

THE LITTLE ACORN

News ... in a Nutshell

Greater Darnestown Civic Association
Darnestown, Route #3, Gaithersburg, Maryland

SEPTEMBER GDCA MEETING

WELCOME, CHRISTIANE!

The first meeting of the fall of the Greater Darnestown Civic Association will be held on September 17th at 8:00 p.m. at Darnestown Elementary School.

By custom, this is dues collection time, and the treasurer will be ready to receive your money. In case you want to be one jump ahead of the game, you may fill out the application on the last page of this paper and join NOW.

Details of the program to be presented at this meeting will be forthcoming in next month's Little Acorn.

FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors:

A new school year is about to begin, and we need your help. Last year the PTA Budget required over \$800 to meet the needs as determined by the membership. Our goals this year may cost more than last. Rather than spend the entire year in many projects designed to meet partial financial needs, one fund-raising event has been scheduled. The Horse Show will be held on September 7th from 9 to 5. No admission is charged, but a refreshment stand is available for lunch or snacks. We need your help in patronizing this feature. Why not treat yourself and your family to a day out and at the same time contribute to the support of your PTA?

Doug Wattier, President
Darnestown PTA

Rain date for the Horse Show - Sept. 21.

The very newest arrival in Ancient Oak is Christiane Petry, a young foreign exchange student who arrived recently to live with the Capps family on Chestnut Oak Drive. Christiane will be here for a year, and the family is delighted to have her.

She is nearly 17 years old, and is from Oberkassel, Germany, near Bonn. She left Frankfurt on a chartered TWA flight with other A.F.S. students, and arrived in New York on Saturday. From there she came by a chartered bus, which brought some 50 or 60 other students who will be living with families throughout the Washington area.

Ginny tells us that Chris is a most charming young lady, and she loves to knit, cook and read. She speaks excellent English. She will be a senior at Gaithersburg High School this fall.

We welcome you, Christiane, and hope your stay in this country is a happy one.

ADVERTISING TO BE ACCEPTED

At a recent executive board meeting of the GDCA, it was decided that a limited amount of advertising will be accepted in The Little Acorn, with a rate schedule to be worked out soon. Public service ads, such as baby-sitters, etc. will still be printed free of charge, but some commercial ads will be accepted for a fee.

This is being done to help defray the cost of the paper and its mailing expenses to areas outside the immediate area.

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With fall approaching, the various clubs and organizations of the community are regrouping. Be community-minded! Volunteer for something! The Garden Club, the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, 4-H Clubs, the Darnestown Strutters Bowling League, the PTA, and of course, the Greater Darnestown Civic Association, would all welcome your support. It's a nice way to get out and meet your neighbors, too.

Need your windows washed? Car polished? Help with the ironing? Fences painted? There are many willing workers among the youth of our area, who are looking for odd jobs. Do yourself and them a favor and hire their services. You may be surprised at what a good job they can do.

There has been talk at various times of organizing some type of local teen-age activity, such as a Teen Club, or a Teen Bowling League. This is an area that is needed, and we'd like to hear of your ideas along this line.

It was so nice to hear from Paul and Joann Yates recently. The Yates family used to live on Ancient Oak Drive, and have moved to Crofton, Maryland. As with all our neighbors, when they move we put them on The Little Acorn mailing list, and we received a very nice letter containing a contribution for the support of the paper, and kind words expressing their appreciation for receiving it. Many thanks!

The telephone directories will be out just as soon as we finish getting all the information needed for them - probably within a week.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
by Joe Schap

On behalf of the new officers of the Greater Darnestown Civic Association, I want to thank all the members and residents for the confidence you have placed in us for the 1968-69 year. The officers and trustees would appreciate any comments or suggestions that will help to improve the Association in its representation, as to any and all community problems. Any of the officers or trustees will be glad to receive your comments either orally or in writing.

The most important project that we are dealing with at this time concerns the swimming pool. The swimming pool committee has done a splendid job, but they need your help in more ways than one. In order to make the swimming pool a reality rather than a dream, they require your sincere cooperation.

