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#### CENTERWAY TRAFFIC CHANGEOVER

On Monday March 13, at 6 the new traffic movement and parking changeover shall become effective. The following changes to be observed;

1. Traffic movement along Centerway shall be one-way from west to east, the opposite direction from which it has been moving.

Parking shall be angular along the north side of Centerway.
 Traffic movement out of the west parking lot (behind bank) shall be one-way onto the Center School Road.

4. The traffic movement into the west parking lot shall be oneway on roadway adjacent to bank.

5. Traffic along the roadway adjacent to Greenbelt Realty Office shall continue two-way. No left turn from Centerway into east parking lot.

6. Traffic island shall be developed to channel the two-way traffic to and from Crescent Road adjacent to the gas station.

7. The bus stop shall be relocated to the southside of Center-

way at the crosswalk to the underpass.

8. The parking on Centerway shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes.

9. From 6 to 11 the diagonal parking spaces along Centerway between the east side of the Mall to the roadway adjacent to the Greenbelt Realty Office shall be reserved for loading and unloading of supplies for the stores along Centerway.

10. It shall be a violation to park on Centerway at anytime, within 12 feet of the southside curb.

#### What Goes On

Thursday, March 9 -- 8:15 p.m. GHI Board meets, Hamilton

Friday, March 10 -- 'Night in Las Vegas,' American Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m. 4-H Demon-Monday, March 13 - 6 a.m. New Traffic Plan for Centerway

goes into effect 8:15 p.m. Greenbelt Nursery School meets, Fellowship Center,

Community Church.
Tuesday, March 16 - 8 p.m.
Greenbelt Junior High PTA

meets.
Thursday, March 16 -- 8:30p.m.
North End Homemakers'
Club meets, 54-J Ridge.

### Spring Polio Clinic Mar. 28

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt in conjunction with the Prince Georges County Health Department and the County Medical Association is again sponsoring a spring polio clinic. The clinic is scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 28, in the social room of Center School. The hours will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. approximately.

All children and adults may

obtain boosters or any required shot at this time. A fee of \$1.00 a shot with a \$4.00 maximum for families of four or more will be charged to cover expenses of the clinic.

The clinic will be staffed by local doctors, county health and local nurses, and volunteers from the Community Affairs Committee of the local Woman's Club.

## Center Business Taxed For Clean-up Expenses

by ISADORE PARKER

A tax on owners of commercial property in the Greenbelt business district, which will bring revenue to the city amounting to \$1,669, was approved by city council last Monday night. This amount is considered to be half the actual cost of doing the cleaning job, the center area. The property involved is the mall, walkways, underpass, parking lots and grassy areas. Leaf-raking, snow removal, sweeping, and picking up litter will be done on a five-day a week basis, according to city manager Charles McDonald.

The action followed a year-long discussion of the unsightliness of the business area and the failure of local businessmen to alleviate the problem on their own initiative. Plans for the proposal, it was disclosed, were made during budget deliberations last year.

Opposing the tax, Abe Chasanow, proprietor of the Greenbelt

## 3 Citizens Selected For Personnel Board

Three citizens were chosen by the city council last Monday night as the first members of the newly - formed "personnel board." Wesley Cook, 58-F Crescent; William Hoff, 71-E Ridge; and Mrs. Eugene McMahon, 27-A Ridge, were appointed to serve 6,4, and two-year terms, respectively. As each term expires, new appointees are to be selected on a six-year tenure basis.

The personnel board is the result of a charter change approved by the council and unopposed by citizen referendum last year. The duties of the board, in the main, consist in hearing appeals of city employees who have been dismissed from their jobs, and in advising the council on personnel matters. Heaings are provided for, and procedures for evidence and witnesses are spelled out. The findings of the panel will be final.

