

Local Election Lowdown

- **March 6. Nominations** for Mayor and two Councilmembers for two-year term, 8:20 p.m. at Town Council meeting.
- **March 6. Registration** of new voters, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Registration at Town office or by mail anytime. Call Tracy Truman, Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, with questions, 301-652-4596.
- **March 13.** Deadline for **additional nominations**, 4 p.m. Petitions must be signed by 20 registered voters.
- **March 14. Absentee ballots** available in Town Hall, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (See Town Hall Tidbits on page 16 of this *Town Journal* for details.)
- **March 20. Registration deadline**, 4:30 p.m. for April 3 election.
- **April 3. Election Day** in Somerset, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

The Mayor's Den

By Walter J. Behr

CHEVY CHASE CENTER DEVELOPMENT MAY BE DELAYED

Redevelopment of the Chevy Chase Center will be delayed a bit pending new traffic studies if the County Council goes along with the 152-page recommendation of Hearing Examiner Philip Tierney, which was released on February 22.

Those of us in Somerset and neighboring communities who testified and wrote letters (over 100) apparently convinced Tierney that traffic congestion really is a problem and that existing streets cannot easily accommodate the proposed development, despite testimony to the contrary by the Chevy Chase Lane Company, owner of the Center.

Tierney wrote:

Several relevant intersections ... were not evaluated and the ones that were evaluated included outdated traffic counts and peak hours that avoided the highest traffic volumes. The Opposition submitted persuasive evidence that shows major road links around the property are at times congested.

Dorset/Wisconsin Heads List for Traffic Study

Among the additional intersections recommended for evaluation are Dorset and Wisconsin Avenues, Bradley Lane at both Wisconsin and Connecticut Avenues, Military and Reno Roads and Chevy Chase Circle.

Tierney advocates that no improvements to Little Falls Parkway be implemented without a finding that the improvements are necessary and in the public interest. The report spells out the concerns of Somerset residents about the possible widening of the parkway and modifications of River Road between Greystone Street and the parkway by reproducing in its entirety the detailed letter written by Greystone resident Patrick McMahon.

The County Council has 60 days to vote on rezoning for the site.

Tierney recommends that the Council defer action for a brief time so that the Land Company can revise its plan to include a commitment to (a) conduct comprehensive traffic studies as specified in his report and (b) "provide any additional mitigation deemed by the Planning Board as necessary to accommodate the proposed development." Presumably, "mitigation" includes such possibilities as improving intersections and adding lanes by restriping or widening.

GIVE BLOOD - SAVE A LIFE

Thanks to the 15 residents who have volunteered to donate blood at the Town Hall. However, it is not worthwhile for the Red Cross to visit us unless we have signed up 50 persons willing to participate, so we need at least 35 more residents or friends to join the effort.

The Red Cross will not commit to a specific date until we reach the 50-person quota, but we are planning on a Monday in the spring between 4 and 7 p.m. We understand that you cannot promise to participate until we have a definite date, but if you *think* you will be able to donate, please call, write, or e-mail the Town Hall.

Most people can be blood donors. You must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. There is no maximum age. You may even give blood if you have high blood pressure or diabetes or receive shots for allergies. All eligibility questions can be answered by calling 1-800-GIVE-BLOOD.

Your blood could help patients having surgery, people with cancer, hemophiliacs, anemics and victims of burns and other accidents. Donating blood is easy and safe. Please sign up today for an unusually rewarding experience.

COUNCIL FACED WITH DECISION ON CHEVY CHASE CLUB

Almost two-and-a half years ago, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) granted permits to the Chevy Chase Club to withdraw surface and underground water to irrigate their golf course. I am asking the Town Council to decide at the March 6 meeting, at 8:30 p.m., whether the Town should remain involved. Our special attorney for this matter, Richard O'Connor, will be present to answer questions and offer advice.

Following issuance of the permits in September 1997, Somerset filed for a contested case hearing for the purpose of challenging the permits. The MDE has permitted us to delay a decision either to proceed with a hearing or withdraw our request while negotiations continued with the Club. Negotiations ended last May, at which time the Club announced its intention to request State approval to withdraw more water.

Club Filed, Then Withdrew, New Application

The Club did file such an application, which was almost immediately withdrawn so that the Club could collect additional data. The Club went along with our request to delay a decision on our right to a hearing until they submitted their supplemental application or May 1, 2000, whichever came first.

