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CANNING AND KISTLER TIE FOR FIRST

SPECIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION

To Fill Vacancy on City Council

CANDIDATES: BRUCE BOWMAN
BEN GOLDFADEN

Tuesday September 22 1959

7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

at the
Greenbelt Fire House

E. Smith and Champion Also In; Run-off Between Bowman, Goldfaden

by Isadore Parker

Local citizens marched to the polls last Tuesday in near-record numbers and elected incumbents Tom Canning and Alan Kistler, along with newcomers Edgar Smith and Dave Champion to the new city council. Incumbent Ben Goldfaden will vie with Bruce Bowman in a runoff election Tuesday for the remaining seat. An overwhelming endorsement of the proposed \$200,000 bond issue was also expressed by the citizenry with 835 for and 244 against. (See page 1 for ballot counts.) Defeated candidates included James Smith, who had served six years on the council previously, and Carnie Harper, Al Long, Robert Hull, and William Graff.

Tie For First

An unusual result of the balloting was the tie for first place between Mayor Canning and Kistler. Each candidate received 630 votes of the 1,096 cast. Finishing a strong third was Edgar Smith with 625 votes, followed by Champion who received 571 votes.

In fifth and sixth places were Goldfaden and Bowman with 455 and 411 votes, respectively. Since neither of these candidates received the necessary 549 votes for a majority, a run-off election was made necessary. (A successful council candidate must receive one vote more than 50 percent of the votes cast).

The vote-counting lasted until 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, and was attended by most of the candidates and a crowd of about 30 citizens who observed the count at intervals of 200 ballots, which was posted on a blackboard outside the fire department building. Long-time observers expressed amazement at the strong showing of Edgar Smith, who led the count at many intervals, and Dave Champion's strong support. Champion, a comparative unknown, put on a vigorous door-to-door campaign. Bowman, trailing until the end, jumped into contention at the last 100 votes.

Interpretation

Curb-side analysis by election spectators attributed the success and failures of various candidates to many causes, but all agreed only

those who campaigned actively were elected. Although all the incumbent candidates were considered "running scared" the results were surprising to those elected and defeated. Since most candidates were in general agreement regarding the News Review platform issues seem to have carried little weight. Even the ballots expressed "no sense" in the pairing of candidates, indicating the electorate was interested only in individuals and not slates.

The past council, marked by sharp differences of opinion on many issues, is considered by many to have had its effect on the election. With the addition of Edgar Smith and Champion, both youthful and on the brink of greater political careers, are expected to bring a fresh and unjaded point of view to the council chamber. Neither have indicated favoring a special group or section in town, but have campaigned on the promise of "new blood" and professional qualifications.

The run-off between Goldfaden and Bowman will pit a veteran of city affairs against a veteran of GHI activities. Both will draw votes from endorsements of other candidates, but few are willing to predict the outcome.

This new council will be the highest paid thus far, receiving \$750 a year because of a raise voted by the outgoing council.

The new council will organize at its next meeting on Monday, September 28 and select one of its members as mayor. Although the charter is silent on this point, there has been a tendency in the past to choose the top vote gatherer as mayor. Canning has been mayor since 1955 and has served on the council for 12 consecutive years. Kistler will be serving his third term on the council.

City Council Election Results

	Final vote	600 ballots	Vote After 800 ballots	1,000 ballots
Thomas Canning	630	347	448	566
Alan Kistler	630	341	443	566
Edgar Smith	625	335	458	569
Dave Champion	571	308	410	522
Ben Goldfaden	455	270	342	422
Bruce Bowman	411	211	297	372
Jim Smith	407	228	316	381
Carnie Harper	386	217	290	357
Al Long	353	189	253	318
Robert Hull	325	183	238	290
William Graff	146	83	112	129

Votes cast — 1,096; majority required to win — 549

Tuesday's election attracted one of the highest votes in recent years as 77.2 percent of the 1,419 registered voters went to the polls. In the 1957 city election, only 781 out of 1,097 registered voters cast ballots or 71.2 percent. In 1955, the proportion voting was 76.1 percent, but the registration was much lower—only 976.

Testimonial Dinner For GHI Manager

by Al Skolnik

At a testimonial dinner given by Greenbelt Homes Inc. officials and employees last Thursday night, departing manager John O. Walker was presented with an alumnium plaque, commending him for services rendered the corporation during his 2½ years stewardship. The plaque, which was mounted on a mahogany wood frame, also contained photographs of GHI brick and frame houses, the Administration building, and the board of directors.

