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GHI "Patronage Refund" Proposal Defeated by Board in 4-4 Vote

by Al Skolnik

Backfire from the GHI budget battle was heard again at the regular meeting of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., board last Thursday when a proposal was made to pay a "patronage refund" to GHI members at the end of the year from the high yield that the new sales refinancing program is expected to bring in. Director Bill Helm, who introduced the motion, noted that this plan might yield \$5,000 more than would normally be obtained by the conventional investment of GHI funds. He argued that this would be "profit" and should be paid out to the members. (This would amount to an average \$3-\$4 a year per family.)

This proposal was ridiculed by Director Ed Burgoon, who emphasized that this anticipated surplus has already been allocated to help hold the line on monthly charges in 1963. He also argued that although the yield from the refinancing plan does not fall into the category of operating income, it is misleading to refer to it as "profit." He pointed out that the 1963 budget also contains an additional \$100,000 of non-operating income which will be earned from investments and other sources. If Helm's logic were followed, he said all of this surplus should also be returned to members as a patronage refund.

"All that Helm's proposal would do, if carried to extreme," said Burgoon, "would be to pay a patronage refund at the end of the year which would only have to be made up the next year by increasing monthly charges."

Helm replied that all unusual "profits" should be used for the immediate benefit of current members, without concern over the effect of such action on the members of the future. He did not speculate on the possible consequences of his policy, nor on the precedent that would be set. Neither did he offer any details on how a refund of \$3-\$4 a year might be distributed (whether quarterly or annually, uniformly or according to monthly charges). Nevertheless, he pushed for an immediate vote.

Helm was supported in the voting by Joe Cherry, Joe Comproni, and Allen Morrison as the same bloc voting that prevailed on the budget was also in force. Opposing the motion were Burgoon, Frank Lastner, Henry Brautigam, and Harry Zubkoff. Failure to secure a majority defeated the motion. Director Ed Peters was absent on business.

Taxes

Undaunted by the vote, Helm then introduced a motion to have the board consider at a later date a mid-year reduction in monthly charges if city and county taxes prove to be less than the amount allowed for in the budget. Helm pointed out that in 1962 GHI collected in taxes from its members some \$10,000 more than was actually levied. He argued that if this amount is not needed for 1963 taxes it should be returned to the members.

General manager Roy Breashears declared that the general practice has been not to change monthly charges during the year. This practice, he said, has also been followed when the budgeted amount was not sufficient to cover the taxes levied. He asked whether Helm's proposal would also mean that GHI should consider raising monthly charges next summer, if the taxes levied were higher than the budgeted amount.

Helm replied by proposing that contingency reserves, which he felt were excessive, could be used to meet any tax deficiency of this kind.

Burgoon and Lastner objected to Helm's motion on the grounds that one board cannot inflict its will on a successor board (elections for one-half of the board will be held in May). Burgoon especially felt that it was silly to tie the hands of a board six months in the fu-

ture when no one knows what the financial situation of the corporation will be at that time.

The motion was defeated by the same vote as on the first proposal.

Other Action

Nat Shinderman, a Civil Service personnel expert, was hired by the GHI board to conduct a management and personnel survey of GHI. The survey would embrace a review and analysis of the position classifications and schedule of pay rates (with regard to Federal standards), of organizational structure and adequacy of staffing, and of personnel procedures, policies, and files. He will submit his conclusions and recommendations by mid-June.

A proposal of Helm's to publicize the individual salaries of the general manager and his top management staff was compromised so as to provide for publishing the aggregate (lump sum) salary amounts for all four staff members. The bloc voting which prevailed on the original motion was broken on the compromise measure when Cherry and Burgoon voted nay.

Tid-bits

The board has voted to transfer another \$80,000 from reserves for the sales refinancing program. . . . GHI has received a declaratory decree upholding its right to terminate a member's mutual ownership contract for cause. . . . GHI is considering a pilot program to make available 4-bedroom homes by joining two adjacent frame 2-bedroom homes. . . . A group life insurance program reported on by Comproni was turned over to the finance committee. Details will be published in News Letter.

Opinion Poll to Interview Greenbelters on "Worries"

Some 1500 residents of Prince Georges County, including residents of Greenbelt, will be interviewed during January and February by local representatives of the National Opinion Research Center, located at the University of Chicago.