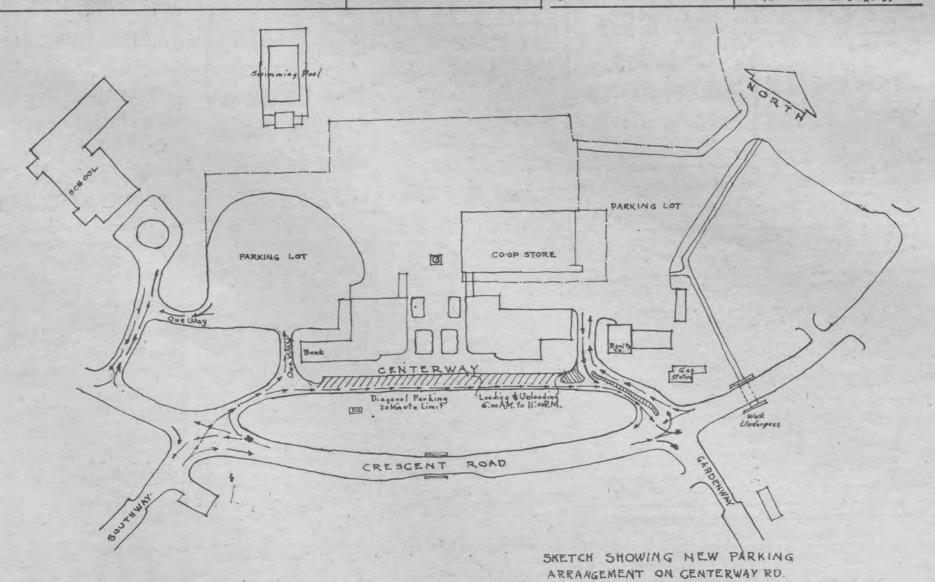
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Realty Company, charged that he is paying for cleaning debris left from stores other than his own office. Also, he stated, his proportionate share of the amount needed is inequitable, since his property is assessed at a higher rate than other commercial buildings. He proposed that property owners should be obliged by law to keep the outside of the premises clean, and fined when violations occur; or as practiced by the federal government in the past for residents, the city could clean up unkempt areas and charge the owners a service fee. He was supported by councilman Tom Canning in the proposal. Chasanow also pointed out that additional tax burdens lessen the attraction of new business to the Center.

City manager Charles McDonald stated that the Chasanow proposal was inadequate because of the long separation of responsibility between tenant and owner.

One citizen argued that the property involved is city-owned and properly the responsibility of the city to keep clean. Mayor Alan Kistler cited as the "Heart of the matter" the citizens' carelessness in littering. It is not the store-owner who dumps a bushel of trash on the sidewalks, he asserted. However, he felt the measure was proper at this time, although he felt some reservations.

The tax, called "ad valorum," is based on .3786 cents per hun-(Continued on Page 3)



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### Hearsay Evidence

TO THE EDITOR:

With reference to the letter in last week's New-Review, criticizing the action of the Board" and membership of G.H.I. in evicting an undesirable member, I am surprised at the writer's vehemence in denouncing an action the grounds for which she knows only by hearsay. She was not present at the meeting to hear the detailed report of the General Manager regarding the long list of complaints against the member, reviewing the careful scrutiny of the whole problem by the Board, the full opportunity to present her case before the Board in person and by counsel, and the earnest efforts to remedy the situation without the drastic step of eviction.

One of the attractive features of Greenbelt is that most of its residents are a selected group. In order to be admitted to G.H.I. homes, applicants must measure up to certain standards of character and conduct, and the by-laws wisely provide that those who do not so measure up shall not be permitted to remain. Every member is aware of this provision and has signed a contract in which it is specifically set forth. However much sympathy we may feel for a member who has proved un-desirable, we must even more extend ou sympathy andour protection to the neighbors whose lives, whose children, and whose property are adversely affected by one who fails to live up to the conditions of her contract.

Surely the writer of last week's letter cannot believe that the nine capable men, of un-questionable integrity, whom we

### Baptist Laymen's Day

Layjen's Day at the Greenbelt Baptist Church will be observed on Sunday, March 13, during both the morning and evening worship

At the ll a.m. morning service a representative from the Gideons, the group of laymen who place Bibles in hotels and motels, will relate interesting periences of their work.

