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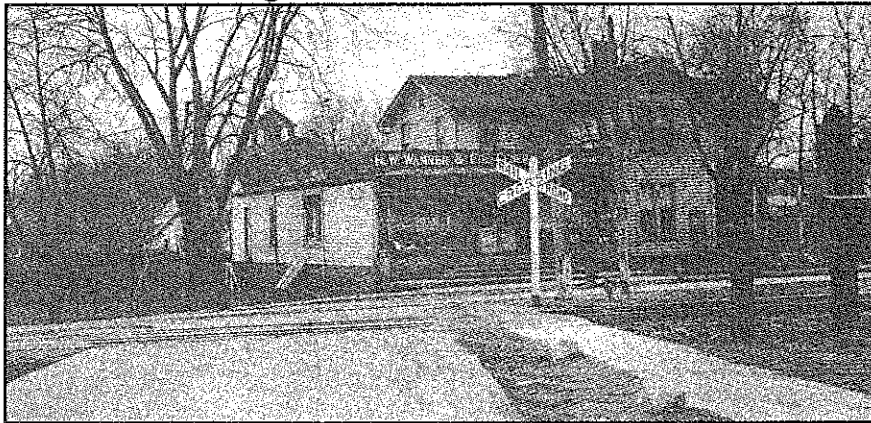
# Gary Ditto's Newsletter

MAY 1994

## REMEMBERING THE KENSINGTON FOUNDERS

Come to the Centennial Celebration  
Saturday, May 7th, 1994

### Where It All Began



*The Fawcett House, where Kensington residents voted in the Town's first election, May 7, 1894. In the foreground is the former railroad crossing at St. Paul Street. The house is behind the Howard Avenue store, H.W. Warner & Co. General Merchandise. Malcolm Walter took this photo around 1927. It appeared in the 1991 edition of the Kensington Historical Society calendar. Reprinted with permission of the Kensington Historical Society and Elizabeth Walter.*

### THEN...

- **November 13, 1893.** Kensington citizens met at the Noyes library to talk over, as the "Kensington" letter in *The Evening Star* put it, "the general interests of this place and the probable incorporation of the town." They appointed a committee made up of Drs. Detrick and Lewis and Messrs Manakee, Dorian, and Ogden "to consider the propriety of incorporation and report at the next meeting. The committee were also instructed to look after the putting up of additional lamps and laying of board walks."

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- **December 29 and 30th, 1893.** Kensington citizens met at the Noyes Library to discuss the pros and cons of incorporation. They unanimously agreed to incorporate a square-mile area with the railroad station nearby at the center. Agreeing that the town would be governed by a mayor and council, to be elected the following May 7th, they appointed a committee chaired by B.H. Warner and including W.H. Mannakee, William Terrell, Dr. R.B. Detrick, and Thomas R. Martin to present the Maryland legislature with a petition asking for incorporation.

**January 1894.** Senator Hattersly W. Talbott was in charge of the bill to incorporate Kensington.

**February 20th.** The Maryland Senate passed a bill to incorporate Kensington.

**March 29.** Thomas R. Martin and William Terrill went before the legislature to support the Kensington bill. The bill passed the House of Delegates.

**April 2, 1894.** *The Evening Star* reported that State Senator H.S. Talbott has notified the committee of the passage of the bill of incorporation of Kensington by the house.

**May 1, 1894.** According to *The Evening Star*, "Dr. R.B. Detrick has positively declined the nomination for the council and refuses to take any office under the municipal government of Kensington."

**May 5, 1894.** "Upon the urgent request of friends Dr. R.B. Detrick has consented to serve as mayor of Kensington, if elected."

**May 7, 1894.** Kensington's first election. The voting takes place at the Fawcett House, and Thomas R. Martin is elected mayor. The council members are William H. Mannakee, J. Howard Fishback, Mr. Dorsey, and George Peter.

