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financed. CCLAC accepted the idea.

Rose Perlman, chairman of CCLAC, has met with a small volunteer advisory committee, and has completed arrangements for representatives of the organizations to meet October 2. The meeting will be private, under Rose's guidance, to permit frank exchange of facts and interests. Whatever results from the meeting, the community can be satisfied that honest effort has been made on all sides to explore all options, and that the community has been represented in the discussion.

Library Board meets

On September 17 the Library Board met at the Main Library. A new format permitting questions and comments from the good-sized audience immediately after the Board's presentation of material on Coventry Library made for more productive exchange and more comfortable feelings all around. The Board expressed interest in exploring the possibilities of enlarging Coventry Library's space in the old building, and sharing the building with other groups. The commitment to provide an enlarged and improved Coventry Library was repeated. Library staff will meet with City staff to clarify the City's position concerning CD Block Grant funds and relevant zoning matters, it was announced.

The new librarian for Coventry Library, Miss Barnes, to begin October 15, was introduced. Those who had the chance to talk with her found her warm, friendly, and excited about working with a community so passionate about its library. She expressed interest in suggestions and welcomed any volunteers interested in helping to provide new programs. She plans to get acquainted with the community, and hopes that Coventry residents will come and meet her.

The next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Monday, October 15 at 7:45 pm at the Main Library. The meeting is free, interesting, open to the public and starts promptly.

Tax base imperiled

The Library Board and observers are awaiting public announcement from the county auditor on how the intangible tax money will be distributed to the libraries in the county. A change of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ could bring the CH-UH system an additional \$100,000. A legal dispute initiated by the Cleveland Public Library system concerning the distribution formula could delay funding. Community observers will also be watching to see what the Library Board does with the funds it receives.

And then she asked . . .

Have you borrowed a book from Coventry Library lately? If not, why not try it? You might enjoy it.

June C. Wortman

CANDIDATES' NIGHTS: A DIVISION OF LABOR

Coventry Neighbors, Inc., and the Coventry PTA will co-sponsor two candidates' nights in the Coventry area during October.

COVENTRY P.T.A. SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES NIGHT

Candidates for the Cleveland Heights University Heights Board of Education will meet the public at the Coventry PTA Candidates' Night on Thursday, October 18, at 7:30 PM in the All-Purpose Room of Coventry School. Running for the two seats to be filled are Russell Baron (incumbent), Charles Byrne, John Jackson, Anita Pitts and Donalene Poduska.

The School Board sets policy for the Cleveland Heights University Heights public school system and appoints the Library Board.

--June C. Wortman

COVENTRY NEIGHBORS COUNCIL CANDIDATES NIGHT

Candidates for Cleveland Heights City Council will present their views at the Coventry Neighbors Candidates' Night on Tuesday, October 23, at 7:30 PM at the Unitarian Society, 2728 Lancashire Road (right across from Musicians Towers). The public is cordially invited, and CNI hopes that you will take advantage of the opportunity. Three of these people will profoundly influence the policies of Cleveland Heights for the next few years, and it is up to you to decide which three.

We are fortunate to have Fred S. Toguchi, Cleveland Heights architect and Zoning Board chairman as moderator.

Each candidate will have a fixed period of time in which to present his or her positions. There will also be plenty of time for the candidates to field questions from the audience. After the formal part of the meeting, refreshments will be served, and this will be an opportunity for an informal chat with the candidates. Please join us for an entertaining and informative evening.

CNI thanks the Unitarian Society of Cleveland for donating the space for this meeting.

-F. David Gill

NEW CITIZENS GROUP

Activist citizens recently involved in the Coventry Library movement have formed an organization called "Citizens for a Full-Service Library at Coventry." They have hired an architect to provide an independent evaluation of the old building, and have obtained legal council. Since all this costs money, they appreciate donations of any size. Checks can be mailed to Linda Kaplan, Treasurer, at 1789 Middlehurst Road., Cleveland Hts., 44118. The group presented their written evaluation of the building to the Library Board. It can be read, along with the Board minutes, at a any library branch or at Main.

COVENTRY MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION

The Coventry Merchant's Association held its first annual meeting September 13th in George Fitzpatrick's office at the Heights Art Theatre. Officers are: Ellen Strong, president; Marcia Polevoi, vice president; and Joan Jordan, secretary.

Committees have been working for several months gathering information and forming plans for the next six month's work. Committees and chairpersons are: Architecture - Phil Imperi, D.D.S.; Finance - Joan Jordan, Quilt Galleries; Outreach - Marcia Polevoi, High Tide Rock Bottom; Membership - Ellen Strong, Coventry Books; Advertising George Fitzpatrick, Heights Art Theatre.

George Fitzpatrick recently became chairperson of Advertising and he and his committee are planning Holiday advertising and promotional activities.

Greg Balbierz of the City staff reported that \$3200 would be available for planting and maintenance of trees on the strip, \$1200 from Coventry Neighbors and \$2000 in Community Development Block Grant funds in response to the CNI money.

Mrs. Blyumin of Import Foods and Mr. Biller of the Laundromat requested and received the Association's support for their pending requests before the Board of Zoning Appeals.

On September 20, the Local Development Corporation (LDC) voted to fund an architectural study of the Coventry business district. The study's purpose is to develop guidelines for rehabilitation of commercial facades. Rehabilitation work done in conformity with these guidelines will be eligible for a rebate of 10% of construction costs.

