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Street Lighting Question . . . BACKGROUND ON THE ISSUE

The issue of street lights for Truro, long cooling on the community back burner, has heated up as advocates of lighting prepare to circulate petitions on the matter.

The basic question is whether or not the community should opt for county installed street lights. Truro residents have lined up on both sides of the issue.

Proponents of county street lights argue that Truro is a high crime area, that street lighting deters crime, and that free street lights compatible with Truro's two basic architectural styles are expected to be available from Fairfax County soon. The community therefore should get in its request for them immediately, they insist.

Opponents of the proposal question that crime is any more prevalent in Truro than in other comparable communities with street lights. They doubt that much of today's crime would be deterred by lighting and maintain that, even if it were, better solutions to the lighting problem are available to Truro homeowners. Residents seriously interested in lighting their portion of Truro can readily do so, they point out.

The current proposal, on which advocates of county lighting plan to circulate petitions throughout Truro in the near future, is for "low line" lights--14-foot lights in either contemporary or colonial style. Low lights have not yet been accepted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, according to Ray Obertone, who has been look-

ing into that alternative, but he expects the board to do so soon.

Sketches of the low-line lights being requested in the petitions are on page 3. Additional reader opinions are on pages 2-3.

Proposals for street lighting in Truro are as old as Truro itself. Back in 1969, when Truro I and Wakefield Chapel Woods were still under construction, residents of Truro I began working with Miller and Smith, the builders, on a suitable standard post lamp for individual home installation. The first Miller and Smith design, a custom built unit of redwood, was rejected by Fairfax County because it lacked Underwriters Laboratory approval. Subsequent designs proved unpopular and too expensive. The proposal for group purchase of a standard post lamp was shelved by THA members at an April 1970 association meeting.

The street lighting question lay dormant until the September 1973 THA membership meeting. At that meeting the Board of Directors was asked to survey the mem-

THE COVER

for this issue acknowledges, in a happy, light-hearted way, the skateboard mania that replaced frisbees in Truro and elsewhere a few years ago. It is by Mary Jane Plamondon, 11, daughter of THA's acting president.

bership to determine if a majority wanted to approach Fairfax County on the availability of street lights for Truro. The board polled the THA membership by means of a questionnaire in the October-November 1973 issue of Truro Trails. The only street light available for consideration at that time-- and the only one available today-- was the standard 25-foot gooseneck mercury vapor lamp. Only 105 members responded to the questionnaire; of these, 64 favored street lighting. The board did not consider that this level of interest warranted an approach to Fairfax County.

The question was again raised two years later at the September 1975 THA membership meeting. The Board of Directors appointed an ad hoc committee of interested members to investigate the issue and make recommendations to the board. The committee's findings were reported to the general membership at the May 1976 meeting. This report was the stimulus for the current interest in the street lighting question.

More on Lighting

AN OPPONENT OF STREET LIGHTING OFFERS AN ALTERNATIVE, WHILE A PROPONENT FAVORS COUNTY LIGHTS

County Lights Aren't the Answer

By Frank Degnan

Articles in support of street lighting have appeared in the last two issues of Truro Trails. Without reviewing each point made, I would like to make a few observations:

- Much of the crime and vandalism with which I am familiar was

accomplished or attempted in daylight, was partially contributed to by the carelessness of the victim, and/or entry was attempted at the rear of the house. Street lights are of little or no value in such cases.

- In many areas of the community the existing outside lights are adequate and street lights are unnecessary. Many homeowners don't bother to turn on their outside lights, indicating that they aren't as concerned about crime and vandalism as they are about their electric bills.

- Community-wide street lighting will be anything but free, as every taxpayer knows.

- At least 20 percent of the homes in the community would have lawn and shrubbery damage from connecting lights to the underground utility service boxes. These homeowners might object. I would.

- Homeowners will have no say in locating the street lights. Picture a 35-foot (or even a 14-foot) street light in your front yard. That's just where one may end up.

I don't oppose additional lighting for those who want it. I just don't want street lights forced on me. I have adequate lighting; I don't need more.

