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GVHC Board Approves 1957 Budget With No Rise In Monthly Charges

by Russell Greenbaum

A 1957 budget that includes an increase of more than \$19,000 in heating costs but does not require an increase in GVHC monthly charges was approved by the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors at its regular meeting Friday, November 23. This will be the fifth straight year since GVHC began operation that the Corporation has not increased its charges to members.

In the past there have been increases in the monthly payments due to rises in the sewer and water rates, city and county taxes, and trash collection fees, all of which are collected by GVHC for the city and county. Taxes are not expected to go up next year, but there may be a slight increase if the water rate rises or the city decides to install on a permanent basis its three-times-a-week experimental trash collection.

Savings

Savings in every area of GVHC operations were effected during the past year which, together with an expected increase in income in 1957, offset the sharp rise in heating costs. The heating estimate is based on an average of the previous four years of operation and a rise in the price of fuel oil. A further rise in the price of oil due to the Middle East crisis might result in a small increase in charges during the year, depending on how cold a winter we have.

Painting Program

The board voted to utilize \$15,000 saved in maintenance and repairs together with an additional \$5,000 to paint the trim on GVHC homes which have not yet been painted by individuals under the self-help program. The board also reaffirmed its earlier decision to pay the remaining \$14,000 owed to the Peoples Development Corporation (PDC) on the original loan that enabled the Corporation to buy the homes and the land of original Greenbelt from the federal government. The loan is being paid up a year ahead of time.

Other matters heard by the board were:

- The resignation of Director Bob Halpin effective December 31. Halpin is leaving for a two-year overseas assignment in Japan, but plans to return to Greenbelt and will rent his home.

- A complaint from Director Percy Andros that the vacant former Co-op store in the North End had become a serious eyesore. He noted that all the windows were broken, and youngsters were playing inside it, wrecking it further. Weeds and rubble have also accumulated around the building. GVHC Manager Paul Campbell reported he had written the Gilbert Realty Company, owner of the property, about the deterioration of the buildings and grounds but had not yet received an answer.

- A further explanation of the policy of making certain that purchasers of GVHC homes are shown fact sheets indicating original prices, payments, etc., before they sign final papers. When the seller of a GVHC home or his agent fails to do this, the fact sheet will be provided the purchaser by the GVHC sales staff at the first screening interview.

- The matter of lighting the big evergreen tree at Glenn Dale Road and Southway Extended. The board agreed to finance the lighting of this natural Christmas tree again this year.

- The matter of legal counsel for the year 1957. The board without discussion agreed to renew the contract of Krooth and Altman, at a retaining fee of \$2,000 a year.

- Complaints from the 2-court

of Laurel Hill that new parking spaces being marked out by the city in the court are too narrow. If cars adhere to the new lines, representatives of that area declared, it will be necessary to squeeze out of car doors between parked cars. The board noted that this was a city council matter and authorized Manager Campbell to take it up with the city manager.

- A motion by Director Hans Jorgensen that C-1 zoning be requested for the GVHC garages on Parkway, to be used for small workshops or small businesses. The board felt that such action was not appropriate at this time, and the motion was tabled.

Holiday Gifts Sought For Mental Patients

The local Prince Georges County Mental Health Association is co-operating with the Maryland Association for Mental Health to help bring some Christmas cheer to patients in Maryland state mental hospitals. Collection centers will be set up throughout the county.

In Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Co-op has consented to assist this project. Beginning this weekend, through December 15, a collection box will be available for any type of gift suitable for adult or child. They should be unwrapped and if possible, wrapping supplies included. Some suggestions are combs, playing cards, tissues, cosmetics, toilet articles, chewing gum, cigarettes, stationery, toys, books, soap, costume jewelry, scarves, shirts, pajamas, etc.

For further information, contact Mrs. Rose Amberg, 9367.

Lions Club Review

by Lloyd L. Moore

Thirty members of the Greenbelt Lions Club made an interesting and educational visit to a NIKE installation in southern Maryland on Monday night, November 26.

