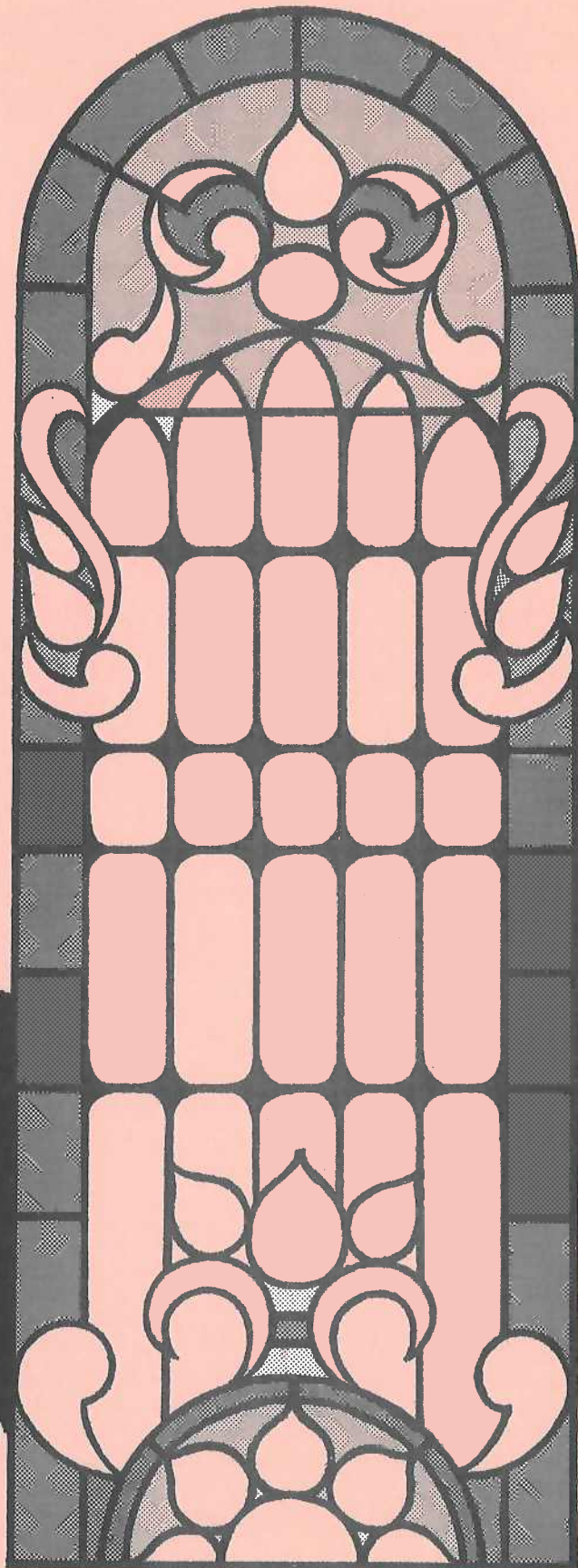
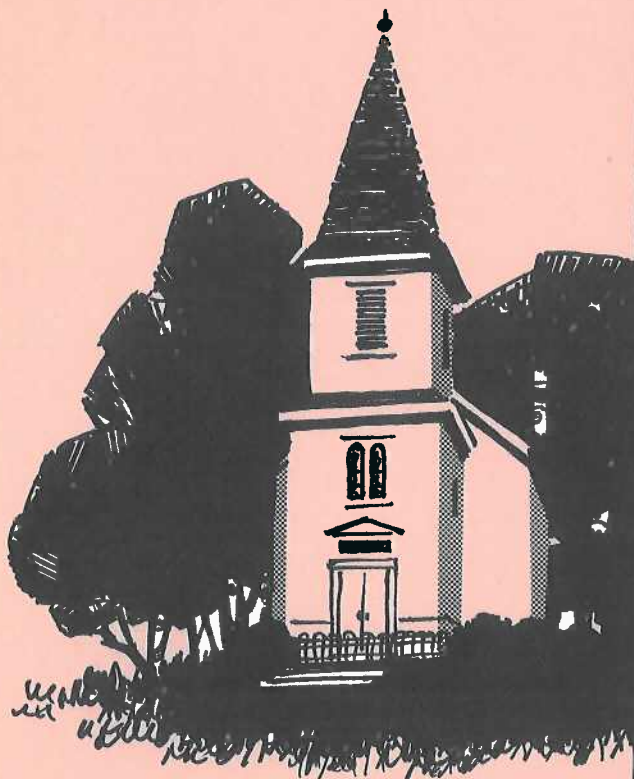
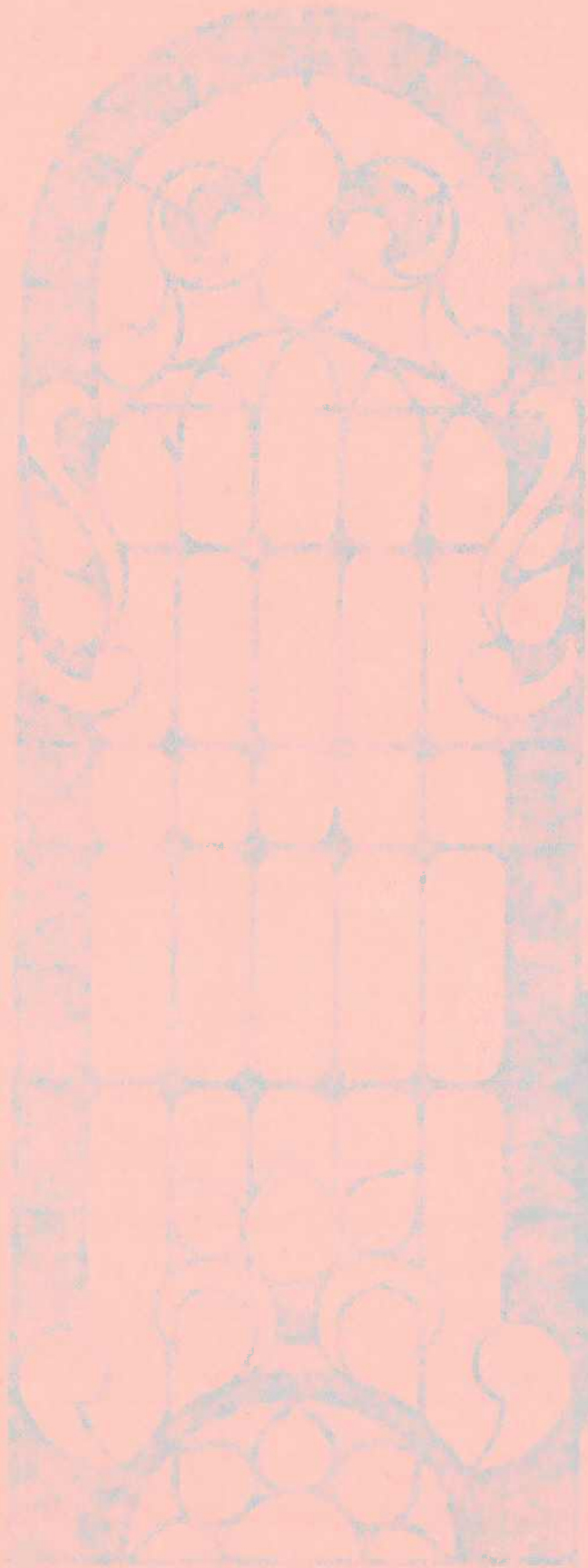