Let me suggest a lighting alternative which hasn't been publicized. Those who want additional lighting should select individual lamp posts, about five to seven feet high, in styles compatible with the community (for example, those in front of homes along Elizabeth Lane) and have them reviewed by the Architectural Control Committee. Once the lamp posts are approved, individual homeowners would be free to bear the expense

of installing them. This would be an aesthetically and financially satisfying solution to the lighting question to me as a homeowner and taxpayer.



Lights Can Be Useful, Aesthetic

By Jim Clarke

A group of Truro Homes Association members are preparing to present petitions to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for 14-foot high-low street lights for our neighborhood. These lights are only half as high as traditional street lights and come in two different styles--a contemporary globe light and a colonial Town and Country light.

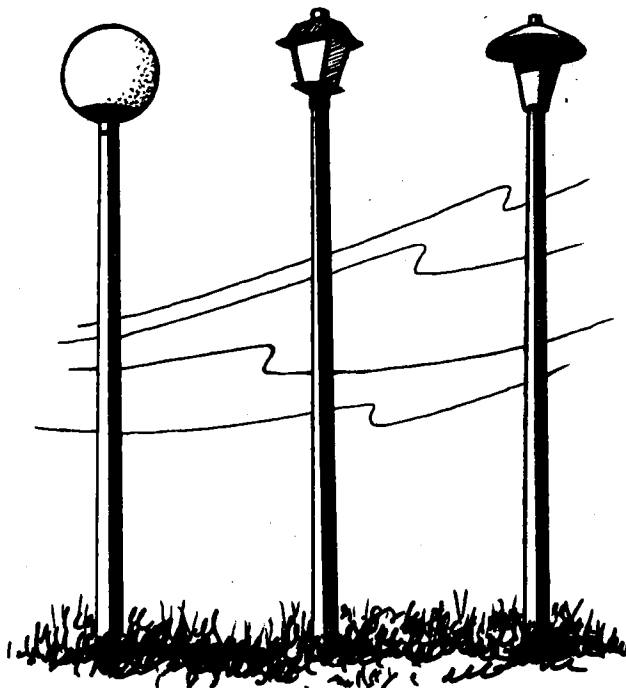
These two styles of low elevation lights should satisfy the community's two-fold need to provide night light for safety while preserving the aesthetic values of our community.

The last time the neighborhood responded to a crime problem--following a series of criminal assaults--street lights were considered. They were rejected because only the higher, traditional street lights were available. As an alternative, some groups mounted a drive to have homeowners install individual yard lights. Only a few homeowners followed that suggestion.

A number of incidents this summer have prompted this renewed petition drive. They range from burglaries to assaults and the pervasive problem of speeding on our streets. There is no question street lights will deter such things.

The new lights offer us that opportunity without damaging the aes-

thetic character of the neighborhood. I didn't support the first petition drive, but I am supporting this one.



TYPES OF LOW-LINE LIGHTS FOR WHICH THE PROPONENTS OF TRURO STREET LIGHTING PLAN TO PETITION

CLASSIFIED

BABYSITTER--Young man (experienced) desires babysitting jobs, days or evenings. Also any odd jobs, such as lawn mowing, washing cars or house windows, or caring for your pets while you're on vacation. Call Pat Sullivan, 978-3581.

FOR SALE--Upright piano and bench, recently reconditioned. 978-2927.

FOR SALE--Dunlop Maxply tennis racket. Good condition. New tournament nylon strings. Medium, 4½. For more information, call Mark High, 978-3939.

CHRIS ROBERTSON APPOINTED TO THA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF TONY SCALZI

Chris Robertson, of 8700 Pappas Way, has been appointed to the THA Board of Directors to serve the remaining year of the three-year term to which departing President Tony Scalzi was elected in 1974.

Chris has been active in community affairs since moving to the Okehampton section of Truro four years ago with Sandra and their sons, Chris Jr., Greg, Keith and Scott. Chris is a graduate of Hofstra University in New York and is controller of the Atlantic Research Corporation in Alexandria.

Several years ago when Keith and Scott were members of Truro's Cub Scout Pack, Chris volunteered to serve as Cubmaster, holding the position for two years. At the same time, Chris Jr. and Greg were members of a Boy Scout Troop and Chris held several positions with the troop, including Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman.