During the ride there and back on a specially chartered bus, there was much fun, laughter, and singing. It was a time of real fellowship and relaxation for the usually busy and active men who are Lions.

Dinner, fit for a general, was served to the group at the base mess hall. And then a guided tour was made of the entire installation showing the equipment, methods, and planning necessary to launch guided missiles in the defense of our country against an enemy attack by air.

The first hand knowledge that the U.S. Air Force is so ably operating this line of defense made a definite and reassuring impression on the visiting Lions.

The Program Committee announces that Dr. Elkins, President of Maryland University, will speak at the next Lions dinner meeting to be held Monday, December 10, at 8:45 p.m. at the Community Church. His topic will be "Secondary preparation for students planning to enter Maryland University." All Lions are urged to bring guests; but are requested to make dinner reservations by Friday, December 7, by calling Lion Bill Bevan, GR 3-2606.

Special Budget Meetings

Special council meeting Friday, November 30 at 8 p.m. in city offices to discuss budget matters pertaining to Legislative and Executive Departments.

Regular council meeting December 3 at 8 p.m. in city offices to discuss regular business, followed by special session to discuss matters pertaining to police department and public works (Highways).

GVHC Board Expresses Desire For Pay Raise

Congress managed to get away with it, and the Greenbelt city council took the plunge, and now the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors is wondering. The problem—how to vote to give yourself a raise, and still get reelected.

Everyone agreed, particularly Director Al Long, that a raise would not be amiss, but that it was too delicate a matter for the board to discuss seriously. President Ed Burgoon commented somewhat wistfully that it would be up to the members to initiate such action.

One board member, however, boldly went on record as advocating a raise and volunteered to lead a night to achieve it. Unfortunately for the board, he won't have much time to accomplish this. He is Bob Halpin, who is resigning as of December 31.

the Long View

By Al Long

Last week I finally gave away my old Regulation Army Officer's full length overcoat. It cost me over \$90 at the beginning of World War II. It was a fine coat—you couldn't wear it out and I had a strong sentimental attachment to it. I saved it thru many a clothing drive and long past the time when even I gave up the hope of ever reducing to a perfect 36 and being able to wear it again. But I didn't want just anyone to wear it—even as an old cast-off coat.

Last week I gave it to the clothing drive for the Hungarians. I gave it willingly and proudly because I know that any Hungarian in Hungary today who will wear it will give it honor and pride, by the wearing—more honor and pride than I could ever give it.

It is a funny world or at least there are lots of funny people in it, I think. While Hungarians are dying and starving in their glorious fight against Communism, we will be frantically doing our Christmas shopping for junk we don't really need. I wonder if it wouldn't do all of us a little good if we had to shop this year in Budapest. Maybe there we would understand Christmas—and the world we live in.

Patrol Christmas Party

The First Annual Christmas Party for the Members of the School Patrol of the three schools will be held in the Center School Auditorium on December 12, from 3 to 5 p.m. It is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

City Council Considers 1957 Budget Proposal Calling For \$374,923.00

by Emanuel Dondy

City Manager Charles T. McDonald presented his 1957 budget request to the City Council Monday, November 26, for \$374,923, which is \$42,137 more than was approved for 1956. An estimated tax rise from \$1.68 to \$2.234 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation would be required to meet the additional expenses.

McDonald explained in his message to the Council that "in general there are but few changes recommended in the expenditure budget, but somehow both the salaries and other operating expenses seem to mount each year. These increases are, however, in line with the national price index and very much in line with neighboring municipalities."

Special Meetings

This special budget meeting was the prelude to a series of meetings on the budget to be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 10 p. m. starting this Friday, November 30 and continuing until the initial spadework is completed. However, regular Monday night Council meetings will be held as usual, omitting consideration of the budget unless the agenda turns out to be light. In addition, the Wednesday, December 5 meeting, will not be held due to several scheduled Council absences. The date for final approval of the budget is December 20.

