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20,000 Jam Open House For GCS Wheaton Store

Over 20,000 people turned out to the Open House of the new Co-op General Store in Wheaton last Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. The 15,000 registration forms printed for the occasion were used up during the first two hours; many people could not get in because of the crowds. Open for business on Monday morning, sales exceeded \$11,000 the first day. It is estimated that sales the first week will hit around \$75,000, according to General Manager Sam Ashelman. Suppliers and friends contributed \$450 for the CARE Christmas package from the Wheaton Co-op.

As announced last week, all the opening specials for the Wheaton store are available also at the Takoma Co-op and the Greenbelt Shopping Center.

Legion To Hold Xmas Charity Show, Dec. 23

The Annual Big Legion Christmas Charity Show will be held at the Greenbelt Theater, Thursday, December 23, at 1 and 3 p.m. The feature picture will be that classic "National Velvet" in Technicolor starring Elizabeth Taylor and Mickey Rooney. Tops in entertainment, Post 135 desires very much to pack the theater for both shows. Everyone is invited to bring their children. The admission will be a can of food, or a new toy or book. This applies to adults as well as children.

Help the Legionnaires to meet their goal this Christmas. A basket of groceries and a turkey to every needy family in the area.

The annual Legion Christmas party will be held Sunday afternoon December 19 from 2 to 6 at the post home. Movies, toys, refreshments, Santa Claus.

Avoid Unsafe Toys Health Dept. Warns

There is real need to exercise caution in selecting toys for youngsters to make certain they are safe and bring the joy intended at Christmas-time, warns Mr. J. Charles Judge, Chief of the Home Accident Prevention Unit, Maryland State Department of Health.

As no one knowingly would give a child an unsafe toy, Mr. Judge suggests prospective Santas keep the following points in mind when deciding what to buy little Johnnie or Suzy for Christmas:

For babies and children under 4 years of age AVOID small toys which may be swallowed, are flammable or have removable parts. Avoid anything with rough or sharp edges and make sure the paint is non-poisonous.

In the age group 3 to 4, AVOID toys which are poorly made, may come apart, break or splinter. Also toys which are sharp or cutting. Flammable or electrical toys should be likewise excluded from your list.

Children 4 to 6 years of age should be guarded against shooting or target type toys which endanger eyes. Also ill-balanced mobile toys (tricycles, wagons, etc.) which may topple easily. Poisonous painting sets, pinching or cutting objects likewise involve potential danger.

The dexterity ages, 6 to 8, present similar problems where non-approved electrical toys, anything too large or complicated for the child's strength and ability should be taboo. Also sharp edged tools or shooting toys.

For children over 8, air rifles, chemistry sets, dart games, bows and arrows, dangerous tools and electrical toys should be avoided unless used under close parental supervision.

Chief Finds Stolen Car - He Was In It

By Harry Zubkoff

Two of Greenbelt's leading citizens unintentionally became involved in a stolen car case last week. Councilman Jim Smith and Police Chief George Panagoulis are the two embarrassed citizens, and here's how it happened.

Jim and George decided to drive into Washington one night to mail a package at the main Postoffice. Jim drove over to George's house to pick him up, and went inside to chat for a few minutes. Here he met a friend of George's who had dropped in to visit. When they left, George led the way to a car parked in front, thinking it was Jim's. Jim followed, thinking it was George's friend's car.

"Do you want to drive, or shall I?" asked George, politely.

"Help yourself," said Jim generously.

They got into the car. "How does this thing start?" asked George after fumbling around for a minute.

"Just turn the key," said Jim. And away they went.

Ten minutes later Joe Hanyok came out and found the car gone. It wasn't his, either. It belonged to his brother-in-law. He reported the missing car to the police and calmly awaited results. The report went out on a six-state alarm, and police throughout the area were alerted.

Two hours later two very red-faced citizens were trying their best to explain. Fortunately, they had returned home without incident, so their explanations are for local consumption.

"They'll be explaining this one for a long time," says Joe Hanyok between chuckles.

