

BARCROFT NEWS

November, 1988

NOVEMBER 3RD MEETING: SOME NEW SECURITY CONCERNS FOR BARCROFT

At our September meeting some BSCL members expressed concern about several incidents of crime which had occurred in the areas of Barcroft nearest to Columbia Pike. Arlington County police had told the victims that they were seeing a pattern of such incidents, some of them related to gangs active in the area over behind Safeway making their way to Barcroft. Come and hear the Arlington County Police Crime Resistance Unit tell us about this new development, and how we can best protect ourselves.

MUSICIANS AND CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED FOR DECEMBER MEETING

Do you play a musical instrument? Do you have any talent as a choir leader and master of ceremonies? The Barcroft singers and players will join in Christmas carols next month at the December meeting of the BSCL, and we need both musicians and a leader. We have only one rehearsal before the meeting (most of which we spent last year trying to get in tune), so it will not take much of your time. Call Kathy Kerr at 892-6458 if you want to lead or join in.

Members of any other religious or ethnic groups who live in Barcroft and celebrate a special day at this time of year are welcome to come and perform a song from their own tradition. Or come and enjoy the carols as an old Barcroft tradition, whether or not you observe Christmas in your religion.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8

Be prepared to vote on November 8 for:

1. National candidates
(Adequately covered elsewhere)
2. Arlington County Board
John Milliken (Democrat) or
Larry Packett (Republican)
3. Bond Issues (\$ millions)

Community Conservation	\$ 2.9
Parks	3.9
Jail	35.0
School repairs	12.8
Wastewater treatment Plant	12.0
Streets & Highways	2.4
4. State Question
Should Virginia legalize betting on horse races?

The bond issues were debated at our October meeting and are covered in the most recent issue of The Citizen, the County's newsletter. All Barcroft homes received one, but if you can't find yours call the County's Public Information Office at 358-3257. Or if it's too late to get one from them call Randy Swart at 521-2080 and he will xerox his for you to pick up.

The polls are located in Barcroft School on Wakefield Street. They open at 6 AM and close at 7 PM. Voting in Barcroft is always a pleasure if you go early enough to catch the goodies at the Barcroft School PTA bake sale. Say hello to Ira Belcher (former BSCL President) as you go through. Barcroft votes!

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ARLINGTON HALL?

by Pat Roach

The Post and the Journal have carried a flurry of confusing articles recently about plans for Arlington Hall. What's really going on?

The State Department and National Guard are developing site plans, which will be reviewed by the National Capital Planning Commission. As we learned at the September meeting of the BSCL, State was planning to renovate the existing building on the west side (our side) of George Mason for a day care center for its staff, with the rest of the west side for parks and recreation. Some of the main part of the site on the east side of George Mason also will be available for parkland, but not as much as the County staff had hoped.

Both Congressman Wolf and Arlington County reacted strongly to the draft site plan. County Board Chairman John Milliken reminded State of its past promises to Barcroft and Alcova neighborhoods to set aside land for parks. Congressman Wolf sent a strongly worded letter to the Secretary of State. It was great to see our elected representatives going to bat for Barcroft!

The State Department has now decided to put the day care center on the main part of the site, leaving the entire 7 acre western parcel in the Barcroft neighborhood for parkland. About six acres on the eastern part of the site will be for parks, with a bike/walking trail running east and west connecting Barcroft with the Thomas Jefferson Center. The National Guard is planning to landscape and build a north-south bike/walking trail on their part of the site along the east side of George Mason Drive.

The State Department planners want to meet with interested Barcrofters during the last week of October to discuss their plans, and to talk about what our new park on the west side should look like. Anyone who would like to participate in this discussion should call Pat Roach at 920-8131.



JACK TURNER WILL BE THE BSCL'S NEW SIGNS MANAGER

Jack Turner responded to last month's call for a volunteer to be Signs Manager for the BSCL. Starting in November he will be placing the black and white Barcroft Meeting signs before each meeting and taking them down when the meeting is over.

Jack has held BSCL offices before, most recently as Treasurer. He is an accomplished artist who drew the Barcroft Community House you see on the masthead of this newsletter, and plays a mean trumpet in the Barcrofters Christmas Band. He lives with wife and family on Fourth Street. In real life Jack owns a commercial sign company. He was nice enough not to turn up his nose at the homemade Barcroft Meeting signs, saying they "seem very appropriate to me." We will be listing Jack among the newsletter staff each month so you can call him if you have something to report about the signs.

Thanks, Jack, for helping us remember when meeting night rolls around!