Director Frank Lastner, who presided in the absence of ailing GHI president Ed Burgoon, led the speakers in words of praise for the departing manager. He characterized Walker as a man of fortitude who did not hesitate to meet head-on the thorniest problems facing the corporation. Walker was commended for his leadership in inspiring GHI employees to contribute their utmost in making GHI a successful operation.

Other after-dinner speakers who contributed words of appreciation were GHI attorneys Dave Krooth and Norman Altman, GHI directors Bruce Bowman and Lloyd Moore, and GHI staff members

Roy Breashears and Mrs. Mary Jane Kinzer.

Walker thanked the assemblage for the kind words and reached into his storehouse of anecdotes to give some final words of advice. A story of cooperation on the Western frontier among various church denominations was used to stress the importance in a co-operative movement of making certain that co-operation permeates all levels of the organization and not just the facade. Walker went back to his early years as a government administrator to illustrate the importance of having all the

facts before making executive decisions.

Walker will be succeeded around October 1 by Paul M. Campbell who is returning from a 2½-year United Nations assignment as National Director of Housing in the British West Indies island possession of Jamaica. Campbell was manager of GHI from January 1953 to February 1957, when he was given a leave of absence to take the United Nations post.

Walker, who was persuaded to come out of retirement to take the GHI position during Campbell's absence, is now returning to retirement status, but his friends do not believe that he will remain inactive very long.

HI-POINT NOTE

A new sports activity has been added to the High Point curriculum. It is the Cross-Country racing team. Mr. Ballew, the sponsor, is trying to work up a team of boys who will take part in competitions between other schools in cross-country races. He meets every afternoon and welcomes any new members who wish to join.

Departure Ceremony For Joseph P. O'Neill, S.J.

On Sunday, September 20 at 11 a.m. a Departure Ceremony will be held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church for the Rev. Mr. Joseph P. O'Neill S.J., who is about to leave for a mission assignment in South America.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. O'Neill of 16-F Ridge Road, Mr. O'Neill attended Holy Redeemer grade school and Gonzaga high school. After graduation he entered the Society of Jesus at St. Isaac Jogues Novitiate, Wernersville, Pa. and completed his studies at Loyola Seminary, Shrub Oak, N. Y. Before his present assignment to Colegio San Mateo, Orsono, Chile, Mr. O'Neill taught at St. Joseph's Prep, Philadelphia, and Loyola High, Baltimore.

At the Departure Ceremony, High Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Paul Liston with the Rev. Leo P. Monahan S.J. as guest speaker. The Rev. Victor J. Dowgiallo, Pastor of St. Hugh's, will officiate and present Mr. O'Neill with his mission mandate. A reception will follow in the school social room.

Recreation Review

By Warren Leddick

Youth Center Dances: Beginning Saturday, Sept. 19, dances will be held at both the Center School and North End School. The dance at Center School will be for Senior High School students and will run from 8 to 10:30 p.m. All members are reminded that since the school is now owned by the Board of Education, all rules and regulations must be adhered to; the privileges of using the building could be taken away. The dances at Center School will again be held in the Social Room with the same rules and regulations in effect. During the month of September John Huffman of the Recreation Department will be in charge.

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The New City Council

This year's city council can be considered one of the most momentous in Greenbelt's history. With the city facing a future of new expansion and the first sharp increase in population since the construction of the frame houses for defense workers during World War II, several highly critical decisions will be made by the new council during its two years in office. The overwhelming approval of the bond issue for the proposed three new municipal buildings clearly shows that Greenbelt's citizens desire a modern city with improved facilities even though it may require increased taxes.

It is perhaps symbolic that in this transition from the old to the new Greenbelt the new council will have its accent on youth. For two councilmen, Ed Smith and Dave Champion, it will be their first venture into local city politics. The large, almost unprecedented vote rolled up by these two newcomers indicates that the citizens of the community are eager to see new ideas tried and new approaches to old problems. Smith's background of experience in the field of municipal government is impressive. He promises to add a touch of professionalism to a city council whose members generally are admitted amateurs in the field of municipal administration. (This, of course, is why we pay a city manager \$10,000 a year.) Champion is a dedicated young man who in making presentations before the council in the past has shown himself to be methodical and thorough.

