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GCS Offices Move To Beltsville, Leave Greenbelt After 22 Years

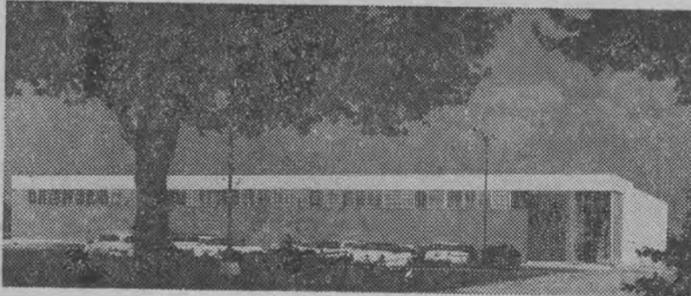


Photo by Kaplan

The administrative offices of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. left its 22 year old home and birthplace in Greenbelt last Saturday, when it moved to its new and greatly expanded offices and warehouse headquarters at 10501 Rhode Island Avenue in Beltsville. The transfer of the offices climaxed a massive moving operation which began six weeks ago when the warehouse, formerly at Baltimore, was re-housed at Beltsville.

The new site, located at the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and Truck Route No. 1, covers an area of 11½ acres and includes a private railroad siding. The combined warehouse and office, totaling 66,000 square feet, almost doubles the area of the former facilities. Designed to accommodate the anticipated growth of the next 10 years, the building incorporates several design features used for the first time in this area. These include flexible doors for ready entry to the chilling and cooling rooms, and plastic siding for better admission of light to the warehouse.

Overall design of the building conforms to standards of acceptability of the semi-residential suburban neighborhood. The front facade, facing Rhode Island Avenue and Route No. 1, with its low, modern lines in brick, stone and glass suggest a school, office, or research laboratory, rather than a warehouse. Samuel Ashelman, Jr., General Manager of G. C. S. explained that in planning the dual purpose building, the objective was to achieve a structure "easy to look at, pleasant to work in, and efficient to operate."

Greenbelt Consumer Services now operates eight supermarkets, four pharmacies and five gasoline stations in the metropolitan area and

CHAVRID TO TALK

The Women's Group of the Prince Georges Jewish Community Center will meet on Wednesday, October 21, 8:30 p.m. in the JCC building on Westway and Ridge. Following the business portion of the meeting, Vladimir Chavrid, economist in the Labor Department and Greenbelt resident, will speak. Chavrid has recently returned from the Moscow Fair where he was sent by the American Government as an authority on American economy. His topic will be "Report on Moscow Assignments." Refreshments will be served. The signment."

BALLOOM DANCE

The Prince George's County Recreation Department is giving class lessons in ballroom dancing for adults to be held at the Riverdale Recreation Community Building, Somerset and 51st Street, Riverdale, Maryland.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings, at 8 p.m. and at 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$10 per couple for the 10 weeks dance instruction. Bernard Arret, the instructor, will teach the Fox Trot, Waltz, Jitterbug, Cha-Cha-Cha, Mambo, Merengue, Tango and the Rhumba.

Registration for the classes will be accepted, by mail or in person, at the Prince George's County Recreation Department, 4803 Riverdale Road. For further information call APpleton 7-8696.

Westminster, Maryland. Additional stores, including one at the warehouse site, are now in the planning or construction stage.

Architects for the half-million dollar building—erected in a record 6 months—were Goenner & Young, working under the supervision of G. C. S. Facilities Director, William T. Bateman.

SHRIMP FEAST

Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136 will sponsor a Shrimp Feast on Sunday, October 25, from 2 to 6 p.m., followed by a dance from 6 to 10 p.m. in their newly redecorated modern headquarters.

Council Must Solve Several Problems In Planning New Municipal Buildings

by Al Skolnick

The first step in a serious reappraisal of Greenbelt's building program took place recently when the new city council was given a personally - conducted tour by city manager Charles T. McDonald of building sites.

