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Garbage Collection Referendum Shows City Favors 3-a-week; McDonald Says

First returns from the mail referendum on garbage collections revealed city sentiment in favor of switching from two to three collections a week. With almost half the questionnaires returned, the vote stood 588 in favor and 322 against as of last Monday, according to city manager Charles McDonald.

One surprising element of the voting, said McDonald, was the closeness of the balloting among the defense units. It had been supposed that because of the lack of adequate garbage facilities, the defense units would have favored the switch more enthusiastically than the brick homes. As it turned out, said McDonald, original Greenbelt led the voting for the three collections a week.

This turn of events may create problems for the city council, which is scheduled to discuss the problem at the next regular meeting of the council on Monday, August 12. The council had felt that the additional expense of three collections could best be justified with the defense units. Some council members had even tinkered with the idea of putting the new schedule into effect for only certain sections of town, such as the defense areas, and retaining the two collections a week for the apartments, the new housing subdivisons, and possibly original Greenbelt. But with such an arrangement apparently running contrary to the sentiment expressed in the balloting, the city council may be faced with an all or nothing proposition.

Outgoing Council to Offer Successor Planning Guide for Greenbelt's Future

In a compromise proposal, which won unanimous support, the city council voted at a special meeting last Monday to prepare recommendations for the guidance of the next council in the establishment of a Greenbelt development and planning committee. Such recommendations, which could take the form of a directive or resolution, would include a statement of the principles which the present city council feels, in the light of its experiences, should underlie the future development of Greenbelt. Also included would be a description of the initial purposes or objectives of the committee, its duties and functions, and its composition. Mayor Tom Canning appointed councilmen Alan Kistler and Bob Hurst to draft the recommendations which will be considered by the outgoing council as a body before adoption.

This action was the outgrowth of a motion proposed by Kistler a week ago at a meeting devoted to industrial development, for the immediate establishment of a development and planning committee. In a statement submitted last Monday to the city council, Kistler elaborated on his motion.

Set Up Body

If Greenbelt is to control or influence the processes of change that are inevitably coming, Kistler said, it is necessary that a continuing body be set up which will reexamine, clarify, and dramatize the basic concepts underlying Greenbelt's development as a planned community and which will assure, through the use of adequate standards, that future growth is in

Athletic Club Bows To St. Ambrose 9-6

A young, stubborn St. Ambrose nine defeated our previously unbeaten powerhouse from Greenbelt, in extra innings, by a score of 9 to 6.

The spectators were treated to a thrilling pitching duel for the first seven innings between Obery of St. Ambrose and Johnny Lewis of Greenbelt. St. Ambrose tagged Lewis in the sixth inning for one run to break the scoreless deadlock. However, the lead was shortlived as the potent Greenbelt aggregate opened fire on Obery in

Registration The City Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, Aug. 3, 1957 from 10:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. to permit citizens to register to vote in the September Council election. Winfield McCamy City Clerk

New City Directory

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Work has begun on a currently revised[•] edition of the Greenbelt City Directory, the Greenbelt Lions Club announced. Sales of advertising and compilation of correct listings will get under way immediately. Distribution to the public is planned for early in Further information November. may be obtained from Emory Harman, president; or Ralph Bartholomew, Ed Burgoon, Lloyd Moore, members of the Advisory Committee.

Election Info

Residents wishing to run for city council posts in the forthcoming municipal election on Tuesday, September 17, must file as candidates before 4 p.m. on Monday, August 19. The same time has been set for the closing of voter registration. Anyone who has been registered previously to vote in city elections and who has voted in at least one of the last two elections need not re-register. Others may register at the city offices from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 3. To qualify as eligible to vote. one must have been a resident of Greenbelt for six months and of Maryland for one year prior to the election date. Additional information concerning candidacy and voting may be obtained from the city clerk, Winfield McCamy, at 2011.

"We Mean Business This Time" Says GHI In Drive To Rid Member Homes of Dogs

Because of failure to get rid of their dogs or cats by the August 1 deadline, eight Greenbelt Homes, Inc. homeowners received notice this week that cancellation of their mutual ownership contracts will be considered at the next meeting of the GHI board of directors on Friday, August 9.

These first notices, announced GHI manager John O. Walker, involved cases which had been repeatedly brought to the attention of the corporation during the last year. In the following weeks, continued Walker, other violators of the GHI ban on dogs and cats will receive notice, as complaints are lodged with the GHI office.

The names of the first batch of violators were not disclosed, since any violator, by certifying to the GHI office that he has disposed of his pet, can have his name withdrawn from the list that will be submitted to the board for punitive action on August 9.