Public Invited

Much of the meeting was taken up with the public hearing on the budget and when it should be held. Some councilmen felt that the public should be given an opportunity to state its views before Council discussed the budget at all, thus providing Council with additional food for thought before reaching any conclusions. Others thought that Council should meet first to adopt a tentative budget and then hold a public hearing at which the Council would be prepared to defend its tentative conclusions. This latter viewpoint won out by a 3 to 2 vote. However, the Council unanimously passed a resolution that a schedule be prepared and advertised in the News Review breaking the budget down into sections and showing the dates for their consideration. The public is invited to come to each meeting and present its views prior to discussion by the Council.

The meeting closed with warm words of approval by all Council members for McDonald's efforts in making the budget more understandable to the layman. This year, for the first time, he presented a performance budget, giving brief descriptive comment on work involved in the operation of the departments or reasons for the requested expenditures. These comments are closely related to the detailed budget requests and make for an intelligent reading of the document. One hundred and fifty copies of the budget are available to the public at the City Manager's office.

The News Review will try to give this vital subject as complete coverage as possible.

Morrow States Views On Laundry Trailer

In view of the city council's decision last week to seek removal of the laundry trailer at the center, the News Review asked GCS to comment. Controller Bob Morrow, speaking for the co-op, pointed out that when Q & S Laundry-Dry Cleaning first broached the idea of the laundry-dry cleaning pick-up station, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Markle went to the city manager and asked him whether such a trailer would be acceptable to the city. According to Morrow, McDonald said it would, subject to approval by the county. Accordingly, GCS went to the county and the county approved.

On the basis of this approval, GCS made arrangements with Q&S. Now, said Morrow, it seems to be simply a matter of whether the trailer is legal or illegal. If it is illegal, he continued, it will, of course, be removed. Meanwhile, he added, we are unaware of any significant opposition on the part of community residents. It also seems to be performing a needed service. Morrow concluded, because it is doing a land office business.

GOODWILL BAGS

Goodwill collection will take place this Saturday, December 1. All contributors are asked to leave their Goodwill bags on their back porches by 10 a.m. so the scouts can collect them, or to bring the bags to the fire house before 1 p.m.

Recreation Review

by Warren Leddick

Announcing the start of a Women's Gym night to begin Tuesday, December 4 at the Center School gym from 8 to 10 p.m. All ladies beyond high school age are welcome to participate. The program will include physical and social activities. If your purpose is to engage in fun or to reduce, we will oblige.

Holiday Program

Plans for our Christmas program are underway. A decorating contest will be held this year with Turkeys as prizes, donated by the Co-op. An 18-pound turkey will be awarded to the home with the best decorated window, or porch, or both. A 12-pound turkey to the family with the best decorated apartment window. Winners will be judged by originality and simplicity. Judging will be done by people outside of the community. The turkeys will be awarded on Friday, December 21, in time for Christmas. The winners will be announced publicly the following week.

Tumbling

A tumbling class will start at the North End School on December 11 from 4 to 5 p.m. for boys and girls. A class will start shortly at the community center.

The Golden Age group is meeting on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in the social room. If transportation is a problem please phone GR 3-2011 and arrangements will be made to pick you up and return you home. Both men and women in the vicinity of 70 years or over are welcome.

What Goes On

Friday, November 30 - 8 p.m., special council meeting, city offices.

Saturday, December 1 - 10 a.m., Goodwill collection.

Sunday, December 2 - 8 p.m., meeting of Community Folk Dancers led by Dave Rosenberg, JCC Building.

Monday, December 3 - 8 p.m., regular city council meeting, city offices.

Thursday, December 13 - 2:30 p.m., Special ladies' matinee at theater with tea, coffee, cookies, and cake served free. Each lady will receive a special gift from the management. Show will start at 3 p.m.



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Budget Time

This is the time of year when all of us should be particularly alert to what goes on around us. For this is budget time, both in the city government and in the housing corporation. Decisions are in the making which will affect every resident of Greenbelt, and in that most sensitive of spots—the pocketbook.