The group first visited the proposed site of the youth center building between the swimming pool and the tennis courts and then crossed Braden Field to view the cleared area along Crescent between St. Hugh's and the Parkway apartments where the fire department and rescue squad building is scheduled to go. The tour ended with an inspection of the area along Crescent between the commercial center and Center School property which has been suggested for the municipal office building.

Some dissatisfaction has been expressed with the latter site since the property is not city-owned. Securing title would presumably involve some city expenditures or obligations, even if a satisfactory exchange of property with the present owner, Greenbelt Consumer Services, could be effected.

As an alternative site, interest was expressed by city council members in the city-owned tract along Crescent where the fire house will be built. At one time, all three buildings were planned for this area, on the assumption that the growth of Greenbelt would make this the most centrally located area in town geographically. The Youth Advisory Council, however, rejected this area as being too isolated for its activities.

Upon questioning, McDonald stated his belief that there was no particular advantage in having a municipal office in a commercial center, especially if there might be more than one such center in town. In fact, locating the municipal building away from the commercial center would help to re-

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, MD.

October 19, 1959

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting, October 5, 1959
Minutes of Special Meeting, October 6, 1959
Minutes of Special Meeting, October 12, 1959
4. Petitions and Requests of citizens
5. Written Communications
6. Ordinance - Second Reading - Money Refunded from Special Building Fund to General Fund (Surplus Account)
7. Ordinance - Provide for Payment of Water Bill to Sanitary Commission
8. Ordinance - Lakeood Property on Tax Rolls
9. Consider Bids Received on Firehouse and Rescue Squad Building
10. Ordinance - Second Reading - To Change Charter for Change of Fiscal Year
11. Miscellaneous
 - (a)
 - (b)
 - (c)
 - (d)

Council Reviews Proposed Charter Changes, Indicates General Approval

by Russ Greenbaum

The city council, beginning its review of the proposed changes to the city charter at a special meeting on Monday, covered more than half of the revisions recommended by the Charter Committee and indicated general approval of these items. Another special meeting was scheduled for last night (Wednesday) to complete the review, following which the accepted changes will be placed in legal language by the city solicitor for final passage.

One change is already on its way to official approval. A resolution which will change the beginning of the fiscal year from January 1 to July 1 was submitted for first reading. This will also require the city manager to transmit his budget to the council at least 60 days before the end of the fiscal year instead of the present 30 days. This revision will make the city's fiscal year conform to that of the State of Maryland.

In order to make the change-over, the council will approve a six-month budget this fall and a six-month tax rate effective from January 1 to June 30. In the spring a full year's budget will be considered by the council. Clinton Fair, chairman of the Charter Committee, told the council that the main reason for this suggested change was that the newly elected councilmen every other year are presently required to consider budget matters when barely acquainted with city affairs. The added 30 days should also eliminate the need for numerous special budget meetings.

Personnel Management

Most of the meeting was spent on a discussion of Item 4 of the proposed changes, which concerns personnel management. The Charter Committee has recommended the setting up of a permanent three-man personnel board (which Fair referred to as a City Civil Service Commission, to hear employee grievances, particularly where an employee has been reduced, suspended or removed by the city manager. The members of this board will be selected by the council and serve for six-year terms and can only be removed by the council for cause following a public hearing of the charges.

If the aggrieved employee wishes to appeal the city manager's action, he must submit his request in writing to the city clerk within 15 days. The city manager must then prove his case. The decision of the board rendered in writing will be final. This procedure would replace the present system whereby a three-man board is appointed to review a particular grievance and has only an advisory function. The city manager can ignore the board's findings. The Charter Committee considered this present

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City, Berwyn Heights In Boundary Dispute

The city of Greenbelt has decided to challenge the claim of Berwyn Heights to the section of land at the corner of Edmonston and Greenbelt Roads, opposite Greenbelt Junior High. This was revealed in the special meeting on the proposed charter changes held by the city council on Monday.

