further work on the courts themselves until the soil dries in the spring. We know this decision will disappoint many of the tennis fans who have been looking forward to the use of the court. If the Homes Association desires to have us proceed with the tennis courts now, we will do so, but will offer no guarantee as to their maintenance problems or playability. We will be in a position to issue a normal guarantee in the spring of next year."

Unless the report of the independent engineers disagrees with Miller and Smith's findings, the Board has elected not to commit the Association to the financial risk of proceeding with construction now.

NEW DIRECTORY BEING READIED

A new edition of the Truro Homes Association directory is expected to be ready for distribution around the middle of September, according to Publicity Committee chairman, MARY BARRY. The new directory will be on the order of the existing one. The Committee plans a printed version at some future time.

T. H. A. BOARD SETS RATES FOR CLUBHOUSE USE

A schedule of charges for use of the Truro Community Center Clubhouse was adopted by the Truro Homes Association Board of Directors at its August 19 meeting. The charges, which are intended to cover the cost of utilities and normal maintenance, cover three separate categories of users:

- I. Recognized groups consisting of Truro Homes Association members for any appropriate activity (luncheon groups, bridge clubs, youth clubs, etc.) -- no charge.
- II. Individual members for personal entertaining of a party of guests at cards, dancing, luncheons, dinners, etc. -- \$15.00.
- III. Non-members and groups not included in categories I and II -- \$25.00.

For category II and III users a security deposit of \$25.00 will be required prior to the use of the clubhouse.

T. H. A. BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association has elected its officers for the 1970-1971 term. COL. DAVID JONES accepted reappointment as President; and MRS. DENNIS MARQUIS, Secretary, and MR. THOMAS VICK, Treasurer, agreed to continue in those offices. MR. ROBERT SWECKER, newly elected to the Board at the July general membership meeting, was elected Vice-President. Other members of the Board are MR. CHARLES SHAW, MR. KENNETH MURPHY, and MR. GORDON SMITH.

MAILBOX INSTALLED

A mailbox has been installed at the corner of Elizabeth Lane and Ann Fitz Hugh Drive. The mail is collected at 11:00 a.m. every day, including weekends and holidays.

ASPHALT RAMPS INSTALLED

As Truro Trails goes to press, five of the long-awaited asphalt ramps linking the parks area bridges with the paths have been installed. The other two require some further construction work but are promised for completion by the end of August, according to Miller and Smith's manufacturing manager Alvin D. Hall

COMMUNITY WORKING TO SOLVE CLUBHOUSE NOISE PROBLEM

A special open Board meeting of the Truro Homes Association was held August 5, 1970, at 8:00 p.m. at the Truro Community Center. The meeting was held to discuss the controversy that had arisen as a result of the noise from the most recent Truro Teen Club dance held at the pool. Interested members of the Truro Homes Association and members of the Truro Teen Club were invited to attend and express their views.

After COL. DAVID JONES, President, reviewed the noise problems and complaints that had occurred during the recent Teen function and members of the audience discussed their feelings about the noise levels and need for Teens and other groups to be able to hold functions in the Clubhouse, Col. Jones asked that the group be reduced to only the Board and residents in the immediate pool area.

Ideas were then discussed that would modify the problem and yet allow groups to continue to use the Clubhouse. MR. HARVEY SAFEER was asked to head a committee including CMDR. DICKINSON PRENTISS, MR. ROYCE NOLAND, and Teen Club President SCOTT CHRISTOPHER, to construct a sound baffle to be put behind the speakers and to experiment with the placement of the speakers and baffle prior to and during the next dance. Col. Jones asked that all residents bear with the Board in their attempt to solve this problem and he intends to discuss the matter with the local police, letting them know that the Association is trying various methods to work out the problem.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR T. H. A.

The officers of the Truro Homes Association need volunteers to serve on committees for the coming year. If you have not already received it, you will soon find a flyer in your mailbox, listing the various activities and asking you to contribute a few hours of your time to the committee that particularly interests you. Please give this drive for new volunteers careful consideration. The Association needs your support.

LEAGUE FORMS UNIT IN TRURO AREA

The League of Women Voters of Fairfax County is forming a Little River Turnpike Unit. There will be an informational coffee at the home of MRS. DENNIS MARQUIS, 4022 Iva Lane, Truro, on September 10, at 8:00 p.m. All residents who are interested in becoming members of the League of Women Voters are invited to attend.

