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LAKE ROLAND: A PROGRESS REPORT— SUMMER, 1972

by George S. Wills,

Chairman—The Lake Roland Committee

The summer months of 1972 saw intensive activity by your Association in its efforts to "save Lake Roland." This summer also saw a serious setback to the Lake's future occur from Tropical Storm Agnes. The safety of the community hung in the balance as Lake Roland dam barely held firm during the torrential rains of June 22.

SEDIMENT EROSION

Sediment erosion, the Lake's most critical environmental problem, was sharply accelerated by the Agnes rains. Because of inadequate sediment control practices by the Excavation Construction Co. at the Sobeloff property "borrow pit" (Charles St. and the Beltway), sediment has poured into the Lake through Roland run. Your Association has worked continuously with State and County agencies to obtain vigorous enforcement of existing sediment control laws. A "catch basin" was enlarged as a result of our discussions with local officials, but little else has occurred. The attitude of the contractor has been minimal regard for Lake Roland and the surrounding community.

ACTION FROM AGNES

As terrible as it was, Tropical Storm Agnes did serve to highlight the importance of Lake Roland to the Baltimore watershed—both from an environmental and safety standpoint. Your Association lost no time in emphasizing the necessity for immediate action on pollution and flood control. Almost immediately after the floods, our representatives (President Talbott Bond; Lake Roland committee Chairman George Wills; James Campbell; Dorsey Yearley) met with leaders from the Jones Falls Valley Industrial Association to discuss common concerns and a plan of action for the Lake. From that meeting came a decision to prepare a joint public statement to the Governor of Maryland and other officials urging the appropriation of funds, through bond issue or other appropriate financial procedure, for flood control.

In another action, your Association was instrumental in stopping bulldozing operations, south of

Rockland Bleach and Dye along the Jones Falls, that threatened to add to the already serious sediment problems of Lake Roland. Mrs. Arthur Hooper, a Board member, has been most helpful in this connection.

ACTION FROM BALTIMORE COUNTY, CITY

The most important action taken by your Association in behalf of Lake Roland has been a series of meetings with officials in Baltimore County and Baltimore City. On July 20, Lake Roland Committee Chairman Wills met with the Baltimore City Board of Recreation and Parks. From that meeting, a resolution was passed reaffirming the Board's willingness to have the City effect a long-term lease of R. E. Lee Park and Lake Roland to Baltimore County—provided the County would maintain the facility in at least an equivalent status to its present maintenance. This resolution was forwarded to Mayor Schaefer.

The most important discussions on Lake Roland, in which your Association participated, have been a series of meetings with Baltimore County Executive Dale Anderson and administrative-agency directors of various County departments (Public Works, Recreation and Parks, Solicitor's Office). Again represented by Messers Bond, Campbell; Yearley; Wills; and Dr. Gordon Wolman (Chairman of the Johns Hopkins Environmental Sciences Department), your Association has recommended that the County contribute to a sediment control program to save Lake Roland. Mr. Anderson has been receptive to our concerns, and negotiations continue.

BOAT RAMP PROPOSAL

In August, Association President Bond mailed to our membership a brief report on a proposal by Thomas Cofield (Baltimore News-American writer) and the Northwest Baltimore Kiwanis Clubs to construct a boat launching ramp and parking lot along the Bellona Avenue side of Lake Roland. Many expressions of concern have been voiced in the community, not in op-

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COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE PROVIDES VITAL SERVICE

The function of the Communication Committee is to maintain communications and liaison with neighboring improvement associations in problems of mutual interests. Through joint cooperation and assistance, it is hoped that the various associations can thus be more effective.

The Communications Committee for this year includes Richard G. MacGill, Jr., Chairman; John H. Mulholland, A. Pitts Robinson and Mrs. Geary L. Stonesifer, Jr.

There are three zoning questions currently pending in which neighboring associations are actively involved:

Joseph L. Soley Property located south of Bellona Avenue on east side of Charles Street. Existing zoning is DR 3.5, DR 16 and the request is for B.L. (Business local). In addition, there has been an error in the zoning map. The Murray Hill Association and other groups in the area are very alert to the situation and are actively involved in fighting the zoning change and in having the error in the map rectified. While there was a hearing on this case on September 22 before the Zoning Commission, no decision has been announced.

