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Lake Roland Committee Progress Report

By George S. Wills, Chairman

The newspaper stories and editorials, reported in a separate Bulletin article, reflect important progress on Lake Roland in the past three months. Through the efforts of your Association for over a year, Baltimore City and Baltimore County were encouraged to finance an engineering study of the Lake by Whitman, Requardt, Inc. — a Baltimore firm. This study will be completed in early July and is expected to contain recommendations for pollution control, including recommendations for dredging and sediment removal.

Your Association is maintaining close contact with Whitman, Requardt so that engineering recommendations are fully sensitive to the marshland, wildlife areas at the northern end of the lake. As reported in the Baltimore Sun article, the cooperation of two local firms (Ellicott Machine corp. and C. J. Langenfelder) and one union (Local 25, Marine Division — International Union of Operating Engineers) will reduce dredging costs by \$135,000 from \$326,000 to \$191,000.

State Help Needed

Your Association and the Maryland Environmental Trust have played a role, with Delegate C. A. Porter Hopkins, in preparing a joint Senate-House Resolution (passed in the recent session of the Md. Legislature) calling for State help in financing the rehabilitation of Lake Roland through funds from "Project Open Space." This assistance would ease the financial burdens of Baltimore City and Baltimore County on the project.

At your Association's invitation, Hon. James Coulter, Maryland's Secretary of Natural Resources, has agreed to tour the Lake with some of his associates. The date and time set for that tour is 10:30 A.M., Thursday, June 7th. This tour will serve to explain the Lake's special needs, including its uniqueness as a natural area, bird and wildlife sanctuary, as well as small

boating (non-motorized), fishing and picnicing in the Robert E. Lee Park section of the Lake. Robert Wirth, long-time student of the Lake, and Mrs. Ann Wilder, a Ruxton resident, are currently studying a nature-wildlife program underway for a lake in the Philadelphia suburbs. At a future meeting of your association, they will report on the possible uses of such a program for Lake Roland.

Engineering Study

Two other activities concerning Lake Roland will occur:

1. John Gillette from the Whitman, Requardt engineering firm will be the speaker at your Association's annual meeting, Tuesday, May 22nd, at 8 P.M., at the Church of the Good Shepard Auditorium.

2. Within the two months, the officers and Board of Directors for the Lake Roland Watershed Foundation will be announced. Contributions from Brown Memorial Church (under the leadership of Mrs. S. James Campbell) and The Boy Scouts (troop 35 under the leadership of Brian Hubbert) have already been received.

Clean Up Program

Much of the work of your Association in the next year will be devoted to obtaining the necessary State and local government support for a clean-up of the Lake and preservation, enhancement of its unique natural beauty. Your association will work closely with the Lake Roland Watershed Foundation in the development of a community program for the Lake, to preserve this unique and natural beauty. The charter of the Foundation mandates a close cooperative program with the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association.

Finally, I wish to thank the Lake Roland Committee for its hard work since we were organized as standing Committee of the Association two years ago. Particular thanks go to the following individuals whose advice and

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Report of President Cites Problems of Year

The last year of the Association, May 1972 to May 1973, in comparison to the previous year, has been a tumultuous one. There are several proposed zoning changes in the Ruxton area which the association is opposing but it was the negotiations with Rouse-Wates about the Johnson property, the numerous meetings and the many communications to the community about the negotiations that took a large portion of the Board's energy. I am personally indebted to the entire 10 member Johnson Property Committee, chaired by Phil Goldsborough, for their efforts.

It is regrettable that the final modified plan could not have been acceptable to the entire community. On an issue of the magnitude of the Johnson Property it is perhaps impossible to achieve unanimous support. However, at this time there does not seem to be the deep division and animosity in our area which existed in varying degrees two years ago. This change indicates that your Association has been communicating properly in its effort to serve the residents in the area.

Plan For Traffic Expert

The Traffic and Roads Committee, under the chairmanship of Robert Randolph, had continual problems throughout the year and is exploring the exciting idea of having a traffic consultant who could guide the efforts of the Association in trying to achieve solutions for our growing traffic problem. See separate announcement of plan to employ traffic expert.

Dick MacGill, chairman of the Communications Committee, has kept the Board and the members of the community, through the Bulletin, informed of the problems and various zoning actions of the neighborhood associations.