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RADON TEST RESULTS NEEDED FOR UPDATE

For our December issue Tom Floyd is working on a follow up to his excellent article in last December's Barcroft News on radon in Barcroft homes. If your home has been recently tested for radon please send or drop off a copy of the results to Tom at 514 S. Abingdon St, Arlington 22204, or call him at 892-6216.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection begins on Halloween. If you have leaves to get rid of, just rake them up and leave them at your curb. The County will come by and vacuum them up. No bags needed. There are three sweeps per season, running from west to east, ending in late December. We are in leaf collection Zone 11, and your leaves will be vacuumed just after they do Arlington Forest to our west. Check the schedules on Cable Channel 31, or by calling the Public Works number for Utilities, currently 558-2321. (In mid-November it will change to 358-3636.) Snow or rain delays the vacuuming. Arlington County uses the leaves for mulch, which you can pick up or get delivered in the spring.

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We reprint below two more pages from the 1907 Barcroft News, from the July 5 issue. The "old sinners" quote from the Alexandria Daily Times indicates they were aware that Sydney Marye was really behind the paper rather than young Eddie Haring, whose name appears as editor.

Sydney Marye's daughter, Adal has provided us a full set of and you will see more of them. They were only 5 1/2 by 4 inch size. The little paper offers a glimpse of life in Barcroft

The Barcroft News.

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For Sheriff of Alexandria County,

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CROWDED TRAINS.

The crowded trains of our railroad, especially on Monday mornings, is certainly evidence of its poor management. Often there is not a vacant seat when the train reaches Barcroft on its way to town. The amount of patronage would seem to justify better treatment, and we have no doubt that if there were competition we would get it.

We have received the second copy of the Barcroft, Va., News. While small in size, it's full of spirit, and its youthful editor, Mr. O. Edw. Haring, has our best wishes for his success. We seem to recognize the ear-marks of an old sinner in some of the articles,

and congratulate Editor Haring either on his adaptability to imitate a good lead or in the selection of his assistant. Long live Barcroft; long live the News.— (Alexandria Daily Times.)

ODIOUS COMPARISON.

A lady at Barcroft—you've met her—
Went North, where the people did pet her.
Now, whatever you do—
Whether boil, bake or brew—
She says: "Oh, up North they do better."

NEWSLETS.

A certain Barcrofter is so filled with pride in the contemplation of his son and heir that, it is rumored, he has been obliged to have the seams of his coat let out a number of times.

During the recent electric storm the house of Miss Sarah Ball was struck in three places. Though no serious damage was done, the owner mourns the loss of several family relics.

A rich specimen of gold-bearing rose-quartz was found a few days since in the garden of Miss Johnston. It has been known for some time that there are all indications here of petroleum. Our undeveloped resources will yet astonish the world.

Mr. Collins, of West Falls Church, is one of the "rising" young men of the State. He always yields his seat in a crowded car to a lady or an elderly person.

THE BARCROFT NEWS.

A PAT ON THE BACK.

Brunswick, Ga.,
June 25, 1903.

Editor Barcroft News:

I have to thank you for the second number of your dear little cracker jack of a paper. It is very neatly gotten up and clearly typed—an acorn, as it were, destined in time to become an oak. Barcroft will blossom out into a village in the near future—as soon as the bridge across the Potomac is completed—and then the people of Washington will find out what a healthy place is within reach of the city, that there malaria and "sketers" are unknown and that the pure water from the Blue Ridge mountains is curative of any kidney or liver complaints. The electric cars will soon "skite" across the landscape and slap one down into the city in twenty minutes, or maybe the Southern railway may wake up and realize that the Bluemont division is as good paying a branch as any on their whole system and perhaps worth a better passenger service, and they will then not use it as a dumping ground for antiquated locomotives and stock in general. In your capacity as journalist you can do a whole heap in giving pointers.

I want to come back to Barcroft.

Yours truly,

E. H. KLEMGROTH.

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Kathy Kerr greets some new Barcrofters

MORE NEW BARCROFT NEIGHBORS

Welcome to new neighbors **Faylinda Kodis** and **Richard Beach** up on Pershing Drive, and their son **Max**, 14 months. Faylinda and Richard lived in Alexandria for 5 years before finding their new home here in Barcroft, a house that had room for Faylinda's painting studio. She describes her paintings as large contemporary narrative paintings using people. She recently had some of her work showing at the Athenaeum gallery in Old Town Alexandria. She also enjoys working with school systems, directing children to do their own murals on walls. The murals may be up to 60 ft, and take 3-5 months. Faylinda especially enjoys working with disadvantaged kids. She hopes to work with Arlington County schools eventually, possibly at Barcroft School. In January she will work in the McLean public schools. Richard is a systems analyst for an engineering firm in Reston. He has some serious rock and roll guitar playing in his past.