Lowell Sturgill, former Sunday School superintendent and deacon, will preach during the 7 p.m. evening service. The deacons will conduct this service.

have elected to the Board would unanimously decide to evict a member on flimsy or frivolous grounds. It seems clear to me that the community cannot fail to approve the considered judgment of a responsibile body like the G.H.I. Board, and will not be swayed by the protests of a lady who failed to avail herself of the opportunity to learn all the facts in this unsavory case. Robert C. Hull

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10:00 a.m. — Jr., Jr. and Sr. High, Men's and Women's Classes
11:10 a.m. — Toddlers, Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary, Lower

## Why Didn't My Story Get In?

There is a standing joke in the newspaper business whenever someone hands in a story to the local newspaper, the editor is always told, "Now be sure to put it on the front page." Obviously the size of the front page is limited, and the editor has to select what he considers the most important stories for that spot. The prob-lem of the NEWS REVIEW is far more difficult, since we are rarely able to print more than four pages. People give us stories with the full expectation that it will duly appear in that week's edition. When a story does not appear, as sometimes happens, it requires the editor's full store of tact and diplomacy to explain why.

This explanation is almost always the same, and perhaps will save some time and eliminate hurt feelings if we make it publicly. Since our news space is greatly restricted, the editor's main headache is deciding on the priority of available stories and, in some cases, pictures. Our basic rule is that stories which affect the largest segment of the community receive the higher priority. Another acid test is immediacy. A story about an event which will not take place for a few weeks can easily be held over for the next issue. It's best to get the story in early, however, since a story held

over gets a high priority for the following week). A low priority is assigned to stories about events or meetings which have already taken place,

except for city council and GHI meetings or when an organization elects its officers or makes special awards of some kind. Meetings or events of a purely social nature are printed only in the "Our Neighbors" column. (In any news story about a meeting, the sentence that gets cut out almost automatically is the one referring to refreshments.) Columns also have low priority, since they can be easily held over, except those columns dealing with current news, such as "When the Siren Blows" or "Police News". Sometimes items of lesser or no news value are cut from such columns, especially when space is tight.

Finally, the editor has the problem that even he can never be sure what he will see in print on Thursday night. Under our present printing arrangement we do not see the galley proofs nor make up the paper in its final form. We have chosen this procedure deliberately to save wear and tear on the editor and staff who take their spare evenings every week to work on the paper. The editor makes a preliminary dummy based on a rough word count of the copy available on Tuesday night. When stories are longer than anticipated, the printer has the discretion of either chopping off the story from the bottom up -- standard newspaper practice -- or omitting any short news item which happens to be dummied in below.

It would be easy for the editor to pass the buck for a story being cut drastically or not appearing by stating that he had no control over the matter. Frankly in almost every case we feel that the printer has made a sound decision, although we might have made a different one.

Let us emphasize that none of rules are hard and fast. Space limitation is any particular week is the key. No newspaper can report all the important news in a community even if we knew everything that was happening. We do our best, and we hope you will understand when your story doesn't get in.

### 4-H Club News

By RITA SCHUMAKER

At the last meeting of our 4-H group, the Cloverbuds, we celebrated our first anniversary. We looked at slides and movies of our activities cor the year, which were taken and shown by Mr. Simonson. On February 15, Mary Ditman demonstrated how to make icing and how to frost cupcakes. We cooperated with the Cloverette 4-H club to make an exhibit on National 4-H Week. Come see it in the Twin Pines and Potomac Realty Company windows in the Center. Plans were discussed concerning our coming style review at Upper, Marlboro.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Club

The Mr. and Mrs. Club of the University of Maryland is seeking membership from married university students living in Greenbelt. The club provides a social meeting ground for married students through card parties, picnics, movies, and other planned activities. It also provides information to aid young married couples in adjusting to campus life, Meetings are held every other Friday evening with the next meeting scheduled for March 17. For further informa-tion call WA. 7-5127 or GR. 4-

## Newman-Dyal

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stanley Dyal, formerly of Greenbelt and now residing in Beltsville, announce the engagement of their son, Robert S. Dyal II, to Donna Marie Newman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest James Newman of Hyattsville. The wedding will take place in April, after which the couple will be at home to friends on Plateau Place in Greenbelt.

#### HOLY NAME

St. Hugh's Holy Name Society will hold Mass at 8 a.m., March The Rev. R.W. Hovda of Catholic University, who was unable to come last month because of the snow, will speak at the meeting after Mass. Fr. Hovda will discuss Church Unity. Last month 15 men were formally received as members of the

## **New Upholstery** Can Lift Jaded **Color Scheme**

A quick spring tonic for tired living rooms is the comfort and color of new upholstered furniture. Fresh, lively color on a pair of chairs or a new sofa can re-balance a faded-jaded color scheme. Walls, floor coverings and draperies need not be changed.