The Association now numbers approximately 900 families. Under Chairman, Dick Harper, the membership grew 200 families this year. In the last two years the membership has more than doubled, growing from

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counsel have been invaluable and who have gone to many meetings with local government officials and agencies with me: T. Talbott Bond, your Association President; S. James Campbell; Dorsey Yearley; and Dr. M. Gordon Wolman, our consultant.

Your Association stands ready to continue its program for Lake Roland as a principal project in the coming year.

Muskrat Hunting Legal Privilege

The short article about muskrat hunting at Lake Roland in the last issue of The Bulletin brought a note of reprimand from the parents of the youthful hunter, whose name was not mentioned, because hunting for muskrats apparently is legal provided a license is secured for that purpose. This license, we were advised, was purchased by the boy, 12 years of age, with his own money. We stand corrected, and an apology seems to be in order to amend any misunderstanding regarding the legal right to hunt muskrats at Lake Roland. Certainly this type of hunting in a place so convenient is ideal recreation for young boys.

Change in Personnel

During the past two years there have been consistent changes and additions to the memberships of the Board of Governors of the Association. This plan makes for a more effective representation, assuring broader leadership with new ideas and plans for the general welfare of the community. The new board members include George Wills, Richard G. MacGill, Jr., William B. Sewers, L. Gordon Croft, N. Jenkins Cromwell, Richard W. Harper, Alexander Y. Hoff, Mrs. Arthur U. Hooper, John H. Mulholland, Robert L. Randolph and Geary L. Stonesifer. There are 24 members serving on the Board of Governors.

Lake Roland Book

Robert Wirth, a member of the Association, who is well known as a teacher, conservationist and ecologist with special interest in the welfare of Lake Roland, published a book in 1969 about Lake Roland entitled "A Year of Walking, of Looking, of Thinking About a Fragile Place." So popular was this book with its informative text and excellent photographs that in a short time the supply of these books was exhausted. Mr. Wirth informs us that now he has some available copies.

Roland Run Flood Damage Creates Major Property Problems

Roland Run has become a threat to the lives and property of those living near it. This placid stream can quickly become a fast torrent of water. Rainfall now drains more rapidly from the watershed land cleared for commercial and private development. And the incidence of flooding and damage is increasing markedly from year to year.

This was the gloomy picture recently presented to the Executive Committee of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association by a group of concerned residents from the Springway Road section of Roland Run.

The presentation was accompanied by photographs, slides, maps and corroborating data from a flood control study made by Baltimore County in 1971 by Purdum and Jeschke, consulting engineers.

Storm Damage Disastrous

Typical damage occurring several times yearly includes massive property erosion, flooding of living quarters, destruction of fences, gardens, trees, shrubs, lawn equipment, etc. Large deposits of sand, silt, stones, bottles, cans, tires, paper cups and sundry trash and debris. All of which involve extensive clean up after a storm.

According to the report, written and oral complaints have been submitted to the county authorities during the past several years but little corrective action has been taken. County authorities indicate that flooding will

worsen before conditions are improved.

It is contended that excessive land development and storm drain installations have speeded up the runoff, causing the overloading of Roland Run.

The Purdum and Jeschke report recommends in part the following: enlargement of water openings under existing bridges over Roland Run, cleaning and dressing of Roland Run channel, slope protection in certain sections of Roland Run.

Open Flood Gates Necessary

In addition to these measures, the Springway Road group recommends and suggests the following: opening of Lake Roland floodgates to relieve Roland Run during flooding conditions; consider the Roland Run flooding problems as a major factor in the Greater Lake Roland problem in view of the hazard to property and human lives.

The above statement of the flooding problems of the Roland Run area was prepared and presented by four residents of the neighborhood. They are Carlton Hardwick, John Newcomb, Kenneth Tag and Roderic C. Wilson.

George S. Wills, chairman, Lake Roland Committee, assured the Springway committee that the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association will work with the residents of this area in the coming months to alleviate the problem and secure co-operation from local government.

Rehabilitation of Lake Urged

The Evening Sun in an editorial Friday, April 13, 1973, makes a strong plea for the rehabilitation of Lake Roland under the head "And The Lake".