The high vote received by Councilman Alan Kistler gives him a mandate from the citizens to continue his forthright, independent attack on civic problems and bottlenecks. At the same time, continued support for Mayor Tom Canning demonstrates that the community respects his conservative viewpoint and feels that some of this is needed on the council. In view of the dramatic tie for first place in votes between Kistler and Canning, it will be interesting to see whom the council members elect as mayor, a position that traditionally goes to the man with the highest number of votes.

The fifth seat remains to be contested between Ben Goldfaden and Bruce Bowman. Although Councilman Goldfaden has been somewhat controversial on occasion, he is certainly not subject to the charge of being a "do-nothing." It may be remembered that it was his crusade to make certain changes in the city charter which, though beaten at the polls, eventually led to a comprehensive review of the time-worn charter and important recommendations for its revision. On the other hand, Bruce Bowman is well known for his long and valuable service on the board of directors of the Greenbelt housing corporation. He is also a man who likes to get things done and is quick to get to the heart of problems that need correction. Either man would make contributions to the new council and would complete a well-balanced group.

There is one thing that is certain. This will be a dynamic, energetic council composed of men who appear to have a zeal for public service. The citizens of Greenbelt are to be congratulated for awakening to their responsibility in such a resounding manner. They have given a graphic demonstration of how the text books say democracy is supposed to work.

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Ballot-Count Thrills Crowd With Suspense

By Al Skolnik

It was a rewarding evening for the thirty or so hardy souls who hovered around the fire house until 2:30 a.m. yesterday morning to get the final city election results. They witnessed one of the most thrilling climaxes to feature a city council contest in Greenbelt.

Not only was there a pin and tuck battle for top vote-gatherer between incumbents Thomas Canning and Alan Kistler, which ended in a dead heat, but also in doubt until the last minute were the candidates who would qualify for the run-off election to be held next Tuesday, September 22.

Bruce Bowman, who trailed in eighth place for most of the voting, made a fast finish to end up in sixth place, just nosing out incumbent Jim Smith by 4 votes. He thus won the right to compete in the run-off election against incumbent Ben Goldfaden, who while finishing fifth in the balloting, did not receive an absolute majority of the 1,096 votes cast.

The election also saw the strong emergence of two newcomers to the political scene — Edgar L. Smith and Dave Champion — who won seats on the city council by absolute majorities in their first try. Smith's majority was never in doubt, but Champion supporters had anxious moments as his vote teetered around the 50 percent mark all evening until a strong finish gave him a vote of 571, or 22 more than the 549 needed for a majority.

Top vote-gatherer

Canning took a slight edge over Kistler in the early balloting, leading by six votes after the first 600 ballots and by five votes after the 800th ballot. At the end of 1,000 ballots, Kistler picked up the necessary votes to draw apace of Canning. During this period, Edgar Smith made a strong drive for the top post, and even emerged ahead of both Canning and Kistler at the end of 800 ballots, a spot which he maintained during the next 200 votes, with 569 votes against Canning and Kistler's 566.

In the final 96 ballots, Smith faltered, gathering only 56 votes, while Kistler and Canning each collected 64 votes to tie at 630.

Bowman-Smith

But the real excitement centered around the Bowman-Jim Smith fight. From the first it was apparent that Canning, Kistler, and Edgar Smith would be elected by comfortable margins. It was also clear that Champion had the fourth slot nailed down with the only question that of achieving the necessary majority.

Ben Goldfaden, while orbiting successfully in the fifth spot from the beginning, never was able to achieve enough thrust to acquire an absolute majority. At the end of 600 ballots he was 31 votes shy of a majority, a gap which deepened as the evening progressed. At the end of 800 ballots, he was 59 shy, and finally ended up with 455 votes, or 94 short of a majority.

The failure of Goldfaden to achieve a majority focused attention on the competition for sixth place. At the end of 600 ballots, Jim Smith led with 228 votes, followed by Carnie Harper with 217 and Bruce Bowman with 211 votes.

At this juncture, Bowman made his move. During the next 200 ballots, he pulled ahead of Harper to trail Smith by 316 to 297. This 19-vote margin was further narrowed to 9 at the end of the 1,000 count.

As the crowd held its breath, the count-down for the final 96 votes began. At mid-point, Bowman began to pick up votes and slowly nosed ahead of Smith to emerge victorious by 411 to 407 margin.

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An unusual feature of the picnic will be the "first annual" regatta at the lake, during which several members of the association will have their seagoing craft available for trips on the billowy waves. Dramamine will be available for emergencies.

