Annual
July Picnic-
Big Success

Our summer family gathering, held at the Milligan’s Gunpowder Country Club in Laurel, Maryland was our first member participation “Self Help” picnic. Volunteers provided a large variety of salads, vegetables, and desserts, with hamburgers, hot dogs and beer provided by the Association. This group effort provided a wide variety of home made dishes far superior than we’ve experienced in years past with caterer services.

Kid, kids, and more kids. Never have I seen so many children brought to our picnic — were they all ours? Contests for the children, and for some adventure-some adults, ranged from cracker whistling contests, watermelon eating contests, and sack races, which they managed to squeeze in between their swimming, volleyball, softball, badminton, frisby, and putting contests.

The highlight of entertainment was provided by Brownie, of G.L. Cornell Co., who for hours made shuttle runs around the neighborhood in his immaculate 1915 Model T Ford. Every fifteen minutes he would putter up to the picnic tables and exchange his load of children for a new batch, and then off he’d go again. It kind of looked like a traffic hour bus stop for a while.

Paul Barefoot, picnic “committee” chairman, ended our picnic by auctioning off remaining watermelons, rolls, hot dogs, (one was hot off the grill) and anything else that looked like it might be marketable. When I couldn’t find Mary Lou for some length of time, I finally went to Paul and inquired if he had auctioned her off too.

This picnic was both successful and economical. If we can find another volunteer picnic chairman for 1976 who will work as hard as the Barefoots and Milligans did this year, we will be assured of continuing success for next year.

Did Brownie ever get home?