Welcome and congratulations to new neighbors and new parents **Marty** and **Lisa Green**. They moved to Barcroft from Capitol Hill in July and their new baby **Margaret Kelly (Maggie)** was born August 30. The Greens are very industriously painting and repairing the house they bought on 7th St. South.

The **Byrd** family on S. Wakefield is also enjoying a new baby. **Jim** and **Paulette** had a baby girl, **Jasmine**, on the 9th of September. Jasmine has a big sister **Jaclyn** in Kindergarten at Barcroft.

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday 1st Leaf Collection began yesterday, and continues through December. Schedules on Cable Channel 31 or call 558-2321. No bags needed!

Saturdays 7AM to 12 till 26th Arlington County Farmer's Market. Now held in the larger parking lot across from the Courthouse. Great veggies, fruits, baked goods, herbs, Thanksgiving goodies. Soon it closes till spring.

Nov 3 **BARCROFT SCHOOL AND CIVIC LEAGUE 7:30 PM. Security and Crime in FIRST Barcroft.** Come and hear the Arlington County Police Department THURS. tell us about some recent incidents in our neighborhood and how OF THE to be a crime resister. For info please call Pat Roach or Sue MONTH Sarcone at 920-8131.

Tuesday 8th VOTING FOR NATIONAL AND LOCAL CANDIDATES, AND TO DECIDE SIX BOND ISSUES. PTA bake sale. Barcroft School, 6AM-7PM. Barcroft votes!

Fri-Sat 11-12th Womens Club of Arlington Holiday Boutique. Crafts, bakery, lunch, more. 700 S. Buchanan. Fri 10-3, 7-9PM; Sat 10-3. Info 536-9608.

Saturday 19th Arlington County Board Meeting. 9 AM at the Courthouse. Watch it on Arlington cable TV. Info 358-3130.

Monday 28th Book Discussion Group - Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night" Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy 7:30PM. 521-2080.

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**JOMO MULHOLLAND IS MASTER OF
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We Barcrofters can be very proud of our neighbor **Jomo Mulholland**, son of **Joan Mulholland** on S. Taylor St. Jomo, who is 18, was selected as one of 16 participants from across the USA to compete in the Wushu Festival to be held in China in mid-October. Forty-seven countries are sending representatives to compete in this exciting and beautiful Chinese sport, which appears to an outsider as a cross between martial arts and gymnastics. Routines are choreographed using swords and staffs. Body control is essential. Unlike martial arts there is no body contact though the swords or staffs may touch. Wushu may become a part of the Summer Olympic games in the year 2000 when the games will be held in China and China can add two sports.

Of the 16 USA participants going to China this year, 3 are from Arlington. They all learned the sport at Thomas Jefferson and Gunston Community Centers when Wakefield H.S. graduate Chris Pei (pronounced Pay) began coaching them as a drop-in volunteer. Five years of volunteer coaching later, coach Pei will be joining his proteges in China.

The cost of sending the three Arlington representatives and their coach to China is very, very high as you can imagine. Consider also that one of the participants is a Vietnamese refugee. And Jomo is Barcroft's own!! At our October meeting the BSCL members voted to support and encourage this high achievement of one of our neighbors and donated \$25. If you would like to make a donation to help cover costs please contact Joan Mulholland at 979-4719.

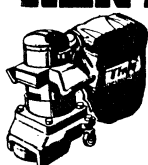
The Mulholland family has lived in Barcroft for 18 years. All five boys attended Glenwood Preschool in our Barcroft Community House. They went on to Barcroft school, then to Kenmore, Wakefield or HB Woodlawn schools. Three of them, including Jomo, are now in college. Joan reports that she attended Glenwood Preschool herself as a child but it was then located in Buckingham.

GYPSY MOTH COUNT IS DOWN

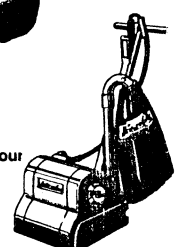
Official Arlington County Gypsy Moth sleuth Jamie Bartalon has been poking around Barcroft yards and peering up Barcroft trees in search of gypsy moth egg masses. The good news is that he isn't finding very many and it appears that we will NOT need to be sprayed this spring. Jamie does encourage us to search our yards now for egg masses and report any significant findings (over 10 masses) to him. Otherwise, we should just plan on putting back up the infamous burlap traps in May. Jamie can be reached at 358-6400 if you have egg masses to report or have any questions.

Correction: Barcroft school may be overcrowded, but **Betty Lewis** on S. Pershing St. reports that in the 11 years she taught music there, the music room was always on the stage and she always found the room to be adequate!

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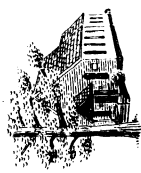
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