The Fairfax County League of Women Voters is made up of six hundred members who meet monthly in twenty-one units located throughout the County.

After studying the research material sent to each member each month, the women discuss the local, state or national issue, and come to a consensus which forms a basis for future League action. As well as informing themselves on current issues, the purpose of the League includes informing the public on issues, voting laws and voter registration.

The topic at September unit meetings of the League will be "Who's in Charge Here?", a look at state and local intergovernmental relations in Virginia.

Interested residents desiring further information should contact MRS. DENNIS MARQUIS, MRS. DAVID WATTS, or MRS. DONALD SCHUDEL.

CLUBHOUSE FURNITURE

Sixty folding chairs and six folding tables have been purchased and are now available for functions at the Truro Community Center Clubhouse.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Volunteer firemen are needed for the new fire house at Route 236 and Guinea Road, scheduled to open in the first half of September. Interested persons can call the Annandale station on Columbia Pike for more information (256-3131) and/or stop by the station for an application.

POTTERY BUFF

DEBBIE KNIGHT of 4321 Wakefield Drive is spending the summer in Seagrove, North Carolina, studying and making pottery at Iuqtown, a pottery design workshop.

FOREIGN STUDENTS WELCOMED

Most of us have had house guests this summer, but surely among the most interesting visitors have been those receiving hospitality at the home of DAVID and BARBARA JONES. Through the Foreign Student Service Exchange, they have welcomed to their home a Czechoslovakian couple teaching at the University of Minnesota, and a Malaysian girl studying sociology in England. The first week of September, a Scottish medical student attending Mayo Clinic will be visiting. Any neighbors interested in meeting him are welcome to stop by, Mrs. Jones said. These foreign students come to the Washington area for various seminars, and are given an opportunity to visit American families through the FSSE program. The Joneses first became involved when their elder daughter was in college and have found it a rewarding experience. Mrs. Jones would be pleased to give further information to any prospective volunteers.

TRURO TRAVELS

COL. LLOYD PETTY of 4031 Old Hickory Road spent two weeks in Southeast Asia this summer on an official tour.

The ROLAND BOLDUC family of 4313 Wakefield Drive, have returned home from Maine and Canada where they visited friends and relatives for six weeks.

Would like to take English lessons from experienced teacher.

Phone: 280-4438

Baby sitting in Truro by experienced young mother.

Phone: 280-4438

PARKS COMMITTEE REPORT

CLEAN-UP DAY - A very successful clean-up day for the parks area was held on the morning of July 18, under the sponsorship of the Parks Committee. Sixteen persons joined the work party, removing large quantities of trash from the stream bed, and cutting drainage ditches in several areas. Much was accomplished in improving the appearance of the parks and reducing the effects of siltation and stagnant, mosquito-breeding water. The following persons participated: TOM VICK, JOHN MAJESKY, DENNIS MARQUIS, DAVE JONES, SUSAN MARQUIS, DAN GARERI, JACK CHAPMAN, MARY CHAPMAN, BRUCE RULE, BOB MOLSEED, BOB CHRISTOPHER, KINGSLEY STEVENS, BOB LOCKHART, BILL WOOD, FRED COATES, and DICK ABBOTT.

PARKS INSPECTION - Also on July 18, Dave Jones and Dick Abbott, representing the Truro Homes Association, accompanied two Miller and Smith representatives on an inspection of the parks areas. The purpose was to indicate conditions which need correcting by Miller and Smith prior to the Homes Association assuming full responsibility for the parks areas. Items identified included completion of ramps for all bridges, removal of dead trees, correction of a major drainage problem between Aunt Lilly Lane and Ossian Hall Lane, removal of fill from around trees back of homes under construction bordering the park, and correction of a number of smaller drainage or repair problems.

TRASH BARRELS - Attractive wood-slat trash barrels have been ordered for the parks areas and will soon be installed at all playgrounds and at several other locations along the trails.

HELP WANTED - A young boy living in Wakefield Chapel Woods is needed to make a weekly clean up of trash along the newly constructed trails in that area. The Parks Committee is paying 75¢ an hour for a weekly clean up in Truro and is interested in a similar arrangement in Wakefield Chapel Woods. Please contact Dick Abbott.