Choose new upholstery colors from those which now act as accents in the room. And play your favorites. If you especially like the color of a cushion, a lamp base, or a motif in the draperies, use it as a start for selecting the new sofa cover.

Lighter or darker-paler or brighter tones of colors in the existing color scheme are other good choices. If draperies, or instance, are pinky - beige, chairs might be covered in any of a range of tones from coral to copper. A dark green carpet under a new sofa covered in 30ft blue-green will take on a clean, spring-like appearance.

You can choose upholstery fabric in floral, plaid or stripped pattern which repeats all the colors in your present scheme and enriches them.

#### HOMEMAKERS' CLUB

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## Spring Lawn Care

Have you ever passed by the stacks and stacks of packaged grass seed, peat moss, lime, and fertilizers and wondered how you could ever hope to choose the right combination for a healthy green lawn? Have you ever wondered when is the best time of year to apply fertilizer and seed and what other care is required for maintenance of a good lawn?

Next Thursday, March 16, the State Extension Service in conjunction with the Greenbelt Garden Club will help you to answer these questions. Clayton Werner, Prince Georges County agent, the main speaker for the occasion, will discuss spring lawn care. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in the Copo meeting room over the Greenbelt Theater.

At future meetings such topics as pruning of shrubs, care of ornamentals, insect control, and floral arrangements for the home will be covered.

The Greenbelt Garden Club can provide answers to many of your questions on home gardening. Why not come Thursday night and start with Spring Lawn Care?



By ELAINE SKOLNIK Granite 4-6060

Ed Keefe, 8-B Research, won the first individual tournament conducted by the Greenbelt Bridge Club last Thursday evening at the Co-op Hospitality Room. Runners-up in a tie for second place were Eve and Cliff Simonson. Next game: Thursday, April 6.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dwyer, 10-A Crescent. Christopher was born March 2, and weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. He has two sisters, Diane and Patty, and a brother Tommy

and a brother Tommy.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Feeney,
14-A Ridge, are the proud parents
of a son. Mark Kevin arrived
February 25, weighing 7 lbs.
3 oz. He joins Andrew, David,
and Patrick.

A speedy recovery to Mrs. P. Whittaker, 26-D Ridge, who recently underwent surgery.

A get-well-quick to kindergartner Linda Champion, ll-L Laurel, who is ill.

Sorry to learn that Joe Patterson, Jr., 2-F Northway, will be hospitalized for several weeks at Prince Georges Hospital after injuring his hip. We wish Joe

Friends of George M. Clinedinst, Jr., a student of Massanutten Military Academy, Woodstock, Virginia, will be glad to know that he has been promoted to Private First Class in the R.O.T.C. George is a ninth grader.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Haslinger, II-N Ridge, were guests of Trinity College during the second annual Parents Weekend February 24-26. Their daughter Joan, a sophomore, took part in

a student panel on the subject, "Education for Dialogue."

What a wonderful surprise Mrs. M. Witkowski, 52-B Ridge, had when her daughters, Sonia Garin, 10-A Hillside, and Jennie Klein, former Greenbelter, gave a party in her honor at Jennie's home in Bethesda.

Last Friday my three-yearold and I took advantage of the glorious weather and explored Greenbelt for signs of spring. Richard was well rewarded, for tulips and iris were beginning to sprout, some crocus were in bloom, and daffodil buds were everywhere. Our little walk led us to Community Church's Friendship Hall, where Richard gleefully discovered the Nursery School's play equipment. After walking the plank a few times, we decided to peek into the windows for a glimpse of nursery-schoolers in action, but all we saw were empty rooms. It looked as if we had a mystery on our hands - the case of the vanishing nursery-schoolers and their teacher, Lisa Dalton. The solution came soon when two carloads of happy youngsters turned down the driveway. Out they came carrying large bags filled with wood blocks. Where had they spent their morning? - At Ewings Lumber Yard!!