FROM THE BOARD

By Cathy Plamondon
(Acting President)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 1976

The Truro Homes Association's Board of Directors met at the home of Cliff Neilson on July 13, 1976. Those attending were Cathy Plamondon, Cliff Neilson and Howard Cochran.

The board approved a proposal to instruct the association's attorney to write to Allan Gasner of Richards of Washington, who has

recently acquired the Gary home-site from the Gary estate, asking that in accordance with the covenants of the Truro Homes Association his building plans be submitted to the Architectural Control Committee for approval prior to the commencement of construction.

Dave Watts, Chairman of the Pool Committee, requested and received approval of the following proposals:

- Erection of a removable barrier at the entrance to the Truro Community Center to control undesirable activities.
- Payment of the minimum hourly wage to lifeguards effective July 1, 1976, until the end of the 1976 swimming season. (The board deferred until after the September election the decision as to future policy on the minimum wage.)

The Treasurer reported that five THA dues and seven TCC annual assessments for 1976 remain unpaid. For 1975, no THA dues and two TCC memberships remain in arrears.

The board, in accordance with the by-laws, appointed George Walker as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He has asked Barbara Jones and Chuck Meike to serve on the committee. The committee was requested to nominate at least two candidates for the three-year term on the board to be filled at the September election.

Due to Tony Scalzi's departure, the board appointed Chris Robertson to fill the unexpired year of Tony's term of office.

The next meeting of the board will be held on August 3, 1976, at the home of Cathy Plamondon.

FOR SALE--SCAN red and walnut bunk beds. \$100. 978-2897.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Martha Thomas

New Neighbors

Page, Bill and Gayle
4403 Ossian Hall Lane
323-9643
Lt. Col., U.S. Army
Children: Bill (1958)
Allison (1962)

Castleman, Larry L. and Kathryn
8621 Ordinary Way
978-5357
Capt., U.S. Army (Larry)
Computer Programmer (Kathryn)
Children: Douglas (1975)

Santora, Philip J. and Karen
8834 Burbank Road
978-4499
Psychiatrist
Children: Christopher (1972)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Cyndy Franklin

Fourth of July Barbecue

Many thanks to Lyn Petty for the super job she did organizing and cooking the food for Truro's first Fourth of July Chicken Barbecue. It was a huge success-- and the food was delicious.

PARK COMMITTEE

By Robert Landsman
and Robert Podell

Park Committee Activities

At the most recent committee meeting on July 8, Dave Torbett

was welcomed as a new member, replacing Alice Torbett.

Jim Jarrett reported on preliminary plans for resurfacing the paths in the park. While certain spot repairs are necessary, it was decided that the complete resurfacing would be spread over a three-year period. The stretch between the tennis courts and Natural Bridge was identified as the priority area for resurfacing next year.

Beverly Heinberg reported her findings on the Gary memorial plaque to be placed at the foot of the new pink dogwood near the tennis courts. The committee selected an 8-inch by 6-inch bronze plaque with plain relief lettering reading: "In Fond Memory of Will, Gene and Michelle Gary--1976."

Chairman Pieter Bottelier reported on the suitability of daffodil bulbs for planting in the park this fall. Such bulbs are very suitable for the relatively acid soil in the higher and dryer areas of the park. They do not compete with other plants, flower in early spring before the leaves emerge, require no maintenance and have a life expectancy of 30 to 35 years. Roughly 10,000 bulbs will be planted in groups of 10 to 15 for a real impact in the park.

It was tentatively agreed that next year a start would be made on the first stage of Hyko Laeyendecker's gabion plan for erosion control of the stream in the park.

NURSERY SCHOOL STILL HAS OPENINGS

There are still openings for children in the 3-year-old class at the Providence Nursery School, 9019 Little River Turnpike. Call 978-4598 or 573-5550.

TENNIS COMMITTEE

By Al Allison

The New Tennis Committee

The following persons make up the Tennis Committee for next year. They are all volunteers and want to insure that our courts, rules and scheduling best serve the needs of the community. Tennis Committee meetings are held about every two months and are open to anyone who wishes to contribute. If you have a suggestion, complaint or question about tennis, please contact the appropriate member of the committee. It is suggested that you retain this information for future reference.