Last week, the Club informed us that they will not be submitting an application at this time. In the same letter, they withdrew their consent to a stay of consideration by MDE of our request for a contested case hearing.

In brief, the Town Council is being asked whether to:

- Drop the contested case hearing, or
- Proceed with the case hearing, or
- Request a further extension of our right to decide whether to proceed with a hearing over the objection of the Chevy Chase Club.

My Recommendation: Drop the Matter.

My recommendation to the Council is to drop the request for a contested case hearing. We have spent \$8,000 on this matter, and I see little reason for spending more. Little Falls Branch, from which the Club withdraws water, appears to be in no worse condition - despite last summer's drought - than prior to issuance of the water withdrawal permits.

Many of you have observed water under the Wisconsin Avenue bridge gushing almost constantly from a huge pipe. That water, estimated to be about 100,000 gallons a day, is being pumped from the Metro tunnel. Perhaps without the Metro water, we would have a problem, but I see none and believe it is time for disengagement.

If and when the Club files a new application, we should reassess our position.

MAKE YOUR CAR TOUGH TO STEAL

A car was stolen from a driveway in the 4500-block of Dorset Avenue one night earlier this month. Fortunately, after a chase, the police returned it four days later in only slightly damaged condition. The unpleasant incident might never have occurred had the vehicle been locked.

There are a number of ways to discourage car thieves, including alarms and devices like The Club that attach to the steering wheel. But experts agree that **locking your car is basic - it is a must.**

Another effective - and free - method is the "Watch Your Car" program, a national system funded by the United States Department of Justice. It not only discourages thieves, but also assists in retrieving vehicles that are stolen.

Painless, Free Registration at Town Hall

It is a simple system. Owners register by signing an agreement stating that their vehicle is not normally used between 1 and 5 a.m. The official registering the car affixes decals to the windshield and rear window.

If a police officer observes the car being driven anywhere in the country between 1 and 5 a.m., the officer may stop the car to determine whether or not the driver is the owner or a person designated by the owner. Information from the registration form is entered into a centralized database accessible by police 24 hours a day.

To register your vehicle in the Watch Your Car Program, complete the simple form available at the Town Hall. Then call Tom Carter and meet him with your driver's license and current Maryland vehicle registration or copy of the vehicle title. He will register the car on the spot at no cost and apply the Watch Your Car decals shown here in the corner of your rear window and windshield. The Watch Your Car logo is shown below.

For additional information, call 1-800-96THEFT.

Somerset School Modernization

PUBLIC INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

Modernization of Somerset Elementary School will take three years. The first year will involve an intensive study of the school's educational needs, space and property. During the second year, the final design will be decided and construction drawings will be completed. In June 2002, the school will be closed and construction started. The school will reopen in September 2003.

Early studies will consider possible demolition of the present building in whole or part, building size, feasibility of a gymnasium and greater use of the building by community organizations and residents.

An important part of the process will be an Advisory Committee to be appointed this spring by the school's principal, Alfred Sklarew. This committee will include MCPS and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff, PTA members, neighbors and representatives of the communities served by the school. The committee will participate in all phases of the process in an effort to ensure that everyone affected by the modernization has an opportunity to be heard.

In order to obtain input from the entire community with or without children in the school, interim Chairman William Flynt has prepared a survey, which is enclosed with this issue of the *Town Journal*. Completed survey forms should be mailed or delivered to the school office by March 17.

Town Hall Tidbits

By Tom Carter

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

There are times when the Town might be able to pass on late-breaking news, such as delayed, limited or no trash pickup, via an e-mail broadcast to residents. Also, in case of emergency, e-mail would be the fastest way for the Town government to communicate information, advice and instructions.

If you are interested in receiving the Town e-mail broadcasts, please send, call in or e-mail your address to the Town at clerk@townofsomerset.com. If your e-mail address is listed in the Town telephone directory, it will automatically be added to the broadcast list unless you advise that it should not be.

Conversely, e-mail addresses that you send in for the broadcast list will **not** be published in the directory unless you request that they be.

AIR BAG SAFETY

- Use both lap and shoulder belts where available.
- For pregnant women, place the lap portion of the safety belt under the abdomen as low as possible on the hips and across the upper thighs.
- Sit as far away from the steering wheel as practical. Try to maintain 10-12 inches from the steering wheel and hub to chest.