Lake Roland has a fairly special claim on citizens of the Baltimore metropolitan area. Its easy accessibility, its status as city property located in Baltimore County, its association with historic events all combine to make it unique. But, as we have been reminded with increasing urgency, it is silting up so fast it may in a few years be only a swamp rather than a lake.

The need to prevent this from happening has elicited an almost unprecedented cooperative effort. The Ellicott Machine Corporation has offered to make one of its dredges available for two months for a nominal \$2 as opposed to the normal fee of \$24,000. C. J. Langenfelder and Sons have offered to cut their fees sharply

for the job. Local 25 of the Operating Engineers Union will permit its men to work with a one-third smaller crew.

As a result of all these efforts the potential cost has been cut by at least \$135,000. But upwards of \$200,000, which neither the city nor the county has in hand, is still needed. Surely the state could rally round at this point and see that the necessary remaining funds are made available. This is too special a case, involving too many people ready to cooperate for the common good, to worry about setting precedents that might encourage other claimants.

Old Court Road

Old Court road was once a winding, narrow and rough thoroughfare which followed an old Indian trail. Like the Joppa Road and Rolling Road, it was used by the early planters to roll their tobacco hogsheads to the wharf at Joppa, a number of miles away.

Names of Covenantees Listed

Details of plan finally approved by the Board of Governors of the Association in connection with the Rouse-Wates Johnson property provided for covenantees to be recorded with the conveyancing of the tract. These names are as follows:

H. A. Brown Dunning, 1912 Old Court Road, Ruxton, Md., 21204

M. Jenkins and Mary M. Cromwell, 1932 Old Court Road, Ruxton, Md., 21204

William J. Baird, Jr., and Joanna S. Baird, Falls Road, Brooklandville, Md., 21022

Abbott and Jeanne W. Boucher, 2008 Ruxton Road, Ruxton, Md., 21204

W. Page Dame, Jr., and Halley Brent Dame, 7529 Club Road, Ruxton, Md., 21204

Alexander Y. and Judith S. Hoff, 2901 Ellenham Ave., Ruxton, Md., 21204

J. M. Dreyden Hall, Jr., and Marsha Ruxton Road, Ruxton, Md., 21204

Samuel C. and Andree W. Williams, 1902 Ruxton Road, Ruxton, Md., 21204

S. James and Mary Josephine Campbell, 1904 Indian Head Road, Ruxton, Md., 21204

Richard W. and Patricia H. Harper, 1800 Indian Head Road, Ruxton, Md. 21204

Clinton R. and Elisabeth B. Harrison, 1924 Ruxton Road, Ruxton, Md., 21204

T. Talbott Bond, President, The Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association, Inc.

Harrison Garrett, President, The Rockland Corporation

Curtis F. Peterson, President, Rouse-Wates, Inc.

Report of President

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approximately 400 to 900 families in 1973.

The Bulletin, under the editorship of Mr. Gontrum, is performing an invaluable service to the community. This professionally composed paper is the way we communicate facts and issues to the Ruxton, Riderwood, Lake Roland area.

Lake Roland Committee

Finally, the Lake Roland Committee, under George Wills, after two years of frustrating work has achieved the "end of the beginning", that is, a study of the Lake by Whitman, Requardt and Associates, financed by the City and the County, is in the process of being finalized. From this technical study, we hope that definite steps will be taken for restoration of the lake.

Talbott Bond
President

State Aid Needed To Clean Up Lake Roland

By Anthony Barbieri, Jr.
Towson Bureau of The Sun

A joint effort by the city, Baltimore County, industry and labor could clean up silt-clogged Lake Roland for about \$191,000. But officials of both the city and the county say they may have to turn to yet another source — the state — to get the project under way.

"With state assistance, I feel this could be done, but neither the city nor the county have the funds right now," Albert B. Kaltenbach, the county's director of public works, said.

The lake is part of the 450-acre Robert E. Lee Park, which is in the Ruxton-Riderwood area of Baltimore County, but is owned by the city.

The lake has been steadily filling up with sediment washed down from rapidly developing areas of northern Baltimore County, and environmentalists have warned that in five years the lake may be little more than a swamp unless corrective measures are taken.

The \$191,000 for dredging the sediment from the lake was made in a preliminary survey done by a consultant hired by both the city and the county last fall.