It is the feeling of the Association officers that a concerted effort be made to obtain a greater number of members from the entire community, and it is felt that this may be accomplished by neighbor-to-neighbor solicitation. By this method, the membership of our Association can be doubled.

I compliment the outgoing officers for the achievement made during their term of office. The new officers will strive to carry on enthusiastically to achieve new and even better goals.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE SWINGERS,
DARNESTOWN STYLE!

The Darnestown Strutters Mixed Bowling League (10 pins) will begin its second season early in September. We bowl at Congressional Plaza in Rockville at 9 p.m. on Fridays. We are limited to 10 teams, and there are only a couple of openings left. No experience is necessary. If you are interested in joining this real fun group by being a regular team member, or by substituting, call Joann Wattier, 948-5063.

This is S.T.S.P.C. Month *

What's black and white and goes oom, oom?
A Holstein cow looking over its shoulder.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Den mothers. No experience necessary. Willing to give 1 hour a week to a group of Cub Scouts ages 8-10. Positions also available for Assistants. Phone 948-9574 for details.

FOUND: Thin, gold snap bracelet, left over from Bowling Banquet. Call 948-5063.

WANTED: Webelo Den Leader, a father willing to give one hour weekly to a group of boys between the ages of 10-12. Positions also available for Assistants. For more information, call 948-9574.

WANTED: A speaker horn to be used at the PTA Horse Show. If you have one to lend, call Ed Schram, 948-5344.

FOR SALE: Fresh garden vegetables. Call Jenny Stanley, 948-5216.

BABY SITTER: Jenny Stanley - 948-5216.

NEEDED: School reporters to write for The Little Acorn. Must be reliable and have school news ready for the paper by the 13th of each month. Reporters needed from Montgomery Village Junior High, Gaithersburg Junior High, and St. Martin's School. Call Mary Lou Anderson at 948-5278.

Only 19 more days until school starts!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and have it found out by accident.

- Charles Lamb

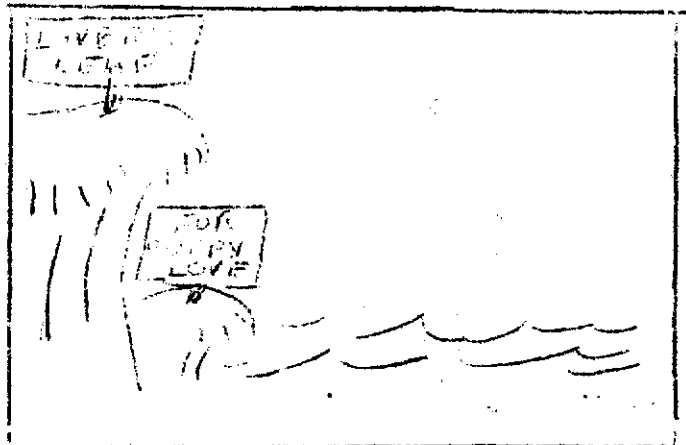
Over 90 families have indicated their interest in participating in the Darnestown Recreation Association Swimming Pool.