REMEMBER SOMERSET IN YOUR TAX RETURNS

One of Somerset's two biggest sources of revenue is its share of the State income tax paid by Town residents. But Somerset will not get its share of income taxes unless its name appears on the Maryland income tax form in the box marked, "City, Town or Taxing Area." Please remember to complete this section when filing your taxes. A sample of the form appears below.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

Absentee ballots will be available in the Town Hall beginning Tuesday, March 14. Qualified voters who will be absent from Town on election day, or who are incapacitated, may obtain absentee ballots from the Clerk-Treasurer by writing him at 4510 Cumberland Avenue or by calling 301-657-3211. Ballots will be counted if returned to the Clerk-Treasurer or the Board of Supervisors of Elections before 9 p.m. on election day, April 3.

GARDEN REFUSE PICKUP

J&J resumes twice-a-week collection of garden refuse Friday, March 3. Pickups will be on Tuesdays and Fridays as in the past.

Please note that yard waste should either be placed in paper bags or loose in trash cans that are **prominently marked as "Yard Waste"** for easy recognition by the driver. Do not mix with trash or they will leave the entire can! Branches must not be over four feet long or three inches in diameter. Large branches must be trimmed to meet these dimensions. All branches not placed in trash cans must be tied into bundles no larger than 36 inches in diameter.

REMINDERS TO DOG OWNERS

The Town Code requires that you keep your dog on a leash whenever the dog is not on your property and that you pick up the feces after your dog does its duty. Please keep our parks and your neighbors' yards clean from dog messes. The fine for violating the Animal Control Law is \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for each subsequent one.

PARKING

Please refrain from parking cars opposite other residents' driveways. While this is a common courtesy year-round, drivers who park in these locations when the roads become slick not only inconvenience their neighbors who are trying to back out onto the street, but also place their own vehicles in greater likelihood of damage.

Please report all illegally parked cars directly to the police at 301-279-8000. You do NOT have to give your name to file a report.

SOME SPRINGTIME ACTIVITIES REQUIRE PERMITS

Spring is coming and in the next few months residents will begin to add to their houses, redo their gardens and beautify their yards. Remember, for some things you will need a permit. Below is a list:

1. Building permit - needed for any construction or demolition which changes the exterior dimensions of a house or accessory structure. This includes building or enlarging a tool shed.
2. Tree permit - needed to take down trees which are four inches or more in diameter, four feet above the ground.
3. Fence permit - needed for any new or replacement fence or wall other than a retaining wall.
4. Driveways - repair or repaving of the section of the driveway on public right-of-way as well as a driveway apron may not proceed without a \$300 deposit to insure restoration of Town sidewalks, curbs and other public property. Replacement aprons must meet County standards.
5. Dumpster - may not be parked in the street without permission of the Mayor.

PERMIT GRANTED

The Mayor issued a permit during the past month to Deborah Goodings, 4716 Dorset Avenue, to remove a damaged apple tree in her back yard.

ODD JOB HELPERS

The following residents have asked to be listed to do **odd jobs** for other residents at a price to be negotiated between them [general chores (G), baby-sitting (B), pet care/walking (P)].

Alex Baldinger (P), 301-657-4613 Maurie Kathan (B), 301-907-3298 Patrick McGhee (GBP), 301-986-0880

5533 Warwick Place 4920 Dorset Avenue 5407 Surrey Street

Michael Finkelstein (GP), 301-654-0322 Toby Kathan (P), 301-907-3298 Ian Quine (G), 301-654-2146 (school

5527 Surrey Street 4608 Dorset Avenue vacations only) 5919 Cumberland Avenue

Cate Helfgott (GBP), 301-657-3010 David Marx (GBP), 301-951-9593 Katie Steller (B), 301-718-7382

5513 Uppingham Street 5402 Trent Street 5407 Greystone Street

Adam & Daniel Heller (G), 301-654-5497 Michael & Patrick McGarrah (G), 301-652-7385

4803 Falstone Avenue 4608 Dorset Avenue

Legislation

At the February 7 meeting, the Town Council:

1. Amended Section 6-501 of the Town Code to increase the penalty for violation of the Building Code from \$100 to \$500. (Vote: Finkelstein, Frankel, Gubser and Proctor for; Kessler opposed.)
2. Amended Section 2-406 of the Town Code to add one Councilmember to the Audit Committee. (Vote: Finkelstein, Frankel, Gubser and Proctor for; Kessler opposed.)