"We mean business this time," said Walker, in outlining to the board at its regular meeting last Friday night the steps that management is taking to enforce the revised regulations on dogs and cats adopted by the board at its May 24 meeting. The board decision to strengthen and enforce the ban on dogs and cats followed a mail referendum conducted last spring which disclosed membership sentiment of over 2½ to 1 in favor of taking drastic action against violators of the prohibition.

The new regulations, which were distributed to every member by mail several weeks before the August 1 effective date, permit only two exceptions to the general ban (1) a "seeing eye" dog; and (2) a dog for the protection of an elderly person.

Water Meters

The board approved an interim report of the special GHI committee appointed to advise on the location of water meters in connection with the dedication of the city's water and sewer system to Washington Suburban Sanitary tary Commission. The committee, composed of directors Bruce Bowman and Frank Kriby and of GHI members Charles Cormack and Harry Rhodes, made two major recommendations.

The first was that the present hot water lines in original Greenbelt be capped and that the cold water lines behind the meters be tapped for the hot water. Unless this were done, Bowman said, additional meters would be required, since the present hot water lines come off the main lines before the meters. Under the committee's suggestion, the present meters could serve to measure both cold and hot water consumption.

It was originally estimated that the installation of the new meters in original Greenbelt would cost about \$7,000. The committee estimates that the plumbing costs of capping the old hot water lines and tapping the cold water lines will come to less than \$7,000. However, Bowman said it was not so much the economy angle that motivated the committee as the fact. that this aproach will produce the least amount of disturbance and digging up of yards, since no new meters will need to be installed. WSSC has already notified GHI that it will accept the use of the meters at their present location. Bowman also advised that the confusion over the division of responsibility for maintenance of the water lines has been clarified. WSSC has now agreed to assume: responsibility for the maintenance of the laterals up to the meters.

The second recommendation concerned the location of meters in the defense home areas. The committee was faced with a choice of using one large meter per court. or using 5 small meters located at. strategic points around the court. The committee, again in order to minimize the disturbance to homeowners' lawns, favored the onelarge meter, although this might lessen possible control over water consumption. Bowman stated that WSSC also favored the use of one large meter. The cost of installing the large meters in defenseareas was estimated at \$32,000.

Refinancing Plans

GHI treasurer Lloyd Moore announced that instructions have been prepared for the internal guidance of the GHI sales force in processing loans under the new refinancagreement negotiated with ing First Mutual Investment Company. Loans will be approved by the GHI staff up to 100 percent of equity plus interest and fee charges of FMIC, but not to exceed \$1500 in the case of brick homes and \$1000 in the case of frame homes. Equity is here defined as the difference between the original GHI book price and the current contract balance plus the 3 percent working capital assessment. Where this formula would permit the borrowing of the total down payment, the requirement in the FMIC contract that at least 20 percent of the down payment must be paid in cash will go into effect.

Moore also announced that FMIC has petitioned Maryland banking authorities for permission to set up a branch office in Greenbelt, attached to the GHI office. Such permission is needed before the new refinancing agreement can go into effect.

Aluminum Screen Doors

Walker announced that as a result of complaints from its local outlets, a nearby manufacturer has cancelled arrangements for GHI members to purchase aluminum screen-storm doors at discounted prices. This is the second such purchase agreement in the last few months that has collapsed

accord with these concepts.

"This means," he continued, "that all elements of our community must be considered. Industrial development, while important, is only one facet of the overall problem of community development; others are residential land deveopment, master zoning, capital improvements, municipal parks and playgrounds, landscaping, urban renewal, transportation, and intergovernmental relations."

Such a development and planning committee, Kistler said, would have a number of sub-committees dealing with each of the above specialized matters. He proposed that the committee be composed of at least 9 men, appointed by the mayor (with the advice and suggestion of the council), for a two-year term.

No Hamstrings

Canning suggested that in light of the coming city council elections on September 17, he did not think it wise for the present council to try to establish and man such a committee. He felt that the committee would get a better start if it were initiated with the term of the newly-elected city council. There would also be no question of See COUNCIL, Page 2 the bottom of the seventh inning to push across 3 runs.

In the top of the eighth inning, the first two visiting batters hit safely to drive Lewis out of the box. Phelan, who replaced Lewis, was plagued by a streak of wildness as he issued three bases on balls and two hits, which were good for five runs.

The Athletic Club team roared back in their half of the eighth inning for three runs, on a timely clout by Curtis, to tie the game.