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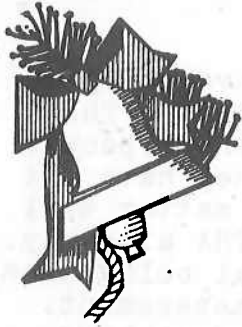
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A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association takes this opportunity to wish each of you a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

While most of us are filled with good thoughts and expectations for the holidays, let us pause and think of those who are less fortunate than we. There are many for whom this time of year is sad, because they do not have the wherewithal to do for themselves and their loved ones, either materially or frivolously, what is commonplace for most of us. As you ponder this, please consider adding one more unit of canned goods, clothing or old toys and games to what your youngsters are already contributing to schools, scouting organizations, social clubs and religious activities on behalf of those less fortunate than ourselves. Above all, let us take time to reflect on our good fortune in living in this country, this neighborhood and amongst so many wonderful people.

From all of us to all of you, have a joyous and wonderful holiday season.

- GEORGE WALKER
- CHRIS ROBERTSON
- LIESBETH DELEEDE
- JOHN STONE
- CLIFF NEILSON
- HOWARD COCHRAN

FORMER THA RECORD KEEPER DIES

Barbara Brooks, of 4175 Elizabeth Lane, former record keeper for the Truro Homes Association, succumbed to cancer on November 12 after a long illness.

Barbara served as THA's record keeper from April 1974 until November 1975. Prior to her illness she was a teacher.

