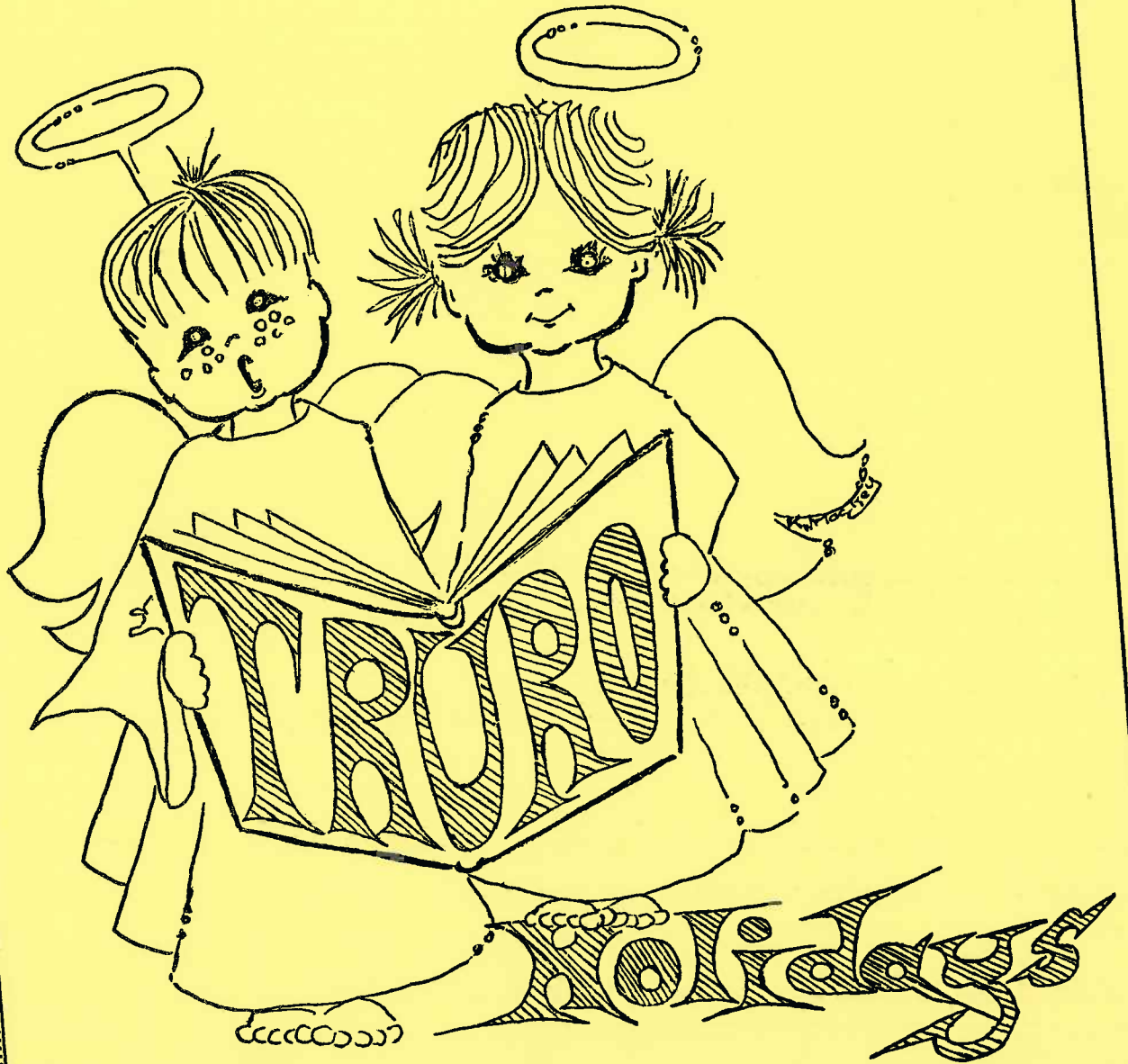


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Five Truro Homes Burglarized in November

Burglars struck Truro homes five times last month, making off with a considerable quantity of jewelry, silverware, electronic equipment, and other valuables. In addition, at least one other Truro home was burglarized in late October.