The Center is trying to learn the problems which typical Americans worry about from day to day. This effort is part of a continuing nationwide study directed by the non-profit research center.

Dr. Norman Bradburn and Dr. David Caplowitz, co-directors of the study, called this an attempt to survey "the stresses and strains of everyday life." They added, "We hope that the results of the study will help sociologists and psychologists determine the major needs and problems facing the American population today."

Bradburn continued, "It is important for the accuracy of this study that we get information from men and women in all walks of life. We hope that everyone called upon will cooperate with our interviewers. All conversations with NORC interviewers are kept completely confidential. We never release the identity of persons who participate in any of our studies. ALL NORC interviewers carry a signed identification card."

The National Opinion Research Center, a non-profit organization, has studied many regions and many issues since its founding in 1941.

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING
Council of the City of
Greenbelt, Maryland

January 21, 1963

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 7, 1963.
4. Petitions and Requests.
5. Additions to agenda by Councilmen and Manager.
6. Written Communications.
7. Manager's Progress Report.
8. Committee Reports
9. ORDINANCE - To appropriate from Surplus for Engineering Services. (Second Reading)
10. ORDINANCE - To Borrow \$6,250.00 from Suburban Trust to Pay WSSC City Cost of Lakewood Drainage Improvement. (Second Reading)
11. RESOLUTION - Transfer of Funds With Departments.
12. Appointment of Advisory Planning Board Member.

Credit Union Slates Yearly Membership Meet

The annual membership meeting of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be held next Wednesday, January 23, at 8 p.m. in the Co-op hospitality room (upstairs in the new supermarket).

Reports to members plus the election of six directors will be the principal items of business. Lucky members in attendance will win the five prizes of one share (\$5.00) each to be awarded at the meeting.

Incumbent directors who have been nominated for reelection are Ben Rosenzweig, James Beck, Joe Comproni, Albert Bistany, Rudolph K. Mund and James N. Wolfe.

Joe Comproni, Treasurer, reports that the Credit Union had a good year in 1962, with member's savings increasing 15 percent to a total of \$332,000, and loans rising 20 percent to a total of \$428,000. Income amounted to \$44,800 and expenses totaled \$26,300, leaving net income of \$18,500. Dividends of 4 1/2% amounting to over \$13,000 were paid to members, and the remainder allocated to reserves and undivided earnings.

A recently announced addition to Credit Union services provides a Dial-a-Loan service whereby members with approved credit may phone in their request for a loan, furnishing the information for a loan application. Upon approval and notification, the applicant may sign the necessary papers at the credit union office and pick up his check. According to Joe Comproni, the Credit Union has not yet been able to devise a loan that does not require repayment, but the necessary payments are made as low and the terms as convenient as possible.

Organized in 1937, the Credit Union celebrated its Silver Anniversary in 1962.

Get Acquainted Dance

The Greenbelt American Legion will hold another of its popular "Get Acquainted" Dances on Friday, January 26. Music will be furnished by Les Meadows and his music makers. All profits from the dance will go into the Recreation Room Fund and pay for the repair of the pool table.

GHI Board Gives Mixed Reception To New Elderly Housing Group

by Al Skolnik

The latest proposal for an elderly housing project in Greenbelt received a rocky reception at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors meeting on Thursday, January 10. Comments from board members who previously had fought against the project under GHI auspices indicated that their opposition has not been diminished by divorcing the project from GHI sponsorship.

Jim Cassels, representing a private group interested in forming a cooperative housing project for the elderly, requested three things from the GHI board.

(1) An option to purchase at the appraised value the 3 1/2 acre tract opposite the Administration Building which had been previously selected as the site for the voted-down GHI elderly housing project.

(2) Permission to use the same preliminary architectural plans prepared by Victor Smolen for GHI, with GHI to be reimbursed to the extent permitted by the Federal loan.

(3) Utilization at cost of GHI supplies and maintenance facilities for the project.

Opposition

Director Joe Comproni saw the same undesirable features in the proposal as in the one turned down by GHI members last July by a 355 to 340 vote. The objections involved using GHI land to house an elderly housing project and GHI management time to service the project. He also thought that if GHI were to sell the land, it should be at market value rather than at the appraised value.