## AND NOW...

### Centennial Celebration Events, Saturday, May 7, 1994

- The theme: *Where the train still stops  
And the people still walk.*



- The time: 10 to 4—Activities and special events in Kensington, especially at and near the Kensington Community Center (fondly remembered as the Town Hall or Armory) at 3710 Mitchell Street.
- Come to the Centennial Postmark Station for a Special Cancellation.
- Ham Radio demonstrations and information presented by the Rock Creek Amateur Radio Association.
- Living History Display by the World War II 29th Division.
- Photos taken with Victorian cut-outs at the Victorian Room in the Town Hall.
- Displays by Civic and Community Organizations.
- Child ID Program.
- Noyes Library Display, Activities, and Tee-shirt Sales.
- Childrens' Games - Live Music
- 1 p.m. Pie Judging Contest.
- 2 p.m. CENTENNIAL CEREMONY and Cake Cutting at the Kensington Community Center.
- Refreshments by the Auxiliary of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department.
- Questions? Volunteers! Call Julie O'Malley 942-8933 or Ranelle Bruch 949-0153.

### *Come to the Kensington Country Fair Saturday, May 7th*



Circle Manor Nursing Home at 10231 Carroll Place in Kensington will host a Country Fair in honor of National Nursing Home Week on Saturday, May 7 from 10 to 4.

- Crafters and antique dealers will display and sell their goods.
- Evergreen Montessori School of Kensington will put on a plant and bake sale.
- Moon Bounce • Popcorn • Cotton Candy • Sno Cones • Picnic Food • Car Show • Aladdin •
- Face Painting • Cake Walk • Free Blood Pressure Checks • Entertainment by Bill Cole •
- Parkland Jazz Band • Much More. To find out more, call Juanell at 949-0230.

## Time To Make Noyes

A Gala Auction and Celebration  
Friday, June 10th  
at Strathmore Hall Arts Center  
To Benefit the Noyes Children's Library



The Noyes Library was where the Kensington Founders met back in 1893 and 1894. The first public library in the entire Washington metropolitan region, it's now the only library devoted totally to the needs of children. It is supported through a unique public-private partnership that combines county support with the funds raised by the Noyes Children's Library Foundation. Here's where you come in—help support this regional treasure by joining in the evening of fun and fundraising.

The auction will feature unique clocks designed by prominent national and local architects, artists, and designers. Included will be works by local artist Judy Hanks Henn and nationally known craftsman Daniel Hale, whose pieces are shown at the Whitney Museum in New York City. The silent auction features select treasures, getaways, recreation treats, entertainment events, and much more. To name a few: a week's vacation in a beautiful post-and-beam vacation home in Vermont, a weekend at the Omni Hotel in Charleston, South Carolina, a 2-hour performance by the bluegrass group Gross National Product at your home party or other event, a week in Jamaica, attending a Sneak Preview with Arch Campbell, a birdhouse that's a miniature Noyes Library, weekends in Washington, a watercolor of the Noyes Library, and a copy of *To Kill a Mockingbird* signed by Gregory Peck.

Master of Ceremonies and auctioneer is musician John Lyon, leader of the bluegrass group Gross National Product. Among the celebrity guest auctioneers will be WJLA newswoman and host of "Working Woman," Kathleen Matthews, and Mary Cliff, who hosts "Traditions" on WETA Radio on Saturday evenings.

Among the many volunteers: Barbara Hutchinson is co-chair for the live auction. Julie Musgrave and Sheila Dinn are handling public relations. Jana Coe and Dey Mathews are arranging the light buffet, dessert, wine, and champagne. Fiona Morris is in charge of the program layout. Kathy Cowan is handling the invitations. Tickets for the evening cost \$30 per person. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the Silent Auction. The Live Auction begins at 9. For reservations or information, please call Diana Ditto at 949-0489.

Gary Ditto's newsletter is edited and designed by Diane Ursano and Charlotte Wunderlich of Kensington Communications. Readers are welcome to contribute news items and ideas. Many thanks to Judy Whitehurst for helping gather information for this issue.