All of the November burglaries occurred while the homes were unoccupied. According to Captain Dan A. Mustaine, commander of the West Springfield District station of the Fairfax County Police Department, this is typical of home burglaries. "Most burglars will go to extreme lengths to insure that a house is unoccupied before they break into it," he said. "It's very rare that an occupied home is broken into."

Four of last month's burglaries were in the Wakefield Chapel Woods section of Truro. The fifth was on Elizabeth Lane. At the request of the police and some of the homeowners involved, the names, addresses, methods of entry and specific losses are not being publicized. However, these are the five incidents occurring in Truro during November:

● On November 2, one home on Bonnie Drive and one on Lorene Lane were burglarized.

● On November 9, a burglar or burglars broke into a home on Wakefield Drive. (Three weeks earlier the automobile of a member of the same family was broken into and vandalized.)

● Sometime between November 14 and 17, a home on Elizabeth Lane not far from the Community Center was broken into.

● On November 18, a home on Chippendale Court was burglarized.

In late October, burglars also broke into a Truro home on Battailles Court.

While declining to characterize these break-ins as the work of "professionals," Captain Mustaine emphasized that in all cases the burglars appeared to know exactly what they were looking for--high value items for which there is a ready market--and went after those specific items.

In a major effort to reduce the number of such home burglaries, the Fairfax County police recently announced their formal sponsorship of a civic and community association patrol program called "Neighborhood Watch." The details of this program are explained on page 9 of this issue. In addition to Neighborhood Watch, the police continue to emphasize ways homeowners can minimize the likelihood of home burglaries. These include installing deadbolts on exterior doors and "Charlie bars" on sliding windows and doors, keeping some exterior lights on at night, using timers on some interior lights, and arranging for mail and newspapers to be taken in when owners are away.

THE COVER

Long-time residents of Truro might recognize the cover this month as the one that appeared on the very first issue of our newsletter ten long years ago. It was produced by Karen Mackey (who at that time lived at 4217 Elizabeth Lane). The story of Truro Trails' first decade appears on pages 5-6.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As the Christmas season approaches, the THA Board of Directors takes this opportunity to wish each of you in Truro a full measure of happiness during the holidays. May this be a time of renewal and fulfillment for all of us.

--JOHN TUITE, President

MARY JOHNSON • DAVID WATTS • HARVEY SAFEER • SUZANNE REHDER

FROM THE BOARD

By Pamela Welham

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
BUDGET MEETING--OCTOBER 1979

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association met at the home of Mary Johnson on October 29, 1979, to hear budget proposals for the coming year. In attendance were John Tuite, Mary Johnson, Dave Watts, Harvey Safeer, Suzanne Rehder, Jerry Stranahan and Pam Welham.

Ken Murphy represented the Architectural Control Committee and presented its proposal for the coming year. He also reported that the responses received by the committee thus far to its questionnaire distributed at the September general membership meeting have been largely in favor of cooperating with a set of guidelines determined by the committee. Presently the committee is working on a selection of colors to be available to Truro I and II homeowners.

The Park Committee budget was presented by Bryan Long. Skip Perrine and Ann Rabinowitch presented the Tennis Committee budget and Diane Rosenbaum did the same for the Social Committee. Dave Jones, editor of Truro Trails, was not pre-

sent but had submitted that budget in advance to President John Tuite.

The meeting scheduled for November 19 was cancelled and will be held on November 26 at Pam Welham's home. At that time the Pool Committee will present its budget for 1980.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
BUDGET MEETING--NOVEMBER 1979

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association met at the home of Pam Welham on November 26, 1979, to hear the 1980 budget proposal from the Pool and Community Center Committee. In attendance were Mary Johnson, Dave Watts, Harvey Safeer, Suzanne Rehder, Jerry Stranahan and Pam Welham.

The presentation of the Pool Committee budget and explanation of the expenditures was made by the committee co-chairmen, Jim and Cathy Bergstrom, and the pool manager, Jim Baker. The swim team budget, prepared by the swim team representative, Lynne Alterman, was also presented by the Bergstroms.