Chairman

Al Allison.....978-3715

Secretary

Thelma Cannon.....978-2797

Reservations

Tom Sullivan.....978-3581

Facilities Maintenance

Carl Quitmeyer.....978-4840

Men's Ladder

Ken Murphy.....978-4991

Ladies' Ladder

Sue Lowe.....978-4878

Team Captains

Moore Lindsay.....978-4943

Sue Brennan.....978-2622

Colette Stermer.....978-2935

Cathy Plamondon.....978-2869

Maureen Sullivan.....978-3581

At Large

Alice Torbett.....978-2543

Ruth Sheak.....978-3847

Court Reservations

During a recent meeting of the Tennis Committee, the following changes were adopted. Please make corrections to page 10 of your

"Enjoying Truro" manual.

2. Reservations can be made by signing up on the reservation sheet on the tennis court bulletin board. Reservation sheets are posted a day in advance by 7:30 a.m. At no time may a member reserve court time for another member except to reserve time for a two-hour doubles match (i.e., you cannot sign up another person's name for singles).

9. Only working persons may reserve court time from 5:30 p.m. until dark, Monday through Friday, weekends and holidays. Only school-age children may reserve time from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session.

By way of clarification, there is no limit to the number of hours a member may play tennis each day. In other words, there is no rule preventing a player from playing two or more hours of singles or doubles as long as a different family name is used for each hour of play.

News of past and future tennis tournament activity is on page 7.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Swimming

Swordfish Wind Up Season With Win

The Truro Swordfish finished the 1976 season with a victory over Orange Hunt. A loss to Canterbury Woods, as well as meet-sheet irregularities which cost Truro the first two meets, gave the Swordfish two wins and three losses. Shouse Village won the

Division IX championship by winning all its meets.

At the Divisional Relay Carnival the Mixed-Age Boys Relay of Jeff Watts, Mark Promersberger, David Kaufman and Alan Yahanda took a first place. Not to be outdone, the 9-10 Boys Freestyle Relay of Jeff Watts, Greg Clever, Ken Johnson and Scott Coleman also won a first. These boys had such a fast time that Jeff, Greg, Ken and Scott Winchell went on to the All Stars to claim a fifth place victory. As one of them put it, "There are only four teams in Northern Virginia that can beat us!" Great swimming!

Although plagued by vacationing and moving families, the season was one of great team spirit and record breaking. Two families of swimmers will be sorely missed next year--Karl and Max Ollendorff and Lynne and Mark Andersonn.

Many thanks to those parents who helped in each and every meet. Without more than 20 volunteers each meet, the swim team couldn't happen. Thanks so much from the kids.

--Mary Johnson

Bowling.....

Bowlers Wanted

The new bowling season starts on September 2. There are openings on the Truro Mini-League--a sub-league of the 14-team VIP League. We bowl at the Annandale Bowling Center every Thursday morning from about 9:00 to 11:45. A free nursery is provided for young children ages one through kindergarten. Please call Cathy Bostak at 978-2408 and join now.

--Betty Morris

Tennis.....

July 4th Mixed Doubles Tournament

Truro's July 4th mixed doubles tennis tournament drew 92 participants competing in two flights. Jutta Allison and Tom Sullivan were the winners in the A Flight competition. In B Flight, Arlene Rimson took the women's honors while Bill Delaney and Van VanCleave tied for the top spot among the men.

The tourney netted \$239.06 for the Gary memorial fund. Co-chairmen for the tournament were Cyndy and Miles Franklin and David and Alice Torbett.

--Alice Torbett

Labor Day Tennis Social

We are going to try something new for the next get-together of the tennis faithful: Truro Team Tennis. This Labor Day social will be scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 4-5, with Monday a rain day. The following is an outline of pertinent information:

- Entry fee is \$2.50 a person.
- Participants will be divided into eight equal teams. Team captains will select teams on Friday, September 3, using a draft system from those entered.
- Team captains will be the four men and four women highest on their respective ladders as of August 30.
- All members of each team will play an equal number of sets.
- Each team will play four other teams. Team matches will be scheduled for four hours on one court.
- Each team match will consist

of one set of each of the following:

- Men's singles....(1 match)
- Women's singles..(1 match)
- Men's doubles....(1 match)
- Women's doubles..(1 match)
- Mixed doubles....(2 matches)

● Total score is the cumulative total of all games won by team members.