According to the consultant, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, the actual cost of the project — which would take about three months and require the removal of 185,000 cubic yards of sediment — would normally be about \$326,000.

But, the report says that offers from the following have reduced that cost by \$135,000.

The Ellicott Machine Corporation has offered to furnish a 60-ton dredge for two months at a charge of \$1 a month. The dredge normally rents for \$12,000 a month.

C. J. Langenfelder and Sons, Inc., a local contractor, has agreed to sharply reduce its costs for clearing and preparing the sediment disposal area, reduce its markup on labor costs, and reduce its charge for pipes and pontoons.

Local 25 of the marine division of the International Union of Operating Engineers has agreed to work the Lake Roland clean-up job with a four-man crew rather than the normal contingent of six.

In addition, the local community association that has been the prime force behind the Lake Roland clean-up is about to begin operating a private foundation that will collect tax-deductible contributions that will go toward maintenance of the lake.

"It would be tragic to have the study completed and the engineering recommendations made and not have

the city, county and the state respond," said George S. Wills, President of the Maryland Environmental Trust, and a member of the Ruxton-Riderwood, Lake Roland Improvement Association, the group that has been prodding local government.

"In the last six months I have visually noticed Lake Roland deteriorating," he added, "They (the city, state and county) have got to move, they've got to take that first step."

All the parties involved are pinning their best hopes on obtaining state Project Open-Space funds for the restoration of the lake.

"The big step is for Baltimore County to request Open-Space funds from the state," C. Edward Alter, chief of the city's Bureau of Engineering said. "All the city's funds have already been committed."

Mr. Kaltenbach said that if state funds were approved, the project could begin shortly after the completion of the full consultant's report this summer. But he, too, said Baltimore County had no funds it could appropriate for the clean-up project.

"If we can get state money, I think it can go ahead, but time is a factor because I don't know how long their (the industry and union) offers will be good for," he said.

According to Mr. Wills, the State Department of Natural Resources has not yet been approached about the Lake Roland clean-up effort.

Flowering Trees Enhance Beauty Of Spring

Spring in all its verdant beauty has been enhanced by the row of flowering crabapple trees planted along the west side of Bellona Avenue adjoining the railroad tracks south of Malvern Avenue. Motorists slowed to view the trees in their attire of dainty pink. The trees were planted about ten years ago as a project of a group of ladies representing the Improvement Association.

Membership Dues

Since additional funds are needed to defray the various expenses in connection with the expanding work of the Association, members who have not paid their current dues are requested to take care of this obligation as soon as possible. It is hoped that there will be a one hundred per cent payment in dues when the treasurer makes his report at the annual meeting on May 22.

Status Of Current Zoning Problems Reviewed

Zoning problems continue to demand the watchful supervision of the improvement association zoning committee delegated with the task of checking such proceedings through legal representation. This committee is headed by Phillips L. Goldsborough, III. A resume of these matters is given in a detailed report prepared by Richard C. Murray, attorney for the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association.

The zoning petition filed by Walter E. Windsor, Jr. involves 3.83 acres of land located on the north side of Bellona Avenue approximately 680 feet west of Charles Street. The property is surrounded on two sides by the former Sobeloff tract. It has a frontage on Bellona Avenue of 310 feet and for almost one-half of its depth is in a DR2 zone. The rear or northerly portion of the tract is in a DR3.5 zone and there is a very small sliver of DR16 zoning at the northeast corner of the parcel. The request by Mr. Windsor is to rezone the entire tract to DR16 zoning with a proposal for 60 dwelling units. The request was denied by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner on February 22, 1973 and an appeal has been filed on behalf of Mr. Windsor to the County Board of Appeals. Presently, there have been no hearing dates scheduled by the County Board of Appeals.

Office Space Zoning

The parcel of land known as the Dullinger property is on the west side of Charles Street north of Towsontowne Boulevard with frontage on Charles Street and the westerly boundary abuts individual residences constructed along Southwind Road. The property consists of 2.51 acres and is now in a DR2 zoning classification and the proposal is for DR16 zoning with a special exception for office use. The plans filed by the applicant propose over 28,000 square feet of office space with 106 parking spaces. This application was also denied by the Zoning Commissioner and is presently on appeal to the County Board of Appeals without any hearing date having been set.