### Town Crier

• **A VICTORIAN GALA DANCE PARTY** will be held at the Kensington Community Center, 3710 Mitchell Street on **Friday, May 6th** from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Presented by the Kensington Centennial Committee, the evening will feature period music by the Hots Jazz Orchestra and demonstration and teaching, by Stephan Spinder and Lesley Hodge, of dance steps of the era. Light refreshments will be served. Period attire is suggested. Reserve your tickets early, because space is limited. Make your check (\$10 per person) payable to Town of

Kensington and send to Jean Thompson, 10412 Mannakee Street, Kensington, MD 20895. Include your phone number. Questions? Volunteers? Please call Julie O'Malley at 942-8933.

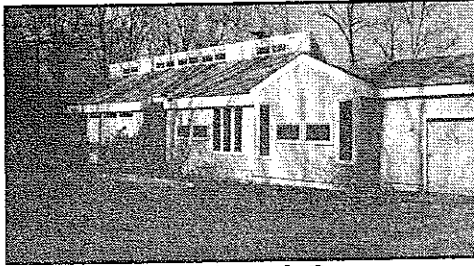
• Evelyn Litwin of Outdoor Nursery School called to let us know that the summer program has openings for ages 3 and 4 during July, for two, three, or four weeks. The hours are 9 to 1 each day. Outdoor Nursery School is located on Spring Valley Road in Chevy Chase. For more information, call 656-8871.

• Jan Jablonski, volunteer for Noyes Children's Library Foundation, recently gave us some information about the Penny Theater. Friends of

Noyes Library now offer Penny Theater shows for children. The Penny Theater is a table-top size theater where children's stories are dramatized using stick puppets, realistic theatrical lighting, and scenery. Penny Theater was originally created as a toy for children in Victorian England.

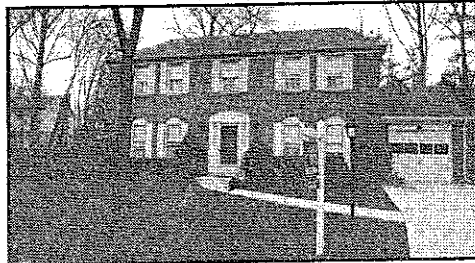
• Congratulations to Xan Calamiris and the Walter Johnson High School Debate Team, first in the county team standings for the second straight year. After a series of tournaments, eleven team members qualified for the 2-day county finals. Xan won the individual championship—she's the first 10th grader ever to earn this honor.

**FOR SALE**  
**\$569,000**



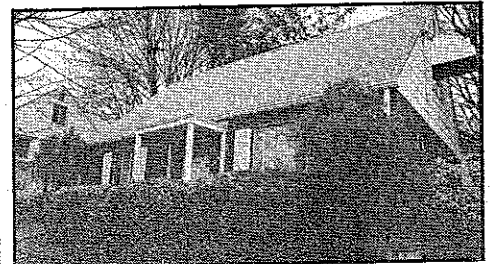
10109 Lloyd Road, Potomac  
Elegant Contemporary on Large  
Wooded Lot. Liv Rm & Din Rm w/  
Floor-to-Ceiling Glass.  
Swimming Pool and Spa.

**FOR SALE**  
**\$310,000**



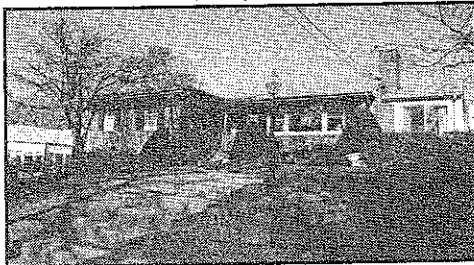
1 Basildon Circle, Rockville  
Beautiful Brick Col. in Exc. Cond.  
Foyer, Liv. Rm., Din. Rm, Country  
Family Kit w/ FP. 5 BR, 2.5 BA.

