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ASSOCIATION STARTS NEW YEAR

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Ruxton-Riderwood Lake Roland Area Improvement Association was held Monday evening, May 24, in the auditorium of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Malvern Avenue, Ruxton. A large audience representing all sections within the jurisdiction of the association was present. The question and answer period immediately following the meeting was especially interesting and helpful. Edwin K. Gontrum, who completed his third term as president, presided.

Congressman Clarence D. Long, a resident of Ruxton and a member of the association, was the speaker. The condition of Lake Roland, one of the beauty spots of the area and nationally recognized as a bird sanctuary, is a matter of great concern to the community, according to Congressman Long. He said the prospects for alleviating the pollution problem in Lake Roland as well as the constant process of siltation will be improved in the next few years if his clean act is passed in congress. This bill is known as H. R. No. 6486.

The bill would provide for sewage facilities, dredging lake bottoms, controlling algae, recovering trash from the water and shore, landscaping the shoreline and encouraging research into "clean lake techniques."

Congressman Long also reported that the city and county officials are making progress in combating the litter problem at Lake Roland, particularly with the imposition of a new county parking ban on Hollins Avenue, which borders the city park property.

He also cited a recent city offer by city park officials to make part of the Robert E. Lee Park around Lake Roland available to the Baltimore Colts as a practice field. Luckily, he said, the Colts rejected the site because "they felt they did not belong in a residential area, and because expensive construction would have been necessary."

Frank Gray, retiring chairman of the Board of Governors, presided at the session of the Board of Governors, for the election of officers.

Organized in January, 1953, the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association has thus spanned a period of eighteen years of service to the community, evidence of the confidence and support of the public.

With the increase in population, especially in the suburban areas, bringing about many changes in both State and county regulations, the homeowner must be ever vigilant to protect the residential status of the neighborhood and to make constructive suggestions to the ruling powers.

Now more than ever there must be a healthy balance between government and citizenry.

Publicity, the presentation of ideas and information regarding neighborhood events, whether in the matter of roads, traffic regulations, bridge repairs, pollution or the many other facets of community problems, becomes a vital need in working out formulas of living for a better and a happier way of life.

We sincerely hope that this Bulletin service, which will be issued periodically, containing news and releases of neighborhood interest from the several committees working through the Board of Governors, will not only keep all our members advised of pertinent date but will also be a source of valuable information to the many other residents of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area.

One way to help with this necessary improvement association work—join now, become a supporting member. Rates for membership are as follows:

Regular Individual Membership -----\$5.00/year.
Each Additional Membership of Household__\$2.50/year.
Business Membership-----\$10.00/year.
Sustaining Membership-----\$10.00/year.

MAY 24th ELECTIONS — OFFICERS

Chairman, Edwin K. Gontrum
President, T. Talbott Bond
Secretary, George S. Wills
Treasurer, William N. Finley, Jr.

BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Richard W. Harper
Richard G. MacGill, Jr.
Dr. Geary L. Stonesifer, Jr.
J. Rodney Brooks, Jr.
S. James Campbell
M. Jenkins Cromwell, Jr.
Dr. Edward Davens
Phillip L. Goldsborough III
Dr. John H. Mulholland
Edwin K. Gontrum
George S. Wills

PRESIDENT BOND ASSIGNS COMMITTEES

The Board of the Ruxton-Riderwood, Lake Roland Improvement Association will be divided into six committees for the coming year.

1. A Zoning Committee: Chairman, Philip L. Goldsborough, 823-2852; Hayward Hamilton, 823-4663; Dr. Geary L. Stonesifer, 823-0777; James W. Hundley, 823-2937; Richard G. MacGill, 828-5707.

2. A Membership Committee: Chairman, A. Pitts Robinson, 825-7518; Allen T. Norris, 825-4392; M. J. Cromwell, 825-2882; Mrs. Charles E. Rice, 823-3292; Richard W. Harper, 821-6813; Dorsey Yearley, 823-8824.

From our recent mailing, we have found there is tremendous interest in and support for this organization.

3. A Traffic and Roads Committee to take care of traffic lights, stop signs, etc., and where possible, neighborhood complaints in the area. Chairman, Samuel C. Williams, 823-8358; James Campbell, 825-2704; Wm. P. Sadler, 377-7238; Robert Rogers, 825-0468; James W. Hundley, 823-2937.

4. A Publication Committee, Edwin K. Gontrum, chairman, William P. Sadler, James W. Hundley to publish the Ruxton-Riderwood, Lake Roland Bulletin,

5. A Communications Committee, Dr. John Mulholland, chairman, to maintain contact with all other associations in the county.