One of the recommendations accepted the claim of Berwyn Heights as valid, and the wording in the city charter about the city's boundaries was to be changed accordingly. However, Mayor Alan Kistler said that the council has decided not to accept the opinion of the city solicitor that Berwyn Heights has a good claim. A "friendly suit" will be instituted to settle the boundary line dispute.

Kistler explained that that section of the land was originally included in a purchase by the Federal Government when Greenbelt was established in 1937. However, through an oversight, appropriate legal steps to transfer the land from Berwyn Heights to Greenbelt were not taken. Berwyn Heights, therefore, claims that the land still legally belongs to that city. Kistler said the city will not "meekly surrender" this claim.

Police News Review

Two young children are recovering from an overdose of aspirin after each of them swallowed 25 five-grain tablets. Crystal Simmons, age two, and Warren Simmons, age one, took the aspirin from the medicine cabinet of their home at 57-A Ridge Road on Monday, according to the police.

The children were rushed to Prince Georges County Hospital by a neighbor, and their stomachs were pumped out by the hospital. The one-year old was taken to Children's Hospital for further treatment and observation.

Two homes in the North End were entered last weekend, apparently by juveniles while the occupants were out of town. Entry was made through the unlocked window of one house and then down through the attic opening into the next house. Nothing was taken, however.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT to Section 11E of the Constitution of Maryland under Sections 11 to 18, notice is hereby given to the citizens of the City of Greenbelt that the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland has passed Ordinance No. 393 to amend the city charter by striking out the sentence in Section 724, (Creation, Salary and Composition of Council), "Each councilman shall receive a salary, the amount of which shall be prescribed by ordinance, but not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars per year"; and to substitute in its place the sentence: "Each councilman shall receive a salary of \$750.00 per annum, payable in 26 bi-weekly payments."

Alan A. Kistler,

Mayor

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Co-op Advertising

To the Editor:

In your last issue you urged your readers to inquire of G.C.S. Congress and Board members, "if they can find them," why G.C.S. does not advertise in your paper. Perhaps if you will answer a few whys yourself the answer you ask your readers to seek will be obvious.

Why did the News-Review management refuse the offer of G.C.S. a few years ago to take a full page every week at a price equal to the cost of printing and distributing fliers as we were then doing quite satisfactorily?

Why, when we stated that from a business standpoint we could not afford to pay the higher price you asked, did your management indignantly refuse our offer to place smaller ads with on a subsidy basis as a token of our good will?

Why does the News-Review take such a persistently hostile attitude toward G.C.S.? For instance, why did you in this latest editorial falsely imply that the 18 G.C.S. Congressmen from Greenbelt are hard to find? Why do you say that I myself, the only Board member from Greenbelt, am even harder to find than the Congressmen? In the seven years I have lived here I never knew anyone who had difficulty in finding me, unless it was your delivery boy, who, despite my complaints, over a period of several months apparently could not find my home to make delivery of your paper.

At present G.C.S. is very satisfactorily covering the great majority of Greenbelt residents with its own weekly News Letter, carrying our advertisements of week-end specials and other items very effectively. We are contemplating increasing the News Letter circulation here to reach every household in the city.

In conclusion, I remind your readers that the G.C.S. Board is to meet in Greenbelt October 23, and will welcome the attendance of any Greenbelt residents, including yourself, and will gladly listen to their questions, complaints and criticisms, and endeavor to answer them satisfactorily.

Yours truly,

Robert C. Hull

Member G.C.S. Board of Directors

SISCO BAR MITZVAH

Dennis Sisco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Sisco, 19 Lakeside, will be Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, October 17, at 9:30 a.m. Friends are invited.

HEBREW SERVICES

Weekly Friday night services will start at the JCC Building on Friday, October 16, at 8 p.m.

Greenbelt Appliance

GR. 4-3344

Repairs on small and large appliances, gadgets, and what-not
Automatic answering service day and night.