Strickland Property located at the S-E corner of Charles Street and the Beltway. This property was used by Egypt Farms Top Soil Company and consists of 9.2 acres. Current zoning is DR 16 and the request is for B.L. (Business local). This change is being fought actively by the Riderwood Hills Association. Our association has been working closely with Riderwood Hills and is providing some monetary support. This case now pending before Zoning Appeal Board. Trial date now set for Jan. 4, 1973.

Williams Construction Company, Inc. Property located S-W of Timonium Road at Route 83. Existing zoning on this property is DR 2 and DR 3.5. The request is for B.M. (Business major). A regional shopping center is planned for the 72 acre tract. This venture was thwarted in the 1970-71 zoning revision. However, new request for the zoning change is scheduled to be heard before the Zoning Commissioner. The Seminary Valley Group, comprising

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position to fishing and boating on the Lake, but about the safety of a ramp just adjacent to the Penn Central Railroad tracks. Also, many have questioned the use of public funds for this type of project when a basic pollution-sediment control program to save the Lake itself hasn't even been undertaken. Your Association will support a viable recreation program for Lake Roland, consistent with the basic environmental priorities and the unique natural qualities of the Lake, and its surrounding park and woodland.

"LAKE ROLAND WATERSHED FOUNDATION"

A charter is currently being drafted to create a "Lake Roland Watershed Foundation" which will function to receive tax-deductible contributions for various projects connected with Lake Roland. These projects will be in the areas of conservation of the Lake and its surrounding park and wooded areas. One good suggestion, recently made by Mrs. Ann Wilder, a Ruxton resident, is the utilization of areas surrounding the Lake for nature study by school children—an exciting and creative approach. She and Mr. Robert Wirth, a longtime student of the Lake, are going to explore possibilities in this area.

The Lake Roland Watershed Foundation will act in a fundraising capacity, once a sufficient financial commitment has been made by local government to provide for pollution and sediment control programs. Your Association will continue to press for action by Baltimore County and Baltimore City in this regard.

COMMITTEE COOPERATION

One cannot work in an enterprise as challenging and frustrating as our Lake Roland project without acknowledging the work of many people. Individual members of the Lake Roland Committee have contributed greatly—particularly do we owe thanks to Talbott Bond, Jim Campbell, Dorsey Yearley and our consultant, Dr. Wolman.

In the midst of pressures to obtaining public support and funds for our community's most valuable natural resource, it is often easy to lose sight of "the big picture." Just a few days ago—on one of our Indian summer afternoons—my two sons and I took a hike around the lake. Leaves are just beginning to turn, and the beauty of the lake is particularly evident as the seasons change. Spring and fall, each in its way, are times of renewal for this unique body of water. Clearly, this lake is an asset worth saving, and we, too, must renew our efforts to "save Lake Roland."

George S. Wills

THE RUXTON-RIDERWOOD-LAKE ROLAND AREA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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TRAFFIC AND ROADS COMMITTEE

As chairman of the Traffic and Roads Committee of the improvement association, Robert L. Randolph has been instrumental in accomplishing important recommendations. One was the need for a sign on Joppa Road just east of the junction with Old Court Road which would notify drivers that there might be traffic stopped to make a left hand turn onto Old Court. A bank which represents the western end of the Joppa excavation blocked the westbound motorists' view of any car at this junction. The sign which has now been erected was promptly arranged through the office of Eugene Clifford, County Traffic Engineer.

Other problems which were discussed with Alfred T. Jungers, County Bureau of Highways, involved the matter of obscenities scrawled on the guards of Ruxton bridge and the demand for sidewalks on the approaches to this bridge because of the constantly increased pedestrian traffic. According to Mr. Jungers, the

first item will be given immediate attention; however, construction of the sidewalks will probably be completed in early 1973.