Council Actions

At the February 7 meeting, the Council took the following actions:

1. Heard a report by the Mayor on his emergency authorization of \$3,364.92 to repair the old leaf vacuum before the new machine arrived.
2. Confirmed the Mayor's appointment of Howard Byron as Town representative to the Advisory Committee of the Friendship Heights Transportation Management District.
3. Approved a building permit for Dick Lasner to add a second story to the right side room of his house at 4820 Essex Avenue, subject to receipt of a County building permit application, County building permit, contractor and contractor's Maryland Home Improvement Commission license number.
4. Heard a preliminary discussion by Principal Alfred Sklarew and Bill Flynt, Modernization Committee Chairman, regarding modernization procedure and plans for Somerset School.
5. Voted to increase the Mayor's annual honorarium to \$15,000 to take effect after the April election.
6. Authorized the Mayor to sign an agreement with Hastings Development Corporation, owners of the property at 5525 Warwick Place, requiring Hastings to remove a shed in Town parkland and allowing the Town to remove retaining walls, parts of which are in Town parkland, in conjunction with Town erosion control efforts along the Little Falls Branch. In return, the agreement allows Hastings continued access to a driveway, part of which is on Town parkland.
7. Adopted a resolution to join the County aggregated group, utilizing consultant Judith Mondre of Mondre Energy to try to obtain lower electricity supply rates for Town facilities.
8. Voted to join the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Education Fund in endorsing a comprehensive health care system which would guarantee access to affordable health care for all Marylanders without regard to income, employment or health status. The system would also grant residents freedom to choose their doctors and other health professionals.

MVA ON WHEELS

The Motor Vehicles Administration trailer will next appear in Friendship Heights, at the Village Center, on March 27. Call 410-938-8099 with questions.

Town Web Site

BUSINESS, RESIDENT PAGES TAKING OVER

By Gayley Knight, Town Web Administrator

If you haven't been to the Town web site lately, check it out. It is:

<http://www.townofsomerset.com>.

As a service to Town residents, we are linking business sites to our Town site. And if you have ever aspired to be a graphic or web designer or just want to dabble and see what all this technology hullabaloo is about, you can soon visit the resident personal page and make your own page that can be published to the web for all your friends and neighbors to enjoy. In the meantime, read the minutes of the last Town meeting at:

<http://www.townofsomerset.com/minutes.html>.

If you already have a personal page, e-mail clerk @ townofsomerset.com the URL, and we will link you to the Town.

Don't forget - if you have an interest that you would like to see on the site, notify Gail Werner, Mark Greenberg, Bonnie Lewin or me.

Swim Team Preview

BILL WHITTEY RETURNING AS HEAD COACH

What's New for 2000? It's never too early to start thinking about summer vacation, so here's an update on what's happening with the swim team. We have been moved back to the M division. We are seeded fifth and swim, in order of ranking, Old Farm, Tanglewood, Forest Knolls, Connecticut Belair and Parkland. Bill Whittey is coming back as head coach, and we are still waiting to hear from Pacha, Jeff and Nina. We are also looking for teenagers to help with the developmental team. Community service credits are available for this really fun job. Call Sarah Morse (301-907-3298) if you are interested either in the developmental team or in being an assistant coach. If we can't hire last year's assistants, we will need to interview new people.

Meet Schedule Set. Mark your calendars - swim meets will be every Saturday morning starting June 17 and ending with the Divisionals, July 22. The All-Star events are Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30. The relay carnival has not been scheduled yet. We are also still trying to schedule two B meets on Wednesday nights and one or two mini meets. Social events are scheduled as follows: Friday, May 26, pre-season party; all old and potential swim team members are invited.

Saturday, July 22, team banquet. More calendar events as the season grows closer. For more league information, check out their web site at www.mcsl.org.

Who May Join the Team? As always, the swim team is open to all Somerset residents ages 5 to 18. There are no tryouts; everyone who can pass their deep water test is welcome. We practice every day from 4 to 6 or in the morning at 8:30. There is also a developmental team, the minis, for kids under 8 who can swim at least 15 yards, but aren't ready to join the team. So when you're making your summer plans, leave some time for the swim team. It's Somerset's only sports team.