It is a time when our elected representatives, both on the city council and on the GVHC board of directors, have an opportunity to display their initiative, foresight, imagination, and hard realism.

It is also a time when we, the people, should make our voices heard—those of us who want bigger budgets and more services, and those of us who want smaller budgets and lower taxes. Yes, and those of us who want an impossible combination of both. Those of us who are special pleaders and those of us who are merely interested bystanders, should all make our views known at the forthcoming special meetings and public hearings, to be taken into consideration in this decision making process. Our elected representatives will then exercise their leadership in an arena—where all can see the results of their efforts. May their leadership be inspired, may their wisdom be exalted, and may they always remember that elections are never very far away.

Dorothy Bordenet

Mrs. Bernard Bordenet, 48, of 1-D Gardenway, died suddenly Tuesday night, November 27, at the Prince Georges County Hospital, following a lingering illness of more than a year. A funeral mass will be held at St. Hugh's Parish Church at 9 a.m. this Saturday, December 1. Burial will be at the Gate of Heaven cemetery, Silver Spring.

Mrs. Bordenet, who was prominent locally in charitable work and a member of the Ladies of Charity and Ladies Sodality of St. Hugh's, is survived by her husband, her son Paul, 16, now attending an agricultural school in West Virginia, and a married daughter, Mrs. Lavon Baumgardner of College Park. Bernard Bordenet is well known for his participation in civic affairs and was prominent in drafting the charter and by-laws of the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation, serving on the GVHC board of directors during the first years of its operation.

Budget Schedule

City Manager McDonald presented his budget message and the budget request for the 1957 fiscal year at a special meeting of the City Council on November 26. This year's presentation is in the form of a performance budget. It includes a complete breakdown of all of the salaries paid to the various employees as well as a list of the materials and supplies which are to be used in the performance of the services included in the municipal operations for 1957.

The manager's total budget request amounts to \$374,923.00, and if all of the services recommended by the manager are to be performed under this budget, the new tax rate for 1957 would be \$2.234 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation. This is considerably higher than the 1956 tax rate, and undoubtedly will be reduced by the City Council's analysis of the budget.

The City Council has scheduled a series of special budget meetings in the council room of the city offices beginning Friday evening, November 30. Only those sections of the budget which have been previously advertised in the News Review will be discussed at each meeting.

At the first meeting this Friday night, Council will take up all matters having to do with the Legislative and Executive Departments, that is, the Council itself, the city clerk's office, the city manager's office, the city treasurer's office, election matters, legal, planning and zoning, and municipally-owned and rented buildings. Operation and maintenance of the community building is also listed under this heading. Matters pertaining to community promotion are included, such as advertising and the publicizing of ordinances and the several community activities in which the city participates, such as the support of the band, Labor Day, Christmas, Fourth of July and Halloween, all of which will come up for discussion.

On Monday night, December 3, after the regular council business has been discussed, the budget pertaining to the police department and roadways will be discussed. The heading of Roadways include highway lighting and the maintenance of the parking courts and sidewalks.

On Friday, December 7 the sani-

METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday, December 2 - 9:30 a.m., Church School primary and up. 11 a.m., Church School, kindergarten and nursery depts. 11 a.m., Morning worship conducted by Rev. Smith. The sermon for this first Sunday in Advent will be "Prepare Ye the Way." 7 p.m., EYF groups meet.

Monday, December 3 - 8 p.m., Commission on Membership and Evangelism meets.

Tuesday, December 4 - 7 p.m., Girl Scout Troop No. 117 meets. 7 p.m., Jr. Choir rehearsal.

Wednesday, December 5 - 8 p.m., Commission on Finance meets. 8:30 p.m., Conversations with God. A time of Bible Study and prayers. Thursday, December 6 - 3:45 p.m., Brownie Troop No. 109 meets. 7 p.m., Girl Scout Troop No. 49 meets. 8 p.m., Missions Commission meets. 8:15 p.m., Adult Choir rehearsal.