H. E. Ogden Hours: 9 to 5
Before you mix it up—let us fix it up!

Reply to Mr. Hull

Mr. Hull brings to light a situation that existed several years ago when the resources of the News Review, both financial and human, were at their lowest ebb. The paper was in debt heavily and the few staff members active were of almost unanimous mind to "fold" the paper. At this moment, Roger Farquahr, public relations director of GCS approached the editor (Isadore Parker) with the offer, as Mr. Hull says, to "take a full page every week at a price equal to the cost of printing and distributing fliers as we were doing quite satisfactorily."

Farquahr's offer was to take a full page of advertising at \$60 a page. The normal rate at that time was \$80 a page, a rate that had existed for years before (and had been paid for by GCS quite often). Because of the normal printing expenses and distribution costs, the newspaper would have lost money by offering GCS a bargain rate. Mr. Hull will recognize, I'm sure, that in effect, GCS was asking the News Review to subsidize the cooperative.

Other Greenbelt Businessmen were paying the regular advertising rates and considered it a normal business expense. It seems odd indeed that the co-op, the biggest commercial enterprise in the city, could not "afford" as much.

After a personal plea to the board of directors, who at that time met in Greenbelt only, the board recommended that the general manager explore the possibilities of advertising in the News Review. The general manager then offered to "subsidize" the newspaper by offering a "token" amount of money in lieu of advertising. AT NO TIME WAS IT SUGGESTED THAT THE MONEY WAS IN PAYMENT FOR "SMALLER ADS". Since the News Review could not accept such a "subsidy" without compromising its independent editorial position, the money was forthwith returned.

In regard to the weekly News Letter by GCS, Mr. Hull must be aware that even GCS refuses to subsidize its own advertising! Fifty cents is deducted from every member's patronage return to go towards the expense of distributing the weekly news letter! To offer the news letter to non-members is to force another kind of subsidy on members.

No, Mr. Hull, I'm afraid the basic question remains unanswered: "Why doesn't GCS advertise in the News Review?"

Since you have kindly invited residents to the October 23 meeting of the GCS board "who will gladly listen to their questions, complaints and criticisms, and endeavor to answer them satisfactorily" we eagerly accept your invitation, and will put our query to the board. We will also make space available in this news paper for the answer which the board will provide, so that members and residents may be fully informed.

Harry Zubkoff, Editor

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GR. 4-6464 GR. 4-6069

REICHEL TO SPEAK

Herb Reichelt, chairman of the Prince George's County Commissioners, will address a Lion's zone meeting, (Greenbelt, Chillum and Langley Park clubs) at the Greenbelt Community Church on Monday, October 26 at 6:44 p.m. Greenbelt Lion's Club will be the host.

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lieve the parking congestion and would have the advantage of having the fire and police communication centers together.

Major Problems

Before the tour, a briefing session was held at the city offices in which McDonald gave the history of the building program and discussed some of the problems facing the newly-elected council in carrying it forward.

A major problem facing the council is how to allocate the funds among the three buildings being proposed. To finance the construction program, the city has acquired \$260,000 from the sale of the Center School property and has secured authorization to borrow or issue bonds up to the amount of \$200,000.

The fire house is estimated to cost \$141,000 and the youth center \$166,000 for a total of \$307,000. No precise plans have been drawn up for the municipal building, but several years ago a building costing approximately \$133,000 was visualized. Thus, the total costs for all three buildings would be \$440,000 or within the \$460,000 available.

However, an item causing concern is the extent to which bids submitted by contractors may exceed the architects' estimates. As an example of this, the lowest bid received last month on the fire house was some \$22,000 more than the estimate.

Since then, the Fire Department Advisory Board has made changes which it hopes will reduce costs to the original \$141,000 planned. An \$8,000 saving was accomplished by eliminating an entrance roadway through a turn in the building axis. A remaining \$15,000 saving is expected to be achieved by eliminating air conditioning equipment, a fire detection system, and inter-com sound system, a recirculatory hot water system, by substituting hand doors for electric doors, and by leaving the walls and ceiling rough finished.