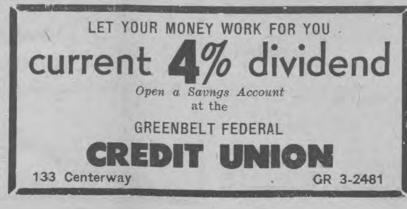
The Greenbelt Club missed a golden opportunity in the ninth inning to clinch the game when Tom Canning led off the inning with a walk. Attick followed with a single to move Canning to third base. Hospan popped out and Miller walked to load the bases. St. Ambrose, sensing defeat, pulled its infielders in and staved off the Greenbelt threat by retiring the next two batters.

The visitors, in the eleventh inning, scored three runs to end the Greenbelt winning streak.

The Athletic Club will play a doubleheader next Sunday in Greenbelt. The first game, beginning at 12:30, will be against the Takoma Jays and the second game against Strick's of the Vic Gauzza League.

County Rec Dep Holds Crafts Show An exhibit of craft articles made

on the 65 playgrounds conducted by the Prince Georges County Recreation Department will be held in the Adelphi Room, Lansburgh's, Langley Park, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 1, 2 and 3. Hundreds of articles made by the children on the playgrounds this summer will be on display. The public is cordially invited to attend the exhibit, the hours of which are: Thursday, August 1 -12:30 to 8:30; Friday, 12:30 to 8:30; and Saturday, August 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



as the result of complaints from retailers.

As one board member put it, "We know it's hard for a GHI member to keep silent about the wonderful deal he can get through a corporation discount, but we don't think he should brag about it to a franchised dealer — which apparently is what is happening!"

Other Board Action

The board moved to notify the city council of its support for a proposed city ordinance that would limit the height of hedges on cityowned property. Complaints had been received that excessively high hedges at certain intersections constituted a serious traffic hazard. These hedges, while surrounding homes of GHI members, are in many cases actually located on city property.

Under the proposed ordinance, the city would have the authority, if the hedges were not kept trim, to remove the hedges or to relocate them back on GHI property, with the costs assessed against the individual member involved.

The board approved a policy of granting permission to owners of end houses with attached garages to break through the connecting walls and convert the garages into living quarters.



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WHAT GOES ON

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Thursday, August 1 - 8:30 p.m. Marine Academy Greenbelt Recreation Committee meets, council office.

Friday, August 9 - 8:15 p.m. GHI board meets, administration building

Saturday, August 10 - Youth Center Swim-Dance, Swimming Pool

To The Editor "REQUIRED READING?"

To the Editor:

Regarding article, "My Town", July 18. This reminds me of times when I used to hear more about school affairs, during the war-times, Mothers often were working - Mothers and the children showed it. In a school I knew prety well the teacher of first grade could tell the first day which children came from homes where they were directed, disciplined, loved.

Why not make it Required Reading for teachers to read those Teacher articles that come out in Readers Digest every now and then?

One article sent to a teacher for her to read came back with the remark: "That teacher's love for her pupils just glows." The article was: "To teach is to Love."

G. F. G.

OPEN LETTER

An open letter to YOU - THE PEOPLE:

Public support of the 4th of July program has not been sufficient to cover the expenses. We find that we have a deficit of approximately \$200; including the cost of three mortars that have been taken out of the ground at the set-off area at the lake by persons unknown.

The citizens of this town are ready to criticize any public function, but seem very unwilling to support it.

To the few persons who patronized the carnival affair during the day, we thank you sincerely for your generous support; to the others who came for the FREE fireworks display, we thank you for turning out to see it; but, let this be understood :- your Fire Department & Rescue Squad cannot atford to finance the program alone.

Local Lad Graduates

On August 2, Cadet Gerald Brittingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Brittingham of 9-G Research, will be graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

Jim O'Neill (GR 4-6338)

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While attending the Academy, Cadet Brittingham completed a four year college course covering academic and professional subjects directly related to the marine field. His class will be the fifteenth to graduate since the official recognition of accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary. Schools.

Cadet Brittingham was graduated from Northwestern High School in the class of 1952 and in 1953 was appointed to the Academy.

After completing his fourth class (freshman) year at the Academy, Cadet Brittingham spent his third class (sophomore) year studying and receiving practical experience aboard ships of our Merchant Marine while these ships were actively engaged in foreign commerce along the sea lanes of the World. During this year he visited ports in: France, England, Germany, South Africa, and East Africa.

Upon graduation, he will qualify for a license to sail as third engineer aboard ships of the American Merchant Marine, a bachelor of science degree, and a commission as Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

Cadet Brittingham will be going on active duty with the United States Navy on or about September 1, 1957.

CubPack 746 News By Smokey Stover

Our first annual family picnic was a great success. The weather was perfect, if a little hot, the drinks were cold, and the food plentiful. We had 29 families represented; a very good showing. Several of our Cubs were out of town, and we hope they can be with us next year.