Finally, Comproni interpreted last July's vote as membership opposition to any GHI involvement, however small, in an elderly housing project in Greenbelt. To this, directors Frank Lastner and Ed Burgoon took exception. They saw the election results as indicating opposition to any GHI responsibility or financial exposure in the project. They commended Cassel's proposal as one which would not entail either.

Director Bill Helm stated that further exploration of membership sentiment on this matter would be desirable and suggested that the matter be placed on the agenda for the annual membership meeting in May.

Charles Schwan, chairman of the GHI-advisory group that recommended the original project, pointed out that his group hoped to receive a fairly rapid favorable response from the board so it could start its solicitation of elderly members for the cooperative. He also noted that requests (1) and (2) were not contingent upon (3) which could be decided upon at a later date.

The board referred the matter to the land use committee, and it is expected that a report will be forthcoming within a month. Members of the land use committee are Burgoon, chairman, director Joe Cherry, Roy Davis, Hans Jorgensen, Seymour Kaplan, and Rudolph Mund.

Management was also requested to determine what problems, legal or otherwise, would be involved in making the architectural plans available to the new group.

Spring Hill to Open Feb. 1

The first four buildings in the Spring Hill Lake development will be ready for occupancy on February 1, according to the builders. This first section to be opened consists principally of town houses. In addition, other buildings comprising all of section one are slated to open by May 15. Section one includes 12 buildings, or 340 separate units, and will house approximately one thousand people when fully rented.

City Manager James Giese met with the developers on Tuesday, January 15, to begin discussions on such questions as trash collection and the re-routing of bus lines.

Young Republicans to Meet

Don R. Kendall, President of the Maryland State Federation of Young Republicans, will be the principal speaker of the first meeting of the Young Republicans of Prince Georges County, 8:30 p.m., January 17, at the Riverdale Recreation Center. Mr. Kendall serves also as chairman of the State Central Committee for Montgomery County.

Howard Laster Wins Top Jaycee Award

Dr. Howard J. Laster, 3 Lakeside, received the annual Distinguished Service Award of the Prince Georges County Junior Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, January 15. Laster, who is the Associate Chairman of the Physics Department at the University of Maryland, was cited "for outstanding community service through loyal, faithful, and unselfish efforts, resulting in lasting contributions to the community and nation."

Laster was honored primarily for his efforts to improve the quality of science teaching in elementary and high schools. During the past six years he has directed a number of programs aimed at improving curricula, raising the quality of instruction by a series of summer institutes for teachers, and offering gifted high school students the opportunity to do research work under the supervision of Maryland University professors.

Laster, now 32, is married to the former Miriam Sargeant. The Lasters have lived in Greenbelt for 6 1/2 years. They have four children, three boys and a girl.

Dr. Fred Singer, a former Greenbelt resident who is also a member of the Physics Department at Maryland, received the same award several years ago. He was later cited as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the year by the national Junior Chamber of Commerce. At present, Singer is on leave from the university and is directing a satellite program for the Weather Bureau.

Reports on Construction Cave-In Under Study

Commissioner Frank J. Lastner, Chairman of the Prince Georges County Board, has announced that three county reports on the recent construction cave-in on Greenbelt Road are being referred to the State's Attorney's Office.

"After discussing this situation with the Governor's office, Attorney General Finen and our County Attorney, Robert B. Mathias, the Commissioners concur in Mr. Finen's action in turning over the State Inspector's report to the Prince Georges County Attorney for investigation of possible violation of a state safety regulation. "Our County investigation reached a similar conclusion."

The reports received by Lastner were submitted by Chris Sandberg, Chief Building Inspector for Prince Georges; Deputy Police Chief Vincent Free; and Edward S. Barber, of the Civil Engineering Faculty at the University of Maryland, who was asked by the Chairman to participate in the investigation.

The Police Blotter

Three Greenbelt youths were charged with larceny of property taken from a basement locker in an apartment building. They were also charged with taking items from parked vehicles in the community.

An out-of-town youth was apprehended in Greenbelt last Saturday night in a stolen vehicle. The youth was charged as a juvenile with unauthorized use of a vehicle, being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, and assault on an officer. He was brought before Juvenile Court on Monday where jurisdiction was waived and he will appear in Adult (People's) Court. Assistance was rendered in subduing the youth by a citizen who was on the scene.

