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## Forty New Members Join Greater Bustleton Civic League

Forty new members were added to the ever increasing list of the Greater Bustleton Civic League as the first meeting of 1962 was held on Tuesday evening, January 2 at the Municipal Building. Mr. Dieckmann, Membership Chairman is a firm believer in the strength of numbers and urges all in the area to lend them support.

Guest speaker of the evening was Mr. Thomas Dalton of the Department of Internal Revenue. He thoroughly explained the filing of Form 1040 and graciously answered all questions. It was a most informative and interesting discussion on a vital problem at this time of the year.

Mr. George Hamilton of the PTC through Mr. Lieberman, Transportation Committee Chairman of the League released proposed plans for the improvement of bus service for the Verree and Red Lion road area. This involves a consolidation of Bus Routes W and WA.

Traffic signals requested for the dangerous Haldeman avenue and Red Lion road intersection were turned down temporarily until sufficient traffic warrants their erection. It is hoped that the Street Department will not wait until a fatal accident occurs.

Unfortunately there are several areas in the community where inconsiderate people are forgetting the litter and rubbish dumping laws. Homeowners in the Welsh road and Rising Sun avenue section report the dumping of rubbish and garbage on vacant ground while the same thing is happening at Conwell avenue and Sandy road and at Walley and Krewstown road. Inspections have been ordered by Deputy Commissioner Wagner.

Mr. Enders reported that the hearing on the Northeast Freeway at the Fitzpatrick School was very unsatisfactory and very few questions answered. The first half of the Freeway has already been approved and it appears that the other half will undoubtedly go through as planned. Questions and letters about the Freeway sent to the League will be processed and forwarded to the proper officials.

President David Silver and his supporting officers were sworn into office as part of the evening activity.

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# 1051 Adults and Children Receive Free Polio Shots in One Day

On Saturday, May 26, 1962, the Greater Bustleton Civic League sponsored free polio shots for the Bustleton-Somerton area. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the program was a complete success. We innoculated 1051 adults and children, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the following doctors and nurses who so generously gave of their time to make this program possible: Dr. Don Mills, 9351 Hoff street; Dr. Marvin Soffer, 9826 Hoff street; Dr. Herman Brown, 9989 Verree road; Dr. Edwin Lavin, 800 Rennard street; Dr. Leon Weiner, 11040 Kelvin avenue; Dr. Mitchell Corson, 763 Sanford street; Dr. Domonic DeBias, 725 Pecan Drive.

Participating nurses: Mrs. Mary Mangel, 1940 Grant avenue; Mrs. Florence Morgenstern, 9315 Trout road; Mrs. Trudy Amend, 721 Millwood road; Mrs. Harriet Gleason, 9335 Rising Sun avenue; Mrs. Miriam Sands, 10185 Ferndale street; Mrs. Shirley Weiner, 11040 Kelvin avenue; Mrs. Terry Davis, 749 Sanford street; Miss Joyce Scalzi, 9989 Hardy road.

We would also at this time like to thank the Suburban Pharmacy of 10875 Bustleton avenue, who contributed alcohol and absorbent cotton — also the Red Fern Pharmacy at Red Lion road and Ferndale street — the Bustleton Pharmacy of 9360 Bustleton avenue, who loaned us polio vaccine when we exhausted our supply. I wish to take this opportunity to thank my Executive Board and Health Committee for a job well done.

David Silver, Pres.,  
Greater Bustleton  
Civic League.



Nurse Mrs. Trudy Amend gives polio immunization to Mary Heller. Waiting their turn next is Cathleen, then Patricia, Mr. David Heller, 9314 Trout road, father, holding his girl. David, Jr., Mr. Bill Crawford, 711 Greymont street, holding the dog. The people standing and giving their moral support are: Nurse Mrs. Florence Morgenstern, Dr. Don Mills, David Silver, President of Greater Bustleton Civic League, Dr. Mitchell Corson.

# Education Night at Greater Bustleton Civic League



More than two hundred people crowded the Community Room of the Bustleton Municipal Building on Tuesday evening, June 5 to welcome Mr. Russell M. Leonard, superintendent of District 8, Mr. Morris S. Miller, principal of the new George Washington Junior-Senior High School and Miss Florence S. Anderson, principal of the new Bustleton Elementary School. It was education night and the culmination of several years of effort by the Greater Bustleton Civic League, the Jacobs Home and School Association and the school authorities to bring adequate school facilities to the fast growing Bustleton area.

Mr. Leonard explained that contrary to rumor it would only be in the case of emergency that the fourth graders would be bussed to Jacobs Elementary School. The beautiful new Bustleton Elementary School opens for September classes and plans are for the old Jacobs School call for two kindergarten groups and classes for retarded children.