A meeting of the Traffic and Roads Committee was held in early summer and was attended, in addition to the chairman, by S. C. Williams, S. J. Campbell, R. M. Rogers and T. Talbott Bond.

LEGAL ACTION PLANNED IN OLES PROPERTY PROJECT

Investigation by counsel for the Association indicates that the DR 16 zoning of the easterly segment of the Oles property, Ruxton Road, is apparently in error. Accordingly, legal action will be instituted promptly on behalf of the Association and neighboring property owners in an effort to have the zoning error corrected and thereby prevent high-density development of the property.

For additional information regarding the Oles property status see report of Zoning Committee published elsewhere in the Bulletin.

Report Of The Special Committee Regarding Proposed Development Plan Of Johnson Property

President Bond has appointed a special committee of your Association to consider and deal with problems relating to the revival of plans for the development of the Johnson property located north of Old Court Road and west of Falls Road. Members of the special committee are as follows:

S. James Campbell
M. Jenkins Cromwell, Jr.
Phillips L. Goldsborough III
Richard W. Harper
John H. Mulholland
Robert M. Rogers
Geary L. Stonesifer, Jr.
George S. Wills
Dorsey Yearley
T. Talbott Bond, ex officio

Representatives of the Rouse Company met with the special committee of your Association on September 11, 1972 to discuss the plans of a joint venture, consisting of the Rouse Company and Wates Company of London, for development of this property consisting of approximately 400 acres.

It will be recalled that the application of the Rouse Company and the Johnson family for a change in the zoning classification so as to permit development of this property was the subject of considerable controversy in 1970 and 1971. Plans were then outlined for the erection of approximately 1,125 multi-family dwelling units, in addition to approximately 100,000 square feet of commercial development, consisting of retail stores, office buildings, and an automobile service center, all as part of a "planned community" involving the preservation of open spaces and various other amenities. At that time the County Council refused the application for a change in classification, so that the property has remained in a DR 1 (lowest density residential) zoning classification.

The Rouse Company's representatives now state that they will file another application for rezoning of the property by October 15, 1972 with the office of the Zoning Commissioner. We are told that plans are being refor-

mulated for a proposed development of the property involving the production of a "high quality self-sufficient residential community", again with some commercial development apparently similar to that which was planned earlier. It is stated that, rather than constructing all rental properties, the joint venture is now in a position to incorporate some significant amount of home ownership, perhaps as much as 50 per cent, in that portion of the property to be developed for residential purposes. However, these would apparently be multi-family condominium-type structures. Apparently some reduction in the residential density planned earlier may also be possible.

Detailed inquiry has been and is being made by your Association's special committee regarding all ramifications of the proposed plan, including problems relating to high-way access, traffic volume, siltation control, and other factors relating to the impact of the proposed development upon adjacent properties and the entire area.

Your Committee is to meet again with representatives of the Rouse Company in the very near future, and is in communication regarding the situation with representatives of the Old Court-Greenspring Association.

Phillips L. Goldsborough, III
Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT SHOWS GAIN

As of September 18, 1972, according to a report submitted by William B. Sawers, Jr., treasurer, the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association had a cash balance of \$9,117.56. Part of the funds are on deposit in insured building associations and are earning dividends. All current bills have been paid. Dues from memberships which is showing a steady increase have been a factor in maintaining the financial stability of the association.

Boat Landing Ramp Plan Opposed

The plan to construct and operate a boat launching ramp on the eastern shoreline of Lake Roland, approximately 300 feet below the Towson Run stream, poses a number of problems according to nearby homeowners. First, it will be necessary to cross the Penn Central tracks from Bellona Avenue in order to have access to the proposed launching site. A grade crossing is not practical, it is contended, because of the constant danger of accidents unless there is a watchman or automatic signal, an

expensive overhead for the railroad. A towering ramp over the tracks would involve a costly investment in order to comply with railroad specifications, involving perhaps a greater outlay than the \$25,000.00 grant appropriated by the last session of the legislature for the building of the project. It is also pointed out that ingress and egress to the site would create a traffic hazard on Bellona Avenue which is a narrow two-way thoroughfare.