While bids for the youth center have not yet been received, fears have been expressed that they will also be in excess of the estimates.

Another problem facing the council is the extent to which the three buildings should be considered as a whole or separately. Without specific cost estimates for the municipal building, the council does not really know at this time how much surplus it might have available from the \$460,000 to supplement the original \$307,000 contemplated for the youth center and fire house.

Choices Available

The council thus must consider the following possible courses of action. (1) It could accept the present plans for the youth center and fire house and start building immediately, even if bids exceed estimates, with the hope that enough money will be left over to build an acceptable municipal office building.

(2) It could accept the present plans for the youth center and fire house, but commit only up to \$307,000 for construction, even if this means uncompleted or unfurnished buildings.

(3) It could delay all building until estimates and bids are also received on the municipal building, so that a proper allocation of funds and determination of priority needs among the three buildings can be made.

(4) It could undertake a complete and basic review of the elements included in the proposed youth center and fire house to get the costs down to a level where a finished product could be built

without encroaching upon the supposed amounts needed for the city building. Such a review could consider the possibility of combining

the fire building with the housing of certain municipal functions, such as switchboard and police communication operations.

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1959

It is a pleasure to announce increased services and benefits available under the new Credit Union Law

- Increase in loan maturity limit to a maximum of 5 years on loans for down payments on GHI homes
- Increase in maximum unsecured loan limit to \$400.00
- Others to be announced when effective.

Greenbelt Federal CREDIT UNION

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GR 4-2481

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\$3.39 a gal. or
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Patio Blocks

35c each

2 for 49c

Floor and Deck

Enamel

\$3.69 a gal. or
3 for \$11.00

Flush Doors

IDEAL FOR MAKING TABLES

\$2.98 and up

Discounts on Floor Tile and Acoustic Ceiling Tile
Making a small Rec-room? See Veterans!

Welcome to . . .

Sixth Anniversary Services Sunday, Oct. 18

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service

Dr. William J. Crowder

"The Church in Christ's Purpose."

6:00 p.m. - Training Union

7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship Service

Colored Slides and Films

Testimonies

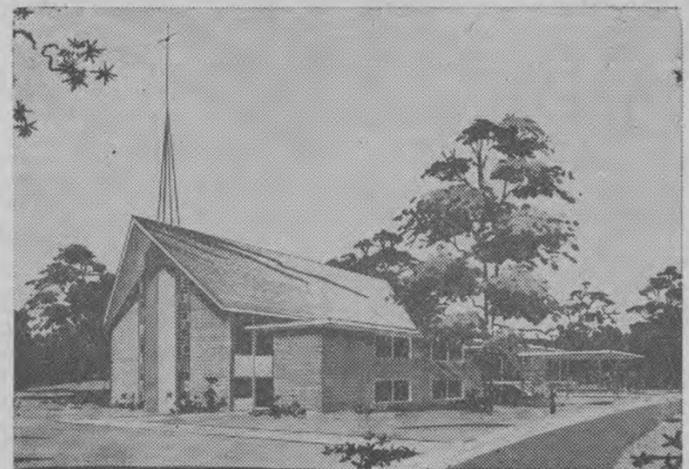
8:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hour

Refreshments



Dr. Wm. J. Crowder

Director of Missions & Evangelism of the D. C. Baptist Convention.—First Pastor of the Greenbelt Baptist Church



Greenbelt Baptist Church

Crescent and Greenhill Roads, Greenbelt, Maryland

Rev. Glenn W. Samuelson, Pastor

CLASSIFIED

Classified rates are five cents per word, fifty cents minimum. Ads should be submitted in writing, accompanied by cash payment, to the News Review office at 9 Parkway not later than 10 p.m. of the Tuesday preceding publication. If accompanied by cash payment, ads may be left for collection in the News Review box at the Co-op drug.

CALDWELL'S WASHER SERVICE: All makes expertly repaired. Authorized Whirlpool dealer, TO. 9-6414.