The George Washington Junior Senior High School at Verree road and Bustleton avenue, also opening in September will house over 3000 students. Mr. Miller, principal, stated that pupils would be grouped according to ability and that the advanced, the average and the weaker student would all be given the necessary encouragement.

Miss Florence Anderson, principal of the Bustleton Elementary School stated that the three R's would still be of primary importance supported by the finest and newest equipment. The transportation of students is receiving full attention.

Mr. Leonard assured anxious parents that the moving of pupils would be kept to a minimum but could make no promises because of future uncertainties.

Mr. David Silver, President of the League, was justly proud and appreciative for the efforts of the present and past League members who helped make Education Night a happy occasion for the Community.

Left to right: Miss Florence S. Anderson, Principal Bustleton Elementary School; Mr. Morris S. Miller, Principal George Washington High School; Mr. Russell M. Leonard, Superintendent District No. 8; Mr. Robert Enders, 1st Vice President Greater Bustleton Civic League; Mr. David Silver, President; Mrs. Ruth V. Brannon, Secretary.

## Parents demand Bustleton lunchtime schedule changes

By Virginia D. Judy

Two hundred angry residents attended the Greater Bustleton Civic League meeting last night at the Municipal Building, Bustleton ave. and Bowler st., to protest the fourth and fifth grade students of Bustleton Elementary School coming home for lunch.

But they were given 90 minutes of cooling their heels by Dave Silver, president of the association, as he conducted the meeting in the normal parliamentary way before asking for any new business.

By then the crowd had calmed down and aired their views in a civilized fashion.

Perhaps Silver was fearful of the recurrence of the kind of meeting the group used to have as they fought so desperately to get the new school, now the object of much contention.

He announced that rumors, various phone calls and innumerable complaints had been received by the association regarding the lunch situation at the new school.

To relieve the overcrowdedness in the lunchroom, Miss Florence Anderson, principal of the school, is bussing the fourth and fifth grade pupils home for lunch.

Irate mothers complain that a child dismissed at 12 noon doesn't arrive home until 12:20 p. m., and has to gulp down his lunch to be back at the bus stop by 12:40 p. m. This has caused tension and near hysteria for many students because children of this age are constantly fearful of missing the bus.

As soon as the association became aware of the situation, Russell M. Leonard, superintendent of District 8, was contacted and asked to be present at the civic association's meeting. Unable to attend, he sent as his delegate Melvin McMaster, vice principal of Wilson Junior High School, who sat quietly in the midst of the crowd taking an occasional note.

Paul Grundke, education chairman of the association set up a tape recorder at the beginning of the question period and each individual query was recorded. This will be presented as testimony at a meeting between Leonard and the association's committee composed of Dave Silver, Ruth Brannon, Robert Hess, Ethel Rosen, Ed Snyder, Nelson Woods and Paul Grundke. The audience was assured by Silver that each and every question would be answered and that the association would not relent until some feasible reasons have been given for all of this distress.

One of the first mothers to

take the floor was Mrs. Ethel Rosen, 8886 Rising Sun ave., who stated that she telephoned Dr. Allen H. Wetter, superintendent of schools, concerning the situation and he offered as a possible suggestion having four lunchroom shifts at the school instead of the present three. This would also entail dismissing the entire school at 3:30 p. m. instead of 3 p. m. This is only a consideration though.

Mrs. Rosen also went on to say that she heard about a meeting between Miss Anderson and three mothers of the affected pupils and upon trying to gain admission to this meeting was refused by the principal.

"It's a terrible thing," she said, "that I was turned away from a meeting concerning my own child, leaving the decision to just three mothers."

Mrs. Ruth Brannon, 9121 Verree rd., asked, "Why are there no safeties on the school bus and why does my daughter have to cross a particularly hazardous area of Verree rd. to a bus stop where there are no sidewalks?"

Dan Caesar, 1145 Chesworth rd., reported that his wife had telephoned Miss Anderson and informed her that she was a working mother and her child coming home at lunch caused a hardship. She was told that there would be no special arrangements made or no exceptions.

Phil Egan, 1078 Welsh rd., had two questions, "What's the matter with using the gym for a lunchroom and what makes a principal an administrator?"

Mrs. Howard, 1130 Hedgegrow la., asked "Why not send these pupils to Jacobs School, since there's room there for them to stay for lunch?"