Robert Wirth, an ecologist, who has made a special study of Lake Roland and its needs, made the following observation regarding the proposed ramp situation: "Since Lake Roland is slowly filling with silt, enduring serious eutrophication problems and is probably being polluted by septic tank run-off, one cannot see any merit in this project when more important matters need solving. Some superb, mature trees also lie within the 60 x 100 plot and one must assume that they will be cut down."

Philip A. Hokemeyer, assistant in the office of Fred L. Doebber, superintendent Penn Central Railroad, Penn Central Station, stated that his office has received a number of letters from Ruxton residents protesting the installation of the ramp. No request, he added, has been made to the railroad for legal permission to cross the tracks, a condition precedent to any formal consideration for inaugurating the proposed boat launching ramp.

LEAF BURNING RULES ANNOUNCED BY COUNTY

Open leaf burning within the Baltimore Beltway is prohibited in accordance with a state air quality control law which became effective May 12.

According to Dr. Donald J. Roop, Baltimore county health officer, persons living outside the Beltway may burn leaves only at locations not closer than 300 feet from any dwelling or place where people work or congregate."

Also such burning must be in compliance with county fire department and state forest and parks regulations. Because of new anti-pollution regulations, the Baltimore County Bureau of Sanitation offers the following alternatives for leaf disposal:

Each homeowner is permitted to place two bags of leaves with regular refuse collection. Sanitation officials urge residents to use polyethylene bags for leaves. They will not be collected from metal trash cans.

Homeowners are encouraged to transport bagged leaves to any of the three county landfills. The closest available to residents of the Ruxton-Riderwood area is at Texas, off York Road, near Cockeysville. Residents are also encouraged to mulch their leaves by use of a mulching machine.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

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six associations, is very well organized and is actively opposing this zoning. Funds to finance their efforts are to be raised from a bull roast to be held February 9, 1973 at the Parkville American Legion Hall. Tickets at \$7.50 each may be obtained by calling Bill Thayer, Telephone 821-5957. Your association has offered its support in opposing the requested zoning change and we will continue to stay in close contact with the group of associations. This case came up for a hearing on September 27 and 28. No decision thus far announced.

Association Committees Names For Year

The Board of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association will be divided into six standing committees and one special committee for this year.

The Standing committees are:

Membership Committee

Richard W. Harper, 1800 Indian Head Rd., 04 821-6813, Chairman
Alexander Y. Hoff, 7902 Ellenham Ave., 04 821-1716
M. Jenkins Cromwell, 1932 Old Court Rd., 04 825-2882
William B. Sowers, Jr., 1204 Lake Falls Rd., 10 377-6986

Traffic, Roads,

Neighborhood Committee

Robert L. Randolph, 2 Malvern Cr., 04 823-7515, Chairman
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Robert M. Rogers, 1006 Malvern Ave., 04 825-0468
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Zoning Committee

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Communications Committee

Richard G. MacGill, Jr., 1725 Circle Rd., 04 828-5707, Chairman
John H. Mulholland, M.D., 1317 Walnut Hill Lane, 04 828-1811
A. Pitts Robinson, 7810 Chelsea St., 04 825-7518
Mrs. Geary L. Stonesifer, Jr., 7822 Ruxwood Rd., 04 823-0777

Lake Roland Committee

(Board Members only)

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Rodney J. Brooks, 6011 Hollins Ave., 10 377-8369
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Erroll B. Hay, Brookside Lane, Box 24, Riderwood, 21139 825-3724
L. Gordon Croft, 7503 Club Rd., 04 821-5614
G. Robert Davidson, 8105 Rider Ave., 04 823-7070
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These seven committees which have had a planning meeting 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.

T. Talbott Bond
President

SPECIAL REPORT OF ZONING COMMITTEE

Inquiry has been made by the Zoning Committee and other representatives of your Association regarding the recent sale of the Oles property, Ruxton Road, consisting of 5.6 acres, located on the north side of Ruxton Road west of the old railroad station property. We are informed that the purchasers of that property plan a condominium-type development consisting of 18 dwelling units.