After all had eaten, we had a father-son ball game. A very fast pace was set by the "small fry", soon leaving the "big fry" panting. This was followed by several games, the first game (Balloon Break) being won by Mark Gilbert. The second game (Crazy Mixed-up Shoes) was won by Barbara Weisel, the third game (Three-Legged Race) was won by Bobby Thiebeau and Stanley Twigg; and the fourth game (Foot Race) was won by Bobby Thiebeau with Paul Stover runner-up. Cubmaster Stover announced that the proposed camping trip has been cancelled. Mrs. Rosen was welcomed into, the Pack as our newest Den Mother for Den 6. The Dens then put on skits based on the theme of the month, Homemade Opera.



By Berny Krug, guest columnist

I think that Greenbelt should take the cake as the city with the most distinctive traffic signs, especially those painted on the road at the street crossings. Most of them have the "N" in reverse, and one of them has the "G" upside down. At any rate, when you drive across one of those signs, it makes you stop and think (at least about the sign, if not about slowing down.) * * *

A long overdue orchid should go, in my opinion, to the management of the Greenbelt Theatre. For more than a year now, the local emporium of the celluloid reel has been offering a steady diet of good movies seven days a week. The theater deserves credit for trying new ideas, such as the special matinees during the week for Greenbelt's leisure-crazed housewives (ouch!) and the special Saturday afternoon shows for the kids. The effort the theater is exerting deserves recognition and support. (Now if that person behind me would only stop eating pop-corn, and blowing buttery breath down my back!)

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Greenbelt has enjoyed a spate of publicity in the metropolitan press recently as a result of the opening of a new housing development here, and the return of Rex Tugwell, who was instrumental in starting the town 'two decades ago. The facts and figures about Greenbelt's origin, the number of workmen, the condition of the roads in those days, etc., all make for interesting and nostalgic reading.

I can't resist a good pun (or a bad one.) Have you heard about the Indian brave whose squaw made him a pair of beaded moccasins every day? The other squaws flirted with him because he was the only brave in the tribe who wore a new pair of handmade beaded moccasins each day. His squaw eventually became jealous and left him. MORAL: Do not fight the hand that beads you.

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Department of Greenbelt Trivia: Why does everybody, when referring to the City Council, always omit "the"? For instance, it is never "The Council has decided so-and-so." It is always "Council has decided so-and-so." It seems there is an unwritten law to place a "the" in front of "Council." (Trivia, stay 'way from my door.) * * *

When Russ Greenbaum told me he was going to start writing this column several months ago, I had what I thought was a perfect name for it "Greenbaum's Greenbelt." I convinced everybody but Russ. (Oh, well, I got it in here once, anyhow!)

Applications

are still being taken for the

Greenbelt Cooperative Kinder-

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the old council trying to hamstring the freedom of the new council.

Hurst, on the other hand, felt that the present council had accumulated a great deal of experience in city planning which would go wasted unless some tangible vehicle were available to help transmit this experience to the new city council.

Councilman Jim Smith pointed out that the establishment of a development and planning committee was not something that could be done overnight. Many problems' were involved, he said, such as the nature of the committee's functions and powers. He thought the council would want to provide guidance to committee members by spelling out these things. Councilman Ben Goldfaden also thought that the suggested scope of the committee's interests might be too great to handle adequately, and that perhaps priorities should be set up in accordance with the urgency of the problem.

The motion as finally adopted represented a merging of these views. The new council would receive the advantage of the experience and views of the present council through a statement which would outline the basic concepts of a planned community like Greenbelt and which would contain recommendations regarding the composition and functions of a Greenbelt development and planning committee. At the same time, the new council would be free to establish such a committee under its own arrangements.

Unsightly, Indeed!

The city council heard an impassioned defense from Mrs. Rose Amberg, 10-D Southway, of the frame homes, which had been described as "unsightly" in a remark attributed to one of the owners of the industrial land. She wanted to know what better attraction an employer could offer his labor force than a nearby planned community like Greenbelt, with its lowcost housing, play areas, schools, parks, and community services.

"The construction of the frame houses." she continued, "has been continuously praised by construction men who should know. As for the outside appearance, give us a little time to develop the landscaping. If you took the shrubbery away from original Greenbelt, the brick homes would look no better than the frame houses. So the answer perhaps is to speed up the landscaping program."