**UNDER CONTRACT**



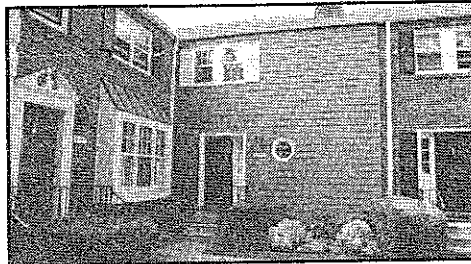
10105 Ashwood Drive, Kensington  
Great Cape w/ 5 Yr old Kitchen.  
Very Private Back Yard.

**FOR SALE**  
**\$329,500**



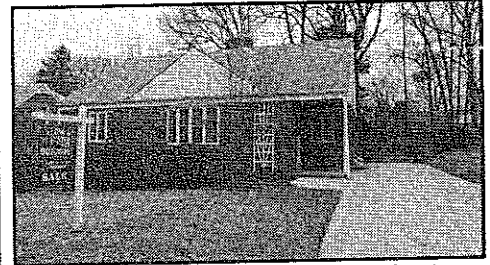
4509 Edgefield Road, Kensington  
Large Ranch in Perfect Condition  
w/ Swimming Pool.  
Foyer, Liv Rm w/ FP, TS Kit,  
Rec Rm w/ FP, 4 BR, 2.5 BA.

**FOR SALE**  
**\$269,500**



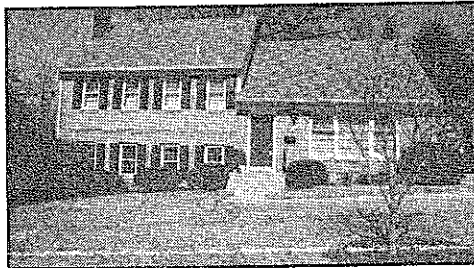
6651 Fairfax Road, Bethesda  
Large End Unit Townhome  
Priced to Sell. 4 BR, 3 BA, Foyer,  
Liv Rm w/ FP.

**FOR SALE**  
**\$219,900**



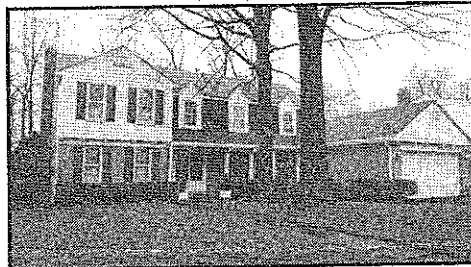
9914 Thornwood Road, Kensington  
Great House, Great Yard, Great  
Price. Foyer, Liv Rm w/FP, TS Kit,  
RecRm w/Wd Stove. New Windows

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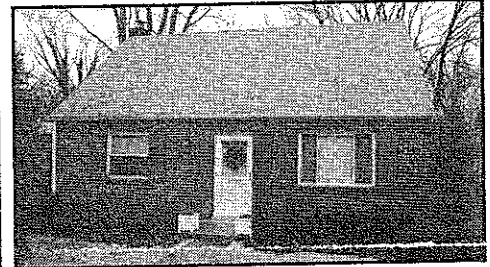
4403 Dresden Street, Kensington  
Large Split Level Home.  
Rec Rm w/ FP, Liv Rm, Din Rm,  
5 BR, 3.5 BA.

**FOR SALE**  
**\$459,900**



9814 Hill Street, Kensington  
Large Colonial in Superb Cond.  
New Kitchen, Master Suite,  
First Floor Fam Rm w/FP, Den,  
and Much More.

**SOLD**  
**\$210,240**



10110 Wildwood Road, Kensington  
Restored to Perfection. Two New  
Baths, New Kitchen, Deck, and  
More.

*Each of the homes pictured in this newsletter is a Gary Ditto listing.*

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