Be sure to go and see the Cloverbuds' and Cloverettes' display in Twin Pines and Pontiac Realty's windows, depicting the different 4-H projects. Youngsters will enjoy the ginny dolls, doll furniture, and other pint-sized props.

### Girl Scout Cookies 4-1

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale now in full swing, will continue to April 3. The fifteen active Girl Scouts in Troop 109 are working especially hard to sell their cookies. They are earning money to go camping this May at Camp Rockwood, the National Girl Scout Camp.

Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association, the troop's sponsor, is going all out to help the girls reach their goal. A display has been set up in the Twin Pines office.

Girl Scout Cookies, both sandwich and mint, can be purchased during office hours at the Twin Pines Office at the Center. The cookies sell for 50¢ a box.

> Join the News Review Pocket Book Club

#### 4-H Demonstrations

Several 4-H youngsters from Prince Georges County will give demonstrations at the Co-op this Friday evening between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. They will demonstrate on dried milk, meat, and choosing fabrics.

Our 4 local 4-H clubs will act as hosts and hostesses and announcers.

#### CENTER BUSINESS

(Continued from Page 1)

dred dollars assessed valuation. On advice from the city solicitor, owners of the property were notified that the proposal was being considered at an open hearing last Monday night.

In answer to Chasanow's statement of the inequitable assessments, the city plans an investigation to determine its validity. City taxes are based on the county tax records assessments.



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151 Centerway

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### Police News

Police have been enforcing the new ordinance which makes it unlawful to have canoes, trailers, unlicensed vehicles, vendor's trucks, mobile machinery or equipment in front of homes. The above mentioned must be parked to the side or the rear of the home. Police consider the doors facing the parking areas to be the front of the residence. They suggest owners of such vehicles store them in rented

A 19 year old Greenbelt boy was arrested for carrying a B-B pistol. The mother of a twelve year old boy complained to police that the gun, although empty, had been pointed at her son's head. The young man forfeited \$27 in Hyaftsville because of the charge. B-B guns are illegal in Greenbelt.

A report of a suspicious man in the woods behind 4 Gardenway was received. The man was chasing children, but the youngsters were unable to supply any identifying information to police.

Hub-cap thievery occurred on Saturday night when reports of the thefts were received from 20 Ridge and 5 Eastway. A report of vandalism from 43 Ridge where a resident found paint smeared on the sides and rear of his car. This had been done during the day.

A woman from 3 Research reported to police that she had found a wire-haired dog with West Virginia registration tags. The animal was found on Saturday and turned overtothe Rescue League Monday.

#### Ditto Dems Drive

Last week's membership drive of the Greenbelt Democratic Club was so successful, President Frank Lastner announced, that it will continue tomorrow night. Over 25 new members signed up last week and enjoyed the coffee and donuts in the hospitality room above the former drug store, he stated.

Citizens who missed last Friday's opportunity should look for a booth set up outdoors at the entrances to the food store, where applications will be available.

## P G Library Issues New Film Catalogue

Prince George's County Memorial Library has just printed a new film catalog for 1961 containing descriptions of 160 16-millimeter sound films, many in color, available to county groups without charge through the Library adult services department. Madeline Evers, special adult services librarian, will cooperate with interested groups in selecting appropriate films.

Included in the catalogue are biographical and artistic films; children's stories; films relating to child growth and development; and others on political education, government functions, history, nature study, travel and human relations.

#### Junior High P.T.A.

The Greenbelt Junior High PTA will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 8 p.m. The principals of Bladensburg, Duval and High Point High Schools will speak.

#### **AAUW WillMeet**

The College Park Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet Monday, March 13, 1961, at the College Park Municipal Building at 8 p.m. The program is to be a report of the progress of the Prince Georges County Curriculum Study. Branch members to the Study Committee will participate in the program. Chairman for the meeting is Dr. Phyllis Sparks. In charge of hospitality are Mrs. C.E. Cox and Mrs. J.H. Axley.

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By RITA FISHER

Two or Greenbelt's volunteers, Jack Sneddy and J. Paul Williams, attended the 33rd annual meeting of the Fire Department Instructer's Conference last week in Memphis, Tennessee, participating in four days of study and inquiry into modern fire service problems.

The conference program included demonstrations in school and hospital fire safety, new firemen's training methods, fire protection in industrial plants and demonstrations of modern fire fighting appliances.