Correspondence From Citizens

UNHAPPY WITH SNOW CLEARING

I'm writing after the January 25 snow storm. I have noticed a lot of sidewalks around Town that have not been cleared. Some sidewalks have not been cleared at all while others are covered with ice. People can get hurt by slipping on ice and shouldn't have to walk in the street. For kids who have to walk from home to school or to the bus stop, this is a problem. So if people could please clear the sidewalks, I think it would make our Town much safer.

Matthew Barr (age 11)

Essex Ave.

I have decided to write in response to an article in last month's *Town Journal* where the Mayor praised the Town residents and our contractor, Rolling Acres, for doing a "splendid job of plowing and sanding our street"! I will be the first to admit that the storms that hit us the last part of January were difficult, but nonetheless, the Town Code does state that all residents must shovel their sidewalks. A full week after the last snowfall, on January 31, there were still many sidewalks that were impassable. I drove my daughter to the bus stop every day, because of the conditions. On my way, with a few other children in tow, we witnessed other children walking in the middle of the streets. I ask you - how dangerous is that? I suggest that if you are unable to clear your sidewalks, turn to the back of the *Town Journal* and call one of the kids listed on the odd job list. This job would be one that most would love to have.

As far as the job Rolling Acres did - that was far from splendid! I travel back and forth to Somerset School from River Road several times a day and all of the streets along the way were in terrible condition. I have spoken to other residents who seem to have the same opinion as mine. Some serious consideration needs to be given to how we, as a Town, are going to more effectively deal with this problem in the future.

Donna McDougal

River Road

In last month's Town Journal, I thanked "our many good citizens" who cleared their sidewalks and reminded those who didn't that our Town Code requires that it be done. As for the streets, unfortunately some were slippery for a short time between plowing and sanding because the sand had frozen in the contractor's truck. Even so, I'm not aware of any neighborhood that had plowed, sanded streets before Somerset.

Walter Behr

FINDS TOWN WEB SITE IMPRESSIVE

As a very new Internet user, I've finally gotten onto the Town of Somerset web site, and I was impressed with the wonderful job the Volunteer Committee did. It's easy to use the links, and there's lots of interesting and useful information about the Town. I particularly enjoyed the illustrations that accompanied the text.

It occurs to me that many of us must have pictures of Town activities or views of the Town during various seasons of the year. The committee would be happy to have more pictures that could be incorporated with text as well as any suggestions for additional sites or information. Gayley Knight assures me that all pictures will be returned in their original state. Should you like to offer anything, phone or e-mail Gayley at 301-951-1026 or the Town's e-mail address, clerk@townofsomerset.com.

Judy Frankel

Uppingham Street

Board Of Education

CANDIDATES FORUM NEARBY ON MARCH 1

All nine candidates for the at-large vacancy on the Montgomery County School Board are scheduled to appear at a forum Wednesday, March 1, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Road. Sponsors are the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Cluster and the Community Coalition for the school.

At the Primary Election on Tuesday, March 7, registered voters in Montgomery County (Democrats, Republicans and Independents) will be permitted to cast a ballot for one of the nine candidates. The two highest-scoring candidates will be on the ballot for the General Election in November.

The candidates are: Augustus Alzona, Sharon W. Cox, Charles Haughey, Said Jahanmir, Luella Mast, Lauri Rodich, Carmen I. Roman, Bill White and Beth Wong.

Primary, General Elections

JUDGES STILL NEEDED

Standby and transportation judges are still needed in and near Somerset for Primary and General Elections on March 7 and November 7, respectively. Interested residents registered to vote in Montgomery County should call 240-777-8570 or 240-777-8575.

Standby judges are paid \$50 for remaining near their telephones between 5:30 a.m. and noon on Primary and General Election Days. If a regular judge cannot serve at the last minute, a standby judge is called and is expected to report to the designated precinct and work until 8 p.m. Those serving earn an additional \$50 for most positions.

Only a few transportation judges are needed. What they do is pick up sealed ballot boxes from the polling places and observe them while being transported (on school buses) to Rockville, where they are counted.

The March schedule of free Wednesday evening concerts at the Friendship Heights Village Center follows. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. and last about an hour.

March 1, Sounds East. March 8, Balkanto. March 15, Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance. March 22, Barbara Martin Trio. March 29, Duo Serenata.

Medicare 2000

WORKSHOP ON CHANGES, CHOICES

Leta Blank, director of Montgomery County's senior health insurance assistance program, will present an overview of Medicare changes on Wednesday, March 1, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center. The center is in the Metropolitan Building, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, across the street from the Bethesda Metro Station.