Former Webb-Oles Property

This is a parcel of land located on the north side of Ruxton Road adjoining the Ruxton Township Apartments. The property has been purchased by Davis and Hope, Inc. and contains 5.6 acres. The zoning maps adopted by the County Council on May 24, 1971 placed DR16 zoning on ½ acre of this property, thus extending the zoning boundary to the west of former RA zoning applied to the Ruxton Township

Apartments. The Association, acting through immediate neighbors, has filed an equity proceeding in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County seeking to set aside the ½ acre of DR16 zoning placed upon this property. It is expected that this matter will be heard by the Circuit Court some time in the fall of 1973.

Johnson Property Zoning

The plans for zoning and development of this large tract have been frequently reported to the membership. Following the special meeting called pursuant to the By-Laws, the Board of Governors considered the opinions taken by its members, again reviewed the proposals in detail and determined to enter into restrictive covenants pertaining to the development of this tract if the zoning approval is obtained. It is anticipated that this particular application will be appealed by either one party or the other all the way up to the Court of Appeals of Maryland which could take several years. The Board will continue to follow the matter in the belief that the restrictions as entered into will provide the best long-range use of this tract. The names of eleven restrictive covenantees appear elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin.

Multi-Story Office Building

The Association has followed with interest the zoning currently proposed for the former "Egypt Farms" property which is being resisted primarily by the Riderwood Hills Association and other nearby residents. The property is located at Kenilworth Drive and Charles Street and comprises approximately 10 acres of land. The same petition was presented several years ago as a request from R-6 zoning to B.L. zoning and was denied by the County Board of Appeals. It was appealed to the circuit Court for Baltimore County by the owner and the Board's opinion was reversed and an appeal was then filed by the neighboring property owners to the Court of Appeals of Maryland. Before that appeal was heard, the new zoning maps were adopted which placed the property in a D.R. 16 classification and the appeal was dismissed. Since the adoption of the maps, the owners have now reapplied seeking a change from the present DR16 zoning to B.L. zoning proposing a multi-story office building. The case has been partially tried before the county Board of Appeals with additional testimony to be taken in the very near future.

Riderwood Improvement Group Helped by Co-operative Plan

John T. Feeney, chairman of the Zoning Committee of the Riderwood Hills Community Association, has expressed his appreciation for assistance rendered by the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association to his association financially as well as in an advisory capacity in connection with the effort of Riderwood's improvement organization to defeat the commercial zoning of Egypt Farms. The letter addressed to T. Talbott Bond, president, states in part:

"The membership of Riderwood Hills Community Association has asked me to express our sincere appreciation for your Association's financial support of our efforts to defeat the commercial zoning of Egypt Farms.

"Our zoning appeal hearing concludes on April 25, 1973, following hearings on February 4th and 27th, 1973 at which seventy members appeared as protestants. Four members of our community testified on February 27th and received a good hearing before the Board. We are guardedly optimistic about the outcome. We did receive some publicity in The Jeffersonian by recommending to the Board that Egypt Farms be condemned and a cloverleaf be designed with the land to relieve a southbound congestion on Charles Street.

"Dick Murray turned in an excellent performance on our behalf. We appreciated your referring him to us.

"We also appreciate Dick MacGill's moral support. We are contacted by your Association on a regular basis, through Dick, and believe it is very useful to keep in touch with our common zoning problems."

Annual Meeting of Association May 22

The annual meeting of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association will be held Tuesday evening, May 22, at 8 P.M. in the church of the Good Shepherd auditorium. Speaker for this occasion will be John Gillette, a member of the well-known engineering firm of Whitman, Requardt and Associates. Mr. Gillette will report on the Whitman, Requardt study of Lake Roland.

This promises to be a most interesting and instructive meeting. Since the Lake Roland problem is of vital interest to the entire community it is hoped that all members will arrange to be present for this important occasion.

Decisions Now Pending In Zoning Cases

Since the February printing of the Bulletin, the neighboring associations have been very active in the various zoning actions. Unfortunately, however, no decisive rulings have come out of these hearings. The Murray Hill Association has not advised of any decision as a result of the hearing before the Zoning Commissioner in early October on the proposed rezoning of the Joseph L. Solly property from D.R. 3.5 to Business Local. This is the property located south of Bellona Avenue on the east side of Charles Street. This association is concerned about the proposed request for a car wash to be located on the property of the Amoco Station on Charles St. near Stevenson Road. No formal stand has been taken at this stage.