Discussion of the budget will be continued at the December 3 meeting of the board, which will be held at Jerry Stranahan's home. The final budget will be voted on at the January 17 general membership meeting.

Dollars and Sense

By Marj Bridgman

A reminder: The 1980 THA homeowner assessment will come due in January.

As you are no doubt aware, we have about 35 acres of parkland and common areas within our community of 378 homes. As a homeowner, you own 1/378th of it. The annual THA assessment helps to maintain these areas--in addition to the efforts of the Park Committee and our total community involvement on Spring Cleanup Day.

Last year it was June before all of these assessments were paid. This year we hope that they'll all be paid by the due date of January 31, 1980.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Diane Perrine

Halloween Party and Spook House

Terrified screams echoed through the Community Center on October 28 as Truro youngsters braved the Halloween Spook House. Thanks go to the following hard-working teenagers and adults who set up and cleared up the Spook House and did a great job of terrorizing friends and neighbors (watch out, Vincent Price!): Jennifer Carter, Chris Clarke, Scott Eybers, Mark Gardner, Michael Gardner, Kenny Johnson, Kristen LaMorte, Kenny Lucas, John Polk, Tom Polk, George Perry, Todd Stermer, Jeff Watts, Tony Young, Marj Bridgman, Bob Gardner, Jane Gardner, Judi LaMorte, Dave Watts and Russ Wylie.

Winners of the pumpkin carving/ decorating contest were:

11 and Older

- 1st.....Valerie Lucas
- 2nd.....Chris Bostak
- 3rd.....Eddie Schudel

10 and Under

- 1st.....Alexander Hunt
- 2nd.....Kristin Rule
- 3rd.....Heather Perrine

Valerie Lucas, incidentally, also won a first place in the Q-107 radio station pumpkin carving contest the previous week.

Christmas Party

Truro's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Truro clubhouse. The admission fee is one batch of Christmas cookies per family. Children must be accompanied by at least one parent. We desperately need Christmas decorations and ornaments for the clubhouse. Anyone having ornaments or decorations they would like to donate should give them to Marj Bridgman, 8834 Burbank Road, by Friday, December 14.

Social Committee Meeting

The next Social Committee meeting will be Wednesday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Jane Barber, 4202 Elizabeth Lane. If you're interested in joining the committee, please come.

CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS

Jane Barber (978-1353) has taken over the responsibility for TCC clubhouse reservations from Dosa Laeyendecker effective December 1. She will be handling this task under the Social Committee's control.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

By Ken Murphy

More on Those Truro Color Schemes

The Architectural Control Committee has succeeded in obtaining from the Miller & Smith architect for Truro the original master color scheme for every home in Truro I and II--the contemporary homes. This master list identifies the original colors of each house's brick, roof, exterior siding and accent panels.

Armed with this information, the committee will soon be able to provide each homeowner with a package showing what color combination was originally established for his home, what specific stain and paint was originally used, and what equivalent color stains and paints are now available from other suppliers. This will enable any homeowner to restain and repaint his home in its original colors without having to get Architectural Control Committee approval. These packets are expected to be ready for distribution in January, just as we had hoped earlier.

In addition to having complete information on the original color scheme for his own home, a homeowner who wants to change that color scheme can refer to the master list and choose another from a range of approved color schemes. Such a change does require Architectural Control Committee approval, of course, but the homeowner will know in advance what color combinations are acceptable to the committee.

For homeowners who want to see the actual colors identified in the master list, the Architectural Control Committee will maintain a complete collection of color samples. Eventually, we hope to have enough

sets of these to loan to homeowners when they're considering restaining or repainting.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Carol Klaus

Welcome, New Neighbors:

ALVES, Anaclino V. and Elizabeth
4317 Wakefield Drive
323-8473

Lt. Col., Brazilian Air Force
Children: Eliana (1959)
Ricardo (1960)
Paulo (1961)
Loreta (1966)

CLARK, Ronald H. and Patricia
4404 Ossian Hall Lane
425-9561

Research Physicist, U.S. Navy,
Pentagon (Ronald)
Teacher (Patricia)
Children: Ronnie, Jr. (1972)
Bryan (1974)
Kristin Ann (1977)
Kimberly Joy (1977)

