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ELECTIONS.. Dec. 4th

The Nominating Committee presents its slate of candidates to lead the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association:

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An organization and its programs is as good as the officers it elects.

Additional nominations for any office may be made by any member of the B.C.C.A. at our next meeting, Thursday, December 4th when ELECTIONS will be held.

Keep this date open!

PLEASE COME AND VOTE.

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NEWS EDITOR

With the selection of a new editor for the "Action News" Virgil Regalbuto, all items to be considered for inclusion in the "Action News" should be directed to him.

While it would seem that problems and concerns are a main portion of the activities of the B.C.C.A., "Action News" will consider anything of interest to the community whether it be the past as revealed in Sebastian Platania's "The Bellerose Story" or the future as plans for celebrating the Bicentennial year in Bellerose are formalized.

We welcome stories and suggestions since I consider "Action News" as neighbors speaking to neighbors.

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NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

DEC. 4, 1975

at 8:30 P.M.

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85th Avenue

Where Bellerose Worships

Bellerose is quite an ecumenical community, attested to by the variety of houses of worship within its boundaries.

The House of Hope United Presbyterian Church, St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church, Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bellerose Jewish Center, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Creedmore Chapel, the Bellerose Baptist Church-- a credit to the fathers of our country who came to this great land for religious freedom. In this issue we begin a series "Where Bellerose Worships", by examining the history of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On September 26, 1926 the Reverend James Berg, Missionary Superintendent of New York and New England Synod, met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sturcke where plans were formulated to organize Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The first service was conducted on October 3, 1926 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hanson, 248-30 89 th Avenue, with 27 people in attendance.

A storeroom was immediately rented on November 1 st, at 242-01 Jamaica Avenue, as a place for worship and to conduct other church activities. In less than a

year the growth of the Sunday School forced the congregation to seek larger quarters at 242-05 Braddock Avenue (September 1, 1927). The congregation was served by supply and student pastors until July 1, 1928 when the Reverend W. John Derr arrived as permanent resident pastor.

The rapid growth of the congregation and Sunday School warranted planning for a House of God. A parcel of land was secured at the southwest corner of 90 th Avenue and 244 th Street. Ground was broken in March, 1931, with the cornerstone laid in April 1931. Dedication services were held July 26, 1931.

The congregation multiplied rapidly and soon the edifice became inadequate. With plans for a proposed parkway necessitating condemnation of the beautiful seven year old structure, the congregation learned in 1938 that the Church must be vacated. Temporary quarters were found at 245-08 Jamaica Avenue, known as Moose Hall, where religious services and activities were held from January 1939 until the new Church was erected on Commonwealth Boulevard between 86th Road and 87th Avenue. The salvaged cornerstone of the first church building (dated 1931) was laid at the new church on September 17, 1939. The

present church was dedicated December 10, 1939.

The new church building proved adequate for several years. However, the construction of many new homes on vacant farm land surrounding church property produced a phenomenal growth in church membership and Sunday School enrollment. Much thought was given to the need for expansion or constructing a parish hall to meet the great need for a well-rounded youth program. The restriction of building materials during World War II necessitated a delay, but ground was broken on January 30, 1949, with the new parish hall dedicated on October 9, 1949.

After forty years of service to his congregation, Pastor Derr submitted his resignation in 1968. Succeeding him was Pastor Arthur Hennig, who served Holy Trinity until March of 1975. The next few months saw interim and supply pastors until November 1st, when Pastor Howard Funk assumed the duties of resident pastor.

Holy Trinity serves a membership of about 450 families. Their church and community activities are known to a great many Bellerose residents and include: Women's Service Guild, Women's Missionary Guild, Altar Guild,

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PROBLEMS & CONCERNS

One of the purposes of the B.C.C.A. is to convey to the proper authorities the problems and concerns of this community---and hopefully to get satisfactory solutions.

In these days of deteriorating services, it becomes more important that the needs of Bellerose not be neglected.

Your officers have handled individual complaints as received. Please keep your cards and letters coming in. To regularize this activity of gathering, recording, and processing these complaints, Mr. McGann has drawn up the form on page 3 for your use.

Please be as specific as possible both as to the nature of the complaint and the exact location.

PLEASE CUT OUT THIS FORM AND USE IT as the occasion arises.

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Please MAIL to:
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OR BRING it to the next Civic Association meeting.

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Location of service need _____

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2. Illegal housing conversions
3. Abandoned cars
4. Abandoned buildings (houses)
5. Unkept lots (not privately owned)
6. Operation Identification information
7. Alarm System information
8. Any other problems _____

SECURITY

Much has been said and written concerning personal safety. While the community is people, the community is also homes and other property.

Any act of vandalism should be reported immediately to the 105th Precinct (Phone 740-0600), giving as much detail as possible, especially if one knows

or can identify the vandals. Pressing charges against the vandals whenever possible is an effective way to curb vandalism. Another effective way is to accept the premise that your neighbor's problems are your problems and that his safety protects your safety.

George Wolf

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Junior and Senior Youth Groups, Junior Boys Basketball team, Junior Girls Sports Groups, and various troops of both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts (including adult activities as well) making use of the Parish Hall for meetings.

On September 26, 1976, Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate its fiftieth

anniversary. May we be the first to extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes on this auspicious occasion.

My thanks to the following people, without whose help this article could not have been written:

Mr. Ernest Schwabe, Mrs. Dorothy Hicks, and Mrs. Ruth Dudick.

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