Discussion will include Medicare ambulance and HMO coverage, reduction in prescription benefits and long-term care insurance.

The workshop is free, but pre-registration is encouraged. Call 301-986-4325. Parking is available in the building.

Women's Fair

DIANE REHM WILL BE KEYNOTER

Celebrating women across the generations will be the theme of the 20th Montgomery County Women's Fair on Saturday, March 25, at the William Natcher conference center on the National Institutes of Health campus in Bethesda. Diane Rehm, radio talk show host and author, will give the keynote address at the luncheon program.

Exhibits will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Attendees will have to choose from a host of workshops beginning at 9:00 and 10:15 a.m. and 2:15 and 3:30 p.m.

Registration by March 13 will be \$10. On-site it will cost \$15. For more information, call 301-949-2055, or see the announcement on the Town Hall bulletin board.

County History Competition

JUDGE STUDENT EXHIBITS, PERFORMANCES

Middle school students are working on exhibits, papers, performances and videos to enter in the Montgomery County History competition, which will be held Saturday, March 18, at Pyle Middle School in Bethesda from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Montgomery County Historical Society, sponsor of the event, needs 100 judges for the day.

To volunteer or obtain further information, call Emily Correll at 301-762-5115 or Karen Yaffe Lottes, 301-340-6534.

Obituaries

GLADYS KATCHER DIES AT 90

After a high-spirited and adventurous life, Gladys Uhl Katcher of Warwick Place died on February 11, shortly after her 90th birthday. Her work as a journalist (ranging from a Mexican newspaper to Time Magazine) took her to various points around the world and eventually into Democratic politics.

During Lyndon Johnson's administration, the then Gladys Uhl served as Public Affairs Director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and later became the Administrative Assistant to U.S. Congressman Richard Bolling of Missouri -- a rare post for a woman back then. Throughout her life she worked tirelessly in the Democratic vineyard -- from writing speeches for India Edwards and the Democratic National Committee and assisting Jaqueline Kennedy

during the Kennedy campaign to a recent stint as a volunteer in the White House helping answer Hillary Rodham Clinton's mail.

Until her last days, Mrs. Katcher continued to enrich the lives of her friends with her warmth, her kindness and her enthusiasm to join in whatever activity her companions proposed. Given her earthy sense of humor, Gladys Katcher surely would have enjoyed the final sentence that her husband, David, added to the notice for her memorial service:

"In lieu of flowers, please send your contribution to the Al Gore for President campaign."

BEATRICE ORFIELD; SOMERSET SCHOOL TEACHER

Beatrice E. Orfield, 90, died January 10 at a group home in Fulton. She had Alzheimer's disease and congestive heart failure.

Mrs. Orfield, who came to the Washington area in 1944, lived on Essex Avenue before entering the group home last year. She taught at Somerset School from 1954 to 1960. She then served as a reading diagnostician with Montgomery County Public Schools until retiring in 1976.

Mrs. Orfield taught high school home economics and science in her native South Dakota and lived in Minneapolis before coming to the Washington area. A 1931 graduate of South Dakota State University, she received a master's degree in elementary education from George Washington University.

Her husband, Matthias, died in 1953. She is survived by a daughter, Linda Orfield of Savage.

SONIA KILSHEIMER, FORMER RESIDENT

Sonia Kilsheimer, 76, a former resident of Greystone Street and co-founder of a Washington sign company, died Jan. 25 at a hospice in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after a stroke.

From 1947 to the early 1960s, she and her then-husband, Gunther Kilsheimer, operated Art Display Co., which designed and built the gold menorah displayed on the South Lawn of the White House during the Hanukah season.

In 1967, she moved to Fort Lauderdale, where she and others helped start End World Hunger. Mrs. Kilsheimer was a native of Rio de Janeiro. She came to this country in 1947.

Used Book and Bake Sale Returns

That venerable tradition, the Somerset Elementary School Used Book and Bake Sale, is scheduled

for Friday March 3, (7-9 pm) and Saturday March 4, (9:30 am - 3 PM). Beyond providing an opportunity for some wonderful, leisurely browsing among bargain books (and nibbling on goodies besides), the book sale is your opportunity to clean off bookshelves and make room for new literary treasures (or simply beach reading from which you can't bear to part). Book drop-offs at the school begin on Monday, February 28.

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