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# FOREST HILL INFORMER

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## RETURNS ON THE RAPID QUESTION

The number of people who took time to write their sentiments concerning the Rapid Transit was surprisingly large. The number of Forest Hill Boulevard residents who oppose the buses on their street vouchsafe action. We are not giving tabulations now. There is mail concerning the problem arriving each day. The Lee feeder meets the approval of all. The Forest Hill Boulevard line calls forth all the sentiments from wild wrath to resignation. Mild resignation is the vast minority. Many of the letters were constructive and will be effective in presenting the question fairly to proper officials. Meanwhile the letters are being photocopied for the purpose of presentation.

The filing of opinion or any further action may not be necessary if the situation as presented in our dailies is correct. A few days before this paper went to press the question of keeping several feeder lines in operation was moot indeed. All are aware of the Rapid Transit difficulties because of the front page news the finances of this operation seem to merit. It follows that no operation will continue if it jeopardizes the financial structure. If the feeders are so poorly patronized, as represented, the Forest Hill Boulevard line will be discontinued along with others. Unfortunately so will the much appreciated Lee line. These various publicly stated possibilities concern Forest Hill people. It does not seem wise to proceed with a plan of our own when the master plan has not crystallized. Until the Rapid Transit Board presents a definite policy our efforts to resolve the Forest Hill Boulevard problem would only add to the confusion or worse yet our plans may be summarily tossed in the wastebasket without being recognized. We are forced to wait out the period of indecision.

A word of gratitude is in order for the interest exhibited. In this way the community is represented as vital and people correctly believe their opinions count. The processes may seem slow but the officers and trustees are keeping posted on the changes taking place in the Rapid plan. Their views will be presented when the time seems right.

## NOW, ABOUT FENCES

Many new residents in Forest Hill are facing a spring problem in fencing. The reasons are many. Some wish to keep the dog in the property area; most wish to more clearly describe their property. With few exceptions the persons involved have been reasonable and have been

careful to follow the rules governing property purchased in Forest Hill. There are fences in the area. Some fence building has been refused. The result is confusion and a justified angry questioning about discrimination. Nothing personal is intended nor could there be discrimination against a resident. There are rules and they will be presented in definitive form by your trustee very soon. Until such time the following general rules cover any more formal statement:

1. Check on other, if any, fences in your block.
2. Sketch of proposed fence is required for consideration.
3. Consent of neighbors is required.
4. Permit from city is mandatory.
5. Check setback regulations of both City and Forest Hill.

One good way to avoid trouble after permission is granted is to adhere to the presented plan. Three feet high should mean from the ground, not above eye level. Follow the easy rules and no trouble will ensue.

## **TO THE DOGS**

Dog owners are to be complimented on the care exercised in keeping the pets in check. One non-owner remarked that there had been no offenses committed in several months, and this remark from a much maligned individual. The dogs on her street are so well controlled even the most enticing shrubs haven't been given a tumble—shall we say.

One growl however. The dog owners wonder why the cat is never mentioned as a nuisance. Actually there has been no lack of attention insofar as the cats are concerned. The rash of complaints accompany the return of the birds. It is pointed out by many that all books attest when the conflict between birds and cats is resolved the birds always lose. The cat is predaceous by nature.

Out of respect for your neighbor alone your cat should be as well controlled as the dog.

The law has handled the dog's case. Common sense should curb the ranging cat.

Speaking of nuisances: We wonder what cats and dogs think of humans.

## **HERE WE GO AGAIN**

The dumping of rubbish for the 1000th time has become a problem. The few remaining vacant areas in this community would make this seem impossible but the reports are in and the old offenders again are on the move. The refuse dumpers are at their ambitious worst after holidays and the start of seasons. Those brown swags you see festooning the various blooming trees so inappropriately were inadvertently placed shortly after Christmas. Not that there was any shortage of collections of that type of debris—the fellow is a frustrated decorator.

The disturbing party can have action brought against him if your trustee is notified. But people are shy in doing this if the offender happens to be a neighbor. This modesty is a particularly negative virtue. Any person selfish enough to desecrate a community doesn't deserve consideration as a neighbor or the kindness the name implies. Forest Hill is a community of intelligent people. The strays should be brought to line.

Dumping trash of any kind creates a breeding ground for rats. Shrub trimmings and grass putrefy and add to the nuisance. Some gardeners maintain the filling of sink holes with fresh waste from spring manicuring is a good idea but this wisdom usually stems from the convenience of the sump rather than the will to improve the area.

Aside from all the gentle nudges the plain fact remains that dumping rubbish in unauthorized places is unlawful. That should make any corrective effort a cinch. In East Cleveland the penalty is \$50.

## POINT WITH PRIDE

This is the time of year the Hill blooms. Our area is usually beautifully groomed but the color at this time adds immeasurably to the effect. It may be that we get a little more aware each year but this spring season seems to have surpassed any previous as far as abundance of blossoms is concerned. The new residents have added tremendously in this respect. They have taken great pains in the planting of shrubs and lawns. The residents of years standing are especially proud that the Community has instilled this willingness in their new friends. Though the compliments cannot be shouted from every corner we know from the comment we hear that every effort is appreciated. There is no question—Forest Hill is the Community.

## PUZZLE CORNER

Your editor recently received a complaint from a lady that our little effort was too much a scold. "Why" said she, "is there never an anecdote or some fun?"

We now can answer that the name "Informer" is from the Latin meaning to enlighten. This we attempt. "Anecdote" is from the Greek meaning "not published." Reason enough. However, we do present "puzzle" taken from the old Romany meaning "I'm ignorant too."

Try this on your algebra:

Back in the hills of old Glengassie lived a gypsy horsetrader named Hasraphij who was always kind to his mother. He rated two red stallions as worth three brown mares and a black colt, and was willing to trade 25 old gray mares for a package of three red stallions, two black colts and a brown mare. How many old gray mares would Hasraphij have traded for one red stallion, or one brown mare, or one black colt?

—Courtesy Gypsy Bob Dwyer.

Answer in next issue.

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