City manager Charles McDonald said that the remarks of the industrial landowner had perhaps been misrepresented. There was no intended criticism of Greenbelt services, Greenbelt homes, or their occupants. The remarks grew out of a conversation which stressed the need for attracting new residential housing so as to broaden the assessed valuation base in Greenbelt, and thus lower the tax rate In order to induce contractors to build and invest in \$15,000 houses in areas adjacent to the

defense home areas, it was intima-

ted that it would be necessary to

MOWATT MEMORIAL

METHODIST CHURCH

40 Ridge Road Walter C. Smith, Minister

GR. 4-9410 Sunday, 9 a.m. Sunday School for Nursery and Kindergarten. Morning worship service. The guest speaker for the morning will be Mr. William Cooley of our own church. 10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages from Primary through Adults.

Monday, 8 p.m. Official Board Meeting at the Church.

Tuesday, 8 p.m. Finance Commission Meeting at the Church.

GREENBELT LUTHERAN CHURCH

22 Ridge Road

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone: GRanite 4-9200 Thursday, August 1: 8 p.m. Sunday School teachers meet at the Church.

Sunday, August 4: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are conducted for each age group. Raymond Carriere, Superintendent. 8:30 and 11 a.m. Church Services. The Services will be conducted by the Rev. Paul G. Amt, Lutheran Institutional Missionary, of Washington, D. C. Rev. Amt will speak about his work among the institutionalized.

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor Thursday, August 1 - Confessions, 7:30-9 p.m.

Friday, August 2 - First Friday Holy Communion, 6:45 a.m. Mass and Communion, 7 a.m.

Saturday, August 3 - Confessions, 3:30-5 p.m., 7-9:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 4 - Masses, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, and 11 a.m. Baptisms, 1 p.m.

Daily mass at 7 a.m.



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We need your support.

Many thanks to the American Legion and Lions Club of Greenbelt for their contribution of \$40 each and to Anthony Madden for \$25 donations toward the expense of the fireworks.

Thanks to Commissioner Frank Lastner and the Steele Bros. of Silver Spring for their donations for trophies.

Due to the short span of time, we were unable to contact every business organization for financial support, though many were verbally contacted and most people knew we did need help; nevertheless we are still short of making expenses and hoped to make a few pennies for our organization.

We are requesting that we be given the program for next year and have already done some planning on it. If you, the people, want a bigger and better fireworks at home on the 4th it is up to YOU to help support it. The pooling of \$1 from each family (the cost of a few sparklers) will result in the most beautiful fireworks display ever held in Greenbelt.

Anyone desiring to contribute to the present deficit or to next year's program, feel free to do so; send your contribution to us c/o 4th of the August Pack Meeting when we July committee.

Robert W. Mogel, President World".

Den 1 - Name the Sport; Den 2 -Musical Clues; Den 3 - Comb and Paper Serenade; Den 4 - Musical Jokes; Den 5 - Name the Program from the Theme: Den 6 - Name the Flower from the Tune.

The winners of the "Homemade Instrument" Contest were Tommy Fink, Irwin Abramowitz, Neil Danish, Jeffery Rosen, Paul Stover, and Mark Helwig. Lewis Levine was given a special prize by the judge, Adolpho Krutman, a guest from Recife, Brazil.

I am sure we all had a good time and hope to see everybody at

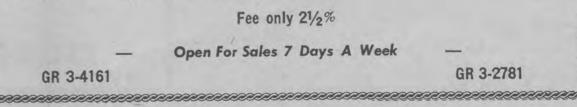
are going on "A Trip Around the

improve the appearance and value garten at both the North End of the defense homes. and Center schools. Anyone interested, please contact WED. & THURS. AUG. 7 & 8 Mrs. W. Perry (6368) - Center MOONLIGHT SWIM and (Boys Club) Sat., Aug. 3 8:45 - 11 p.m. THE GREEN MAN Mrs. R. Ellsworth (9677) -ADMISSION 75 CENTS North End ADULTS ONLY

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Two marching groups from Greenbelt continue to win acclaim. The Greenbelt Stepperettes, under the direction of Nancy Kurth, paraded Friday, July 26, at the American Legion Convention in Baltimore. The Stepperettes, including in their ranks the youngest marchers in the parade, were applauded warmly during the entire course of the parade. They will perform next at Laurel on August 10 and West Annapolis on August 24.

The Greenbelt Majorettes have added several new first-place awards as best-appearing majorettes: in Beltsville, July 20; McLean, Virginia, July 27; and Glen Burnie, July 29. Appearing in fourteen parades so far this year, they have acquired a total of eight first-place awards. The Greenbelt Majorettes are directed by Mrs. Castaldi and led by Nancy Kurth.



by Don Pratt

Having to choose between making a down payment on a new fire house or owning a fire truck that will pass the Prince Georges County Fire Association standards, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., found it necessary this month to order a new fire truck.