6. The last Committee, but certainly not the least, is the Lake Roland Committee which will work towards restoring the Lake's natural beauty, prevent its pollution and furthering the Lake as a wild life sanctuary, a very worthy cause for this association. Chairman, George S. Wills, 823-9234; J. Rodney Brooks; Mrs. Arthur Hooper, 823-8559; Erroll B. Hay, 825-3724; Dr. Edward Davens, 823-2719; G. Robert Davidson, 823-7070.

It is my belief that these six committees, which have had planning meetings in the last week, will be in the position to do the proper job for the residents of this area and keep everyone informed of events that concern them.

To do the proper job for the Ruxton-Riderwood, Lake Roland area, full membership with the accompanying dues are vital.

If you are not a member, sign now, the enclosed application.

T. Talbott Bond, Pres.

REPORT OF THE LAKE ROLAND COMMITTEE

By George S. Wills, Chairman

A study to determine the physical characteristics, environmental problems, and potential uses of Lake Roland was begun this month (June 1971) under a \$13,140 grant from the National Science Foundation. Dr. John Foerster and eleven Goucher and Towson State College students will develop an "environmental profile" of the lake.

The Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association has enthusiastically endorsed the study in the hopes of preserving the lake as a wildlife-nature area, and, in the case of Robert E. Lee Park, maintaining an attractive recreation center for fishing, picnicking, and winter ice skating.

Specifically, our Association has pledged \$200.00 to assist the Lake Roland research team on terms not directly covered by the NSF grant. Among those items is an opinion survey to be conducted in this community within the next few weeks. Local Boy Scout Troops under the direction of G. Robert Davidson will work with volunteers from your Association in circulating a short questionnaire, door-to-door.

The questionnaire is designed to determine this community's use and appreciation of the lake and our views about serious problems that may impair future use. These problems are real and exist today; they are among the priority concerns of your Association.

Among the most important are: 1—Siltation or soil runoff caused by highway construction; excessive numbers or improperly planned developments; and other practices not in accordance with proper soil conservation. The Goucher study may suggest ways in which siltation can be decreased—among them "settling basins" to act as a filter of stream water entering the lake. 2—Increased litter and garbage on the shorelines areas of the lake. This problem has multiplied in recent months and can be stopped by a broader plan of monitoring by county residents and a willingness by hikers around the lake "to pick up." 3—Instead of game fish (such as trout or bass) the number of carp has increased in the lake—indicative of mounting deposits of silt. These three problems—and others—are the cause of the decline of Lake Roland.

The Goucher team will maintain monitoring stations at Towson Branch, Roland Run, Club Road Bridge, and the Jones Falls juncture into Lake Roland. In addition, samples of the lake itself will be taken to develop a total biological picture. Regular activity by the team occurs at the monitor stations each Monday and Wednesday 9 and 11:30 A.M. Team researchers can also be seen on the lake in rowboats and two canoes during July and August.

Community residents who observe any unauthorized activity at the monitoring

stations and on the lake itself, are asked to report them to members of the Lake Roland Committee. — Rodney Brooks, Mrs. Arthur Hooper, Dr. Edward Davens, G. Robert Davidson, Gordon Croft, and George S. Wills, chairman. Also, T. Talbott Bond, president of the Association.

Small light green styrofoam platforms, labelled "Goucher College," will be seen floating at various points on the lake—they are to test the pollution levels by glass slides suspended underwater.

The Lake Roland Committee has met with Dr. Foerster, and his staff in working with the Boy Scouts in conducting the opinion survey, and is available to assist in any way possible. It is hoped that the Goucher study will be a prelude to obtaining funds for a restoration of what environmentalist Bob Wirth has called "a fragile place."

SWIMMING DANGERS NOTED FOR LAKE ROLAND

On several occasions recently children have been observed swimming in Lake Roland near the bridge on Club Road. The water is said to be dangerously polluted, and parents are advised to warn their children not to swim in the lake with the possible risk of infection in the contaminated water. Also the water just below the bridge is deep. Any bathing there is a risky venture.

TRAFFIC, ROAD AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE

Samuel C. Williams, Chairman

This committee met Thursday, June 16, to organize and discuss current problems.

The primary issue was that of the proposed development of the Earnshaw Cook property located at the end of Berwick Avenue and bordered by properties on Boyce and Malvern Avenues. It was concluded that the proposed plan was not desirable and the committee recommended that the association support the legal action necessary to oppose this development.

A survey of the traffic situation at the intersection of Bellona Avenue and Ruxton Road is in the process of being made by the county traffic department to determine the need for a standard light at this location.

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7810 Chelsea St. 21204

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7914 Sherwood Ave. 21204

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1200 Berwick Rd. 21204

NEW MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SINCE JAN. 1, 1971

Jan. Van Metre, Mrs. Thos. E., Jr.
Warfield, Mr. & Mrs. Guy T., 3d.
Wehr, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick L.