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WANTED - Riders or car pool to Naval Weapons Plant. Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call Vic Fisher, 9689.

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ORGANS — New Micro Organs \$149.50—Chord Organs \$179.50 up—Hammond, Sonora, Minshall, Estey, and CONN the triumph in tone all available—32 pedal A.G.O. Orgatron wonderful practice organ—Trade ins. Terms.

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Keeneys 161 West Street, Annapolis, Md. Phone Col. 3-2629, 5 Fifth Ave., S.W., Glen Burnie, Md. Phone SO 6-3740.

For Sale, Dinette Table and 4 chairs, blonde, \$25. Also 2 narrow Hollywood beds, \$45. Call JUNiper 5-8095.

Trombone, Holton, case, mute, \$80. Sofa, gray nylon, foam rubber cushions, \$50 or best offer. GR 4-9500. Ride Wanted—Daily, 8 to 4:30 to Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge GR. 4-6181.

GREENBELT THEATRE

129 Centerway, Greenbelt, Md.
GR. 4-6100

Starting Thurs. 15th Thru, 21st
Rodgers and Hammerstein's

"South Pacific"
Rossano Brazzi
Mitzi Gaynor

Show times Thur. 15; Fri. 16;
Mon. 19; Tues. 20; Wed. 21
6:30 P.M. - 9:15 P.M.

Sat. 17th - Sun. 18th Mat. Cont.
12:45 P.M. - 3:15 P.M. - 6:00
P.M. - 8:45 P.M.

Special Mat. Thur. 15 - Fri. 16
1 P.M. and 3 P.M. Only
Walt Disney's
"Bambi"

Language Classes

The program of after-school foreign language classes will begin the week of October 19, the Foreign Language Association of Greenbelt has announced. There will be weekly half-hour classes in both French and Spanish at both the Center and North End Schools.

Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday at the North End School and on Tuesday and Friday at the Center School. French classes will begin at 3:40 p.m. and Spanish classes at 4:10 p.m. The Association reports that a few vacancies still exist in the Spanish classes and in the French class at the Center School. When the minimum number of 18 in each class has been reached, a waiting list will be established. Inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Vivian Greenbaum at GR. 4-9589.

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY

This Sunday, October 18, is Laymen's Sunday in Congregational Christian Churches throughout the land. The purpose of Laymen's Sunday is to remind us that the Protestant Church is the Church of the People, emphasizing the Priesthood of all Believers.

Participating in the Services at 9 a.m. in Greenbelt Community Church will be Kenneth Keeney, speaker, and Robert Leo, at 11 a.m. Bob Hurst, speaker, and Herbert Sauer and Kenneth Carney. The Treble Choir will sing at 9, and the Chancel Choir at 11.

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SMORGASBORD

The Methodist Church is having a Smorgasbord at the Church, 40-Ridge, on Saturday, October 17, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

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procedure as "arbitrary." Fair said also that a permanent board would place the members above the heat engendered over a current dispute. (No city employee has ever utilized the present appeal machinery.)

The council members showed general agreement on this new system, although City Manager Charles McDonald said he would prefer to see the decision of the personnel board go to the council for final approval. The council, however, indicated that it should not be involved in what could easily become a political matter, and Mayor Alan Kistler noted that council review of decisions in personnel cases was his main objection to a charter change suggested two years ago along these lines.

Personnel Study

The most controversial recommendation was where the Charter Committee had gone beyond the framework of the present charter and proposed that the personnel board act in an advisory capacity to the council and manager on personnel administration. In particular the board would be empowered to "make any investigation which it may consider desirable concerning the administration of personnel in the municipal service, and report to the council at least once a year its findings."

Mayor Kistler objected to this provision, feeling that it was "not advisable" for the personnel board to have so much freedom to delve into city personnel affairs whenever it saw fit. He indicated that any such personnel review should only be made by the board when requested. Councilman Dave Champion countered by drawing out from City Manager McDonald the fact that there never has been a report made to the council on personnel administration.