*Support The Swimming Pool Committee.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Brian Frownfelter on August 15th, Harriette Englander on the 16th, Gene Carney, Sarah O'Roark and Laurie Collins on the 17th, Theresa Carr, Arlene Cole and Jeff Skillin on the 18th, Bill Aumen, Helen Orth and Carla Decoudes on the 21st, Susan Leiss and Tommy Soles on the 22nd, Pat Harvey and David Cissel on the 23rd, Greg Uberto on the 24th, Christiane Petry on the 26th, Bill McTigue, Betsy Anderson, Viola Trudeau and Lyndon B. Johnson on the 27th, Betty Stanley on the 28th, Karen Mead and John P. Bonfils on the 29th, Jimmy Fitzgerald on the 30th, Nell Jones on the 31st, Carolyn Shiben and Kevin Martell on September 1st, Kathy Cole, Walter Stanley and Sharon Podojil on the 2nd, Bruce McConoughey and Philip Johnson on the 3rd, Andrew Pat Femiano and Nancy Ratner on the 5th, Gladys Kekeness and George Foster on the 6th, Ruth Ann Davidson and Linda Schram on the 7th, Karen Stanley and Harry Bonfils on the 12th, and Uleta Hopkins on the 14th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Jerry and Audrey Davis on August 17th, to Vin and Betty Marcalus on August 18th, Douglas and Janet Thomas on August 23rd, Harry and Elizabeth Bonfils on August 26th, Walker and Polly Buel on August 28th, Frank and Carol Martell on August 29th, Mark and Nell Jones on August 27th, Bill and Eva Aumen on September 6th, Henry and Mary Uberto on September 7th, John and Jean Corrigan on September 10th, and Jay and Boots Schabacker on September 12th.

Definition of a bigamist: A fog over Italy.



CLUB NEWS

by Joann Wattier

CUB SCOUT PACK 1335 - The boys enjoyed a father and son hike along Seneca Creek on Saturday morning, July 17th. The next activity planned will be a family picnic late in August or early September to start out the school year.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1094 - Jim Frazer and Roger Anderson left with 23 boys on July 27th and went to Goshen Scout Camps, and returned August 3rd. Several boys advanced in rank and numerous merit badges were earned. Seven boys completed the mile swim.

The troop came in second in the Water Carnival held on the day of departure. Some of the interesting events of the Carnival were the 3-man Canoe Race (without paddles), the 5-man Rowboat Race (without row locks), the Greased Watermelon Contest with the smallest boy from each troop participating, and the Scoutmaster's Canoe Race. The whole troop journeyed down the 400-acre Lake Merrivether by canoe and enjoyed a Pirate Breakfast on the shore of the lake.

A large copperhead was killed in camp, and one of the boys captured a small blacksnake in the latrine, and a small ring neck snake was captured by two boys.

A contest was held among the three patrols as to which could do the kitchen cleanup after a fried chicken dinner the quickest. The winning patrol did the job in 9 minutes 10 seconds, and the slowest patrol took 12 minutes and 10 seconds.

A rope swing from a tree platform out over the lake was a popular place for the boys.

A good time was had by all, and the two adults were glad to get home.

DARNESTOWN DARNERS - A style review was held at the Ag Center in Gaithersburg on July 19. The girls were judged on the making and modeling of their clothes. Blue ribbons were won by Mary Ann Dudley for a shift, tote bag and scarf; Sandy Boyer, shift; Ginny Sterrett, shift; Sharon Boyer, shift, skirt and blouse; Karen Stanley, nite shirt and dance robe. Sharon Boyer and Karen Stanley won champion ribbons on their entries and were also selected to be in the top ten

of the Junior Division.

Everyone is busy getting ready for the Fair and looking forward to seeing all their friends in Gaithersburg next week.

SENIOR 4-H - The Senior 4-H is busy working on a Way-Out float which will be entered into competition at the Montgomery County Fair Parade. Everyone is invited to watch. Check the Gaithersburg Gazette for times and place.

HELPFUL HINTS FROM A HARRIED HOMEMAKER

by Sweloise

Definition of instant vacation: Send your husband to Boy Scout Camp.

Mom never really gets a vacation from all the day-to-day chores, but perhaps she can manage to sneak off for an hour or so of relaxation on these summer days and let the rest of the family take on some of her duties. Dad and the kids can prepare dinner now and then, and/or clean up afterwards. All it takes to convince them is sufficient psychology and a little brute force. Relax in the hammock with a good book and a frosty lemonade...and speaking of books, we came across a way-out idea that's bound to be the answer to every housewife's wish for an extra pair of hands on busy days. You can (or so the book says) be in two places at once by a method known as "soul travel" or "astral projection". We aren't quite sure how it works, but suggest you contact your nearest Guru for details....Want to know how to keep the gnats from swarming about your head? Stand near a tall person, and they'll swarm around his head!