Forty Prince Georges County firemen attended this Conference, which showed a Registry of over 2700 persons from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and several foreign countries.

The annual Ambulance Club drive started off with much success last Saturday. With the men arriving at many courts in their uniforms, many residents were waiting at their doors with their membership donations ready. The men will be out in force again this Saturday, with their scheduled starting time

set at 9:30 a.m.

The siren has been comparatively silent this past week. One fire call received over the weekend was necessary when a fire broke out in a car belonging to one of the members of the department. There apparently was a leak in the meter, and when the driver went to start the car, a spark from the ignition started the fire.

And now a word from the Ladies Auxiliary. A bake sale, with all items baked from scratch, (no mixes) will take place at the Center on March 17. Watch for our ad.

## Junior Hi-Lites

BY DEBI WYATT

A dance called "The Hop" was held at Greenbelt Junior High on Friday, March 3, in the gymnasium from 8 to ll p.m., sponsored by the Student Council. The dance turned out to be a truly gala affair.

The basketball season ended with 8 wins and 2 losses for the Greenbelt Golden Bears. In the last game, March 1, the Golden Bears played against the faculty of G.J.H.S. and lost, 44-45. The proceeds from this game went to The March of Dimes.

Baseball season has officially begun at G.J.H.S. The boys have been trying out for the team since the beginning of the week. The first game will be played in approximately three weeks.

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The Tri-Hi-Y basketball interest group has won two of its four games. On Saturday, March 4, the Tri-Hi-Y went swimming at the Y.M.C.A. on Friday, March 10, The Tri-Hi-Y will join with the Hi-Y for a Gym Nite. A bowling party and another swimming party have been planned for the future, and soon the club's newly formed volleyball team will go into action.

On Tuesday, March 21, the Army Band will one again visit Greenbelt Junior High to play a concert.

The Student Council publicity Committee is working diligently publicizing safety in our school, the school play, and the Science

## 4-H Field Trip By BOBBY HAHN On Saturday, March 4, the

On Saturday, March 4, the 4-H Shamrocks visited the Washington Post Newspaper Building. Mr. O'Day, our guide, explained to us how the newspaper is printed. Mr. O'Day also showed us how the color pictures are made. Each boy brought home a printing plate as a souvenir.

## The Greenbelt Gardener

By DOROTHY SUCHER

Most annuals may be started by seed directly in the garden although some, such as asters, which need a long period of development before flowering are not well suited to this treatment. However, many gardeners like to assure a colorful garden early by starting their annuals indoors.

The chief problems that arise in starting seeds indoors are those of maintaining even moisture, and avoiding "damping off," a fungus disease to which seedlings are prone. The following well-tested method ought to give

good results.

Set aside one "flat" for each type of seed. "Flats" are shallow wooden boxes, but empty milk cartons, laid on their wide with the top side removed, or disposable foil baking pans, are quite satisfactory. Probably the best planting medium is vermiculite, a sterile, highly absorbent substance made of exfoliated mica. "Damping off" is all-but-unknown when vermiculite is used.

Puncture the bottom of the improvised flats with a few pencil holes, for drainage. Fill within a half inch or so of the top with vermiculite, thoroughly, and set in the sink to drip for a few minutes. Then make shallow grooves with a pencil or similar implement, and sprinkle the seeds in the grooves. Press them down gently, and barely cover with vermiculite. Slip the flats into plastic bags, including the empty seed packet for easy identification. Leave them in a sunless spot until the seedlings appear -- one to three weeks, depending on varieties planted. No further watering should be nec-

essary.

When the seedlings are visible, move the flats to a sunny window and turn them every day, to promote symmetrical growth. Open or remove the plastic bags to assure adequate ventilation, and water gently when necessary.

Seedlings should be transplanted when they have their second set of leaves. Vermiculite contains no nutrients, so artificial fertilizers must be added at this point if you don't transplant them to the garden right away, or to soil-filled flats where they can be spaced out and given room to develop

#### 1961 Garden Plots

Greenbelt gardeners desiring to hold their old garden plot are asked to sign up immediately. Plots not called for by March 20 will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis. For information call Hans Jorgensen, 19-E Hillside, GR. 4-9286.

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