Relatives of Barbara have expressed their appreciation to all of Barbara's helpful friends and neighbors through the following message:

"On November 12, 1976, Barbara passed away. Many people in Truro at one time or another helped Barbara through this very difficult

time. We, the family of Barbara, did not have the opportunity to meet and thank all of those people personally. We therefore would like to express our deepest appreciation in this way."

Barbara is survived by her daughter, Annette, now living with relatives.

THE COVER

for this issue features Annandale's "Little White Church" on Columbia Pike, one of America's oldest Methodist churches, and one half of its pair of stained glass windows. On page 3 is an article on this historic local landmark.

FROM THE BOARD

By Liesbeth deLeede

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 1976

The Truro Homes Association's Board of Directors met on November 11 at the home of Liesbeth deLeede. Those in attendance were Liesbeth deLeede, Cliff Neilson, Chris Robertson, John Stone and Jim Baker.

Jim Baker discussed the main meeting room of the Community Center. He has had several requests for improvement of the poor acoustics in the room. There are several ways to improve this, all involving the absorption of a certain percentage of the noise:

- A rug on the floor.
- Drapes.
- Acoustical tile on the ceiling.

The board decided that if any improvements, big or small, were to be made the community should make the decision. If the community desires, the board will then hire a sound engineering firm to provide an estimate of scope and cost. This will be one of the subjects for discussion at the January general membership meeting.

Jim Baker's next concern was the lower part of the parking area near the trash container. The asphalt surface there needs to be renewed because of the water under it.

The next point discussed was the parking lot. The new gates have solved many old problems, but the parking lots are still being misused a lot. There is a sign at the entrance stating that the park-

ing lot is for members and their guests only, but nonmembers are still trespassing.

The 1976 THA dues have not yet been paid by three members. The board decided to give these people until December 1; if they have not paid by that date, the matter will be turned over to the THA attorney. All members have a legal obligation to pay the \$35 annual assessment. Truro Community Center dues have not been paid by six members. Each of these members will receive a letter from the THA president urging them to pay the \$117.50; otherwise they will lose the right to use the pool and tennis facilities.

The next topic on the agenda was the sign at the entrance to Truro. The board has not yet received a proposal, but will contact the persons involved in this project.

A decision on what to do with the \$60 received from the Girl Scouts will be made at a later date after the Gary memorial has been built.

George Walker, THA president, is still looking for someone to volunteer his or her services for the position of Secretary of THA.

Jack Hoas, of 4208 Ann Fitz Hugh Drive, will be the new Pool Committee chairman, replacing Dave Watts, who has done an outstanding job over the past several years.

The next meeting of the board will be on December 9, 1976, at the home of Cliff Neilson.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

TRURO HOMES ASSOCIATION

4146 Elizabeth Lane
Annandale, Virginia

Board of Directors

- George Walker, Chairman...
...978-4585
- Liesbeth deLeede.....978-2407
- Cliff Neilson.....978-2839
- Chris Robertson.....978-4912
- John Stone.....978-2537

Officers

- George Walker, President...
...978-4585
- Liesbeth deLeede, Vice Pres...
...978-2407
- Howard Cochran, Treasurer...
...978-4587
- (Position of Secretary vacant)

FROM THE COMMITTEES

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Larry Castleman

New Neighbors

Hall, Carolyn
4415 Ossian Hall Lane
978-2428
Seaward International, Inc.
Children: Chaunette (1960)
Dale (1964)

Siragusa, Gus and Angela
8905 Footstep Court
(Unpublished number)
Avis Rent A Car
Children: Michael (1964)
Daniel (1969)

Mini History.....

ANNANDALE'S "LITTLE WHITE CHURCH"

One of the area's most frequently seen but perhaps least known historic landmarks is the Annandale Methodist Church.

This "little white church," as it was called (and is called today) stands at 6935 Columbia Pike in Annandale, directly opposite the Annandale end of Gallows Road. It is one of America's oldest Methodist churches, dating back to 1846 when the property was acquired.

The first church on the site was built just west of the present structure, on the spot where the 7-Eleven store now stands. It was destroyed by Union troops during the Civil War. The "little white church" that occupies the site today was built about 1870. In its basement the first public school

in Annandale was established about 1880.

Opposite the entrance to the old church is the church cemetery, older than the church itself, with graves dating from 1828. The 1828 grave is that of Susan Garges, wife of William Garges, who owned the property on which the original old church stood. The church is one of the few urban churches of Northern Virginia that still maintains its own active cemetery.

In 1908 the Ladies Aid Society gave the church a bell which, until 1932, served as the only fire alarm in Annandale. The belfry can no longer support the bell and it is now a part of the historical marker located next to the church.