The two fire trucks that were donated with the Fire Department when the Greenbelt Volunteer Rescue Squad took over the former Greenbelt Fire Department, would not pass the Prince Georges County standards in order to collect County Fire Tax money for fire departments.

The present Fire Department and Rescue Squad was given two years to bring the equipment up to standards, but nothing could be done with what was available. The pumps would not produce what was required, and we could not produce what was felt was necessary with what we had.

The mutual aid agreement we have with neighboring companies, that they send in equipment to help us to fight our local fires when necessary, is the only thing that helped us in keeping the fire tax as low as it is.

It was made plain that we had to have the necessary equipment to keep up with the "Joneses", meaning the nearby companies with community backing. Therefore it was necessary to commit ourselves for some time to come for several thousand dollars each year so that the citizens of Greenbelt could be given the kind of protection they are paying for and have the right to expect.

The members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad, Inc. are very proud that they are able to get the necessary equipment, but they all feel that a new building to house this equipment is just as necessary as the equipment itself.

A look at the nearby companies will point out the fact that Greenbelt is far behind the times. Several departments within a few miles have houses that not only have all their equipment all under one roof, but have large halls available for dancing, bingos, meetings, etc.

The Greenbelt Fire Department, in order to have an installation of officers, has to avail themselves of some other Fire Department to have a hall large enough for this meeting, without expense to themselves.

The next thing on the agenda is a fire house, but the expense will be a lot more than for a fire truck.

Our Neighbors

By Etaine Skolnik - GR. 4-6060 It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. F. Daniel Wagner, 11-F Laurel Hill. Daniel MacLean weighed 8 lbs. 5½ oz., and has two sisters, Barbara and Lynn.

Vera Krug, 13-7V Ridge, informs me that former Greenbelters Si and Helen Justman are happily settled in their new home at 146 Langley Road, Newton Center, Massachusetts. Vera's brother, Arthur Krasner, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will be arriving in Greenbelt for a visit sometime this week.

The Frank Fouseks, 1-E Northway, have moved to St. Louis, Mo.

Many of our Greenbelters vacationed at the Pines Hotel, South Fallsburgh, New York. The Hy Gersons, 45-D Ridge, Jack Ratzkins, 17-K Ridge, Elliot Bukzins, 6-N Ridge, Morris Steinmans, 1-A Crescent, Nat Shindermans, 2-K Westway, Jack Sanders, 17-J Ridge and Harry Weidbergs, 17-A Ridge had a delightful time.

Former Greenbelter Stephen Faulconer, of Takoma Park, has announced his engagement to Lynn Thomas of Wheaton, Maryland. Faulconer is a graduate of Montgomery Blair High School. His sister, Mrs. Jean Shifflett, lives at 32-E Ridge. The couple plan to marry next June.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Kramer, 5-H Ridge, and their two children, Iris and Kenneth, have just returned from a two week vacation in the Deep Creek lake area of Western Maryland. They stayed in a cabin in Swallow Falls State Park.

Happy birthday to Barry Rubin, 6-A Hillside, who celebrated his 12th birthday on Monday.

Albert K. Herling, 13-M Ridge, was elected to represent the Potomac area on the board of the Cooperative Institute Association. Birthday greetings to Mary Alice. Delany, 9-E Ridge. This little miss was three years old last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Fields, 65-D Crescent, their daughter, Elaine, and dog, Fritzi, are having a fine time at Dewey Beach motorboating, fishing, clamming, and crabbing. Several of their Greenbelt friends, the Leo Gertons, 16-U Ridge, and Harry Greenbaums, 23-A Ridge, joined them last week.

It's a blue bundle for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carter, 6-M Hillside. Paul Stanley was born July 28, and weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. He has a four year old sister, Amy.

Rec-Dep News

SWIMMING REGISTRATION Registration for the final session of swimming lessons will be held at the pool on Monday, August 5, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Classes will start on Tuesday, August 6.

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SWIMMING TEAM PRACTICE Regular practices for the swimming team are held on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thurs-

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Mr. and Mrs. George Durham, 10-T Plateau, announce the arrival of a daughter on July 22. Sherrie Lee Ann, weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz., joins three sisters and a brother.