It has been determined that a small segment of the property, located on the eastern boundary thereof, is zoned DR 16 (apartment zoning), although the remainder of the property is zoned DR 2 (low density residential). The DR 16 zoning of the easterly segment of the property would permit substantially increased density on the entire tract (18 dwelling units instead of the 12 units which would be permitted if the entire property were zoned DR 2). It is believed that this DR 16 zoning may be in error.

The Board of Governors of your Association has concluded that the planned development of the property by the purchasers should be opposed. Affirmative action will be taken by the Association in an effort to achieve a correction of the apparent zoning

error, so as to prevent high-density development of this property, if counsel for the Association concludes that such action would have a reasonable chance of success.

WINDSOR PROPERTY

A petition has been filed for rezoning from DR 2 and DR 3.5 to DR 16 (apartment zoning) of certain property, consisting of 3.78 acres, located behind the Ruxton Towers Apartments, south of Charles Street and west of Bellona Avenue. Denial of the application has been recommended by the County's Planning Board. Your Board of Governors has concluded that DR 16 development of this property would be undesirable, and counsel for the Association has been instructed to oppose the application for the change in classification.

STRICKLAND PROPERTY

The Strickland application for change in zoning of the Egypt Farms property, located at the northeast corner of Charles Street and Bellona Avenue immediately south of the beltway, is still pending. This application seeks zoning which would permit commercial development of the property, and is being actively opposed by the Riderwood Hills Association, with which our Association is cooperating in opposition to the proposed change. A financial contribution has been made by our Association to assist Riderwood Hills in this endeavor.

RUXTON AMERICAN STATION

Construction of the new American Oil Company gasoline station at the southeast corner of Bellona Avenue and Ruxton Road is proceeding in accordance with the agreement reached earlier with representatives of your Association. Inspections of the work are being made from time to time as it progresses. Upon completion of the work and opening of the new station, the old gasoline station building at the northeast corner of the intersection will be demolished. That property will not henceforth be used for gasoline station purposes.

Phillips L. Goldsborough, III
Chairman

Membership dues for 1972

Individual Membership	\$ 5.00
EACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD	2.50
Business Membership	10.00
Sustaining Membership	10.00

County To Help With Lake Roland Project; Ellicott Machine Corp. Offers Use Of Dredge

Baltimore County Executive Dale Anderson said at the weekly news conference on Tuesday, October 3, that the county has agreed to co-operate with Baltimore City in financing a comprehensive study to determine the most appropriate means of restoring Lake Roland. Baltimore County, Mr. Anderson stated, is willing to pay 50 percent of the cost of the study and that the county will "positively cooperate in restoring the city-owned lake."

The agreement was reached at a meeting Friday, September 22, that was attended by Mr. Anderson, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, George S. Wills, chairman of the Maryland Environmental Trust and also chairman of the Lake Roland Committee for the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association; T. Talbott Bond, president of the association, and S. James Campbell and Dorsey Yearly, members of the board of the association. Also present were department heads of both county and city administrations.

It was apparent that the officials appeared to be eager to take advantage of a recent offer of Ellicott Machine Corporation to provide dredging equipment and technical assistance at a cost of \$1 a month to restore the lake.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP SHOWS STEADY GROWTH

Interest in the work of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association and its contribution to the needs of the community is reflected in the constant and steady growth of new members. A list of recent new members is hereby given as part of the publicity program of the association.

May

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart C. Buppert, 2nd
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Gwynn
Mrs. Alexander Harvey
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Y. Hoff
Mr. and Mrs. Karl M. Levy
Mrs. J. Plumb McKinney
Mr. and Mrs. James T. Ruhl
Mr. and Mrs. John Sargeant
Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Sunderland
Mrs. Julie Rust Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Thompson

June

Mrs. Ethel E. Addison
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Aversa, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Cavas
Mr. and Mrs. John J. Drsata, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Egerton, 2nd
Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff T. George
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Hildreth
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hoff, 3rd
Mr. and Mrs. David A. Hurd
Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hurley
Mr. and Mrs. William Landon

In a letter to Mr. Wills as chairman of the Maryland Environmental Trust, Herbert P. Bure, president of Ellicott Machine Corporation, stated in part:

"We are quite aware of the need of restoration of the lake and as an old line Baltimore company we have a civic interest in this project. In addition we feel that the dredge technology developed by our company and our customers is quite equal to the task of doing a job of this nature effectively and compatibly with the common desire for environmental improvement.