Chief Panagoulis supplied the moral to this story. Never—no never, leave the keys in the car!

Scouts Collect 10,000 Bags In Clothing Drive

Over 10,000 bags of clothing, shoes, household textiles and toys were collected by Prince Georges County Cub, Boy and Explorer Scouts during their Good Turn Day Drive staged for Goodwill Industries on Saturday, December 4. The project was sponsored by Prince Georges District of the National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Commenting on the success of the Scout's good turn, Rev. W. Harold Snape, Executive Director of Davis Memorial Goodwill Industries, said, "What these boys have done to help handicapped people to help themselves is an outstanding demonstration of what it means for a Scout to be 'Helpful'. I wish that everyone of these young helpers might have the opportunity to see for themselves how much good they have accomplished, how many thousands of man-hours of gainful work their good turn has provided." He added:

"The handicapped workers here at Goodwill Industries join me in expressing sincere appreciation to the Scouts, their leaders and the people of Prince Georges County for their generous expression of good will." Mr. Snape also voiced praise for the wonderful cooperation of the county's newspapers which he said "aided immeasurably in making the Good Turn Day such a success."

DROP INN XMAS DANCE

The Drop Inn will hold its annual Christmas dance at the Center school auditorium, Wednesday night, December 22, starting at 8:30 p.m. Music will be furnished by Marty Lannei and his orchestra.

What Goes On?

Friday, December 17 - Hebrew Services held at 8 p.m. in Home Economics Room of Center School. Candle-lighting time at 4:10 p.m. Cub Scout pack meeting and Xmas party at Community Church Fellowship Center. GVHC Board meeting in Hamilton Place Office at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 18 - Bingo sponsored by JCC in Social Room of Center School. Free admission. Time, 8 p.m.

Sunday, December 19 - CHURCH SERVICES Community Church - Morning worship at 9 and 11 a.m. Rev. Braund preaching third Advent sermon, "The Word Made Flesh—Emmanuel." Greenbelt Lutheran Church - Morning worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sermon by Pastor Birner. Methodist Church (meeting at North End School) - Morning worship at 11 a.m. Sermon by Rev. Knock, "Why Are We Born?" Baptist Chapel (meeting in Center School) - Morning worship at 11 a.m. St. Hugh's Catholic Church - Masses at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Jewish Community Center Hanukkah Party in auditorium of Center School at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, December 20 - Lions Club lights Xmas tree at Center. Choral group meets in Room 201, Center School, at 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, December 29 - Lutheran junior and senior choirs present concert of Xmas carols and hymns at church.

Thursday, December 23 - Legion Xmas Show, "National Velvet," at Greenbelt Theater at 1 and 3 p.m.

Lions To Light Tree At Center Monday

The Greenbelt Lions Club will kickoff its second annual Christmas food drive Monday evening with the official lighting of the Good Will Christmas Tree at the Center.

Lion President Dick White will turn the switch at 7:30 p.m. and the four-day drive for food and money for the unfortunate families of Greenbelt will be on its way.

Santa Claus will also be on hand with free gifts of candy for all the children. Lion Art Plackett, who is in charge of the drive for the Lions, hopes to see a real gathering of Greenbelt's small fry and urges all parents to be on hand with them. During the ceremonies the Greenbelt Band will play popular Christmas carols.

"Members of the Club will be on hand every night through Thursday to accept Greenbelter's offerings of food and money for those who need a material as well as spiritual lift," Plackett announced.

Smith Wins Vacant Council Seat After Dramatic 17 Ballots Cast

By I. J. Parker

James C. Smith, 4-H Southway, was elected to the city council last Monday night after a dramatic record-breaking 17 ballots were cast by the four councilmen. Smith replaces Frank Lastner, who resigned from the council after being elected county commissioner.