DeSANCTIS, Michael T. and Nicole
8621 Ordinary Way
425-6456
Special Agent, Drug Enforcement
Administration
Children: *Natalie (1965)
Christine (1969)

GRECO, Philip S. and Carol
8826 Burbank Road
425-9799
Psychiatrist - M.D. (Philip)
Advertising Sales (Carol)
Children: Eric (1975)
Bonnie (1979)

HOLCOMBE, Paul W. and Phyllis
4307 Ann Fitz Hugh Drive
323-1358
Department of Agriculture
Children: Tim Wood (1961)

*Add to babysitter list.

Truro Trails: A Decade of News

By Dave Jones

"This is your newsletter and we want it to be just that--a place where you can get news of your community and a letter of communication between you and your neighbor."

Thus wrote Joan Rosenberg, founding editor of Truro Trails, in the first issue published ten years ago this month. "This newsletter can develop into whatever you want it to be," Joan went on. "We hope it will contain topics of interest to all Truroites, young and old....We are also hoping to tap the hidden talents of Truroites" and "will welcome contributions to the newsletter from all."

The Rosenbergs no longer live in Truro; they moved away in September 1977. But if Joan were around to read Truro Trails today, she would know that her hopes had been realized. Ever since she put out that first issue a decade ago, Truro Trails has remained a newsletter for and by Truroites.

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Truro Trails began its life without a name. The first issue, whose cover is reproduced on this month's cover, was labeled simply "Happy Truro Holidays" and the heading on the first page was "? ? ? !" In that issue, Joan announced a contest to name the newsletter. Prizes were two tickets to the Turnpike Cinema at the Pickett Shopping Center, courtesy of the theater management, and a bottle of Marcel Rochas perfume donated by Sandy Brown, of 4316 Wakefield Drive.

The winning name was chosen from a list of 67

submissions by the officers of the Truro Homes Association. Their unanimous choice was "Truro Trails," submitted by Pat Murphy of 4161 Elizabeth Lane. The judges' consensus was that this name best reflected the "woody" atmosphere of the Truro community and its common parkland and recreation areas.

Two slight variations of the winning name--"Truro's Trails" and "The Trails of Truro"--were so similar to the name selected that duplicate prizes were awarded to their proponent, Cathy Bostak of 4103 Nestin Way.

The new name appeared on the cover of the next issue, and has been on every cover since.

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Although its original purpose and its name have survived until today, Truro Trails has changed a lot during its first ten years. Here are some of the milestones along the way:

- The first issue was published at Christmastime in 1969. It was to appear bi-monthly.

- Two issues later--the April/May 1970 issue--the cover was on colored paper for the first time.

- Until the August/September 1973 issue, each page of the news-



NEWS FROM THE FIRST ISSUE

● Residents of Herman Schmidt Court succeeded in getting their street renamed Kenwyn Court. Dick Abbott, then living at 4309 Herman Schmidt Court, was the leader of the campaign to change the name to that of one of the two rivers that join to form the Truro River in the city of Truro in Cornwall, England.

● Fairfax County turned down the design for a redwood lamp post that Miller and Smith, the principal builder of Truro, had proposed in lieu of conventional street lighting.

● Residents were anticipating the arrival of Truro's 100th family. By November 1969, 95 Truro homes had been occupied.

● Truro welcomed what it believed was its first baby: Jerry Cannon, born October 11, 1969, to Bob and Thelma Cannon of 8707 Chapel Drive. (It later developed that the first baby born in Truro was Anthony Chestnut, son of Russel and Maria Chestnut.)

● Construction of the parkland bridges was due to get underway soon, weather permitting. Meanwhile, the Community Center complex was expected to open on schedule on Memorial Day, 1970.

● The widening of Guinea Road from two lanes to four was causing considerable inconvenience to Truro drivers.

● The Architectural Control Committee explained to Truro Trails readers some of its policies and procedures for handling architectural changes in the community.

letter was printed on one side only; starting with that issue (when Jonnie Heider began her stint as editor), pages were printed on both sides.