BAPTIST CHAPEL

Center School
Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor
4-E Hillside - Granite 4-9424

Thursday, November 29: 6:30 p.m., Covered Dish Supper in the Center School Dining Hall. 7:30 p.m., Midweek Service at the Center School, Rev. and Mrs. Earl R. Martin, missionary appointees to Africa, will speak. 8:30 p.m., Training Union Officers meeting.

Sunday, December 2: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School for all ages. John S. Stewart, Jr., superintendent. 11 a.m., Morning Worship service. Chapel Choir will sing. The pastor will preach on the subject, "Halfway Up the Rugged Mountain. The Lord's Supper will be observed. 3 p.m., Home Evangelism meeting at Hillandale Baptist Church. 7 p.m., Training Union for all ages. Mrs. John S. Stewart, Jr., director. 7:30 p.m., Evening Worship service in the Center School. Congregational singing led by Dr. James T. McCarr. "Power For Service" is the title for the evening sermon.

December 3-7: Monday through Thursday, "Home Visitation Evangelism" Conference at the Hillandale Baptist Church, Adelphi, Md.

Thursday, December 7, 7:30 p.m., Midweek Service at the Parsonage. Prayer and Bible study, James, chapter 4.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Edward H. Birner, Pastor
Phone: Granite 4-9200

Sunday, December 2: 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for each age group. Raymond Carriere, Superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m., Church Services. Sermon by Pastor Birner. Ushers for the day are Messrs. Adams, Meier, Walton, and Tatum. 4 p.m., Sunday School rehearsal for the Christmas Program. 8 p.m., Bible Forum meets at the Church.

Monday, December 3: 8 p.m., Lydia Guild meets at the church.

Tuesday, December 4: 8 p.m., Executive Board meets at the church.

Wednesday, December 5: 7:30 p.m., "The Drama of Christmas" theme will be continued in the Advent service sermon "Mary—The Highly-Favored" by Pastor Birner. Visitors are welcomed at these pre-Christmas services.

"AH, THERE'S THE RUB"

On December 8, at 2 p.m., the Center school PTA will present "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," produced by the Adventure Theater Group.

tation department's budget will be discussed. This has to do with the sewers and sewage disposal system, waste collection, which, incidentally, will provide for a three-day-a-week garbage and trash collection in the community, and a special tax for commercial center property, to pay for the daily policing of the center mall and parking lots.

The schedule of other special budget meetings will be listed in the News Review of December 6.

Any citizen or group of citizens desiring to be heard on any subject discussed at these meetings is invited to attend and will be granted limited time to discuss the subject when it comes before Council.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Erie T. Braund, Robert C. Hull
Ministers
GRanite 3-5846

Thursday, November 29: 8 p.m., Social Hall, Meeting of women's groups to hear Mrs. Davis report on her recent trip to European Church Projects of interest to women.

Friday, November 30: 7 p.m., Seventh Grade Fellowship leaves the church to go on Swim Party. 7:30 p.m., Eighth and Ninth Grade Fellowship leave the church to go on Hayride.

Sunday, December 2: Morning Worship at 9 and 11 a.m., with Mr. Braund preaching, "The Meaning of Advent." Church School as follows: 9 and 11 a.m., Nursery, Kindergarten, and Primary. 10 a.m., Junior and Senior High, Young Adult, and Adult. 7 p.m., Sixth Annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree on the Church Lawn, followed by the Christmas Party for the congregation given by the Chancel Choir in the Social Hall in the form of Carols and refreshments, with the assistance of the Afternoon Guild.

Monday, December 3: 8 p.m., Board of Trustees.

Tuesday, December 4: 12:30 p.m., Afternoon Guild.

HEBREW SERVICES

Services at 8 p.m. at JCC Building, Ridge and Westway. After services, a Chanukah Oneg Sabbath will be presented, consisting of the Young Judea dancers, a tape recording of the speech of Israel's Ambassador, Abba Eban, at the United Nations, and an Israeli news film. Refreshments will be served by courtesy of the JCC Women's Group.