Smith received two votes on each of the first three ballots but

Council Presents Lastner With Gavel

Commissioner Frank Lastner, former mayor of Greenbelt, was presented with an engraved gavel by the city council last Monday night as a token of his years of service in that position. For the council and citizens of Greenbelt, Mayor James Wolfe also presented Lastner with a leather brief case in expression of the gratitude felt by the city for his "leadership and hard work."

Thanking the council for the gifts, Lastner stated, "I will always work hard in my new job as I have in the past, to earn the esteem of the county residents." He asked his wife, Hilda, to take a bow, calling her the inspiration for his public service.

Lastner said all three candidates for the vacancy on the council that he knew personally were fine, capable citizens and he knew any selection would be a good one.

City Clerk Winfield McCamy presented a personal gift of a ream of ruled pads which Lastner has used in the past to do his "homework" in the performance of his duties.

A testimonial dinner for Lastner will be held Monday, December 20, at the Hot Shoppe Chesapeake Room in College Park. Those wishing to attend should call George Panagoulis or any council member for tickets.

GVHC Board To Pick New Man In January

Ralph Webster, president of the board of the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation, will retain that position until December 31, 1954. At that time, he leaves the Washington area to become assistant director of the Veterans Administration Hines Hospital in Chicago, where he will remain for six months before receiving a permanent assignment to another hospital, in a similar capacity.

Webster explained to this newspaper this week how his resignation would affect the board. Ed Burgoon, now vice-president, will take over as acting president on January 1, and the board will appoint a new member. The group will then elect a president and vice president to serve until the annual election next March.

In addition to Webster and Burgoon, the present board includes Bruce Bowman, secretary; Lloyd Moore, treasurer; Hans Jorgensen, Al Long, Frank Kriby, Frank Lastner and Elliott Bukzin.

but failed to obtain the necessary three votes to win election. Mrs. Zoellner received two votes on nine ballots, and on two occasions each of the candidates were given one vote each. Tierney received two votes in but one ballot. Finally, on the 17th ballot Smith after receiving only one vote on the 13 previous ballots, with dramatic suddenness was elected with the necessary three votes with Mrs. Zoellner obtaining the fourth vote.

The meeting opened with reading of letters supporting the candidates and speeches from citizens attending the meeting to support their candidate. A technical question regarding the position of the election on the agenda delayed the vote momentarily, and then the suspenseful vote began. After eight votes, a short recess was held. After 12 votes, a suggestion was made to continue until 20 ballots occurred and then to move the election to the end of the meeting. But on the 17th ballot Smith swept in.

Smith was sworn in and took his place on the council immediately. He declared, "This election has been an ordeal imposed on the council; but I assure you I'll work in harmony with each and every member of the council. I'm grateful for the honor. And I'll be there with you when the chips are down."

Smith is a long-time resident of Greenbelt, a retired federal employee now operating a used car business. He has served on the council prior to Monday's election, and was the runner-up in the last city-wide council election. Always an active member in the community, Smith presently heads the "Clean-up Committee" in Greenbelt. In the past year he has attended many council meetings and took part in budget discussions, where he has expressed many times his feeling that Greenbelt should grow with the county and attract industry and business to the city.

Councilman Thomas Canning was elected mayor pro-tem by the council to replace James Wolfe, former mayor pro-tem and now mayor.

The meeting was the last one of the year.

Suburban Trust Issues \$100,000 Xmas Bonus

Mr. T. Howard Duckett, chairman of the board of the Suburban Trust Company, announces that the company has distributed a bonus amounting to approximately \$100,000 to its 400 officers and employees. This action is due to the fact that the Suburban Trust has had a very successful year and is in recognition of the devoted service of its employees.

Ballots For Council Seat

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Smith	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3
Zoellner	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1
Thomas	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					1	1	
Tierney						1					1	2	1	1	1		

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TB Seal Campaign Enters 48th Season

It was 48 years ago, on December 7, 1907, that the first Christmas Seals were sold in the United States to raise funds to fight tuberculosis. So those bright red and green Seals you have been putting on your envelopes have a long history.