"On the Street", the newsletter of the Association, will be published monthly. Subscriptions are available for \$5 a year. Subscriptions and articles can be sent to Joan Jordan, c/o Quilt Galleries, 2800 Mayfield, CH 44118. Deadlines for articles will be the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The newsletter will be published the following Friday. There will be a Boo's and Bravo's column and we will cheerfully accept nominations (write or call Joan Jordan at 321-8303).

We are looking forward to a busy winter. --Joan Jordan, CMA

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CITY SERVICES NEEDED AT MUSICIANS TOWERS

Sally Golden lives at Musicians Towers. She is concerned about the welfare of her neighbors, and her primary neighborhood consists of the 240 suites in the Towers. But the residents of those suites go beyond the confines of the Towers, and when they encounter problems, Mrs. Golden's concern goes with them. She talked about this to a Coventry Village News reporter.

"The older people need a better crosswalk at Lancashire and Coventry," Mrs. Golden said. "Some of our people have nearly gotten hit crossing Coventry there. I saw one woman get that close, she said, indicating with her hands a space of a few inches. Mrs. Golden said that the City should install

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THE RUMMAGE SALE

The week of October 15 will see a flurry of activity on Lancashire Road, as the Unitarian Society once again opens its doors on its Rummage Sale.

The 1979 Rummage Sale see bazaar devotees, hobbyists, folks looking for items to be used as presents, satisfied old customers, and first timers -- all looking for something they need at a reasonable price.

To the volunteers who run the operation, the sale itself is the last step in a long process that involves accepting donations throughout the summer, storing them, bringing them to church for the sale, sorting and displaying items, and pricing. Besides the hard workers at these tasks and the actual cashiering, particular credit goes to those who have made the donations of merchandise.

This type of fund-raiser goes back to when the congregation was located in a church at East 82nd and Euclid, ten years ago. Many of the rummage sales had poor receptions, some were quite successful. The last three years have been a marked improvement over times past. Material not bought is donated to Our Lady of Fatima church, an inner-city congregation, and reportedly everything is eventually utilized.

For those who donate, the "best sellers" are winter coats, winter goods in general, furniture and collectibles. These catch the public's eye much better than shoes, hats or out-of-style clothing.

The Society hopes to welcome crowds of interested people at the 1979 Rummage Sale. "Donate and Participate!"
-- Allan S. Lustig
(with thanks to Mrs. Valerie Bass)

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pedestrian-operated crosswalk lights, such as are installed at Severance Center, or some equally authoritative signal. She is concerned that the City will not act until someone is killed in the crosswalk.

Lancashire Road should, in addition, be snowplowed in the winter, she said. Neighboring landlords do not keep their sidewalks clear, she said, and the street can be deadly for an elderly person unless they can walk on a plowed center. Lancashire Road is Musicians Towers residents' access to Pick-N-Pay and the Euclid Heights Boulevard RTA stops.

Mrs Golden is aware of the general City Priority given to plowing arterial streets first after a heavy snow, and residential streets thereafter as they can be serviced. But she feels that the City has a special obligation to Musicians Towers residents.

STREETWALKING -

Things are really popping on the street these days. By now most of the "natives" have seen the beautiful new High Tide Rock Bottom which opened this month at 1814 Coventry. Marcia has some fascinating new stuff. Of particular interest were the ewe with a special place for a lamb, and those crazy hats.

I've been trying for a week to catch Irv to find out if he has an opening date - with no success. By the looks of it, it will be soon. The ramp for the handicaped looks like a good idea. I hope that it doesn't result in too many bumped shins. In addition to the changes we see taking place there are others not quite so visible or which haven't taken place yet. At the last Board of Zoning Appeals meeting Musia Blyumin of the World's Best Foods, 1844 Coventry was awarded a variance to allow her to put in three tables. Visiting her to look the situation over I got a great ham & cheese sandwich and some fresh lemonade to take out. She also showed me the Russian language newspaper which she has available for sale. One of the oldest foreign language newspapers, it has been published in New York for the past fifty years.

On the agenda for the next BZA is a request for a variance to allow the Laundromat to expand into what was the old Casbah. A sign says that Design Lines, now upstairs at 2800 Mayfield will move into what had been Else's at 1797 Coventry, next to the Coronet Cleaners. I went to see what's up and find that Else is retiring and Lee Goldstein, prop. and his associate, Carla Kirmayer plan to move down towards the end of the month after they have done some remodeling. They will continue to do precision cutting, permanents and coloring for both men and women by appointment.

The Corkscrew changes hands October 1 and will be run by a troika consisting of Tim Mammen, Susan Anker and Ralph Gunderman doing business as usual with an eye towards expanded delivery services and longer hours. Kathy Watson, present proprietor will be around until at least the first of the year.

The lovely blue and green design on the window of Coventry Books is an adaptation of one that Ellie Strong saw when she was in Hong Kong.

Florence Hudson, a long time resident of the area, who was very active in the development of the Senior Citizens program in Cleveland Heights died recently and at her memorial service they talked of her habit of taking a big shopping bag on her walks to pick up trash and papers thrown along Euclid Heights Blvd. She felt that it was up to each one of us to keep our own part of this earth clean. In memory of Florence I would like to propose the formation of a Hudson Committee that would sponsor projects to keep our part of this earth clean.

Don't forget Dobama opens with "The Ice Man Cometh" on October 18.

Bobbie Littell

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