There was one reported overdose this past week. This involved a child who had swallowed an overdose of baby aspirin. The child was taken to the hospital and later released.

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You can tell that the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. election is approaching by the kinds of proposals that are being made at the GHI board meetings.

The latest, proposed by director Bill Helm and supported by his colleagues, Joe Comproni, Joe Cherry, and Allen Morrison, who make up the minority bloc on the board, calls for a patronage refund to each member.

We do not know how many members will be impressed by the prospect of an average "patronage refund" of about \$4 at the end of the year, but this proposal makes no sense whatever from the viewpoint of efficient and responsible fiscal management of the Corporation. The background is that GHI has estimated that by putting part of its reserves into the new sales refinancing program just started this year, the Corporation is likely (but not certain to) earn at least \$5,000 more than would be gained through the conventional investment of its reserve funds. Helm has decided that this extra amount is "profit", and he has apparently concluded that in a cooperative anything that resembles profit should be distributed to the members as a cash refund, no matter how piddling the amount. However, he did not make the effort to work out how such funds should or could be equitably distributed to the members. Instead he adopted the attitude of don't-bother-me-with-details, just get the vote on the record.

Aside from the highly debatable point as to whether such funds can be rightfully considered profit, the members have already benefited from these surplus funds. This anticipated \$5,000 plus much larger expected earnings from other investments were plowed into the 1963 budget and made it possible to maintain the monthly charges of GHI homes at a stable level despite continual sharply rising costs. If these extra funds were regularly siphoned off to the members, monthly charges would inevitably have to go up, just like taxes go up when rising costs are not counterbalanced by additional income. In other words, if Helm's concept of a "patronage refund" were put into effect, the members would get a few dollars in their left-hand pocket but would eventually have to shell out from their right-hand pocket to pay an increase in monthly payments. The only members who would come out ahead would be those who leave town soon after they get their refund. Finally, in order to play this game of "musical pockets" with the members, the Corporation would have to set up complicated bookkeeping procedures and greatly increase the burden of fiscal management.

It's not the silly season, just the GHI election around the corner.

Clover Buds 4-H News

by Laura Simonson

Each 4-H member made a decorated box for our "club craft" project this year. Mrs. Charles M. Cormack, Jr., helped us cover the boxes with a paste that looked like mashed potatoes, and imbed designs with uncooked macaroni. It sounds awful, but looks real pretty.

On January 9, Laura and Linda Simonson demonstrated "How to Bathe a Baby" from their Child Care Project. A live model, a six-month-old splashy type named Judy Simonson, was used in the demonstration.

The Greenbelt Cloverbud 4-H Club will hold a parents' night and fair on Friday, January 25, at 7 p.m. in the Hospitality room. The girls are planning to exhibit project work such as cooking, sewing, and crafts. The articles will be judged by official county 4-H judges, and ribbons will be awarded. A judging contest will also be held that evening, open to 4-H members and visitors alike. All those interested in 4-H are invited.

Dutton-Hunt

Mr. and Mrs. W. Vincent Dutton, 2-E Southway, announce the engagement of their daughter Toni Marie Dutton, to James H. Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Haward Hunt, 3-D Research.

The couple became engaged during the Christmas holidays and are making plans for a Spring wedding.

Junior Highlights

by Earl Zubkoff

A visitor to Greenbelt Junior High School on Tuesday, January 8, would have been surprised to find the boys walking bookless to class while the girls struggled with stacks of books more than two feet high. And if the same stranger, thinking that he had dreamt it all, had returned the next day, he would have found things exactly reversed. The simple explanation: Tuesday, January 8, and Wednesday, January 9, were Student Council-sponsored Tag Days.

On the first day, a boy could make a girl carry his books to any class by simply handing her a ticket purchased from the Student Council. It was not uncommon to find that several boys had tagged one girl for a certain period, and that poor girl was struggling along under a pile of books as big as she was. Some boys tagged one girl for the whole day. Many boys brought dictionaries, encyclopedias, and any other heavy book they could claim as "necessary for classwork."