● Truro Trails went from a bi-monthly to a monthly publication in October 1975.

● The first photograph used on the cover of Truro Trails--a snowy parkland scene--was for the February 1976 issue. A number of photos have been used since then. The first photograph of Truro people appeared on the March 1979 cover.

● The first use of an ink other than black for Truro Trails came in February 1979. The valentine cover that month was printed in red.

● Several special issues have been published during Truro Trails' life--an issue on Truro women in November 1975 (in connection with International Women's Year), for example, as well as an issue emphasizing Truro's kids in May 1976 and a THA tenth anniversary issue in May 1978.



Truro Trails covers have been wide-ranging in subject, technique, medium and degree of sophistication. Subjects have run the gamut--parkland scenes, animals and kids, people at play, kites, flowers, sculpture, adaptations of fine art, abstract designs, even a "CIA spy." About 90% have been created by Truro artists--many of them children.

TRURO TRAILS EDITORS

Joan Rosenberg....Dec 69-Feb 71
Shirley Walker....Mar 71-Apr 72
Annette Burden....May 72-Jul 73
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TRAVELERS' NOTEBOOK



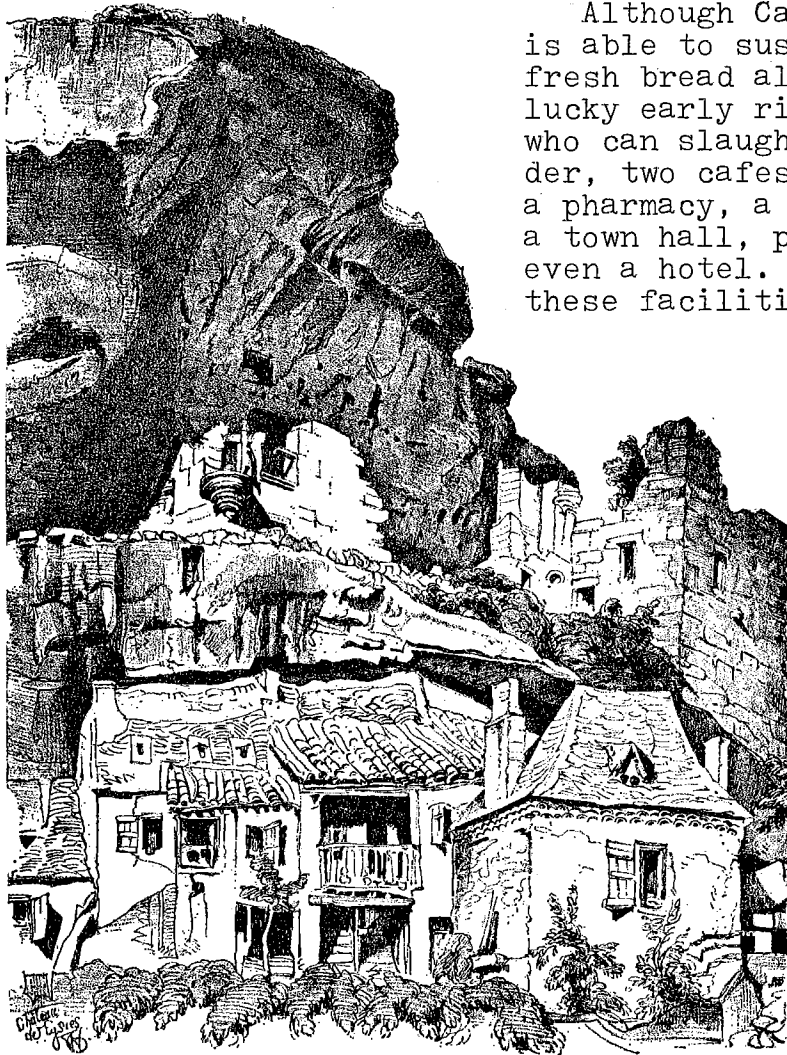
CAZALS: AN EVOCATION OF
LIFE IN MEDIEVAL FRANCE

By Joanna Hirst

Imagine a small town with about the same number of families as Truro, located in a fertile farming region between two rivers. This was the setting for our family's summer vacation--Cazals, a village in the Dordogne region of France.