Feb. Benninghoff, Mr. & Mrs. Harry B.
Mudge, Mrs. E. T., 2d.
Nash, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar, 3d.
Donley, Mr. & Mrs. Richard D.
Wood, Mrs. Remsen V.
Abbott, Mr. & Mrs. C. Webster
Wood, Mr. & Mrs. John W.
Wills, Mr. & Mrs. Richard N.

Mar. Peck, Mr. J. Stevenson
Wills, Mr. & Mrs. George S.
Binford, Mr. & Mrs. Charles T.
Schirmer, Mr. & Mrs. Norbert E.
Twelbeck, Mr. Edwin J.
Simmons, Mr. & Mrs. William C.
Kabler, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh E.
Hitzrot, Dr. & Mrs. James M.
Munsell, Mr. & Mrs. Alec
Mallonee, Mr. & Mrs. Robert E.
Shade, Mr. & Mrs. Robert C.
Pippen, Mr. & Mrs. Reginald F.
Bader, Mr. & Mrs. William C.
Dadds, Mr. & Mrs. Sampel J.

Apr. Mr. & Mrs. W. Boulton Kelly, Jr.
Greenawalt, Mr. & Mrs. John W.
Randolph, Mr. & Mrs. Robert L.

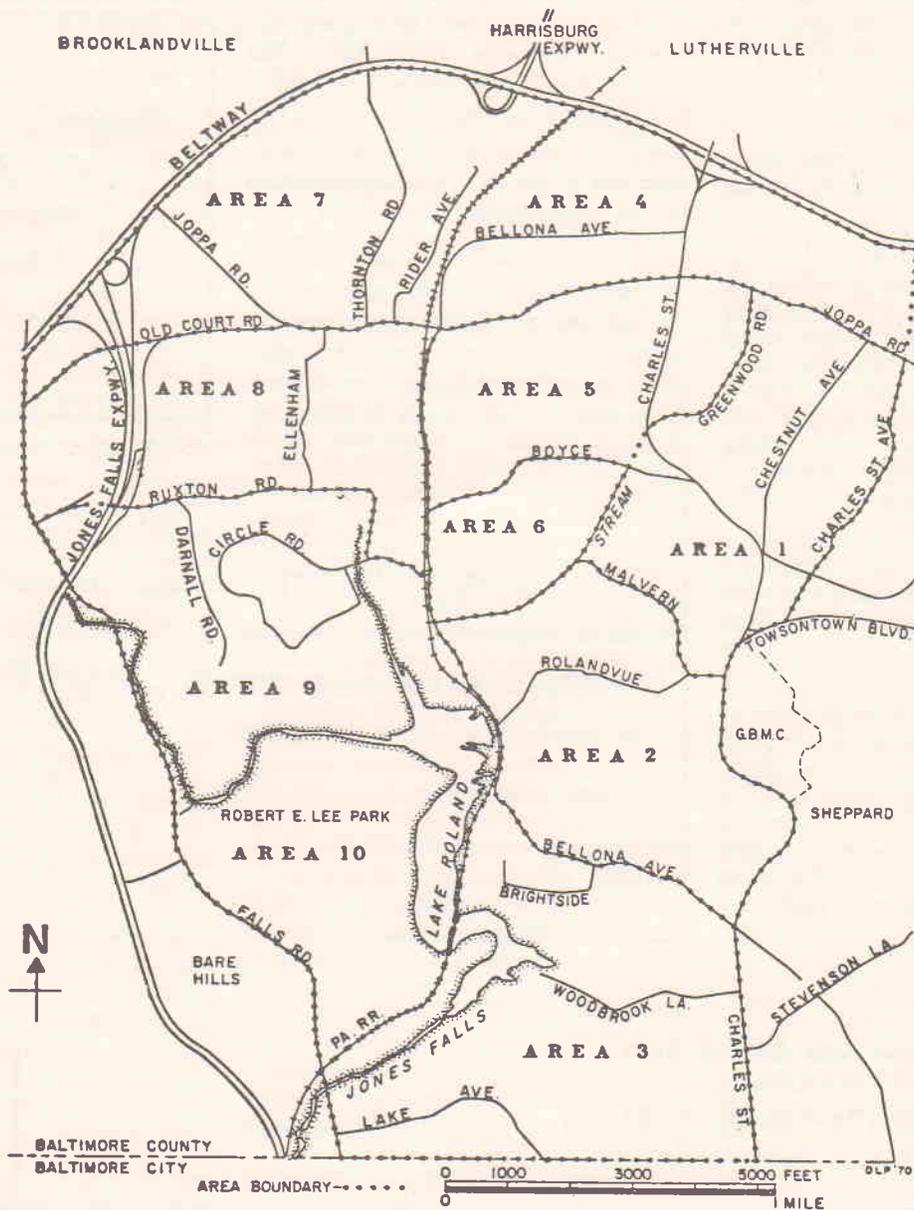
May. Mulholland Dr. & Mrs. John H.
Bryant, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick M., 3d.
Macgill, Mr. & Mrs. Richard G., Jr.
Jones, Mr. Harry C.