The girls carried all these in silent suffering, but they got even. The next morning, there were probably more dictionaries, catalogs, encyclopedias, cook books, and other volumes brought in by the girls than in any one-week period in the history of Greenbelt Junior High. The writer of this article will spare the readers all the details of the boys' ordeal that day. They rested their tired (and sore) muscles that

Recreation Review

by James A. Wooldridge

In spite of our below freezing weather, the Teen Club enjoyed a Splash Party at the Ambassador last Friday and Saturday nights. Transportation was supplied and the turn out was good for the Maryland-North Carolina game last Monday night. The Recreation Department made all arrangements for the interested teenagers.

Ballet lessons have begun at the Youth Center with much enthusiasm. Registration for Art Classes was held last Monday night and there are still a few openings. For information please call the department at 474-6878.

Adult Ballroom Dancing registration will be held Thursday, January 24, from 8 to 10 p.m. Beginners and advanced groups are invited to come to the Youth Center for free-style dancing after the registration.

Mrs. Boggs is holding Arts and Crafts sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for all elementary school children.

Twin Pines will hold a Family Fun Day at the Youth Center Sunday, January 20, from 2 to 5 p.m. Contribution is \$1.00 per family. Movies, games, and refreshments will be offered.

For our men and women interested in physical fitness, we have Men's Gym on Monday nights and Women's Slimnastics on Tuesday nights. The Men's Gym is from 8 to 10 p.m. and offers a variety of activities to help tone up the muscles. Slimnastics for the women is offered from 8 to 10 p.m. The exercises given will help you eliminate those extra inches you gained during the holidays.

Our Golden Age Club is growing and extends an invitation to all our senior citizens to join. The Club meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Youth Center. The City has a bus available to solve your transportation problems to and from the Center. An afternoon of chatting, games, planning of outside activities and refreshments will be guaranteed for all.

In the near future, the girls of the Teen Club will be offered three different classes in self-improvement. Planned for the fellows, on the same night, will be visits from college athletes of this area, giving tips on different sports.

The Recreation Department would like to thank all the parents of our Teen Clubbers who have chaperoned. With the growth of the Teen Club, we are in need of more adult supervision. If you chaperone once, you will be helping us and we feel you will want to come back.

Appearing in this month's A. S. A. newspaper was an article on Greenbelt's activities in the American Softball Association. We were the only city named with outstanding youth participation in the A. S. A.

Blaine-Quesada

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Blaine, 7-K Crescent, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ellen, to Jesus R. Quesada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus J. Quesada of Barstow, California.

Miss Blaine is a graduate of the Prince Georges General Hospital School of Practical Nursing. Mr. Quesada attended the University of California in Berkeley. A February wedding is planned.

night and vowed to get their revenge at the next tag day. Pity the girls.

GJHS's championship varsity and faculty basketball teams are doing well so far this year. The varsity team, coached by Mr. Drummond Orr, lost its first game in two years, but also won one. The faculty team has won its first four games. Greenbelt expects both teams to retain their titles of champions.

The Future Scientists of America club is busy planning and preparing for the "Science Showcase '63", to be held February 6 and 7. It will be patterned after last year's which was a huge success.

High Point High Points

by Naomi Baron

Balls, mats, rifles, and a tear formulate the sports story this week. Friday, January 11, brought double defeat to the Eagles with a wrestling loss to Northwestern with a score of 20-19 and 57-54 basketball forfeit to the Bladensburg Mustangs. A Tuesday afternoon game on January 15 also proved fatal to the basketball team when they were beaten by the Walter Johnson Spartans 71-67 after three overtimes. Perhaps we'll shoot our way out of this sad streak with the rifle team's match with Montgomery Blair this Friday, January 18.

Two new shop subjects will be offered at High Point next year. Added to the curriculum will be first year courses in Electronics and Power Technology. Second and third year levels will be added in '64 and '65.

Everything from hula skirts to hula hoops can be found around High Point January 17-18 as students enter tryouts for the talent show to be put on for Blue and Gold Night this spring. Individual talent is presently being judged, while group performances will receive consideration at a later date.

Dance by firelight at the dance of the same name to be held this Saturday at the school cafeteria. From 8-11 p.m. students in casual dress may relax their cares away at this function, sponsored by the Junior Class.