If these hints seem less than inspired this month, blame it on the summer doldrums. But take heart - fall will be here soon and we'll all get back in the old familiar routines - attending meetings, baking cookies for the Scouts, etc., serving on committees (or getting our excuses ready as to why we can't) and organizing car pools to ferry the kids about to lessons and meetings. Perhaps by next month, a more sensible column will emerge (but would that be Sweloise??)

FROM THE OLD OAKEN BUCKET

by Peggy Jordan



This is the last month for vacations. Everyone is either leaving or just coming back, or just staying at home trying to catch up on their weeding and painting.....Frank and Helen Orth had a wonderful time in New Orleans sampling the food and going deep-sea fishing. Helen caught fish and Margo hung over the rail.....Bill and Joanne Cremins camped over parts of Pennsylvania.....Jay and Barbara Schabacker spent a "sunny" time in Maine.....Jerry and Jean Parmer attended Jerry's parents' 50th wedding anniversary in Chicago.....Vic and Nancy Ratner entertained Vic's mother from Miami for several weeks and married off Vic's sister while she was here.....Jamie and Chris Jordan's cousins visited them from Heidelberg, Germany, and their Uncle Shad back from Saigon.....Tom and Ruth Soles visited friends and relatives in Boston, and points north also, to brush up on their fading accents.....The Wattiers returned home to Bozeman, Montana for vacation, and it snowed.....Jackie Mead's mother, Mrs. Logan, is enjoying her stay in A. O.Steve and Veronica Chris wish their son Vincent a good trip as he leaves for Saigon.....Congratulations to Kathy McTigue, Stephanie Chris and Jean Parmer, who recently passed their drivers' tests.....Have-A-Good-Year wishes to Cindy Hayward who leaves for Swathmore, Skippy Anderson leaving to attend Fork Union Military Academy, and Jack Cofer, who will be going to V.M.I.....Get-Well-Soon to Yvonne Hubbel, Olga Hayward, Steve Howarth (who broke his leg), Jamie Jordan (who broke his arm), Ed Devlin (who broke his wrist), Jerry Podojil, Jr. who tried to ride his bike on his face, and to everybody with poison ivy and to anyone I missed.....Congratulations to Clay and Mary Jo Ervine on the birth of their first child, a boy, born on August 5th. He weighed 6 lb. 3 oz., and is named Harold Clayton Ervine, Jr. Billian Johnson and Jane Boddicker gave Tom and Emmy McGarry a Going-Away Dinner and Swim Party at the River Road Country Club, with 14 friends and neighbors attending.....This should be Be Kind To Ralph and Jean Gray Month, as they just put in a new swimming pool.....The joke of the month is dedicated to Emmy McGarry, who can now tell the difference between Jerseys and Holsteins, but still has

trouble with bulls and cows.....George and Shirley Davidson visited relatives recently in Morgantown, West Virginia, and in Ohio.....Betsy Capps is returning home from Les Chalets Francais Camp, Deer Isle, Maine. David Capps will be home Friday from Summer Camp Afloat, Key Largo, Florida.....Ralph and Jean Gray and daughter Donna traveled to Nevada, Missouri to visit Donna's grandmother..... The Grays also spent some time at Rehoboth Beach recently.....Vera Yurevitch entertained a few friends to bid farewell to Elmer and Jean Harvey, who have left for Vienna to stay two years..... Jean Corrigan had an interesting experience - her car was wrecked while she was inside the store shopping. At least, that's the way I heard it.....Bob Horan won a trophy at the 8th Annual Gaithersburg Open. The golfers expressed their thanks to Ed Devlin, who manned the 4th hole. The Gaithersburg Open has donated \$400 to Camp Echo.

NEW AREA FAMILIES

Leon and Uleta Hopkins recently moved to 12616 View Side Drive, Velvet Valley, from Rockville. Although originally from Orlo, Colorado, they have been in the area for about a year. The Hopkins have three children; Glen 11, Michelle 9, and Ariane 1.