The Dordogne is about 300 miles south of Paris. It boasts castles and forts from the Middle Ages, caves from prehistoric times, and the local color of small-town European life and landscape.

Although Cazals has only 350 families, it is able to sustain two bakers who turn out fresh bread all day long plus croissants for lucky early risers. It also has two butchers who can slaughter and pluck a chicken to order, two cafes, three small grocery stores, a pharmacy, a hardware store, a gas station, a town hall, police and fire departments, even a hotel. Imagine if Truro had all of these facilities within walking distance!



CHATEAU DES EYZIES NEAR CAZALS, BUILT IN
THE MIDDLE AGES, NOW A PREHISTORY MUSEUM

In addition to the taste pleasures of fresh bread, eggs and vegetables, the region is known for its own local wine and its goose livers. Flocks of geese are raised especially for their much prized livers, which are packaged and served with the even more precious local specialty, truffles. Vineyards also dot the landscape, some as commercial ventures, others for personal use. One friend told us he produces 800 bottles of wine a year for his own and his neighbors' consumption. The neighbors come on harvest day with scissors to pluck the grapes and deposit them in the wine press, then come back all during the year to help drink the product. The grape har-

vest is Cazals' equivalent of Truro's wine and cheese party.

The Dordogne and Lot Rivers are each about 20 miles from Cazals, and were the much-fought-over borders between French and English lands in the Middle Ages. Richard the Lion Hearted campaigned for a decade in the region, and still standing on promontories overlooking the rivers and valleys are many castles which were traded back and forth as the fortunes of the French-English conflict shifted. Some of the castles are still equipped with dungeons, moats and watch towers. It is easy to appreciate the physical strength and courage required of knights in full battle regalia to mount charges up the steep hills to the castles and forts.

The rivers are also focal points for water sports. Many European families spend their vacations in the campgrounds on the river banks, fishing, canoeing, swimming and kayaking.

Just a few miles from the medieval castles lies the Valley of the Caves, a region where dozens of caves which were home and sanctuary to prehistoric man have been discovered. Several are open to visitors, who can view paintings of bison, mammoths, deer and human figures dating back 20,000 years.

On Bastille Day we were treated to the French equivalent of a block party. The main streets were closed off, a small band set up, and young and old danced in the street. Later in the summer the town square was taken over for three days by amusement park rides and carnival games, in honor of the town's patron saint. A costumed band paraded through the streets of Cazals, visiting every home to serenade and ask for donations to support the festival. The trombonist was even

seen poking his long horn through the tent flaps of campers down at the lake.

On yet another holiday, Assumption Day, we travelled to a town whose ancient homes were built on a hillside next to the Lot River. When darkness came, fireworks were launched from the river, gloriously illuminating the historic village. The French villages do much to use their ancient settings for dramatic purposes, and many towns host plays and concerts against authentic medieval backdrops. Farther south, vacationers can attend theatrical events in still more ancient settings. The Romans left behind several theaters and arenas which are the best preserved such structures in the world, and one can watch bullfights, symphonies and plays in these structures dating from the 1st century B.C.

EXPERIMENTERS NEED TEMPORARY HOMES

The Experiment in International Living is looking for homes in this area for a group of ten teenagers from Chile. They will be here from January 3 until February 28.

Founded in 1932, the Experiment is a major U.S. educational exchange organization. Its goal is to promote international understanding.

The home stay is designed to acquaint foreigners with typical family life. If your family can host one of these students, call Beverly Heinberg at 978-2666.

CLEARING HOUSE PARTICIPANTS:

Please note the date change to December 18 (page 11). Join us then for our cookie exchange and Christmas tree tour.

COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM LAUNCHED BY FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE

The Fairfax County Police Department recently launched Neighborhood Watch, a community-based program to prevent crimes against property, on a county-wide basis. Community associations throughout the county are being encouraged to undertake local Neighborhood Watch programs.