Back in 1907, TB was "The White Plague," first on the list of causes of death. It had always been a part of man's history. To many it seemed hopeless to try to do anything about it. What could some little scraps of paper do? But to those who believed that TB was not hopeless, those "scraps of paper" symbolized a new way of fighting disease. TB was, they knew, a contagious disease caused by germs passed from the sick to the well. That made it everybody's problem. Everyone must learn the facts about it. Everyone's cooperation was needed to check its spread.

The Christmas Seal way of asking for small contributions from many people gave an opportunity to spread the truth about TB to people in all walks of life in all parts of the country. It gave millions an opportunity to contribute for their own good as well as for their neighbors.

In 48 years the Christmas Seal fight against TB has not changed basically, although techniques have changed and improved with the times. Preventing TB is still the major aim, and this is still done through education, through finding unknown cases of the disease, through efforts to keep the cured patient well, and through scientific research into the nature of the disease.

Today TB no longer heads the list of causes of death in the United States.

RETARDED CHILDREN

The parents of the Prince Georges County Association for Retarded Children wish to thank the people of Greenbelt for opening their hearts to our children, especially those who gave and those who helped us with our Fund Drive Tuesday evening, November 23. We received \$186.14 in the drive.

But most important we got our story across to the people here about our children, which was our main goal of achievement! We feel people know more about us now, and perhaps will find it in their hearts to accept these children like any other handicapped person.

Thank you sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Lou Moglothlin
46-C Ridge.

Church Will Present "Christmas Carol" Play

Dickens' play "The Christmas Carol" directed by Kenneth Smith, Jr., will be presented for the public at 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of Community Church.

The play will also be given at 10:00 a.m. for boys and girls of the Church School.

Modern medicine can cure the disease. Yet it kills 20,000 people a year. TB can be prevented, yet it attacks 110,000 people every year. One fourth of the American people are believed to carry the germs that cause TB in their system. To protect you and your family the Christmas Seal campaign must go on until TB is defeated.

This column is sponsored, in the interest of better health, by the Maryland Tuberculosis Association, 900 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.

Dunbar-Watts

A double-ring ceremony performed by Rev. Eric T. Braund at the Community Church on November 27 united Miss Patricia Yvonne Dunbar and Walter Gordon Watts in marriage. Miss Dunbar is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunbar, Sr., formerly of Greenbelt and now of Bowie, Md. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Watts of Tuxedo, Md.

The wedding party consisted of Miss Patricia Warren of Laurel as maid of honor in orchid lace and tulle, Mrs. Charles Dungan of Indian Head in aqua, Mrs. Paul Dunbar, Jr., of Falls Church, in shrimp, Mrs. Ralph Kirkpatrick of Bowie in blue. The best man was John Venenti of Tuxedo, Md., and ushers were Paul Dunbar, Jr., Charles tulle, Mrs. Charles Dunbar of In-Ralph Kirkpatrick of Bowie, and Roland Peaire of Hillside, Maryland.

The bride, wearing a lace and tulle dress over satin and carrying white roses, was given in marriage by her father. The young couple, following their honeymoon, will be at home at 7204 Forest Drive, Kent Village, Landover, Maryland.

Christmas Bureau To Channel Gifts

A Christmas Bureau which will help channel Christmas gifts to needy county families and children has been established by a committee formed by the Family and Child Welfare Committee of the Prince Georges Planning Council. General chairman of the Bureau is Mrs. W. Howard Hunt of Greenbelt.

The Bureau was formed for a three-fold purpose—1) to prevent duplication of gift giving, 2) to let individuals and groups know of families needing help, and 3) to receive gifts of food, clothing, toys and money from those people who want to contribute but not necessarily to a specified family.

The basement of the National Guard Armory has been made available to the Bureau for a Christmas store. The store will be open to receive donations on Friday, December 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m., on Saturday, December 18, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and during the following week, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The side entrance on Jefferson street should be used.