Opposed By Riderwood Hills

With regard to the Strickland property located at the southeast corner of Charles Street and the Beltway, there have been two hearings before the Baltimore County Board of Appeals. The Riderwood Hills Association has actively opposed the changing of zoning on this property from D.R. 16 to Business Local and has been well supported at the hearings by members of its community. Members of the Riderwood group continue to be grateful for the financial assistance offered by your Association, thus making it possible to employ the

services of Mr. Hugh Gelston, a consultant.

Store Complex Problem

With regard to the request by the Williams Construction Company, Inc. to have its property at Timonium Rd. and Rte. 83 zoned for a regional shopping center, the Seminary Valley Council advises that the Williams Construction Company's filing for a hearing before the Board of Appeals has been accepted and the hearing will probably take place some time in August. The hearing on having the Timonium Drive In property zoned for a department store complex has been suspended until mid-May.

The Seminary Valley Council is concerned about this proposed zoning as it has been estimated that approximately 100 trips a day are generated by this property currently. However, if the department store complex goes in, the trips could be increased to 15,000 to 18,000 a day. Seminary Valley Council continues to be very well organized and has been successful in raising substantial sums of money to support their efforts.

The Old Court-Greenspring Association has decided to take a stand in opposition to the proposed plans of the Rouse-Wates Company to develop the Johnson property at Falls Road and Old Court Road.

Robert G. MacGill
Chairman, Communications

Membership Committee Submits Report

During the first three months of this year, membership in the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association grew by better than 10 per cent.

Eighty-six new members have been enrolled since January 1, bringing the association's membership up to a grand total of 891.

We are encouraged by the fact that new enrollments continue at a consistent rate. New membership applications during March numbered 28.

If you are a non-member we urge you to join us. Simply fill out the enclosed application card.

R. W. Harper
Chairman, Membership Committee

Membership Enrollment Shows Steady Growth

With ordinances in county government constantly changing, news coverage of the Ruxton-Riderwood area as provided by the Bulletin is becoming a needed service to all residents of these communities. Also

there is full information as to the status of zoning problems, changes in traffic regulations and many other items of general interest. This service has met with popular appeal with the result that the roster of members is showing a daily increase.

Following is a list of new members for the months of March and April:

New Members — February, 1973

Mr. C. Nelson Berman
Mr. G. Wayne Berry
Boordy Vineyard
Mr & Mrs. Myron I. Brosnahan
Miss Anna Marie Brown
Mr. & Mrs. William I. Brown
Mr. & Mrs. John P. Cribben
Mr. William P. Espey
Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Frisch
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas M. Godine
Mr. Lewis R. Harper
Mr. C. P. Hisle
Mr. & Mrs. Erwin W. Huber
Mr. & Mrs. Marbury B. Hopkins, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. John F. Koehnlein
Mrs. Henry P. Lomax
Mr. & Mrs. Clifton W. Mack
Mr. James R. McDonough, 3d
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald A. Meroney
Mr. & Mrs. William S. Merrick

Mr. & Mrs. William Meyers, 2nd
Mr. & Mrs. David R. Millard
Col. Leo J. Nielsen, Jr.
Mr. John L. Parker
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Parker
Mr. & Mrs. Louis H. Parr
Mr. & Mrs. J. Harold Parran
Mr. & Mrs. Crofton C. Reed
Riderwood Hills Community
Association, Inc.
Mr. Robert Robey
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Ruxton
Mr. & Mrs. Peter M. Saybolt
Mr. William G. Schuppner, Jr.
Mr. John R. Seiffert
Mrs. R. C. Sexton
Mr. & Mrs. Charles C. Shafer
Mrs. Thomas B. Shelton
Mr. Richard C. Tilghman, Jr.
Major & Mrs. Franklin W. Trapnell
Mr. & Mrs. Clyde F. Williams
Mrs. William H. Winstead, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Lee P. Woody, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. J. Purdon Wright, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Richard S. Wright