Leon works for the Food and Drug Administration, and Uleta works at the Montgomery County Sentinel. They both enjoy trout fishing and camping.

John and Jean Storer moved to Ancient Oak from Bar Harbor, Maine, and are living in the house Harveys moved out of recently. They had a short stay at Londonderry. They have four children; Chris, who will be a senior; Kathy, a junior; a son in the Army in Germany, and a married son living in New Mexico.

Dr. Storer is working with the Atomic Energy Commission. Kathy plays the saxophone and Dad strums away on the banjo or guitar, and the whole family enjoys a good game of chess.

TRAGEDY IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

The whole community was shocked to hear of the traffic accident in which the Hammelman family, of 15769 Norman Drive, Mountain View, was involved while on their vacation in Indiana last month. Martha Hammelman was killed instantly, and her husband Edgar and their three children were seriously injured.

Harriet Waddey, who worked with Martha, has kept us informed as to the condition of the family, and she tells us that Cathy is out of the hospital now and home with her grandmother. Paul is doing fine. Gary has opened his eyes a few times, so there is some hope. Edgar was having a bone removed from his hip to repair damage to his arm, and he should be out of the hospital and with his folks by this weekend.

Martha was a reporter for The Little Acorn, giving us the news of Mountain View each month, and she was a friend as well. She will be sadly missed.

In case friends and neighbors would like to write, the address is:

Edgar Hammelman
R. Rt. #7
Edwardsport, Indiana 47528

IN SYMPATHY

On August 1st, Mr. George Beck, of 15810 Norman Drive, Mountain View, died suddenly of a heart attack. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Beck was employed at the Post Office Department. He was buried at the Darnestown Presbyterian Cemetery.

The sympathy of the community is extended to his wife, Mrs. Alberta Beck and to their children.

Families as far away as Seneca and Clarksburg have expressed an interest in joining our community pool.

THE WEEKEND TRAVELLER

by Peggy Jordan

New Market, Md. is an antique collector's dream. A whole village full of shop after shop brim full of antiques. With at least 20 antique shops, one art gallery, craft shop, copper shop, glass shop, etc., antique hunters should find something they have always wanted and can't do without. Being very unenthusiastic about antiques, I am not a qualified judge, but I thought things were rather slick and expensive. But go anyway!

The place to eat there is Meeley's. A delightful, cozy restaurant; reminds you of Comus. The food is very good and moderately priced with lunches starting at \$2.00. Saturdays and Sundays are their busy, crowded selling days, but most of the shops are open Tuesday thru Friday with no crowds. It is an easy 40-minute drive, and worth visiting just for the atmosphere.

Directions: New Market is located 8 miles east of Frederick on Rt. 70W and 75. If you like a country ride, try Route 28 to Beallsville and right onto 109-75 to New Market, or take 70S to Corrus turnoff and left onto 75.

RECOMMENDED: The next Montgomery County farm tour will be on September 1st between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The following farms will be open: Garrett Bros. (dairy) Rt. 28 and Duffieff Rd., Alfred Spates (dairy and general), Clopper Rd., Germantown; Thompson Butts (livestock and general) Route 28 2½ miles north of Darnestown; and Lieshear Farm (dairy) Route 123 and Mt. View Rd., near Lewisdale, Damascus.

This is a good opportunity for the children to see where their milk comes from.

The farms are supposed to have red signs on the front with WELCOME FARM, but usually 2 out of 3 don't.

KITCHEN KAPERS
by Toni Schram

Maybe you are one of the lucky families with a peach tree that is loaded with fruit - here is a pie that calls for fresh peach halves.

Fresh Peach Pie

1 cup sugar	Combine sugar, corn-
2 tbs. cornstarch	starch, water and salt.
1 cup water	Cook 'til clear. Add
Dash salt	peach jello. Cool.
2 tbs. peach jello	Pour over fresh peach
Fresh peaches	halves placed in bot-
Baked pie shell	tom of baked pie shell.
Dream Whip	Top with Dream Whip.