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Attractive refreshments will be served and the meeting will last 2 hours only.

Since your company is owned and run by the policyholders themselves, it is urged that you be present to voice your desires, criticisms, and suggestions. Delegates will be elected at this meeting to attend our state meeting in Annapolis, where delegates will be elected in turn to attend our home office meeting in Columbus, Ohio, to meet with company executives - - - all expenses are paid for by the company.

Please contact our office if you plan to attend so we can make reservations for your refreshments and transportation.

Thank you.

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Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, 4-F Laurel Hill, are the proud parents of a boy. Raymond Bruce arrived on November 14, and weighed in a 7 lbs. 8 oz. He joins a 2½ year old sister, Gall.

The historic city of Williamsburg drew many Greenbelters to its famous site during the holidays. The Harry Weidbergs, Sam Vernoffs, Gordon Lawsons, Emanuel Dondys and Reuben Kramers all enjoyed their tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Carter, and daughter Amy, 6-M Hillside had a White Thanksgiving visiting Veverly's family, the DesRoches in Ligmier, Pennsylvania, (4 inches of snow).

A very happy birthday to Paul Klem, 4-D Hillside who celebrated his third birthday on the 25th of November.

Six year old Paul and three year old Vincent Meier, 57-K Ridge weren't able to gobble their turkey on Thursday. However, both are doing fine after their tonsilectomies.

The Justin Klems, 4-D Hillside and Hans Jorgensens, 19-E Hillside had a pleasant visit with former Greenbelters Tom and Mary Callanan, now of Staten Island, New York, at the home of the Lamacchias in Berwyn.

Our condolences to Mrs. Ethel Rosenzweig, 4-E Crescent who recently lost her mother.

Corporal Joseph E. Donellan, 148960 arrived in Japan three weeks ago, and would enjoy hearing from his many friends. Write him at V.M.A. 121 - M.A.G. 12, 1st Marine Air Wing, c/o F.P.O. San Francisco, California. Come on now, get those letters rollin!

The telephone number of the Bruce Bowmans (1423 Laurel Hill) has been temporarily changed to GRanite 3-4287. They have been promised a return of 6478 (theirs since 1944) in February.

Friends of the Library

Friday, November 30, from 7:30 to 10 p.m., will be local writer's night at the Friends of the Library Book Fair at Center School's Home Economics Room. In addition to the children's books shown at the Fair earlier this week, the following authors' titles will be highlighted:

Mrs. Charlotte Smith's **CARL BECKER: ON HISTORY AND THE CLIMATE OF OPINION**
Albert Herling's **SLAVE LABOR IN THE SOVIET UNION**
Henry Grayson's **CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE CLASS**
Maribelle Cormack's **THE LADY WAS A SKIPPER; THE STORY OF ELEANOR WILSON, MISSIONARY EXTRAORDINARY TO THE MARSHALL AND CAROLINE ISLANDS.**

Mrs. Smith and Herling are Greenbelt residents; Grayson lives in Beltsville; Miss Cormack is a well-known children's writer who is the sister of Greenbelt's Charles Cormack.

LUCKY STEER? WIN BIKE

A special matinee at the Greenbelt theater on December 8, will feature the technicolor movie, "Boys' Ranch," and a lucky winner will be drawn at 3 p.m. Winner will receive a \$70 fully-equipped Rixe bicycle donated by the Maryland Cycle and Equipment Company, 5003 Greenbelt Road, College Park.

Kanter Asks Delay In Payment for Land

A request from Joseph Kanter that the Warner-Kanter Corporation's next installment payment for the vacant land, due November 30, be delayed for six months was turned down by the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation board of directors at its regular meeting Friday, November 23. The land is now under development as Green Valley.

Kanter wrote letters both to GVHC, to which is due a payment of about \$11,000, and to the Peoples Development Corporation of Columbus, Ohio, to which is due a payment of about \$40,000. (PDC originally lent GVHC the money to buy the Greenbelt vacant land and now holds the greater mortgage on the Warner-Kanter purchase made a year and a half ago.)