There is a special need for gifts and clothing for teen-agers (both boys and girls), gifts for old people, and dolls, the Bureau has announced. Food, new or good used clothing, and toys are also needed. Organizations planning to assist families are asked to register their names with Christmas Bureau so that duplication will be avoided. Further information may be obtained by calling UNION 4-6761 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Long View

By A. C. Long

Los Angeles, California—I wrote ahead to some of my windy political friends in Los Angeles that I was coming out and couldn't stand much smog; so they arranged to blow it all out to sea and here it is as clear as a bell. The C.I.O. was getting ready for its National Convention at the ritzy Statler Hotel (how times change), so I had dinner with my good Greenbelt neighbors Alan and Marie Kistler and little Kevin. Kevin, age 4 or 5, enlightened me on several points such as the fact that "the caboose on the train was not a real caboose at all" and "everyone on the train had their own bunk to sleep in." When the C.I.O. travels, they use the best troop trains.

Then at a convivial gathering later I injured my elbow, either knocked it against a bar when a friend shook hands or strained it lifting one too many. I tried to get the doctor to send me to the hospital the next morning, pointing out that it was undoubtedly a bad case of traumatic bursitis, but he only mumbled something about "everyone with a sore elbow wants to go to a hospital just because it is stylish."

I laid in bed nursing my hurt feelings, if not my hurt arm, and I noticed a cartoon in the New Yorker which reminded me what I should have written several weeks ago about the GLIC Board's handling of the undeveloped land. It is a picture of a lady just arriving at a party with her husband and she is saying to the hostess, "Just in case I don't get a chance later, I want to apologize now for the way my husband will behave before the evening is over."

If only the Board Members would remember just two simple principles—unseemly haste is almost always bad and ethical conduct is always good. To go back to some of the philosophers of the first century A.D.—about unseemly haste, Epictetus said

"Be not hurried away by excitement, but say, 'Seemance, wait for me a little. Let me see what you are and what you represent. Let me try you.' And about ethics, Plutarch said: "It is circumstance and proper measure that give an action its character, and makes it either good or bad."

GVHC should have these aphorisms printed on cards for the Board Members to read before they rush pell-mell, helter-skelter to vote on important dealings on the vacant land.

I suppose by this time everyone, whether they have ever read a library book or not, has taken a strong stand on the town budget. I think we should have a referendum next election on a proposal for a two-year moratorium on taxes on all newly constructed homes. This will encourage more building and thus broaden the tax base, and at the same time, it will add no greater tax burden to the present tax payers. It would in the end, however, reduce the tax rate for all of us. It seems to be the only way we can have our cake and eat it. Many cities do it to entice new industry. Why not do it to develop Greenbelt as a greater residential community?

JCC Hanukkah Party To Be Held Sunday

A Hanukkah (Feast of Lights) program-party will be given by the children of the Sunday School of the Jewish Community Center. The public is invited to watch the program and participate in the party, which will be held Sunday, December 19, in the Auditorium of the Center school at 2:30 p.m.

The adult drama group has promised a surprise for the program, and there will be Israeli folk dances for interested adults. A nursery will be maintained for all children over two years of age, and the group of fourteen-year-old girls in charge will provide a full program of games and stories for the youngsters.

Turkey Shopping Tips Given By University

College Park, Md., December 16—How can you figure on the amount of turkey you'll need for Christmas dinner?

A half pound of ready-to-cook large turkey will give one serving of cooked meat, but if you like more than a serving and leftovers, figure on one pound or more per person.

Nutritionist Janet Coblentz, University of Maryland Extension Service, points out that if your family is small and your oven space is limited, you will find smaller turkeys a suitable choice. You can broil, barbecue or fry small turkeys (4 to 8 pounds) as well as roast them.

Here's a table to use as a guide for ready-to-cook turkey:

Approximate Servings	Pounds of Turkey
4 to 10	4 to 8
10 to 20	8 to 12
20 to 30	12 to 16
30 to 40	16 to 20
40 to 50	20 to 24

The specialist says that big turkeys—those weighing 17 to 18 pounds or more—are plentiful and unusually good buys this year. The price per pound of big birds in many areas is less than that of small sizes. This season the price spread has been unusually wide—as much as or even more than 10 cents a pound difference in some localities.