They named him Kurt Arnold. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eastep, 16 Z-2 Ridge. Kurt arrived on July 22 and weighed 6 tbs. 5 oz. He has a 15 month old brother.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Webster, 71-K Ridge, this week are Mr. and Mrs. John Walmer and their three daughters of Shellsville. Pennsylvania, Mrs. John

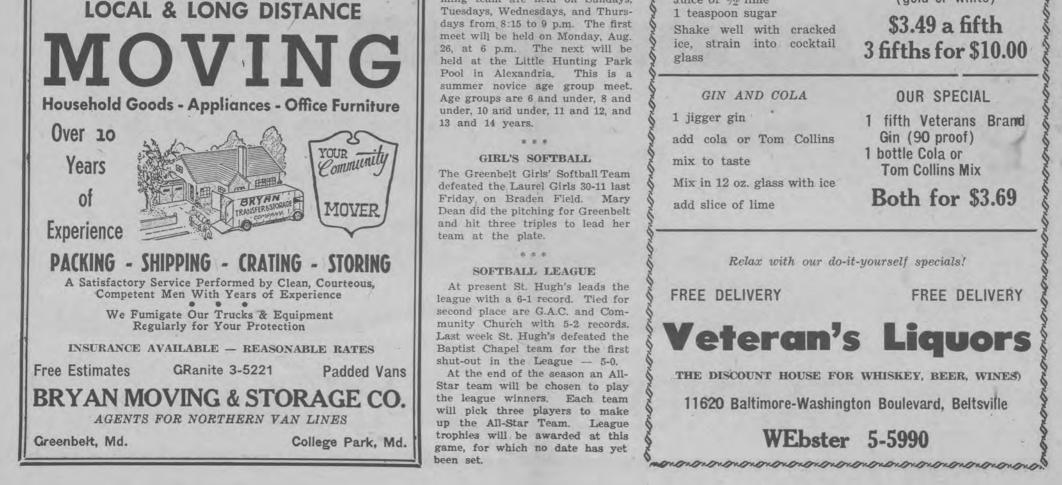
NEWS REVIEW

Koons, also from Shellsville, and Mrs. Beulah Kidwell from Blaine, Pennsylvania,

Meet Warrant Officer and Mrs. Wayne R. Glenny, 9-A Ridge. The Glenny's home-state 'is California. They have been living on the East Coast for many years. Glenny is with the Coast Guard at Curtis Bay, and will be attending Ben Franklin University in October for two years. Mrs. Glenny (Virginia) is working with the Army Ordnance at Curtis Bay. The Glennys have three children, Patsy, age 15, Kathy, age 7, and Brian, age 5.



Three



Four

Greenbelt Profiles

By Barbara Gilmore

For those of you who were lucky enough to catch one of the three performances of the University of Maryland's Summer Theatre Workshop hilarious presentation of "The Rainmaker", a note of familiarity must have registered upstairs when "Jimmy Curry" walked on stage. "Jimmy", the youngest son of a mid-western farmer who "looked like a pretty smart kid until he opened his mouth", was played by none other than ROD NORVELL, Greenbelt resident at 11-S Ridge, and more likely known to most of us as the tall, quiet, curly-haired, blond checker at the Co-op Food store.

Rod, in his junior year at Maryland as a Public Relations major, and part time employee of GCS for the past year, chalks up this performance as his first in the theatrical world, excluding his impersonation of a rooster in a play at Center School with the supereminent line "Cock-a-doodle-doo" as he leaped from platform to stage at the appropriate moment. Having spent all of his college days busily studying and helping out financially by working part time, Rod decided that this year he was going to enjoy some of the social life one usually gets out of a college education. He noticed on the bulletin board at school that try-outs were being held for "The Rainmaker" and dropped by to see if there were any opportunities. He wound up getting the part of "Jimmy" and really put his heart and soul into it. "Jimmy", the youngest son of a mid western farmer who was desperately in need of rain, constantly plagued and harrased the family by always saying the wrong thing at the most inopportune moment.

The family consisted of an elder brother, an older sister, "Jimmy", and his father. One day "The Rainmaker" happened by and offered, for the nominal fee of \$100, to produce the glorious and much needed rain. The older sister, of August 1, 1957

marriageable age and not yet hitched, is badgered constantly by the family to get herself a man. Around these situations, a rollicking comedy has been written. In the end, rain falls, much to the amazement of con man "Starbuck" ("The Rainmaker"), and "Jimmy" walks on stage twirling the hat of the much sought after local doll.

Few of you could ever imagine, I am sure, that this quiet and shy individual would be capable of playing the part of "Jimm'y' without previous stage experience. Rod so thoroughly enjoyed his part that he said if he had to decide on a career right now it would be acting. He demonstrated for me the difference between the various American dialects, all this without ever having a course in diction or the use of a tape recorder. Hoping to continue extra-curricularly in the field, Rod tried out for "Tea and Sympathy" and got a small part which he had to turn down due to working commitments. Incidentally Rod wished to express his appreciation to the manager of the store for allowing him to be off for three weeks in order that he might rehearse for the play. After only three performances, Rod enthusiastically expresses the fun and realistically looks ahead too the hard work involved in this field. If he decides to go on with this and as he puts it "if I can do it" he plans to first get his degree and then go on to a specialized school.