TREE CARE - During the building processes soil is frequently pushed up around tree trunks and trees are frequently damaged by bulldozers.

Soil overlying the original soil level should be removed or most trees will slowly die from lack of oxygen. This is best done using a shovel, a mattox, and a three-pronged cultivator. Dig down in one spot until the top-soil is reached and then continue around the tree extending at least two feet out from the tree. Be careful not to injure the roots. If possible, dig a drain away from the tree so water does not pool, for water also occludes oxygen.

Trees damaged by bulldozers should have the dead wood and rough edges cut smooth with a knife, hatchet, or a broad chisel and then spray painted with tree wound paint or tree wound dressing may be first applied.

EROSION - Miller and Smith have recently placed a line of hay bales along the rear lots of most houses under construction to decrease erosion. Please talk with your children about the value of these so they will not:

- a. Pull out the stakes holding them--on the 11th of August, 29 stakes were found out of the straw.
- b. Tear the bales apart.
- c. Set the bales on fire. On the 11th of August, 60 books of matches were found in the park.

Remember: Erosion kills trees, fills the creek with mud, and incurs law suits.

CAR POOL TO THE PENTAGON

Anyone interested in joining a car pool to the Pentagon, call Henry Valentino, 280-4078

Thank you.

NEW BOARD MEMBER ELECTED

MR. ROBERT SWECKER was elected to a three-year term on the Truro Homes Association Board of Directors at the annual membership meeting held July 14, 1970, at the Clubhouse.

Mr. Swecker replaced MR. WILLIAM KLEVEN of Miller and Smith, whose one-year term expired in August.

Mr. Swecker lives in the Wakefield Chapel section of the area with his wife, Velma, and three children. He is a graduate of Cornell and in private law practice in Washington, D.C.

Also at the meeting, COL. DAVID JONES, President of the Association, gave a short annual report to the membership describing some of the activities of the past year. Among the activities mentioned were the installation of kitchen equipment in the Clubhouse, the pool opening party, the fourth of July party, establishment of a swimming team, publication of rules and regulations for use of the common property, establishment of six active committees, sponsorship of a Little League Team, Teen Club and Cub Scout group, publication of the home directory and newsletter, and amending of the by-laws of the Association.

Col. Jones announced that the Truro Homes Association membership is 162, and that of the Community Center is 175.

FOR SALE

Two tickets - Redskins Vs. Colts,

Saturday night, September 12

Call - 280-5756

TRURO SPORTSLINE

SWIM TEAM

The Truro swim team got their feet wet in their first year of operation by swimming in two meets against more experienced teams from Brookfield and Sterling Park. Although the Swordfish came out on the short end of the count both times, they performed quite creditably, losing the August 15 meet to Sterling Park by only five points, 127 - 122. The score of the Brookfield meet was 141 - 76.

The showing of the good guys was attributable to the rigorous conditioning program prescribed by coach JIM WINTERMEYER. The team practiced daily from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., doing basic calisthenics and swimming about 2,000 meters. The Swordfish worked hard at improving basic stroke techniques, racing dives and turns.

Truro swimmers bringing home first place honors in the Sterling Park meet included CINDY WATTS, PETER HOLBERT, TERESA MEIKE, KATHY COPPAGE, MICHAELA KRISTULA, ED MAJESKY, CAL SMITH, KAREN KEATON, RICH SCHNEIDER, ROBBIN RENNEBAUM, JOHN LESURGE, NANCY BARRY, KENNETH NICKELL, KAREN MURPHY, TOM MEIKE, SUSAN MARQUIS, KATHY MURPHY, and CHERI CUERONI.

Those receiving first place ribbons in the Brookfield meet were: KAREN KEATON, PETER HOLBERT, ED MAJESKY, CAL SMITH and GARY CHRISTOPHER.

Other members of the Swordfish team included BEN SMITH, PAUL NOLAND, JANET STEVENS, RONNIE KEATON, MARILYN LEWIS, TOM NELSON, RICK NICKELL, DAVE CAMPBELL, BARRY PRENTISS, CAROL LEE MARQUIS, SUE POMEROY, PAT KIRWIN, SCOTT CHRISTOPHER, MATT WHITE, DAVE SMITH, ANN GREY, BOBBIE GREY, AMY NICKELL, PETER KARALIS, RICK SCHULTZ, MIKE KIRWIN, MIKE HOLBERT, and BECKY BURT.