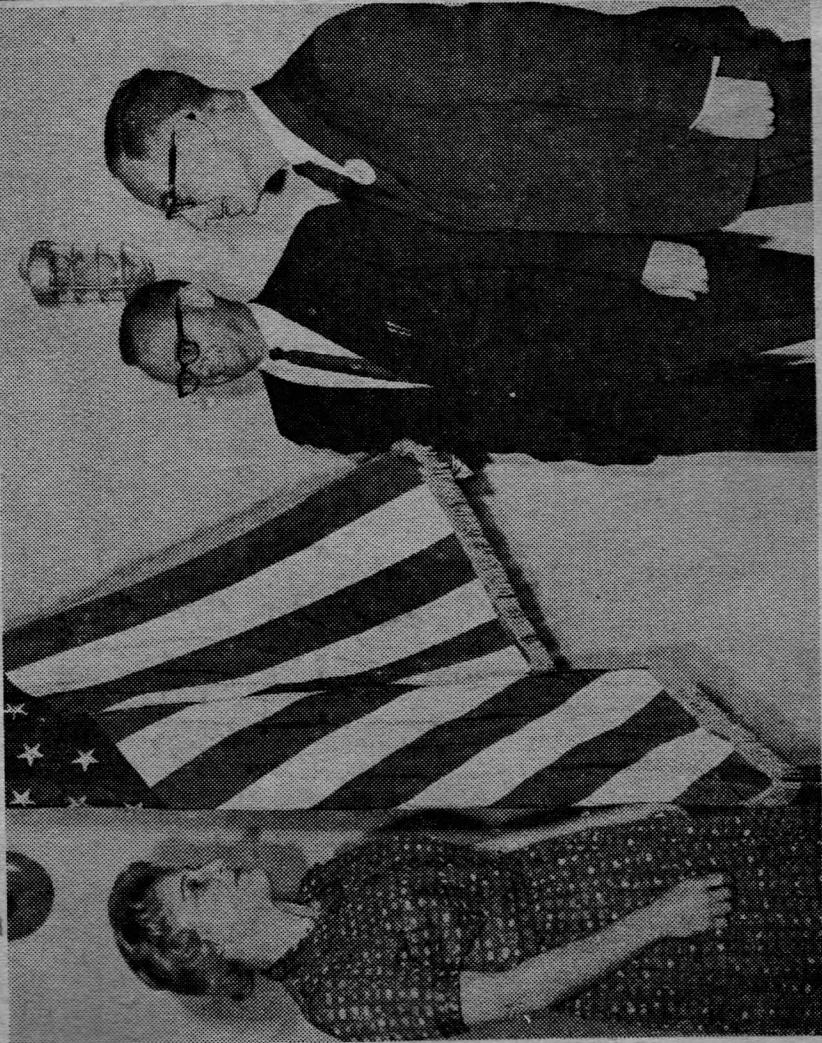
Still other mothers complained that these same students are being dismissed at 2 and 2:30 p. m. and cannot possibly be getting the full academic program.

Sybil Faber, 1044 Camas rd., urged, "If 3:30 p. m. dismissal will rectify the problem, let's ask the board of education to consider that change."

It was conducted like a town meeting enabling every individual to be heard as long as he or she was not repetitious.

Upon exhaustion of all queries Silver promised the throng that as soon as the committee has received satisfactory answers a special meeting of the league will be called.

## League Presents Flag to G. W. School



Presentation of American Flag by Greater Bustleton Civic League to George Washington High School at Assembly on Friday morning, October 26, 1962. Left to right: Mrs. Ruth Brannon, 9121 Verree road, Secretary and Mr. David Silver, 9991 Verree road, President of Greater Bustleton Civic League. Mr. Morris Miller, Principal of George Washington High School, Bustleton avenue and Verree road.

## School Problems Fade After Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Bustleton Civic League was held on October 24, 1962, at 8 P. M. in the Bustleton Elementary School. President Silver opened the meeting by announcing that a special committee of the Civic League had met with Superintendent Leonard and Miss Anderson, Principal of Bustleton Elementary School, on October 11 to answer all questions, rumors and complaints concerning the new school. Mr. Silver read these answers to the audience and asked if there were any further questions. These were:

1 — If a child misses his bus, may he take the second trip bus? No, because each bus has its own full load and cannot accommodate another child.

2 — Is it necessary to have a lunchroom in an elementary school? No. Lunchrooms are built in schools in this area because all children cannot be taken home at lunchtime.

3 — Couldn't the gym be used for lunch? The gym is not used because it is possible to bus the children home.

4 — Where will the new elementary school be located? At Alicia street and Charette road.

5 — Will the school be available to Scout Troops if the Home and School Association chooses to sponsor them? The facilities are available and requests have already been made by different organizations to use the gymnasium. Someone must be on duty when the facilities of the school are used and there is a charge for his services. It is anticipated that minor changes will be made in order to cut off the gym from the rest of the school.

Mr. Nelson Woods, on behalf of the Greater Bustleton Civic League, thanked Mr. Leonard and Miss Anderson for their kindnesses and patient cooperation in clearing up many questions in regard to the Bustleton Elementary School.