Therefore, if you have an oven large enough to cook a big bird and refrigerator or freezer space for keeping it, either before cooking or after when partially used, you should actually find a large turkey an inexpensive buy in poultry meat.

Xmas Decorations

Speaking of the holiday season, a warning about unsafe Christmas decorations comes from Joanne Reitz, home management specialist of the University of Maryland Extension Service.

The specialist suggests that while you plan your holiday decorations, consider taking adequate safety precautions. One thing you can do is to make your evergreens fire resistant. Here's how to do it:

In a basin or water pail mix a solution of a gallon of warm water, a cup of boric acid powder and 1½ cups of borax. Stir until dissolved.

Next, dip evergreen branches into the solution and wet them thoroughly. When they dry, you will have safer as well as pretty decorations.

You can also lessen the risk of a Christmas tree fire by spraying your tree with the same solution in a spray gun. Another precaution is to keep the tree in plenty of water so that it can drink and stay as fresh as possible. Check the water supply each day.

Then, use common sense with respect to using candles, and be sure that your tree lights are in good repair.

Loftus Girl Picked For College Who's Who

Katherine Ann Loftus of 7-J Crescent was one of eight members of Trinity College's senior class who have been tapped for the honor of being included in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

This honor means that she has been named "outstanding in scholarship, leadership, citizenship and service."

SOCCER CLINIC SATURDAY

A clinic for all interested coaches and players of soccer will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 18 at the Montgomery Blair High School, Sligo Creek Parkway and Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. The clinic is sponsored by the Prince Georges and Montgomery County Recreation Departments in cooperation with the Old Timers Soccer Association.

The program, which is aimed to assist coaches in the formation of and training of teams, will include basic soccer skills and tactics, methods and drills for coaching, interpretation of rules and a special movie.

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My Daze

IF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY DOESN'T STOP "improving" its service, I don't know what we will do, but I'm afraid it will have to be something short of having the phone removed. The way numbers are being changed around, half the town lives incognito. Committee heads are having a rough time contacting members. Friends and relatives trying to reach us are probably concluding that we are away on extended vacations. So far we haven't seen anything of the much touted progress except in rates. Yes, you can't deny rates are improving, if you're a stockholder, that is. The phone being the basic necessity it is, however, we'll put up with anything for the privilege of having Bell's miracle in our home.

THERE MUST BE A DULL AGE during school hours. Going out at a time the court was deserted, our son came in complaining ungrammatically, "I don't have nobody to fight with."

WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT HOW OUR CHILDREN learn at the Center PTA meeting recently. The teachers were each explaining to their group of mothers and fathers how and why they did what they did with their class. What impressed us is how enormously important the skill and understanding (and good sense) of the teacher is in getting the "progressive" method across. You need a good teacher no matter what the approach, I suppose, but it seems especially important to the success of this learning through interest and experience approach. We were impressed too that the understanding parent willing to give abundant attention and encouragement is also vital in allowing the child to develop to his utmost.

OUR OLDER TWO HAVE GOTTEN THE KNACK of frying eggs, and are practicing at every opportunity. Lucky that eggs are comparatively inexpensive these days, or we probably wouldn't be so lenient about it.

—daisy.

University Advises On Care Of Carpets

College Park — Chances are that the area of carpet in front of your television or radio chairs takes a beating every day—and still a harder beating on weekends.

This fall more and more people are watching and listening to football games by television or radio than ever before. With the excitement goes a lot of living room eating and refreshment, and many food accidents occur because of it.

A few precautions and some quick action following food mishaps will help save your carpet, says Vivian L. Cornutt, home furnishings specialist for the University of Maryland Extension Service.