Jewish High Holidays

The Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County will observe the High Holidays at its building on Ridge Road and Westway in Greenbelt. Rosh Hashanah services will begin at 6:30 p.m., Friday, October 2 and go through Sunday, October 4.

Yom Kippur observances will start at 6:15 p.m. with the Kol Nidre on Sunday, October 11, and go through Monday, October 12.

Cantor Shalom Jacob Pomrenze will officiate at the services for the fourth year. Cantor Pomrenze has served as Cantor and director in a number of congregations in Chicago and Washington.

Service personnel invited. For further information, call GRanite 4-5811 or GRanite 4-5651.

CATHOLIC WOMEN

As a preliminary for the First Annual Conference of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, the Prince Georges Deanery No. 1 of the ACCW will hold its regular quarterly board meeting Thursday, September 24, in Holy Redeemer Auditorium at 8:15 p.m.

The general meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, in Holy Redeemer Auditorium, at 8:15 p.m. In order to be informed concerning the coming Conference all Catholic women of the Deanery No. 1 Area are invited to attend these preliminary meetings.

BISHOP SEWING CLASSES

Beginning Friday, September 25, there will be two Bishop sewing classes held at the Mowatt Methodist Church. The beginners' class will be held in the morning from 9 to 12; the tailoring I in the afternoon from 12:30 to 3:30. Those wishing to take tailoring must have had the beginners' course.

The classes are sponsored by the Prince Georges County Board of Adult Education. The fee is \$5 for each class. All checks should be made out to the County and mailed to Mrs. Wanda Pope at 5909 Aberdeen Rd., Bethesda, Md. as soon as possible.

For any further information, please call Betty Cormack, 2883.

WHEN THE SIREN BLOWS

By Rita Fisher

When the siren blew three times around noon last Sunday, I decided that it would be a good time to take a walk down to the Fire House and question the men, upon their return from the call, as to just what they were doing when the call came through. When I got there the men were just returning from a reported brush fire caused by an old ignited car seat near the playground at the end of Ridge Road. Both ambulances were also out on call. No. 359, our new Cadillac, was making an emergency trip to Leland Memorial Hospital and our old ambulance 358, was taking a sick woman to Prince Georges Hospital.

Upon questioning the men, I received these answers: two were reading the Sunday paper, one had just got up, one man was already at the fire house, another just stepped out of the tub, one was clipping hedges, one eating lunch, another taking his children to church, (they had to walk part of the way because of the siren). When 359 pulled in, I asked the same question and found out that one had just finished cutting the grass, another was drinking a cup of coffee and one was getting ready to work on his car. The same question was asked of the crew on 358 and one had just finished breakfast, one was just relaxing at home and the last, my own husband, was putting a towel rack up in the kitchen. It's interesting and inspiring to know that these men, all volunteers, are willing to "take off" when the siren blows.

At the Prince Georges County Convention in Kentland last week, County Fire Marshal L. Wolfe said that, upon investigation of three fire calls in response to dryer fires, it was found that asbestos gloves, the kind used as pot holders, were the cause. It seems that asbestos gloves retain the heat from the dryers even after they are removed and when put with a pile of cotton garments, caused the material to ignite, thereby causing the fires.

Greenbelt's Ladies Auxiliary announces some honors won at the county Convention. A Hazard hat, based on fire prevention in the home, won first prize at the convention and will be exhibited at the County Showcase in Marlboro. Peggy Holland won a 2nd place medal as the Junior majorette most outstanding in the parade and competition. The Senior majorettes won first prize in the Senior competition. Our women will take a turn at manning the Canteen at the Marlboro County Showcase. If you get a chance, go out and see them this weekend. The exhibition should prove quite interesting.

Your reporter will be representing Greenbelt at the Fall Conference of the Ladies Auxiliaries to the Maryland State Firemen's Association at Harandale Mall, Md. this Thursday, September 17.

A summary of the activities of the men for the past week includes two fire calls, one brush and one grass fire without much damage or any injury. The Rescue Squad ambulances made one trip to Sibley Hospital, one trip to Leland Memorial Hospital and three trips to Prince Georges General Hospital. They also answered a county request to carry a Beacon Heights woman with a fractured hip to the National Orthopedic Hospital in Arlington, Va. One person was treated at the scene of her injury for a cut foot caused by stepping on a piece of glass and two people were carried to the doctor's office for emergency treatment.

Men, the Fire Department and Rescue Squad are constantly looking for new men to join their organizations. Come on out and offer your services so that you can lend a hand when the siren blows.

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