McDonald stated that he would be quite happy with a yearly review of personnel by the board but that more frequent investigations would disrupt the city's work. Fair argued that special studies made by the board during the year, such as on the utilization of the city police, would be helpful. However, he recognized the validity of the manager's objections and agreed that a once-a-year study (rather than an "investigation") would be satisfactory.

McDonald suggested that the study be made during the months of January and February so that he would have the benefit of the board's report when he prepared his budget for the coming fiscal year. This suggestion together with the requirement that such a report be submitted to the manager and council by March 10 of each year was accepted by the council and Fair on behalf of the Charter Committee.

The council has also expressed its informal acceptance of Item 6 or the revision Section 761 concerning the power to inquire into the conduct of any office or officer of the city and to make investigations as to municipal affairs. At the present time both the council and the manager have this power as well as any person or committee authorized by either of them. In the revision the manager and the council retain this power, but only the council by resolution can delegate this power to another person or a committee.

Bids For Contracts

The last major item to be considered was the limitations to be placed on the city manager in sending out bids for contracts and awarding contracts without obtaining the approval of the council. The present charter requires that the city manager obtain the specific approval of the council only when the contract amount is \$5,000 or more. The charter revision will lower this amount and also require (although this may be handled by city ordinance) that a copy of all invitations to bid be mailed to each council member as well as a memorandum summarizing the accepted bid.

STILL REMODELING

BUT

OPEN AS USUAL

Greenbelt Ten Pin Lanes

GR 4-4211

BEN FRANKLIN'S Specials -- This Week Only

	Reg.	Sale
Children's Polo Shirts	.79	.57
Boys Socks	5 pr.-1.00	5 pr. .88
Ladies Nylon Hose	1.15 pr.	.66 pr.
		or 3 pr.-1.85
Girls Campus Panties	.39	.25
Men's Polo Shirts	1.98	.98
Men's Socks	.39	.25
Boys' Tee Shirts	.49	.25
Ladies Handkerchiefs	.39	.27
Boys Corduroy Slacks	1.00	.78
Little Boys Slacks and Shirt Sets	2.98	1.88
Laundry Baskets	2.98	.99

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New Greenbelt Pharmacy

GR. 4-6966

131 Centerway

GR. 4-6967

WEEK-END SPECIALS

Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. - Oct. 15 - 18

98c Privine Nasal Solution or Spray	69c
1.08 Coricidin Tablets - 24's	79c
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Can you imagine a convention without speakers, committee meetings, business meeting, reports, etc? Well, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, 41-A Ridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Whitbeck, 9-H Ridge, have just returned from a motor trip to Toronto, Ontario, where they "sashayed" their way through the Fifth Atlantic Square Dance Convention. Twenty-four states from the USA and seven provinces of Canada were represented. In all, over 3,000 persons registered at the Hotel Royal York, largest hotel in the Dominion of Canada. "You can't beat square dancing to cement international relations and to mix that cement with coffee straight," wrote Ross Perry, staff reporter for the Toronto Telegraph. Nothing stronger than coffee was served at the dancing sessions where the participants learned new dances and techniques. The Millers and Whitbecks were among sixteen couples asked to demonstrate during the half at Saturday's football game between Toronto and Hamilton. Their performance was televised. Needless to say both couples had a glorious time. "We met some wonderful people," said Miller, President of the "Squareners", who meet the first Friday of every month at the Riverdale Recreation Center and the third Friday at North End School. Congratulations to the Millers who celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary during their trip.

It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Albeiter, 4-A Laurel. Leslie Ann made her debut on October 1, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. She joins twin sisters, Vickie and Valerie, age 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simmons, 57-A Ridge, announce the arrival of a daughter. Laura Lee was born September 25, weighing 5 lbs. 9 oz. She has a brother, Warren and a sister, Crystal.