The church was in active use until 1946, when the first of three sections of the present Annandale United Methodist Church was completed on the rise just east of the older church.

PARK COMMITTEE

By Pieter Bottelier

Daffodils and Broken Glass

We have had plenty of both recently. But let me start with the more agreeable aspects of our committee work.

On April 15, 1977, I predict, ten thousand plain yellow trumpets throughout the Truro parkland will begin to show their presence and will whisper quietly, "Thank you, Daffy, thank you." Daffy, of course, is Taffy Coar, but they can't say the "T." Taffy, also known as Gretchen, was the master organizer and manager of our November 14 daffodil planting day in which some 50 volunteers from Truro participated. In less than three hours 9,600 bulbs were planted in clusters and trenches. Why only 9,600? We don't really know. But 400 bulbs were left over and they were planted in the course of the following week by some people who couldn't get enough of it. Where? I'm afraid we won't know the answer until April. All of the volunteer planters, including myself, were profoundly impressed by the military precision with which Taffy had organized it all. Bulbs, bone meal and red pepper (to keep the squirrels away) were all there in the right quantities and the right places. It was an operation that the Pentagon would have been proud of.

Now for the broken glass. We seem to be moving up in society. What used to be Pabst Blue Ribbon is now Michelob--broken bottles, that is. Dozens of them. I even found some broken half-gallon bottles of Gordon's vodka. If anybody knows a solution to this perennial problem, please let me know. The situation is partic-

ularly bad in the play area near the swimming pool. Our upper class vandals regularly have drinking orgies in the fort there, leaving masses of empties and other debris. To keep themselves warm they build fires in the metal trash can which they move into the fort for that purpose. At one point when firewood became scarce, they decided to use the nearby park bench as a source of fuel.

Daffodils and broken glass seem to be the pattern of our committee work lately. Incidentally, we also have installed a new bicycle ramp at the Wakefield Drive entrance to the park.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Cyndy Franklin
and Marilyn Stone

Christmas Tea and Boutique

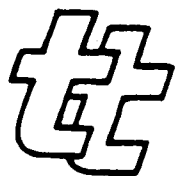
The Truro Christmas tea and boutique were held on Friday, December 3. Everyone enjoyed the delicious refreshments and the many lovely items for sale.

Special thanks are due to Barbara Herrmann, who ran the boutique. Thanks also go to Jo Brown and Mary Lou Neilson for preparing the punch and spiced tea, and to Joan Nelson for preparing the recipe booklet.

Truro Family Caroling Party

Don't forget the family caroling party on Friday evening, December 17. See you at the clubhouse at 7:30 p.m.





this and that ••

Thomson M. Hirst, of 4310 Kenwyn Court, has been elected president of the Annandale Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. Tom has been vice president during the past year.

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In case you hadn't already realized it, last month was the coldest November in the Washington ar-

ea since 1917, according to the National Weather Service. The average daily temperature was 47 degrees, five degrees below normal. This abnormal cold was caused by the southward movement of the jet stream, which is usually over Canada in November, the weather service says.

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Goodwin H. Taylor, Jr., of 4102 Turkey Creek Court, has recently been appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to the county's Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Advisory and Licensing Board.

SOME AREA COMMUNITIES TRYING SELF-HELP TO CUT CRIME RATE

Two area communities have recently resorted to self-help measures to try to stem the rise in crime that seems to have afflicted much of suburbia.

In North Springfield, a volunteer security patrol was formed in August to watch over the community's streets and homes. The North Springfield Civic Association is sponsoring the program, in which more than 100 residents take turns patrolling the community at staggered times for four to six hours daily, using their own cars and a citizen's band radio network. A driver and observer ride in each car, recording everything unusual in the area and reporting suspicious activities to the police. The citizens themselves do not intervene, leaving that to the police. Signs at the entrances to the community and signs on the patrol cars call attention to the patrol program and serve as a deterrent to crime. The program was modeled after similar programs in Baltimore and Laurel, Maryland.

In the Shirley Forest, Dowden Terrace, Lincolnia Hills and Hamlets areas of Alexandria and Fairfax County, mothers alarmed at the increase in child molestation have formed a network of "crime watchers." In their program, a "block mother" who sees a suspicious person in the area reports this to other block mothers, who in turn alert other mothers to be on the lookout. The police are also called. In addition, children in the neighborhood are taught that if they are accosted by a stranger they should immediately go to the nearest house displaying a distinctive orange plaque in the window. The plaque identifies the home of a block mother who is at home during the day. The system works in reverse as well; police use it to alert mothers to incidents in the area and thereby trigger additional surveillance. The program began seven or eight years ago, and was recently expanded to include crimes against adults.