● Team captains will exchange lineups just prior to commencement of each team match.

● Juniors may sign up on an alternate list and will be drafted as necessary to fill out the draft.

● Awards will be made to the winning team at a cocktail party on Sunday evening.

Mail or deliver your entry fee prior to August 30 to either:

Al and Jutta Allison
8808 Burbank Road

or

Felix and Sue Lowe
8807 Burbank Road

--Al Allison

Diving

Truro Divers Win Championship

Truro's diving team took the Division 8 championship with an undefeated season.

On July 27, Truro dove against ~~Manison~~ ^{Manison} House, which was also tied for first place, and won. The score was 33 to 21.

High point scores for each age group were:

- Junior Girls.....Laura Molseed
- Junior Boys.....Bas deLeede

- Intermediate Girls..Christy Baker
- Intermediate Boys.....Mark Nøe
- Senior Girls.....Pam Bodager
- Senior Boys....Bruce Kirchgessner

Thank you to all the helpers on the tables, to the judges, to the referee and announcers who made the season successful--but most of all, a big congratulation to the divers and their coach, Ralph Matthews.

--Paula Coleman

LETTERS

Dear Neighbors:

For several years I have wanted a bird--a parakeet in particular. Last Christmas an aunt gave me a beautiful green parakeet complete with cage. I have tended "Willy" faithfully; he grew to a nice size; I taught him tricks; he sang beautifully; I loved him.

Since Memorial Day Willy has lived under the awning of our back patio. Sometime yesterday (July 26) Willy was stolen from his cage. At the same time our badminton set was pulled up by the stakes, and tomatoes from my garden were thrown around.

I have been brought up by the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule. However, living in Truro these last 7½ years has been a real test of this.

Are you the boys who steal the Christmas lights?

Are you the boys who have stolen the American flag three times from the front of our house?

Are you the boys who turned on neighbors' faucets while they were away?

Are you the boys who steal the morning newspapers from the owners' doorsteps?

Are you the boys who break the glass in post lamps and automobile windshields?

Are you the boys who light fires in the woods?

These questions have been running through my mind, although I don't expect you'll answer them. I feel sorry for you that your parents haven't managed to fill your free time with sports, camp, music, etc. You're missing a lot. When I hear about our "sick society" I now know what this means. It never occurred to me that this included children. It is sad that there is a lack of morals in some of Truro's children.

If anyone sees Willy, please try to catch him for me. I'm offering a reward for him.

Sincerely,

B. J. Sullivan

flags out," he estimated. "Some folks would say that's not half bad," he punned, "but I call it only half good. Maybe we'll see more next year."

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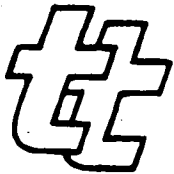
In case you missed it, among the many Bicentennial letters of congratulation to America appearing in the Washington Post on July 4 was one from an Evelyn Cleary of Truro, Nova Scotia. She recalled thankfully the American aid sent to Halifax following the ammunition ship explosion in the harbor there during World War I. "The world is a better place because you're a part of it. God bless America!" she wrote.

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One of the six model homes being offered for sale in the new Pinefield development in Charles County, Maryland, is the "Truro." The name is one of a number apparently borrowed from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, rather than from old Truro Parish on this side of the Potomac.

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Robin Safeer, of 8625 Appleton Court, has again been named to the honor roll at Skidmore College.



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Back in 1970, Lucille Gareri commented in Truro Trails on the scarcity of American flags flying in Truro on that year's patriotic holidays. She counted only four flags out on Washington's Birthday, two on Armed Forces Day, eight on Memorial Day and three on Flag Day (compared with 140 occupied homes). T. Homer Aargh, Truro's old-timer, reports that he was pleased to see a lot more flags flying during the recent Bicentennial weekend. "I'd say close to half the homes had

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