TRURO SPORTSLINE (Continued)

Hats go off to everyone involved in developing such enthusiasm our first year, with special thanks to those who helped as timers, starters, turn judges, lane judges, clerks, drivers, etc., at the meets. These include: JOHN MAJESKY, ART MORRIS, JIM WINTERMEYER, EVE MAJESKY, BEV MEIKE, TRUDY CAMPBELL, ANN NOLAND, KINGSLEY STEVENS, BOB LOCKHART, DENNIS MARQUIS, RICK CUERONI, DENNY KIRWIN, DAVE WATTS, ROBIN CUERONI, PAT SMITH, and EUGENIA SMITH.

The Swordfish closed their season with a team competition and hot dog roast on August 18. Coach JIM WINTERMEYER presented trophies to team captain KAREN KEATON for best all-around swimmer, to DAVID CAMPBELL for most improved swimmer, and to CAROL LEE MARQUIS for the swimmer who tried hardest.

The team present Coach Jim with an engraved trophy as a token of appreciation for all his efforts.

The party was arranged by parents of the swim team including PAT and KEN MURPHY, BILLIE WHITE, and JUNE and DENNIS MARQUIS.

BASEBALL

Little League rolled to a close during July as the bats and gloves were traded in for footballs and soccer equipment. Carrying the Truro banner in the Tee Ball league were STEVEN WILLSEY, and TOM SCHUDEL. PETER HOLBERT and GREGG CHUBB played in the Annandale minor league. Peter's team, the Little River Rockets, were coached by TOMMY LYLES and took second place. MIKE HOLBERT represented Truro on the Annandale major league during the '70 season. Mike played center field for Kerlin's Korner, who ended second in the major league.

In Babe Ruth competition, GREG BARRY and TOM MEIKE proved to be an effective keystone combination for the Village Inn Pizza team. The Pizza's won the Federal Division of the Annandale

league with a 12-3-1 mark, the best record posted by any Annandale Babe Ruth team. MIKE WILLSEY played for the National Bank of Fairfax in the Fairfax Babe Ruth league.

WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

When the school buses start to roll, Truro mothers will start to bowl. Thursday, September 10, at 9:15 a.m. is the time, and the Ten-Pin Plaza in Annandale is the place for the opening day of a new activity for women of our community. PAT MURPHY is organizing the league, so give her a call at 280-2981 and sign up. Pat is setting up four-member teams, and league play will end in time for mothers to be back home before the kindergarten set returns. Car pools will be available, and the Ten-Pin Plaza has a nursery for pre-schoolers. You can rent bowling shoes, and the coffee is free--not good, but free. Meet your neighbors, keep in trim, and enjoy a morning out. Let's bowl!

SPORTS NOTES

CATHY COPPAGE swam for the Country Club of Fairfax during the '70 season. Cathy swam in four meets plus at all-star competition. She set a league record of 22.2 in the 25 meter breast stroke and later broke the record with a 21.8 mark. Cathy took first place in the 50 meter all-star breast stroke competition with a time of 51.1.

KEVIN MARCH recently won swimming honors at Chesapeake Yacht Club, Shadyside, Maryland, for winning all events that he entered. The events were backstroke, free style, and diving.

Annandale Boys Club will begin football and soccer leagues in September. Further information can be obtained by calling 941-2920.

GARDEN NOTES

- by Mel March

Before the next issue of Truro Trails arrives at your doorstep we will see many changes in our surroundings. Those of you who haven't seen autumn in Virginia have a treat coming. I am, perhaps, a shade prejudiced, being a native Virginian, but I think that no other place could be as beautiful as my state in the fall.

To see Virginia in all her glory go up to Skyline Drive around the third week-end in October. From Front Royal go south a few miles. There are plenty of look-outs with parking space. Take color film along as you won't be able to describe it to the unfortunates who stayed home. Looking out over the Shenandoah Valley the view is breathtaking, with oranges, reds, yellows, and greens on the trees and little towns nestled in between.

If you don't have a chance to go there, just look outside your door. It's lovely here, too.