"We propose to the Maryland Environmental Trust for the Lake Roland Restoration project one 12 inch Series 600 "Dragon" model dredge with necessary option equipment for a period of approximately 60 days, extendable by mutual agreement for the price of \$1.00. In addition, we propose to make available at no charge to the Maryland Environmental Trust for this project the technical service and assistance of one or more of our project engineers for a reasonable number of days to assist in the start of the dredge and instruct the crew in its efficient operation. We further offer at no charge the assistance of our engineers in consultation in preparation for the project and the application of this dredge."

Mrs. F. Ford Loker
Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Orrick
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Peters
Gen. Milton A. Reckord
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Turnbull
Miss Mary Spotswood Warren
Mrs. William H. Winstead, 3rd
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Young

July

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hobbins
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Knott
Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. TenHoopen, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Lester N. Towner

August

Mr. Howie Harris
Mr. James J. Murphy
Mr. Robert Wirth

September

Mrs. Rodney J. Brooks
Mr. Paul S. Leitman
Mr. Marshall Lee Pfeifer

Turkey Cock Hall

Built in 1712, Turkey Cock Hall located on the side of Falls Road near Old Court Road, is a Colonial-style house of frame and stone construction with sloping roofline and dormers. The above date is engraved on the chimney stone. This was the original farmhouse of the Rockland farm property which consisted of 200 acres and was purchased from the Merrymans by Edward Risteau.

GREATER BATIMORE MEDICAL CENTER AUXILIARY WORK

In a letter addressed to T. Talbott Bond, president of the Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Improvement Association, Mrs. William M. Downes of the Membership Committee of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center Auxiliary, stressed the need for learning about the GBMC and work of the Auxiliary members. Mrs. Downes states that the Auxiliary is interested in having new members and suggests that this need be publicized through the medium of the Bulletin. The members of the Auxiliary, it is pointed out, serve in many capacities to aid in the operation of the hospital.

Also in the letter Mrs. Downes explained that a speaker who would supplement a talk with slides would be available at any time to discuss the importance of volunteer services at GBMC.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Members of the membership committee met with a full attendance and formulated plans for increasing memberships in the areas served by the improvement association.

There is now a total registration of 756 members out of a possible 2700. It was decided to attach a letter to each copy of the Bulletin addressed to a non-member with a request to join. Full support of all residents is needed to maintain an effective working organization. Membership fees will now cover respective applicants through 1973.

There are three types of membership available: Individual \$5.00 a year, family \$7.50 a year and business \$10.00 a year. The membership committee includes Richard W. Harper, chairman; T. Talbott Bond, M. Jenkins Cromwell, A. Y. Hoff and W. E. Sawers.

RIDERWOOD POST OFFICE REPORTS INCREASED BUSINESS VOLUME

Since the closing of the Ruxton postoffice on July 28, the Riderwood postoffice has shown a phenomenal increase in business. Sales for the quarter beginning July 1 now total over \$23,000.00. Sales last year for the comparative period were only \$13,000.00. This unprecedented upsurge in postal transactions is an indication that Ruxton residents are using the Riderwood office rather than Towson.

HEALTH HAZARD PROTESTED

The Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Improvement Association protested open cans of chemicals in the outdoor area at the Rockland Bleach & Dye Company Jones Falls location as being a health hazard to children playing in the vicinity.