New Members — March, 1973

Mr. & Mrs. William J. Baird, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Barroll
Mr. & Mrs. Donald E. Bowman
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Cochran
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Cooper, Jr.
Dr. Martin W. Donner
Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Dugan
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas T. Fell
Mrs. A. Murray Fisher
Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Gatchell
Mr. & Mrs. James G. Green
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Hendrickson
Mr. & Mrs. Ross K. Hewson
Rear Admiral & Mrs. C. Wade McClusky
Mr. & Mrs. Charles C. D. McGill
Mr. & Mrs. J. William Miller
Mr. R. W. Mueller
Mrs. C. Kinloch Nelson
Mr. Donald W. Purcell
Dr. & Mrs. William J. Rysanek, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Shaffer
Dr. & Mrs. William J. Rysanek, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Shaffer
Dr. & Mrs. Basri A. Sila
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Sinwell
Mr. & Mrs. Peter D. Stewart
Mr. & Mrs. Reginald A. Stewart
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert B. Williams
Miss Anne Wolff
Col. Frederick W. Zies

New Members — April, 1973

Dr. & Mrs. Francis G. Dickey
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin T. Morris
Mrs. Edson H. Mount
Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Muldoon
Mrs. Clarence Scott
Mr. & Mrs. J. Michael Goodrich

Traffic Expert's Services Planned by Association

Traffic and changes in traffic patterns in the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland area have always been a matter of great concern to residents. At the meeting of the Board of Governors on April 23 a resolution was passed authorizing the association to retain the services of a traffic expert as an advisor on traffic matters.

It is to be hoped that the traffic expert's approach to the problems in his field will be positive, anticipating the need for corrective measures so that the association can work with the State and County authorities to correct dangerous traffic situations.

One of the first areas of study perhaps will be the much traveled location encompassing the rebuilding of the bridge over the railroad at Riderwood. That closing, scheduled in approximately a year, may last as much as six months with the resultant necessity to reroute traffic during that time. The work of the traffic expert would be to correlate his ideas with the authorities in determining the most practical solution in the important matter of detours while the work is in progress.

Traffic and Roads Committee

A letter written in behalf of the Association in early April to the Mass Traffic Authority requested that a careful survey be made of the service to Ruxton and Riderwood when the take over of the McMahon Bus Company become effective April 30. This letter stipulated that the services be improved and expressed concern of the area residents who feared services might be reduced or perhaps

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ASSOCIATION VOTE OF ROUSE-WATES PLAN TABULATED

Final returns in the poll of members of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association to ascertain an expression of opinion of all members of the Association in the matter of the Rouse-Wates Plan approved by the Board of Governors of the Association after many weeks of negotiation with the problems of legal and technical details have been tabulated. Votes cast by members now stand at 712 out of a total of 1352. In favor of the plan 496; opposed 180; undecided 36. These returns are given according to area districts and the names of the respective captains.

AREA	CAPTAIN	PRO	CON	UNDEC.	TOTAL
1	Rogers	31	4	0	35
2	Randolph	53	15	10	78
3	Sawers	32	4	2	38
4	Hay	26	8	5	39
5	Hamilton	60	19	4	83
6	Hundley	74	12	3	89
7	Davidson	38	17	1	56
8	Stonesifer	47	29	1	77
9	Harper	115	71	9	195
10	Mrs. Hooper	20	1	1	22
		496	180	36	712

The above returns include a canvass of the entire voting membership by mail and the vote taken at the open meeting where members who had not voted by mail could vote or change their mail vote if they so desired.

eliminated by the Mass Traffic Authority.

A problem of importance involves Joppa and Old Court Roads. Correspondence with the county Engineering Department disclosed that the county plans to make a study of this situation by an independent consulting concern.

Also the same department has been contacted to improve the poor visibility at Ruxton and Old Court Roads resulting from the erection of wire screens on the bridge over the Johns Falls Expressway.

The traffic situation at Bellona Avenue and Ruxton Road has again been reviewed by authorities. Signalization at this intersection, it is contended, is not warranted at the present time due to the low accident rate. County and State traffic engineers attribute this situation to the fact sight distance is poor at this intersection and therefore drivers are more cautious here than they would be at some other intersection with good sight distance.

Robert L. Randolph
Chairman

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