LAWNS: Well, it's time to get our yards ready for their long winter's nap. Lawns can use a vitamin shot now. A fertilizer high in nitrogen content such as 20-10-5 or 16-8-8 will help in August with another shot in mid to late September. Seeding should be completed by the end of September as later seedings stand less chance of germinating due to lowered temperatures. Weed killers should be applied no less than two weeks before seeding. Seeding rate: 2 to 3 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Try to avoid the use of seed mixtures with a high percentage of rye grass seed. Rye is not for use in a permanent lawn as it eventually dies, leaving space for weeds to grow.

If you are ready to give up on your existing lawn, call in a good sod man. Sod is usually cheaper in late summer and early fall. Unless you like turnips, don't buy field sod.

JAPANESE BEETLES: (hereafter called J.B.) J.B. lay their eggs in August in the ground. About ten days later the young larvae or grub-worms hatch and begin to feed on the roots of grasses. J.B. grubs completely sever grass roots

killing the plant. J.B. grubs invite further damage--they are the favorite food of moles that tunnel underground after them. Control with chlordane or dieldrin is possible, but these chemicals can kill harmless insects and earthworms which are good for the soil. These insecticides should be applied just before a heavy rain or you must water well afterwards. They must be washed into the soil in order to do the job. After they have washed in and dried the grass is safe for children and pets to play on.

The safest way to control J.B. is with spores of bacteria that cause milky spore disease. This does not affect other insects, earthworms, birds, warm-blooded animals, humans, or plants. The spores remain in the soil for many years and infect successive generations of grubs.

Application of spore dust to lawns is most effective in reducing adult beetle population when done on a community-wide basis. Treatment of a single lawn will protect it from injury by grubs, but will not protect other plants such as roses and annuals from J.B. that come from other untreated lawns. J.B. just love white roses as they offer no resistance to the insects.

CREPE MYRTLE: Powdery mildew is the major pest of this, the South's favorite shrub. It is prevalent in late summer and those bushes not growing in full sun are more susceptible to attack. Dust with sulphur or apply a fungicide, such as Karathane or Mildex, at ten-day intervals until the problem disappears.

ANNUALS usually benefit from pinching off the spent blossoms.

ROSES: We usually cover the crown of our rose bushes in October just prior to the cold weather. This is when they are going into

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dormancy. DO NOT prune your roses in late summer or fall. We will let you know more about pruning in the February 1971 issue. Pruning now promotes new growth that will not have time to mature and will be killed back in the winter.

Your garden gal,

Mel

P.S. Just received a lot of new information from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. It covers everything. For further information call me at 280-4787 before 5:00 p.m.

HELP WANTED:

Needed: Week-day "Mother" for two children starting in September. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at your house or mine. Girl will be in Wakefield Forest Kindergarten half-a-day, boy in third grade. Contact BETTY SHAW, 4178 Elizabeth Lane, Phone 280-4731.

LOST BICYCLE

Boy's bike, 26" Hercules, painted black, three-speed gear. Vicinity of upper Elizabeth Lane. REWARD. Phone 280-5988.

CAR POOL

Anyone interested in forming a car pool to St. Stephens Episcopal Boys School or Ascension Academy in Alexandria, Phone 280-2687.

ANTIQUES

Furniture, china, tapestries, etc.

Phone 280-2687.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

DAVE GERBER is a film producer who says, "I don't make films for awards, I make films for communication."

Perhaps it is precisely because he meets the goal of communication so well that the awards and recognitions have come to Gerber and his staff at Screen Presentations, Inc.

Among their award winning documentary productions is "The Rise of the Soviet Navy", narrated by Richard Basehart, which you may have seen on educational television. The film, a study of Russian sea power from the Czarist era to today, won the award of the American Film Festival in New York City in 1969. The company also won the Milan (Italy) Marine Festival Award in 1966 for a film, "The International Indian Ocean Expedition," which they produced for the National Science Foundation.

Gerber was born in Atchison, Kansas, went to high school in Kansas City, Missouri, and attended Kansas University, where he majored in electrical engineering. Not long after graduating, he joined the Air Force in 1942. Also in that year, Dave and his wife JEANNE, who had known each other since they were high-school age, were married. They spent the war years in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he was with the Joint Brazil United States Military Commission.

In 1948, he got his first taste of the film business when he went to work for the Calvin Company in Kansas City, Missouri, where he wrote and produced industrial and commercial films.