Here is a very good refrigerator dessert.

Chocolate-Nut Crunch

$\frac{1}{2}$ cups vanilla wafer crumbs
1 cup chopped walnuts
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup butter or oleo
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups 10X sugar
4 well-beaten egg yolks
1 heaping tsp. instant coffee (opt.)
2 1-oz. bars (or envelopes) unsweetened chocolate.
1 tsp. vanilla
4 egg whites
Pinch salt

Combine crumbs and nuts - line bottom of 9 in. square pan with half of crumb mixture. Cream butter & sugar - add egg yolks. Add coffee, chocolate and vanilla, mix well. Beat egg whites with salt until stiff - spread the crumb mixture. Top with remaining crumb mixture. Chill in refrigerator overnight - cut in squares. Yield - 9 servings.

THE CREATIVE CORNER
by Peg Jordan

Believe it or not, school has got to start soon. The only bad thing about that statement is we shall lose our teen age baby-sitters. It is very difficult to think about creative projects if you have pre-schoolers swinging on your draperies.

The topic this month is a formula for a baby-sitting co-op. I was a member of a co-op for two years, and to my knowledge, our group worked very smoothly. (Choose your members with the idea that it will be the children who have to be agreeable. It is much easier to watch playmates than enemies.

Baby-Sitting Co-op Rules

Each member starts with 50 points to her credit.

5 points per hour for 1 child, 1 additional point per hour for each additional child.

1 additional point per child for lunch.

2 additional points per hour for sitting at someone else's home.

2 additional points for picking up or delivering children by sitter.

Weekend and nighttime sitting by special arrangement only.

No one may have a sitter if she has less than 1 point; no one may sit if she has more than 80 points.

Each member takes a turn as secretary, keeping track of points as they are called in to her.

Secretary: Add points to person doing sitting, noting date and other's name. Total points after each entry. Before turning books over to next secretary, balance them. The total number of points should always equal the number of girls in the co-op times 50 points. (If there are 8 girls in the co-op, $8 \times 50 = 400$; at any time the total number of points for all girls should then be 400 points.)

THE GARDEN PRIMER
by Ginny Capps

TIPS 'N HINTS:

Early in August, sow seeds of pansies, English daisies, and for-get-me-nots.

August is the best time to transplant evergreens. Use plenty of peat moss in the planting holes and keep evergreens well watered for at least six weeks.

Make cuttings of geranium, ageratum, lantana, and fuchsia for potted plants that will bloom indoors in the winter.

Spread your old coffee grounds around acid-loving plants. The grounds will reduce the pH content of the soil and make plants such as these really thrive: rhododendron, azalea, blueberry, mountain laurel, holly and tuberous begonia. Keep grounds away from lilac bushes.

Remember not to fertilize the roses after August 1st. This can result in new growth that will not harden before freezing weather.

When watering with a hose or watering can, don't just sprinkle the surface of the soil. Apply enough water so that it penetrates deeply into the soil. A few deep waterings are much more beneficial to plants than numerous shallow waterings.

To make a plant bushier, nip off the growing tips of stems and branches. To make a plant grow outward instead of upward, cut off the upper-most growing point, or leader. To make a plant grow upward instead of outward cut side branches near the bottom.

Joining a garden club can make gardening more fun, broaden your knowledge and intensify your pleasure in gardening through meeting congenial people. Darnestown Garden Club will offer many interesting speakers and programs this coming year - so contact President Jim Leiss (948-5549) and become a member of the "in-group" of gardeners.

Application for Membership in the
GREATER DARNESTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Single Membership - \$4.00

Family membership - \$5.00

Please make checks payable to the Greater Darnestown Civic Association, and send to Mr. Ray Sorrell, 13103 Brandonway Drive, Gaithersburg, Md. 20760.