In both cases, the police do not officially endorse the programs but lend unofficial and practical support to them in the form of advice and training.

Bowling..... By Cathy Bostak

As of December 2, the Truro Mini-League standings are as follows:

TEAM STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Total Pins</u>
#12 Frazier's Frames	19	5	79.2	11884
# 3 Mary's Lambs	16	8	66.7	11572
# 8 The Lucky Streaks	16	8	66.7	11536
#10 The Elizabeth Lanes	12½	11½	52	11467
#13 The Anchors	11	13	45.8	11394
# 7 Alley Ooops	7	21	25	13269
# 4 Trouble Shooters	6½	21½	23.2	13314

TEAM RECORDS

<u>High Game</u>	<u>High Game/Hdcp</u>	<u>High Series</u>	<u>High Series/Hdcp</u>
#12 625	#13 780	#12 1728*	#13 2148
# 8 582	#12 748	# 8 1589	#12 2082
#10 576	#10 719	# 4 1576	# 3 2017
	# 4 719		

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

<u>High Game</u>	<u>High Game/Hdcp</u>	<u>High Average</u>
Cathy Bostak 204	Cathy Bostak 230	Betty Morris 143
Betty Morris 202	Kay Healy 226	Cathy Bostak 142
Mary Barry 193	Betty Morris 223	Jeanette Jones 138
<u>High Series</u>	<u>High Series/Hdcp</u>	
Betty Morris 540	Betty Morris 603	
Cathy Bostak 526	Cathy Bostak 595	
Jan Grace 477	Edie Kaufman 582	
	Jan Grace 582	

As of December 2, Team #12, Frazier's Frames, is now in first place in the VIP League, with Team #8, The Lucky Streaks, only one game behind them. Betty Morris is still holding the highest average in the VIP League, with Cathy Bostak one point behind her.

The following people have added their names to our list of substitutes in the Truro Mini-League: Mary Ellis, Cyndy Franklin, Barbara Lockhart and Maureen Sullivan.

Charlin Gould has left Team #10, The Elizabeth Lanes, due to moving

out of the area, and we are currently looking for a replacement for her. If anyone is interested in filling in for her as a regular bowler, or would like to substitute once in awhile, please give me a call at 978-2408.

*In last month's bowling news Team #10 was erroneously shown as holding the top High Series score. That score actually belonged to Team #12. The Truro Trails proof-reader apparently was distracted by a Redskins game and let the error slip through. Sorry. --Ed.

FROM THE EDITOR

This month's issue comes out a bit later than usual because the editor has been goofing off in Africa. The trip was strictly for pleasure and included a visit with friends in Nigeria, a photographic safari in Kenya and Tanzania, and layovers in Cairo and Athens on the way back.

While I discovered no new Truro's to add to those described in the January through June issues, I'll have some things to report in future issues concerning the trip.



Sometimes what doesn't get published in Truro Trails is as useful as what does. A case in point is a pair of classified ads that didn't appear in last month's issue. One started out:

"FOUND--Boy's Schwinn bicycle..."

The other one started out:

"LOST--Boy's Schwinn bicycle..."

You've guessed the rest.

CLASSIFIED

FOUND--Boy's 10-speed racing bike. Call with identification. 978-3032.

LOST--Boy's Navy blue survival jacket, Sears, size 10. If found please call Judy Molseed, 978-2517.

FOUND--Small child's pullover sweater, Navy blue with boy and girl pattern on front. Call Judy Molseed, 978-2517.

FOR SALE--Large red tricycle, good condition, \$8. 323-8716.

FOR SALE--Brother knitting machine with all accessories, \$90. 323-8716.

WANTED--Anyone owning or knowing how to play the Electric Bass, to join high school age combo of popular and rock music. Call 323-3847.

FOR SALE--Aquarium, 10-gal. set-up (ex. tank), filter, heater, light with hood, 6 fish, decorations, plus 2½-gal. tank and Innes book on tropical fish. Separately, or all for \$20. Plus diatom pump with powder, \$15. 978-2842.

FOR SALE--Montgomery Ward Airline electric organ with bass, major, minor, seventh and diminish keyboard to left of standard keyboard. Mahogany wood cabinet. Excellent condition, perfect Christmas gift. Price \$40. 978-4585.

FOR SALE--Large assortment of outgrown children's clothes and toys. Name brands, excellent condition. 978-4833.

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