In 1953, he went to work for television station WLW in Cincinnati as a producer. One of the shows he worked on was "Midwestern Hayride." Among the stars of the show at that time was singer Rosemary Clooney. A

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR (Continued)

couple of years later he went into the television advertising business in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he produced commercials for the Pillsbury Company. In 1956, he joined the General Electric Company in Syracuse, New York. One of his assignments with the company was producing the institutional commercials starring Don (Mr. Wizard) Herbert, which were used on the television show "G.E. Theater."

In 1964, "tired of corporation life," Gerber came to Washington and started his own company. He chose this area because it is the third largest film center in the country, after California and New York. Although he has purposely kept the staff small, to "retain the personal touch," the company has gradually grown in scope and stature.

In the last two years, Dave Gerber feels it has become "a recognized company with some intellectual force." He likes to make films which explore social problems. Right now they are working on films in what he calls nationally sensitive areas such as water and air pollution abatement, drug abuse, and civil rights.

Gerber calls himself "a craftsman," and says he can do any job in the place (writing, directing, photography, film editing, sound recording, etc.) and he feels that it's a good idea for his staff film writers to direct their own scripts. "If you have to direct it," he reasons, "you're going to be more careful in what you put down on paper; no pie in the sky."

The company's offices are in a converted town house on Capitol Hill. When it is necessary to cast actors in their films, they work with Arena Stage and the Washington Theater Club.

Among their major projects at present is a film for the Department of Housing and Urban Development dealing with the "235 housing program" under which the government pays the interest on housing purchases made by qualifying families.

Also in the works is a film on the Patuxent River Naval Air Test Center's pilot-engineering teams which test military aircraft. This film will be narrated by Astronaut Pete Conrad. Many of the astronauts have been test pilots at Patuxent.

Among their other projects are animated television spots for the Post Office, promoting use of zip codes.

Screen Presentations is working on twice as many major films this year as they did last, but Dave Gerber seems to enjoy the pace. "We have a lot of fun," he says.

For relaxation Dave likes swimming at the Truro pool.

The Gerbers and their ten year old son CHRIS, live at 4216 Elizabeth Lane. They also have two other children who are married and live in the area, a daughter, LINDA, and a son, MICHAEL, who is the father of the Gerber's two year old granddaughter, MANDY.

FOR SALE: Five piece set consisting of corner desk, two glass door book cases and two end shelf units. Color, dark walnut. In excellent condition, made in England by G-plan company. \$125. Call 280-4163

FOR SALE: Complete set of MacGregor Tournament Golf Clubs, four woods, nine irons, plus bag and many other accessories. \$135. Call 280-4163

FOR SALE: .38 cal. S&W police special, \$50, and .38 cal. colt long barrel in excellent condition, \$70. Call 280-4163

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

August 18, 1970

Dear Editor:

Recently when leaving the clubhouse, I heard a member complaining vehemently to the pool manager about the pool being closed the afternoon of the Truro Swim Team party. "My children are not on the team," she said, "and I don't care anything about a swim team."

Certainly, it is inconvenient not to be able to swim during these four hours. Agreeably, it is irritating to have had the team using the main section of the pool every weekday between 11:00 and 1:00. Probably, it would be a good plan next year to have the team practice prior to the pool opening. But, hopefully, she did not really mean she did not care anything about a swim team.

For most Truro children, this was their first year to practice with a swim team. The moans that accompanied the struggling laps in June have turned into shouts of pride as each swimmer finishes his daily mile. There are teenagers who decided they better cut down on the smoking as they discovered respect for a healthy, strong body. There are eight-year-olds who could not pass the test at the beginning of the summer, and who just competed in three different events in the last meet and are eagerly looking forward to the years ahead when they expect to be blue-ribbon winners. There are girls who sulked after an event during the first meet because they, as an individual, got a third place instead of a first place; and who after the second meet were cheering because "OUR TEAM" lost by only five points.

Coach Jim's influence on my children will reap awards in many ways in the future. The respect for a sound body, a competitive team spirit, and his constant encouragement to try a little harder will serve each team member well. Jim's closeness with our Truro teens, his interest in them and concern for their problems will be remembered by all who consider him a real friend.

No swim team member had much chance to be bored this summer. Many more will join next year after seeing the contagious enthusiasm of this year's team. To many children, this type of activity is not appealing. But certainly each one of us as a fellow human being, as a parent or as a neighbor can be delighted for the children that did benefit from this experience and each of us must "care about the swim team"

June H. Marquis

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