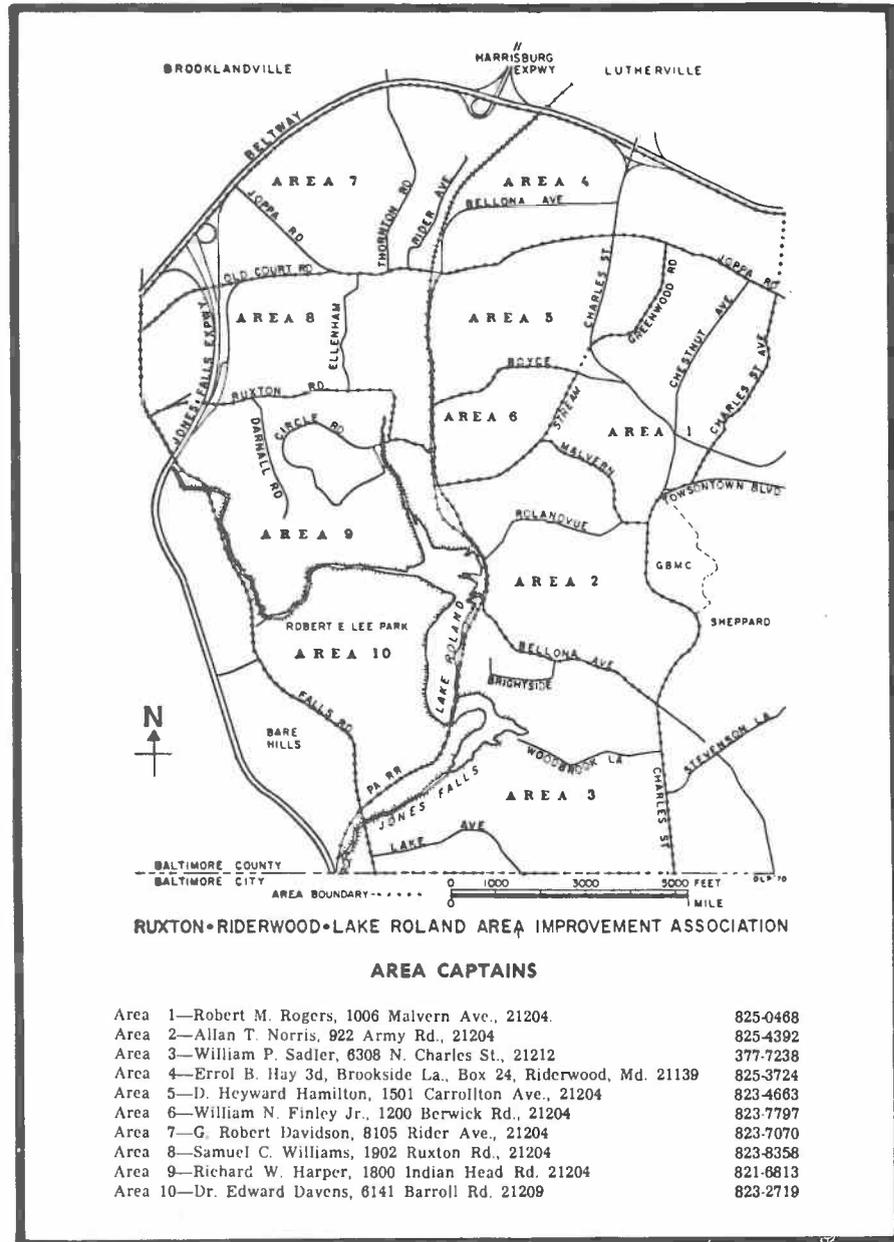
The protest resulted in prompt action on the part of the Baltimore County Health Department, to have this situation corrected.

Wild Geese Over Ruxton

Flocks of wild geese have been honking their way over the Ruxton-Riderwood area. The flocks were particularly numerous the last few days of September. The birds, sometimes several hundred in a flock, made an inspiring sight as they swept across the sky in their familiar V shaped formations. Bird watchers contend that the migration of the geese southward at this time of the season presages an early cold winter. One flock circled Lake Roland as if attempting to alight for an interim rest before heading for their customary winter feeding grounds on the eastern shore of Maryland.

Hampton Farmhouse

This old building of log construction, erected in 1660 on Hampton Lane, off Dulaney Road, is one of the earliest houses in Maryland. Four wings were added at later dates. The house continues to be occupied by members of the Ridgely family.



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