Seize the opportunity! This is your last chance to catch up on sleep - mid-semester finals begin next week.

Shegogue-Hyland

Mr. and Mrs. Donald K. Shegogue of 16-Z-5 Ridge, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dianne, to Pvt. Paul J. Hyland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hyland, of 14-V-4 Ridge, on December 27, 1962.

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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - Granite 4-6060

Teaming up with George Kaufman, Al Skolnik made it two North-South wins in a row at last Friday's 6-table duplicate bridge game. Second place went to returning bridge veterans, Fran and Jim Bates. Joe Nusinov and Sid Barnett ran away with the honors in the East-West direction, beating out the second-place team of Seymour Levine and Elsie Holtzclaw by 4½ points. Because of other commitments for the co-op hospitality room, the next bridge game has been postponed until Friday, February 8.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Burt Halperin, 19-Q Ridge, who was recently hospitalized.

A happy-birthday to Michael Danahy, 10 Greenway, who celebrated his twelfth birthday.

Happy birthday to Barbara Ward, 3-H Plateau, who was twelve years old.

It's a pink bundle of joy for Mr. and Mrs. Bob Newbrough 19-H Ridge (even if it is round-the-clock duty for a while). Jennifer made her debut December 26 weighing 7 lbs., 7 oz. She joins a sister, Suzanne.

Dennis M. Dunn, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dunn, 18-U Ridge, is serving aboard the dock landing ship, USS Fort Snelling, operating from Little Creek, Virginia. The ship was a unit of the United States quarantine forces serving in the Caribbean recently.

Army Private Steven L. Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Murphy, 10-K Laurel, recently completed nine weeks of training as a general supply specialist at the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia.

Glad to hear that Mr. Edward Meier, 10-B Hillside, is home from

the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Harry R. Hetzler, airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Hetzler of 21-K Ridge, was graduated December 12 from Aviation Mechanical Fundamentals School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tennessee.

The Dave Fishers, 5-D Eastway, are proud grandparents for the second time. Mr. and Mrs. Shalom Fisher of Berkley, California have a brand new daughter, Deborah. She joins a brother, Jonathan.

Mrs. Edith Morris of San Francisco, California wishes all her Greenbelt friends good health and happiness for the New Year. Mrs. Morris, a former Greenbelter, spends part of each year with daughter, Mrs. Pearl Ellerin, 54 Lakeside.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward DonBullian, 14-E Ridge, announce the birth of a daughter. Mary Bernice was born December 29, weighing 7 lbs., 7 oz. She joins three sisters, Brenda, Debby, and Mildred. This lucky miss has both maternal and paternal grandparents in Greenbelt. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Iselis, 14-V-2 Ridge and Mr. and Mrs. Eli DonBullian, 7-D Ridge.

It's a boy for Dr. and Mrs. J. Taylor McCarl, 26 Woodland. David Jonathan was born January 10 weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz. He has two sisters, Rebecca and Joy and two brothers, Phillip and Paul. David's birth increases the total of grandchildren to 13 for Dr. and Mrs. James W. McCarl, 9 Forestway.

Word has been received here of the recent marriage of former Greenbelter Don Nicodemus to Miss Loretta Sturdevant of Alamosa, Colorado. Nicodemus, who was active in the Community Band in the early days of Greenbelt, received his degree from Adams State College in Alamosa this past summer and is now working on his master's degree in music.

Chess Exhibition Set For JCC Game Night

Local chess expert Joseph Sucher will give a simultaneous exhibition for the second straight year on Saturday, February 2, at the Jewish Community Center's Game Night. Last year Sucher played against eight players at the same time, and won every game. "I'll try to take on everyone who wants to play," said Sucher. "But remind them to bring chess sets." Sucher, a physics professor at the University of Maryland, has lived in Greenbelt for the last five years.

The Game Night activities will begin at 8:15 p.m. and include duplicate bridge, rubber bridge, rummy, poker, scrabble, pinochle, and mah jong, as well as chess. For further information and reservations call GR 4-5811 or GR 4-6060.

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Boys Club News

The Boys Club cagers started off last week with a big bang, with all four teams bringing home wins.