PDC asked the GVHC board for its reaction pending its own decision on the Kanter request for a moratorium on the payments. The board, while disapproving the request, agreed to reconsider this decision if PDC decided to grant Kanter the postponement of payment.

However, if a PDC decision is not reached by November 30, then the board, following a few days of grace, will begin legal action for default of contract if the payment has not been received. If Warner-Kanter defaults, the land returns to GVHC, but it is not expected that Kanter will default on the payment. By his own estimate, he has already invested \$300,000 in his Green Valley development.

Kanter, in his letter to the board, gave various reasons for requesting the moratorium. He referred to delays in the construction of new homes (which is being undertaken by Warner-Kanter's subsidiary, the Continental Construction Company) due to the current difficulty of obtaining mortgage money, problems connected with the installation of water and sewage facilities, and the problems of developing a completely new community.

Kanter also indicated that he has been handicapped by the reluctance, if not actual refusal, of the city council to zone for a regional shopping center the triangle of land to be cut off by the new intercounty belt freeway and bounded by Greenbelt Road and Edmonston Road. (The new freeway will enter Greenbelt land near the American Legion and cut across past the sewage plant.) Kanter noted that the city council, prior to his purchase of the land, had given its informal support to such zoning, and it was on this basis that he purchased the land.

GVHC Manager Campbell, however, informed the board that Kanter had requested not a C-2 but an I-1 or light industry zoning for the land on the grounds that "clean" light industries are now a part of the pattern of regional shopping centers. The council has refused to consider such zoning because such industry could not be controlled.

In fact, the council, according to Campbell, is now inclined to view the triangle of land as not suitable for a regional shopping center but feels that it should be limited to a neighborhood center such as the present Greenbelt commercial center. Meanwhile, the council has postponed any decision on this matter pending further clarification.

The present payment is the second installment on the purchase of the land. Last December Kanter made the first payment of \$18,000 to GVHC.

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Foremost among these non-human factors is the condition of most rural roads - the roads that carry most of America's automotive traffic. These roads, the majority of which were laid down just after World War One, were not designed for the traffic they bear today. They are, for the most part, narrow, poorly surfaced and inadequately marked and signed for even minimal driving safety.

NSC figures show that three-fourths - or, 28,550 - of the traffic deaths in 1955 occurred from accidents in rural areas and in towns under 2,500 population. The NSC makes the further point that "night driving is considerably more hazardous than day driving, and

Local Girl Scouts Festival Color Guard

Greenbelt Girl Scouts were in charge of the main color guard (American and Council Flags) at Prince Georges County Scouts' 8th Annual "Festival of Giving," November 18, at Ritchie Coliseum. A total of about 150 troop flags were in the procession.

The Greenbelt color guards included: Kathy Stone, Carol Beebe, Rena Voight, Elizabeth Pels, Rosalie Flaxman, and Sandra Bowman.

About 5,000 persons attended the Festival to view the gifts made, collected, or repaired by girls from all over the county. The program included flag ceremony, candleboard ceremony, Japanese dance (Deer Park Heights troops), Czech dance (Hollywood Brownies), American Square Dances (Green Meadows troops), singing, and presentation of token gifts to representatives of the 10 service agencies (hospitals, welfare leagues, etc.) which will distribute the gifts.

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the hazard is greater in rural areas than in urban areas."

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And That's An Order, Sarge!



The irrepressible and slightly larcenous Sgt. Bilko doesn't often take orders—even from the brass. But this is one he will obey cheerfully, even for Corporal Rocco. The gifted Phil Silvers and his colleague, Harvey Lembeck, take time out from their TV chores to remind us that the AMVETS "We Remember" seal campaign is on now and that Americans everywhere are asked to make a contribution toward this worthy cause when the postman delivers the "We Remember" seals. Funds from the sale of seals are used to support the AMVETS programs for disabled veterans, war widows and war orphans.

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