Place small rugs in front of radio and television chairs to absorb the beating caused by heavy feet grinding in the same spot hour after hour during football games. Choose these rugs just as carefully in color and pattern as your carpet so they won't be "sore spots" in the room. If you can't get an exact duplicate, choose the exact color to match the plain carpet. Or if your carpet is figured, choose a color to match its background color.

Take care of all food spills right away, even if there is a critical play at that instant for your favorite team. You'll find that paper napkins, cleansing tissue and paper towels absorb liquids quickly and keep them from spreading on the carpet. Use a damp cloth to absorb the sugar that might be in spilled foods.

Should there be a big splash of greasy foods, go after the spot immediately with a good liquid cleaning solvent. Use a fresh spot on the cleaning cloth each time you apply it to the spot. Dry cleaning "rug" powder is also effective.

Miss Cornutt suggests a more thorough cleaning of your carpet after the game is over when your guests have departed or the family has started other activities.

GIRL SCOUT OFFICE CLOSED

The Girl Scouts of District No. 1, Greenbelt, have announced that their local office will be closed from December 18 through January 1.

Tragedy Strikes The Viking's Home

By W.E.R.

Tommy, the three-year-old pride and joy of Mr. and Mrs. Viking, was apparently dead or totally paralyzed.

The clean, well-kept, small home of the middle-aged couple was silent as the grave. Tommy's bright, smiling face and entertaining voice were no more seen or heard. He had been a healthy kid, although at times noisy, till one night his face lost all its brightness and his voice failed.

The doting couple spent much of the night trying every (to them) known remedy—shaking, twisting and mauling—without results. Tommy could not articulate to tell them what ailed him; to all appearances he was dead. He could not take any nourishment, all normal functions ceased, his usually bright, cheerful face was clouded, immobile—dark.

A hurried call brought a young 'doctor' who made a superficial examination, did a little probing here and there, and inserted a tube into Tommy's throat without results. Tommy was cool, he had no temperature.

After a long spiel of technical verbosity which was Greek to the old couple but sounded very learned, and the proclaiming of his own ability to cure all, the 'doctor' resorted to the now threadbare alibi for inability to make a diagnosis and proclaimed that Tommy had a 'Virus' infection and must be removed to his clinic for further examination, and possibly an exploratory operation.

This was a shock to the Vikings, who hated to see Tommy removed from home. Naturally they wanted to know how much it would cost? How long would he be gone? Could the Doctor assure them he would be O.K. when he came home? The Vikings' bank account was slim, and while they would sacrifice almost everything for Tommy, their questions were very unfair to the doctor.

How can one foresee what one will find in the innards of a body? How much time will be lost making tests? Then during the operation when the innards (vulgar expression) are all in view, the doctor finds a malignant tumor, a leaky heart valve, a ruptured spleen, etc. How can anyone estimate the cost of such repairs unless he has "X" ray eyes or is a clairvoyant? It's both unfair and foolish to demand an estimate of the cost of a cure for unknown obscure ailments. You may get one; But! the job may be a patchwork to keep within the price estimated.

YOU'VE GUESSED It: Tommy Viking was a TV, and the moral is: If your TV fails, employ only a reliable, competent, established technician, NOT an inexperienced fly-by-night whose clinic is in some hidden shack or basement, or possibly on his kitchen table, while his kitchen sink acts as a receptacle for the innards of your set till he or his wife needs to wash the dishes, when the parts of your prized TV are piled on the floor in a corner till after supper.

Don't hesitate to allow your set to be taken to the shop of any honest, reliable, properly equipped technician, altho it is wise to ascertain his reputation as there are still very few who have the skill, the know-how, and the equipment to do a thorough job, but are lacking in conscience. No serviceman can bring a full complement of instruments to your home, or do work satisfactory to you or himself, on your floor. And lastly: Don't look for cheap or "free" service. It doesn't exist. Shun misleading advertisements, their authors and associates, regardless of BIG NAMES. If you want DIS-SERVICE, call one of the "FREE ESTIMATE"—All work done in your home—99c Day and night service artists." You'll learn eventually; you only get what you pay for, but may pay much for what you don't get.