I wonder. I wonder if this easy going guy, this boy with the practical mind and a kind of innate perseverance will have his name in lights someday. Only time will tell.

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Business Review

Located in what was once the "Variety Store", Greenbelt's "Ben Franklin" store (109 Centerway) reports business has been steadily increasing since its recent opening. Its proprietor, Harry Wiener, feels that by fall, with the opening of school and other activities, Ben Franklin will have a rapid turnover of stock. With this thought in mind, he is stocking his basement with a large variety of merchandise - from back-to-school equipment to Christmas ornaments. In reference to the latter, Ben Franklin offers a lay-away plan whereby goods may be purchased now and stored by them until the holidays.

Harry Wiener and his brother are in partnership, currently running three stores, two of which are in Waldorf, Maryland. The Waldorf stores include another Ben Franklin and a department store. The brothers are having still another Ben Franklin store constructed in Salisbury, Md. in a twenty-unit shopping center due to be completed by this winter (or early spring).

Harry has had over 25 years of experience in his profession seven in the dime store end. He has purchased a home in Greenbelt (6-H Crescent) and hopes to have one built in either the Woodland or Lakeside developments in the future, being quite enthusiastic about our community.

The local Ben Franklin is one of over 2500 scattered throughout the country. It has been equipped with the latest fixtures, remodeled, painted, and carries a wide variety of items. Harry is also installing air conditioning this week to make

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it more comfortable to shop. He serves notice that courtesy discounts are available to churches, schools, and civic organizations. Plans for the future include expanding present stock / to provide for a. full line of merchandise, ng. possibly even shoes. In any event, if you need something not in stock

if you need something not in stock, Harry will order it for you. Five or six sizable sales are planned for the future, although weekend specials are to be standard at Ben Franklin, even if not advertised.

Harry feels the future of his store holds great promise, as is evidenced by the mounting stockpile of merchandise in his basement. In a community the size of ours, he should have little trouble moving it.

Library Notes By Elizabeth B. Hage

Every now and then one reads an article about the number of small business enterprises which are started in this country and how many of them fail in a short time. Perhaps you've wanted to go into business for yourself and stories of other failings have made you hesitant. The Library has a number of books which can be of help in planning and carrying out plans if you decide to make the start. A BUSINESS OF YOUR OWN, by Thomas Murphy: HOW TO RUN A SMALL BUSINESS, by J. K. Lasser; and also by Lasser, BUSI-NESS MANAGEMENT HAND-In addition there are BOOK. HOW TO ORGANIZE AND MAN-AGE A SMALL BUSINESS by Black, SELECTING AND OPERA-TING A BUSINESS OF YOUR OWN, by Larson, SMALL BUSI-NESS: ITS PLACE AND PROB-LEMS by Kaplan.

After the splendid air show at Andrews Air Force Base on Sunday, July 28, perhaps you've been inspired to read something about how the planes work, how they're flown, how to recognize them in the air, or even to make models of planes of various sorts. Numerous books on these subjects are available at the Prince George's County Memorial Library.

Health For All

More and More Blind Progress is the story in almost every aspect of our nation's health. Every year gains are chalked up against cancer, heart disesase, tuberculosis, mental illness, and diseases of infancy. Blindness, however, is on the increase. Last year more Americans lost their sight than in any previous year: 27,000 men, women, and children.

Why is the sightless population of the United States at a record high of 334,000? Science has made progress in knowledge about the human eye. Much has been learned about how to prevent blindness. And yet we have more and more blind.

Apparently the reason lies in the increasing number of older people in our population. Medical science and higher standards of living are keeping us alive longer. Consequently there is an increase in the disabilities associated with aging. Older people account for Cataract and glaucoma are primary causes of blindness for our senior citizens. The causes of these and many other diseases of the eyes are still unknown. But they can be treated and blindness prevented if full use is made of present knowledge about them. Most cataracts can be corrected surgically, and glaucoma can be controlled with medication or surgery if . . . and it's a big IF . . . if discovery is made early and treatment begun promptly.

What can we do about this needless waste of precious sight? Well, how long has it been since you had your eyes examined? You may never have needed glasses or had trouble with your eyes. But if you're over 40, you should have a competent eye examination every two years.

You might find it a moderate nuisance to put drops in your eyes every day to control a moderate case of glaucoma. But you would also be reading, watching television, going to the movies, enjoying the faces of friends and family, instead of living in a world without sight.



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