Tuesday night the 14-and-unders led by George Moraz came home with a fine win over Capital Heights - 32 to 6. With all the boys getting in the game the coach had a good look at his bench strength of Don Pecor, John Pendleton, Joe O'Brien and Andy Lichvar, and liked what he saw. All on this team are real hustlers.

Thursday - The 18-and-unders behind the hot hand of Al Moraz who sank 29 points and handled 23 rebounds, won their first game against a strong Forestville team by a 48 to 37 score. Bo McLaughton played a fine game on the boards as the rest of the team played their best game to date.

Friday night - The 12-and-under boys not wanting to be shown up by the older boys decided to do something about it and with Kicksi Aulieso, Bobbie Newman, Hildebrand and Coley leading the attack, came home with their first win as they dropped Lanham 20 to 2.

Saturday afternoon at the Youth Center the 16-and-unders with Vince Colley, Sam Miller and Bobbie Emmert hitting the cords to a tune of 56 points dropped Green-Meadows 56 to 24.

This week did not start out as promising as last week as one team won and one lost as this was going to press.

Monday - The 16-and-unders keeping up their winning ways, behind the shooting of Colley, Emmert, Miller and Burnett, took College Park into camp by a score of 38 to 29.

The 18-and-unders traveled to Silver Hill and put up a fight as they were leading at the half, but Silver Hill put on the pressure in the second half and copped the win by an 80 to 50 score.

Saturday at the Youth Center the 16-and-unders will play at 1:30 and the 18-and-unders will play at 3:00 p.m.

In one of the most thrilling games seen at the Youth Center the 14

Lastner Criticizes Planning Commission

The following statement was issued last week by Frank J. Lastner, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners:

It was rather disgusting to me to find that once again the communications between the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and this Board of County Commissioners were through the newspapers.

However, it's informative, to say the least, to discover that this advisory staff has at last come up with a master zoning ordinance for Prince George's County.

This is, it seems to me, just another example of the staff of the Park and Planning Commission making public a report of which even their own Commission members had no knowledge.

This newest report has been printed and prepared for public distribution and apparently released to the press and certain citizen groups. The Prince George's County Board of Commissioners has been waiting for years for this ordinance - have requested, even demanded, it on many occasions.

So we read about it in the newspapers.

This is the straw which has broken the back of this camel.

So far as I am concerned, this procedure illustrates once again, and firmly, that it is the tail which is wagging the dog at the Park and Planning Commission.

Obviously, I have not had an opportunity to read the proposed ordinance or the explanations for the same, which does not allow me to elaborate on the specific proposals.

and unders lost a real heartbreaker by one point with George Moraz playing the best game of the season. It wasn't enough as Landover Hills took a real tough one by a 30 to 29 score.

Standing of Greenbelt Teams -	
Juniors	3 - 0
Intermediates	2 - 1
Seniors	1 - 2
Midgets	1 - 1

Lakeside Gets Gas

City Manager James Giese reports that he has received from the Washington Gas Co. an application to run a gas line along Lakeside Drive. The gas line, which will probably be installed in the near future, will start on Greenhill Road and run through the woods in a southerly direction until it hits Lakeside Drive. It will then run alongside Lakeside in front of lots 38 to 48, as well as lot 28.

The new gas line will chiefly serve houses in the Lakecrest development. During installation of the gas line, workmen will probably tunnel under any driveways to be crossed. Lawns are likely to be disturbed, but will probably be reseeded afterwards.

The only information I have is that which I have read in the papers or heard on radio or TV.

However, it might be pointed out that the Park and Planning Commission is an advisory body under the law. The past 18 months have demonstrated that these advisors would rather dictate to us - the elected commissioners of this county.

As a member of the Democratic platform-writing committee in the last campaign I helped develop a program in which we recommended that zoning procedures in Prince George's County be reviewed. Since the recent election we have not overlooked this obligation as elected officials and have a meeting scheduled early next week with a committee of the delegation on this subject.

However, I believe we elected officials can handle this matter and do not feel that we need the Park and Planning staff to advise us in this particular phase of zoning and planning.

As Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, I feel it is incumbent upon me to recommend to the other members of the Board that we seek an early meeting with Senator Wheatley to jointly re-evaluate the duties and responsibilities of the Park and Planning Commission and staff.

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