"Neighborhood Watch will be our basic crime prevention program directed against burglary, larceny and vandalism in residential areas of the county," said county police chief Col. Richard A. King in announcing the step. The program involves three separate but interrelated activities: a formally organized continuing citizen patrol, comprehensive security inspections of homes, and property identification by residents.

Community relations officers assigned to district stations will work with civic associations desiring to participate. Formal training sessions will be conducted for citizen patrol members, who will be given a comprehensive instructional manual prepared by the department. These officers will also conduct home security inspections and advise residents on security measures to protect their property. Citizens will be given Neighborhood Watch decals for their windows. Civic associations participating in Neighborhood Watch may purchase signs with the Neighborhood Watch logotype on them. The county will install these at the entrances of the communities.

Col. King emphasized that the citizen patrols, which are at the heart of the crime prevention program, are strictly for the purpose of observing and reporting suspicious

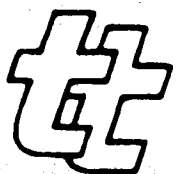
or unusual incidents. The patrols, which may be either on foot or in vehicles, will be instructed never to confront or pursue suspects and not to interfere with officers responding to a report. Citizens will be taught how to identify suspicious activity, what type of information the police need to respond effectively, and how to report their observations to the police. Citizen participants in Neighborhood Watch will also be encouraged to keep records of their observations and to be available for court appearances when necessary.

Several communities in the county have had formally organized citizen patrols for several years. According to Col. King, "Neighborhood Watch is not a radical change



from what we have done and are doing now. The major difference in this approach is that for the first time we are officially endorsing and encouraging citizen patrols in the county. This program provides an opportunity to be more effective in achieving the department's goals of preventing crimes, apprehending criminals, and establishing closer relationships with county citizens."

The development and implementation of the Neighborhood Watch program was directed earlier this year by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.



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The Truro community extends its support and sympathy to Jo Brown and her three sons--Lance, Gregg and Sean--of 4316 Wakefield Drive on the recent loss of their husband and father, Sandy Brown. Sandy, Washington area representative for the Chanel Co., died November 17 after an extended battle with cancer. Jo has asked that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Medical Oncology Clinic of the Vincent T. Lombardi Cancer Research Center at Georgetown University Hospital. Those interested in contributing should send their checks (made payable to "Medical Oncology Clinic") to Barbara Jones, 4205 Elizabeth Lane. She will forward them to the center.



Street and Smith's basketball yearbook for the 1979-80 season, just published, picks Truro's Pete Holbert for this year's high school All-America second team. Pete, of 4200 Elizabeth Lane, is a senior at W.T. Woodson High School, where he has been a varsity basketball team standout for the past two years. In addition, the yearbook names Pete to the All-Metro team of the Washington, D.C., area and includes a profile and picture of him in its scouting report on "30 players who stand above the rest" in the nation's high schools this year.



T. Homer Aargh, Truro's old-timer, offers a tip of his battered hat to Vivian Watts, of 8717 Mary Lee Lane, for the fine race she ran against Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jack Herrity in last month's election. "She not only had the guts to take

CALENDAR

(KEY EVENTS COMING UP)

December 12--Social Committee Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 4202 Elizabeth Lane.

December 16--Truro Christmas Party, 6:30-8 p.m., TCC.

December 18--The Clearing House Cookie Exchange-Christmas Tree Tour, 10 a.m., TCC.

on a tough opponent like Herrity," says Homer, "but she put on a real spirited, clean, issue-oriented campaign. We folks in Truro should be proud of her, even though she lost."



At the opposite end of the scale of human ethics is a report from one Truro mother of the disgraceful antics of some teenage boys on Halloween. A group of them went around grabbing bags of goodies from Truro youngsters who were trick-or-treating, and making off with them. A lot of the little kids had their special evening ruined.

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TUTORING--Experienced teacher will tutor secondary English with emphasis on grammar, literature and composition as needed. Truro resident. Call 978-2219.

FOR SALE--Beer cans, just about all kinds. Buy them all at once or singly. Call Mike at 978-3252.

NEED A HOUSESITTER? Mature visiting couple needs housing during January. 978-2666.