June. Allen, Mrs. H. H.
Mr. & Mrs. H. Russell Smouse

RELOCATION OF AMOCO STATION PLANNED

Discussions are now under way clearing legal obstacles relative to the relocation of the Amoco Station from its present site to the nearby lot at the southeast corner of Ruxton Road and Bellona Avenue. This change of location, if all details can be adjusted on a satisfactory basis, will be a neighborhood improvement in keeping with the pattern of surrounding business structures. The old Amoco Station which has served the community for many years and which will probably be torn down in the exchange process has been hampered by the lack of parking space because of its close proximity to Bellona Avenue. The station planned for the new location with proper setback to conform to regulations, approved architectural design and lighting facilities should be a practical arrangement in an effort to conform to neighborhood ideas for a sensible solution to this problem.

Phillips L. Goldsborough, III, attorney, chairman of the Zoning Committee, is leading the Association's action in the matter.



RUXTON • RIDERWOOD • LAKE ROLAND AREA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

AREA CAPTAINS

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| Area 1—Robert M. Rogers, 1006 Malvern Ave., 21204. | 825-0468 |
| Area 2—Allan T. Norris, 922 Army Rd., 21204 | 825-4392 |
| Area 3—William P. Sadler, 6308 N. Charles St., 21212 | 377-7238 |
| Area 4—Errol B. Hay 3d, Brookside La., Box 24, Riderwood, Md. 21139 | 825-3724 |
| Area 5—D. Heyward Hamilton, 1501 Carrollton Ave., 21204 | 823-4663 |
| Area 6—William N. Finley Jr., 1200 Berwick Rd., 21204 | 823-7797 |
| Area 7—G. Robert Davidson, 8105 Rider Ave., 21204 | 823-7070 |
| Area 8—Samuel C. Williams, 1902 Ruxton Rd., 21204 | 823-8358 |
| Area 9—Richard W. Harper, 1800 Indian Head Rd. 21204 | 821-6813 |
| Area 10—Dr. Edward Davens, 6141 Barroll Rd. 21209 | 823-2719 |

Membership Committee Meeting,

A. Pitts Robinson, Chairman

In attendance: Mrs. Charles E. Rice, Mr. Talbot Bond, Mr. George S. Wills, Mr. M. Jenkins Cromwell, Mr. A. Pitts Robinson, Chairman.

The committee discussed our association's involvement in two community projects:

- 1 the public opinion poll and questionnaire required as part of the Lake Roland Study being conducted by Goucher College.
2. a community welcoming committee.
3. use of the reply cards received as a part of the Johnson property zoning information letter.

The membership committee felt that its support should be placed behind the efforts of the Boy Scouts in conducting the twenty-seven hundred family survey under the direction of Bob Davidson. It was suggested that question regarding membership be included as a part of the survey questionnaire and a membership card be included to enable prospective members to contact the association.

The committee endorsed a suggestion of Mrs. Charles Rice for the formation of a welcome committee for our area. Mrs. Rice is going to work up details of this effort for review.

Eight hundred cards were received by the association in response to our Johnson property zoning letter. The chairman, Mr. Robinson, is going to work with the individual area captains to make certain every prospective member is contacted. This effort will not begin until the Goucher survey cards are returned.

RUXTON VILLAGE APARTMENTS

The Ruxton Village Apartments on Bellona Avenue between Ruxton and Malvern Avenues is now assuming sizeable dimensions in appearance with a number of the units already under roof. There are sixteen buildings in this project which is being built by James M. Keelty and Company, contractors. Fortunately most of the grading work has been completed, and this will eliminate much of the mud and dust which has been an annoyance during the spring days. This apartment complex will mean an increase in population in the area of about 300 people, thus creating major problems in the way of additional traffic for the neighborhood.

Through our attorneys and otherwise the association will continue to monitor the construction of these apartments to insure conformity with community standards, including adequate offstreet parking within the area of the development.

RETURN OF FORM IMPORTANT

The Lake Roland Committee hopes that you will be able to complete the questionnaire and return it by the Boy Scout who brings it. If that is not possible it is hoped you will complete the form and bring it or mail it to

Mrs. G. L. Sadtler, Asst. Secretary,
Ruxton, Riderwood, Lake Roland Area
Improvement Association,
1304 Maywood Ave., Ruxton, Md. 21204

Please—

**Complete and
Return Your
Goucher
Questionnaire**

Date _____

I, we, wish to assist The Ruxton, Riderwood, Lake Roland Area Improvement Association in its effort to maintain and develop good community planning. Please accept my, our, membership in your association.

Name _____

Address _____

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