It's a pink bundle for Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bless, 8-H Research. Suzanne Marie arrived on September 2nd, weighing 7 lbs 2 oz.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Somerville, 3-C Plateau. Mark Andrew was born on October 1, weighing 7 lbs. 11 oz. He joins a brother, Roger, age 2. Mark's grandmother, Mrs. O. C. Hagerty, of Erie, Pennsylvania is visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson, 38-L Ridge, have a new baby. Robert Lawrence was born on October 1 and tipped the scales at 8 lbs. He has a sister, Alanna, and a brother, Donald.

Visiting the Crowder family, 41 Ridge, was Owen's mother, Mrs. Gladys Crowder of Rosedale, Indiana. While Mrs. Crowder was here, the family took her to Williamsburg, where they all had a delightful time.

Visiting the Bowman family, 14-Z-3 Laurel, are Bruce's mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sursaw of Saganow, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weiner, 6-H Crescent, announce the arrival of a son. Steven Jeffrey weighed 7 lbs, 12 oz. and joins two brothers, David and Jerry, and two sisters, Sonia and Elaine.

A get-well-quick to Sylvia Rosen, 3-J Eastway who was recently hospitalized.

Home for the weekend was Susan Meade, 19-H Hillside. Susan is a freshman at the Richmond Professional Institute.

Larry E. LeForte, boatswain's mate third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin LeForte of 53A Ridge, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Hawkins operating with the U. S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. The Hawkins has participated in various operational exercises and visited Spain, France, Italy and Greece during her tour which began in early August.

Midn. 1/c Charles C. Barcus, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walsh Barcus of 2-T Gardenway, has been named

a Lt. (jg) in the Ninth Company of the U. S. Naval Academy Brigade class of 1960. The promotion was awarded in recognition of continued demonstration of excellent qualities in leadership, conduct, and scholastic ability, and will be held through the first quarter of the academic year.

New Credit Union Law

Congress has passed and the President has signed HR 5305 (Public Law 86-364), the credit union bill which brings into effect the most sweeping and most beneficial revisions in the Federal Credit Union Act since it was originally enacted in 1934. The new law permits:

- Increase in the loan maturity limit to a maximum of five years;
- an increase in the unsecured loan limit to \$750.00;
- declarations of dividends by the Board of Directors;
- declaration of dividends either annually or semi-annually;
- payment of dividends for a full month on shares paid in during the first five days of the month;

Numerous other changes are included in the law. Mainly they permit credit unions to extend services and benefits, and to streamline and strengthen internal operations. For example, credit unions may sell money orders and negotiable checks (including travelers checks), and to cash checks and money orders for a fee which does not exceed the cost of providing such services; a loan officer may approve loans up to the unsecured limit, and higher in certain other cases. The law provides authorization for the Board of Directors to compensate clerical and auditing assistance requested by the the Supervisory Committee.

Except for extending the maximum loan maturity period and increasing the maximum unsecured loan amount, by-law amendment or approval of the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions is necessary before individual credit unions may place the provisions of the new law in effect. The loan maturity period and the unsecured loan maximum may be established by action of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union has increased the maximum maturity period for loans for down payments on homes in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., housing cooperative to five years. The Board raised the maximum unsecured (signature) loan limit from \$300.00 to \$400.00. The Board has indicated it will take action on other provisions of the new law when revised by-laws and procedural data are available, which, it is anticipated, will be in the near future.

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union was organized in 1937. It was one of the first organizations, and the first financial institution to offer its services to the then newly developed community. According to Allen D. Morrison, President, and Joe Comproni, Treasurer, 1959 will be one of the best years in the Credit Union's history.

Recreation Review

By Warren Leddick

Women's Slimnastics: Registration will be held on Tuesday, October 27 at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium at Center School.

Arts & Crafts: Registration for Arts & Crafts Classes will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 4 p.m. at the North End School, and on Thursday October 22 at 4 p.m. at Center School in the social room. Classes are open to boys and girls age 7-14. A registration fee of \$1.50 is required to cover the cost of materials and supplies.

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