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St. Hugh's Parish Sell Xmas Wreaths

The members of the Parish Committee of St. Hugh's Church are selling Christmas wreaths throughout the city of Greenbelt. Mr. Nunnary, an expert in holiday and festive decorations, has designed and supervised the construction of the wreaths. The proceeds from the sale of the wreaths will be utilized for the St. Hugh's Building Fund.

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Women Can Get Help For Money Problems

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The Finance Folder gives practical advice on budgeting, money management, and family records; financing a car, personal loans, mortgages, home improvement loans; auto, fire and health insurance; and how to invest wisely on a small scale.

A handy check list for recording important financial facts for the family is an extra feature of the new guide for women.

The Folder will be used by women all over the country as an aid in their financial education. It is available to the public, as well as to AAUW members. It may be ordered for 75 cents from AAUW, 1634 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D. C., or from the Service Department, Changing Times, 1729 H St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

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GW Awards BS Degree To Barbara Hendrick

Barbara Diane Hendrick, daughter of Mrs. Helen Carey of 34-G Ridge Road, Greenbelt, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with a major in Home Economics during the annual Fall Convocation exercises of the George Washington University held November 11, 1954 in the Lisner Auditorium of the University. A total of 333 students received degrees.

President of the University, Dr. Cloyd Heck Marvin, gave the charge to the graduating class. Dr. Marvin told the class "we believe that personality is sacred and that in this belief is the basis of liberty." He went on to affirm the University's belief that "democracy is a spiritual testament and not an economic or political structure." The president concluded by quoting the poet's line: "Everything comes out of the people—the people—everyday people—the people as you find them and leave them."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The News Review extends birthday greetings to Miss Beautiful Joan (pronounced Jo-ann) Murray, of 6-H Hillside who became twenty years old December 13.

LITTER JINGLE

Submitted by
Bernard Krug, 7-E Crescent
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Your Income Tax

By E. Don Bullian

This is the first of a series of income tax articles covering changes in the law that may be of particular interest to residents of Greenbelt. Changes applicable to business enterprises, estates, trusts, farmers and gifts will not be considered.

The new law cuts no tax rates, but it does provide tax cuts by allowing you to deduct more of your expenses and to exclude from taxable income some of the money on which you previously had to pay taxes. It permits larger deductions for people with big medical bills. It cuts taxes on dividends and retirement income. It gives new tax breaks to working mothers and parents whose children have part-time jobs while going to school, it affords benefits to widows whose husbands have just died and left them with children and many other tax savings that will be presented in more detail in future articles of this series.

GVHC Deduction

One of the most important features of the changes, from a Greenbelt point of view, is the proration of a cooperative housing corporation's interest and taxes to its members. This distribution should produce a basic tax deduction of approximately \$300, in taxes and interest to each GVHC member. Naturally the residents of the frame houses will have less than \$300 while many of the tenants of the brick homes, especially those with basements, will exceed that figure and may possibly go over \$400.

Thus every GVHC member will have a nest egg with which to start his listing of income tax deductions. To this proration of interest and taxes will be added the various other deductions that will make up your total income tax deductions. In general, that will include additional taxes and interest paid to others, contributions, medical expenses, allowable travel expenses, and numerous miscellaneous deductions. If the total of these deductions exceeds 10 percent of your income then you should use the long form and list your deductions. If all your deductions total to less than 20 percent of your income then you should use the standard deduction of 10 percent and you will have no further need of instructions or guidance on income tax deductions.

Questions of a general nature will be answered by calling GRanite 4-8746.

(GVHC is at present awaiting a determination by Internal Revenue regarding its status as a cooperative housing project. It is the writer's opinion that GVHC will be classified as a cooperative housing project but that is only an opinion. Internal revenue will make the decision.)

The next article in this series will cover details of personal tax deductions affected by the new changes in the law.

JCC BINGO SATURDAY

A free-admission Bingo will be held Saturday, December 18, in the Social Room of the Community Building. The Bingo is sponsored

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